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NETWORK MEDICAL BENEFITS HMO

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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.

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Explanation of Terms
You will find terms starting with capital letters throughout your certificate. To help you understand your benefits, most of these terms are defined in the Definitions section of your certificate.
The Schedule
The Schedule is a brief outline of your maximum benefits which may be payable under your insurance. For a full description of each benefit, refer to the appropriate section listed in the Table of Contents.



## **Special Plan Provisions**

#### 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**

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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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## **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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## **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 designed 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 brainbehavioral 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.

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**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 1-800-244-6224, or write us at the address on the back of your ID card.

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## **Important Notices**

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

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

#### Selection of a Primary Care Provider

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

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

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## **How To File Your Claim**

If your plan provides coverage when care is received only from In-Network providers, you may still have Out-of-Network claims (for example, when Emergency Services are received from an Out-of-Network provider) and should follow the claim submission instructions for those claims. Claims can be submitted by the provider if the provider is able and willing to file on your behalf. If the provider is not submitting on your behalf, you must send your completed claim form and itemized bills to the claims address listed on the claim form.

You may get the required claim forms from the website listed on your identification card or by calling Member Services 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 and New Employee Group:

Date of Hire.

#### Classes of Eligible Employees

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

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

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

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

### Late Entrant - Employee

You are a Late Entrant if:

- you elect the insurance more than 31 days after you become eligible; or
- you again elect it after you cancel your payroll deduction (if required).



## **Dependent Insurance**

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

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

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

Your Dependents will be insured only if you are insured.

#### **Late Entrant – Dependent**

You are a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance if:

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

#### **Exception for Newborns**

Any Dependent child born while you are insured for Medical Insurance will become insured for Medical Insurance on the date of his birth if you elect Dependent Medical Insurance no later than 31 days after his birth. If you do not elect to insure your newborn child within such 31 days, no benefits for expenses incurred will be payable for that child.

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# **Important Information About Your Medical Plan**

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

#### **Primary Care Physician**

## Choice of Primary Care Physician:

When you elect Medical Insurance, you will select a Primary Care Physician for yourself and your Dependents from a list provided by Cigna. The Primary Care Physician you select for yourself may be different from the Primary Care Physician you select for each of your Dependents.

### Primary Care Physician's Role/Your Responsibility:

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

You and your Dependents are responsible for contacting and obtaining the authorization of the Primary Care Physician, as required, prior to seeking medical care. (You are

responsible for obtaining such authorization on behalf of a Dependent who is a minor.)

#### Changing Primary Care Physicians:

You may request a transfer from one Primary Care Physician to another by contacting us at the member services number on your ID card. Any such transfer will be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the processing of the change request is completed. In addition, if at any time a Primary Care Physician ceases to be a Participating Provider, you or your Dependent will

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

#### Direct Access for 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.

## **Direct Access for Chiropractic Care Services**

Insureds covered by this plan are allowed direct access to a licensed/certified Participating Provider for In-Network covered Chiropractic Care 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 Chiropractic Care.

## **Direct Access for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

Insureds covered by this plan are allowed direct access to a licensed/certified Participating Provider for covered Mental Health and Substance Abuse 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 Abuse.

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#### **Network Medical Benefits**

#### The Schedule

#### For You and Your Dependents

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.

If you are unable to locate an In-Network Provider in your area who can provide you with a service or supply that is covered under this plan, you must call the number on the back of your I.D. card to obtain authorization for Out-of-Network Provider coverage. If you obtain authorization for services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider, benefits for those services will be covered at the In-Network benefit level.

#### Coinsurance

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

#### Copayments

Copayments are expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent for covered services. Copayments are in addition to any Coinsurance.

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

Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred for charges that are not paid by the benefit plan because of any Deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance. When the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in The Schedule is reached, all Covered Expenses, except charges for non-compliance penalties, are payable by the benefit plan at 100%.

#### **Contract Year**

Contract Year means a twelve month period beginning on each 03/01.

#### **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.



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited
The Percentage of Covered Expenses the Plan Pays	100%
Note: "No charge" means an insured person is not required to pay Coinsurance.	
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	
Individual	\$750 per person
Family Maximum	\$1,500 per family
Family Maximum Calculation Individual Calculation: Family members meet only their individual Out-of-Pocket and then their claims will be covered at 100%; if the family Out-of-Pocket has been met prior to their individual Out-of-Pocket being met, their claims will be paid at 100%.	
Physician's Services	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	No charge after \$15 per office visit copay
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visits	No charge after \$30 per office visit copay
Consultant and Referral Physician's Services	
Note: OB/GYN provider is considered a Specialist.	
Surgery Performed in the Physician's Office	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Second Opinion Consultations (provided on a voluntary basis)	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Allergy Treatment/Injections	No charge after either the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay or the actual charge, whichever is less
Allergy Serum (dispensed by the Physician in the office)	No charge
Preventive Care	
Note: Includes coverage of additional services, such as urinalysis, EKG, and other laboratory tests, supplementing the standard Preventive Care benefit.	
Routine Preventive Care - all ages	No charge
Immunizations - all ages	No charge
Mammograms, PSA, PAP Smear	
Preventive Care Related Services (i.e. "routine" services)	No charge
Diagnostic Related Services (i.e. "non-routine" services)	Subject to the plan's x-ray & lab benefit; based on place of service



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Inpatient Hospital - Facility Services	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%
Semi-Private Room and Board	Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate
Private Room	Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate
Special Care Units (ICU/CCU)	Limited to the negotiated rate
Outpatient Facility Services	No charge after \$100 per visit copay
Operating Room, Recovery Room, Procedures Room, Treatment Room and Observation Room	
Note: The copay will apply as long as services billed include one or more of the facility room charges listed above.	
Inpatient Hospital Physician's Visits/Consultations	No charge
Inpatient Hospital Professional Services	No charge
Surgeon	
Radiologist	
Pathologist	
Anesthesiologist	
Outpatient Professional Services	No charge
Surgeon	
Radiologist	
Pathologist	
Anesthesiologist	
<b>Emergency and Urgent Care Services</b>	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Hospital Emergency Room (including a properly licensed freestanding emergency medical care facility)	No charge after \$200 per visit copay (Copay waived if admitted)
Outpatient Professional Services (radiology, pathology, ER physician)	No charge
Urgent Care Facility or Outpatient Facility	No charge after \$30 per visit copay (Copay waived if admitted)
X-ray and/or Lab performed at the Emergency Room/Urgent Care Facility (billed by the facility as part of the ER/UC visit)	No charge
Independent X-ray and/or Lab Facility in conjunction with an ER visit	No charge
Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.)	No charge
Ambulance	No charge



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities	No charge
Includes Skilled Nursing Facility, Rehabilitation Hospital and Sub-Acute Facilities	
Contract Year Maximum: 60 days combined	
No prior hospitalization required	
Laboratory and Radiology Services (includes pre- admission testing)	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge
Outpatient Hospital Facility	No charge for facility charges; no charge for outpatient professional charges
Independent X-ray and/or Lab Facility	No charge
Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans and PET Scans)	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge
Inpatient Facility	No charge
Outpatient Facility	No charge
Outpatient Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit
Contract Year Maximum: 60 days  Includes: Physical Therapy Speech Therapy Occupational Therapy Pulmonary Rehab Cognitive Therapy  Note: Speech, physical, and occupational therapy are covered for Autism Spectrum Disorders. The following limitation applies to Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy: - Occupational therapy is provided only for purposes of enabling persons to perform the activities of daily living after an Illness or Injury or Sickness.	Note: The Outpatient Short Term Rehab copay does not apply to services provided as part of a Home Health Care visit.
Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation	No charge after the \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Self-Referral Chiro	
Contract Year Maximum: 20 days	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay

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BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Home Health Care	No charge
Contract Year Maximum: 100 days (includes outpatient private nursing when approved as medically necessary)	
Hospice	
Inpatient Services	No charge
Outpatient Services (same coinsurance level as Home Health Care)	No charge
Bereavement Counseling	
Services Provided as part of Hospice Care	
Inpatient	No charge
Outpatient	No charge
Services Provided by Mental Health Professional	Covered under Mental Health benefit
Maternity Care Services	
Initial Visit to Confirm Pregnancy	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Note: OB/GYN provider is considered a Specialist.	
All subsequent Prenatal Visits, Postnatal Visits and Physician's Delivery Charges (i.e. global maternity fee)	No charge
Physician's Office Visits in addition to the global maternity fee when performed by an OB/GYN or Specialist	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Delivery - Facility (Inpatient Hospital, Birthing Center)	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%
Abortion	
Includes elective and non-elective procedures	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%
Outpatient Facility	No charge after \$100 per visit copay
Physician's Services	No charge



Physician's Services

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	
Women's Family Planning Services		
Physician's Office Visit (tests, counseling)	No charge	
Note: Includes coverage for contraceptive devices (e.g., Depo-Provera and Intrauterine Devices (IUDs)) as ordered or prescribed by a physician. Diaphragms also are covered when services are provided in the physician's office.		
Surgical Sterilization Procedures for Tubal Ligation (excludes reversals)		
Physician's Office Visit	No charge	
Inpatient Facility	No charge	
Outpatient Facility	No charge	
Physician's Services	No charge	
Men's Family Planning Services		
Physician's Office Visit (tests, counseling)	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay	
Surgical Sterilization Procedures for Vasectomy (excludes reversals)		
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay	
Inpatient Facility	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%	
Outpatient Facility	No charge after \$100 per visit copay	
Physician's Services	No charge	
Infertility Treatment		
Coverage will be provided for the following services:		
• Testing and treatment services performed in connection with an underlying medical condition.		
<ul> <li>Testing performed specifically to determine the cause of infertility.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Treatment and/or procedures performed specifically to restore fertility (e.g. procedures to correct an infertility condition).</li> </ul>		
Artificial Insemination.		
Services Not Covered include: In-vitro, GIFT, ZIFT, etc.		
Physician's Office Visit (Lab and Radiology Tests, Counseling)	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay	
Inpatient Facility	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%	
Outpatient Facility	No charge after \$100 per visit copay	

No charge



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Organ Transplants	IN-NET WORK
Includes all medically appropriate, non-experimental transplants	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%
Inpatient Physician's Services	No charge
Lifetime Travel Maximum: \$10,000 per transplant	No charge (only available when using Lifesource facility)
Durable Medical Equipment	No charge
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited	
<b>Breast Feeding Equipment and Supplies</b>	No charge
<b>Note:</b> Includes the rental of one breast pump per birth as ordered or prescribed by a physician. Includes related supplies.	
External Prosthetic Appliances	No charge
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Diabetic Equipment	No charge
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Nutritional Evaluation	
Contract Year Maximum: 3 visits per person, however the 3 visit limit will not apply to treatment of diabetes.	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%
Outpatient Facility	No charge after \$100 per visit copay
Physician's Services	No charge
Dental Care	
Limited to charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment started within six months of an injury to sound, natural teeth.	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%
Outpatient Facility	No charge after \$100 per visit copay
Physician's Services	No charge



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Hearing Aids	No charge
Contract Year Maximum: 1 every 36 months	
Bariatric Surgery	
<b>Note:</b> Subject to any limitations shown in the "Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations" section of this certificate.	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%
Outpatient Facility	No charge after \$100 per visit copay
Physician's Services	No charge
Routine Foot Disorders	Not covered except for services associated with foot care for diabetes and peripheral vascular disease.

Medical treatment required as a result of an emergency, such as a suicide attempt, will be considered a medical expense until the medical condition is stabilized. Once the medical condition is stabilized, whether the treatment will be characterized as either a medical expense or a mental health/substance abuse expense will be determined by the utilization review Physician in accordance with the applicable mixed services claim guidelines.

Mental Health	
Inpatient	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%
Outpatient (Includes Individual, Group and Intensive Outpatient)	
Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay
Outpatient Facility	\$15 per visit copay
Substance Abuse	
Inpatient	\$100 per day copay up to 5 days, then 100%
Outpatient (Includes Individual and Intensive Outpatient)	
Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay
Outpatient Facility	\$15 per visit copay



## **Network Medical Benefits**

#### Prior Authorization/Pre-Authorized

The term Prior Authorization means the approval that a Participating Provider must receive from the Review Organization, prior to services being rendered, in order for certain services and benefits to be covered under this policy. Services that require Prior Authorization include, but are not

- inpatient Hospital services;
- inpatient services at any participating Other Health Care Facility;
- residential treatment;

limited to:

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

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## **Covered Expenses**

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

#### **Covered Expenses**

- charges made by a Hospital, on its own behalf, for Bed and Board and other Necessary Services and Supplies; except that for any day of Hospital Confinement, Covered Expenses will not include that portion of charges for Bed and Board which is more than the Bed and Board Limit shown in The Schedule.
- charges for licensed ambulance service to or from the nearest Hospital where the needed medical care and treatment can be provided.
- charges made by a Hospital, on its own behalf, for medical care and treatment received as an outpatient.

- charges made by a Free-Standing Surgical Facility, on its own behalf for medical care and treatment.
- charges made on its own behalf, by an Other Health Care Facility, including a Skilled Nursing Facility, a Rehabilitation Hospital or a subacute facility for medical care and treatment; except that for any day of Other Health Care Facility confinement, Covered Expenses will not include that portion of charges which are in excess of the Other Health Care Facility Daily Limit shown in The Schedule.
- charges made for Emergency Services and Urgent Care.
- charges made by a Physician or a Psychologist for professional services.
- charges made by a Nurse, other than a member of your family or your Dependent's family, for professional nursing service.
- charges made for anesthetics and their administration; diagnostic x-ray and laboratory examinations; x-ray, radium, and radioactive isotope treatment; chemotherapy; blood transfusions; oxygen and other gases and their administration.
- charges made for an annual prostate-specific antigen test (PSA).
- charges made for laboratory services, radiation therapy and other diagnostic and therapeutic radiological procedures.
- charges made for Family Planning, including medical history, physical exam, related laboratory tests, medical supervision in accordance with generally accepted medical practices, other medical services, information and counseling on contraception, implanted/injected contraceptives, after appropriate counseling, medical services connected with surgical therapies (tubal ligations, vasectomies).
- charges made for the following preventive care services (detailed information is available at www.healthcare.gov.):
  - (1) evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of "A" or "B" in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force;
  - (2) immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to the Covered Person involved;
  - (3) for infants, children, and adolescents, evidenceinformed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;



- (4) for women, such additional preventive care and screenings not described in paragraph (1) as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- charges made for medical diagnostic services to determine
  the cause of erectile dysfunction. Penile implants are
  covered for an established medical condition that clearly is
  the cause of erectile dysfunction, such as postoperative
  prostatectomy and diabetes. Penile implants are not covered
  as treatment of psychogenic erectile dysfunction.
- charges made for surgical or nonsurgical treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction.
- charges made for hearing aids, 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.
- 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 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.
- 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 made for or in connection with annual diagnostic examinations for the detection of prostate cancer, regardless of medical necessity; and a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test for a man who is at least 50 years of age and asymptomatic or at least 40 years of age with a family history of prostate cancer, or another prostate risk factor.
- 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, 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 a drug that has been prescribed for the treatment of a covered chronic, disabling or life-threatening Sickness, provided that drug is Food and Drug (FDA) 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 6. 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 a service provided through Telemedicine for diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data, and medical education. 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. The term Telemedicine means the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data, and medical education through the use of interactive audio, video, or other electronic media. It does not include the use of telephone or fax.
- charges for diagnostic and surgical treatment for conditions effecting temporomandibular joint and craniomandibular disorders which are a result of: an accident; trauma; a congenital defect; a developmental defect; or a pathology.



- 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.
- charges made for annual mammogram for women 35 years of age and older.
- 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 all generally recognized services prescribed in relation to Autism Spectrum Disorder for Dependent children through age 9. Such coverage must be prescribed by a Physician in a treatment plan and shall include evaluation and assessment services; applied behavior analysis; behavior training and behavior management; speech therapy; occupational therapy; physical therapy; or medications or nutritional supplements used to address symptoms of autism spectrum disorder. Autism Spectrum Disorder means a neurobiological disorder that includes autism, Asperger's syndrome, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder--Not Otherwise Specified. Neurobiological disorder means an illness of the nervous system caused by genetic, metabolic, or other biological factors.

#### **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;
- 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;
- Referral for a funduscopic 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.

#### **Clinical Trials**

Charges made for routine patient services associated with cancer clinical trials approved and sponsored by the federal government. In addition the following criteria must be met:

- the cancer clinical trial is listed on the NIH web site <u>www.clinicaltrials.gov</u> as being sponsored by the federal government;
- the trial investigates a treatment for terminal cancer and: the
  person has failed standard therapies for the disease; cannot
  tolerate standard therapies for the disease; or no effective
  nonexperimental treatment for the disease exists;
- the person meets all inclusion criteria for the clinical trial and is not treated "off-protocol";
- the trial is approved by the Institutional Review Board of the institution administering the treatment.

Routine patient services do not include, and reimbursement will not be provided for:

- the investigational service or supply itself;
- services or supplies listed herein as Exclusions;
- services or supplies related to data collection for the clinical trial (i.e., protocol-induced costs);
- services or supplies which, in the absence of private health care coverage, are provided by a clinical trial sponsor or other party (e.g., device, drug, item or service supplied by manufacturer and not yet FDA approved) without charge to the trial participant.

Charges made for routine patient care costs in connection with a phase I, II, III or IV clinical trial if the clinical trial is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection or treatment of a life threatening disease or condition. The clinical trial must be approved by: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the National Institutes of Health; the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; the U.S. Department of Defense; the U.S. 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **Genetic Testing**

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

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

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

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

#### **Nutritional Evaluation**

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

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

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

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## **Orthognathic Surgery**

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



 the orthognathic surgery is performed prior to age 19 and is required as a result of severe congenital facial deformity or congenital condition.

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

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#### Cardiac Rehabilitation

 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.

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

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

Home Health Care Services are provided under the terms of a Home Health Care plan for the person named in that plan.

If you are a minor or an adult who is dependent upon others for nonskilled care (e.g. bathing, eating, toileting), Home Health Care Services will only be provided for you during times when there is a family member or care giver present in the home to meet your nonskilled care needs.

Home Health Care Services are those skilled health care services that can be provided during intermittent visits of two hours or less by Other Health Care Professionals. Necessary consumable medical supplies, home infusion therapy, and Durable Medical Equipment administered or used by Other

Health Care Professionals in providing Home Health Care Services are covered. Home Health Care Services do not include 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. Physical, occupational, and speech therapy provided in the home are subject to the benefit limitations described under "Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy."

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#### **Hospice Care Services**

- charges made for a person who has been diagnosed as having six months or fewer to live, due to Terminal Illness, for the following Hospice Care Services provided under a Hospice Care Program:
  - by a Hospice Facility for Bed and Board and Services and Supplies;
  - by a Hospice Facility for services provided on an outpatient basis;
  - by a Physician for professional services;
  - by a Psychologist, social worker, family counselor or ordained minister for individual and family counseling;
  - for pain relief treatment, including drugs, medicines and medical supplies;
  - by an Other Health Care Facility for:
    - part-time or intermittent nursing care by or under the supervision of a Nurse;
    - part-time or intermittent services of an Other Health Care Professional:
  - physical, occupational and speech therapy;
  - medical supplies; drugs and medicines lawfully dispensed only on the written prescription of a Physician; and laboratory services; but only to the extent such charges would have been payable under the policy if the person had remained or been Confined in a Hospital or Hospice Facility.

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

- for the services of a person who is a member of your family or your Dependent's family or who normally resides in your house or your Dependent's house;
- for any period when you or your Dependent is not under the care of a Physician;
- for services or supplies not listed in the Hospice Care Program;



- for any curative or life-prolonging procedures;
- to the extent that any other benefits are payable for those expenses under the policy;
- for services or supplies that are primarily to aid you or your Dependent in daily living.

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

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

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

#### **Inpatient Mental Health Services**

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

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

#### **Outpatient Mental Health Services**

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

A Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are

provided by a certified/licensed Mental Health program. Intensive Outpatient Therapy Programs provide a combination of individual, family and/or group therapy in a day, totaling nine or more hours in a week.

#### **Inpatient Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Outpatient Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services**

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

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

#### **Substance Abuse Detoxification Services**

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



#### **Exclusions**

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

- any court ordered treatment or therapy, or any treatment or therapy ordered as a condition of parole, probation or custody or visitation evaluations unless Medically Necessary and otherwise covered under this policy or agreement.
- treatment of disorders which have been diagnosed as organic mental disorders associated with permanent dysfunction of the brain.
- developmental disorders, including but not limited to, developmental reading disorders, developmental arithmetic disorders, developmental language disorders or developmental articulation disorders.
- counseling for activities of an educational nature.
- counseling for borderline intellectual functioning.
- counseling for occupational problems.
- counseling related to consciousness raising.
- · vocational or religious counseling.
- I.Q. testing.
- Mental Health Residential Treatment.
- custodial care, including but not limited to geriatric day care.
- psychological testing on children requested by or for a school system.
- occupational/recreational therapy programs even if combined with supportive therapy for age-related cognitive decline.

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## **Durable Medical Equipment**

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

Durable Medical Equipment is defined as items which are designed for and able to withstand repeated use by more than

one person; customarily serve a medical purpose; generally are not useful in the absence of Injury or Sickness; are appropriate for use in the home; and are not disposable. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, crutches, hospital beds, respirators, wheel chairs, and dialysis machines.

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

- **Bed Related Items:** bed trays, over the bed tables, bed wedges, pillows, custom bedroom equipment, mattresses, including nonpower mattresses, custom mattresses and posturepedic mattresses.
- Bath Related Items: bath lifts, nonportable whirlpools, bathtub rails, toilet rails, raised toilet seats, bath benches, bath stools, hand held showers, paraffin baths, bath mats, and spas.
- Chairs, Lifts and Standing Devices: computerized or gyroscopic mobility systems, roll about chairs, geriatric chairs, hip chairs, seat lifts (mechanical or motorized), patient lifts (mechanical or motorized – manual hydraulic lifts are covered if patient is two-person transfer), and auto tilt chairs.
- Fixtures to Real Property: ceiling lifts and wheelchair ramps.
- Car/Van Modifications.
- Air Quality Items: room humidifiers, vaporizers, air purifiers and electrostatic machines.
- **Blood/Injection Related Items:** blood pressure cuffs, centrifuges, nova pens and needleless injectors.
- Other Equipment: heat lamps, heating pads, cryounits, cryotherapy machines, electronic-controlled therapy units, ultraviolet cabinets, sheepskin pads and boots, postural drainage board, AC/DC adaptors, enuresis alarms, magnetic equipment, scales (baby and adult), stair gliders, elevators, saunas, any exercise equipment and diathermy machines.

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#### **External Prosthetic Appliances and Devices**

charges made or ordered by a Physician for: the initial
purchase and fitting of external prosthetic appliances and
devices available only by prescription which are necessary
for the alleviation or correction of Injury, Sickness or
congenital defect. Coverage for External Prosthetic
Appliances is limited to the most appropriate and cost
effective alternative as determined by the utilization review
Physician.



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

#### Prostheses/Prosthetic Appliances and Devices

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

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

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

#### **Orthoses and Orthotic Devices**

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

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

The following are specifically excluded orthoses and orthotic devices:

- prefabricated foot orthoses;
- cranial banding and/or cranial orthoses. Other similar devices are excluded except when used postoperatively for synostotic plagiocephaly. When used for this indication, the cranial orthosis will be subject to the limitations and maximums of the External Prosthetic Appliances and Devices benefit;

- orthosis shoes, shoe additions, procedures for foot orthopedic shoes, shoe modifications and transfers;
- orthoses primarily used for cosmetic rather than functional reasons; and
- orthoses primarily for improved athletic performance or sports participation.

#### **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 will be provided when anatomic change has rendered the external prosthetic appliance or device ineffective. Anatomic change includes significant weight gain or loss, atrophy and/or growth.
- Coverage for replacement is limited as follows:
  - no more than once every 24 months for persons 19 years of age and older;
  - no more than once every 12 months for persons 18 years of age and under; and
  - replacement due to a surgical alteration or revision of the site

The following are specifically excluded external prosthetic appliances and devices:

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

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## **Infertility Services**

 charges made for services related to diagnosis of infertility and treatment of infertility once a condition of infertility has been diagnosed. Services include, but are not limited to: approved surgeries and other therapeutic procedures that have been demonstrated in existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to have a reasonable



likelihood of resulting in pregnancy; laboratory tests; sperm washing or preparation; and diagnostic evaluations.

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

- Infertility drugs;
- In vitro fertilization (IVF); gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT); zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT) and variations of these procedures;
- Reversal of male and female voluntary sterilization;
- Infertility services when the infertility is caused by or related to voluntary sterilization;
- Donor charges and services;
- · Cryopreservation of donor sperm and eggs; and
- Any experimental, investigational or unproven infertility procedures or therapies.

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#### **Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy**

Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy that is part of a rehabilitation program, including physical, speech, occupational, cognitive, osteopathic manipulative, and pulmonary rehabilitation therapy, when provided in the most medically appropriate setting.

The following limitation applies to Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy:

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

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

- sensory integration therapy, group therapy; treatment of dyslexia; behavior modification or myofunctional therapy for dysfluency, such as stuttering or other involuntarily acted conditions without evidence of an underlying medical condition or neurological disorder;
- treatment for functional articulation disorder such as correction of tongue thrust, lisp, verbal apraxia or swallowing dysfunction that is not based on an underlying diagnosed medical condition or Injury; and
- maintenance or preventive treatment consisting of routine, long term or non-Medically Necessary care provided to

prevent recurrence or to maintain the patient's current status.

Multiple outpatient services provided on the same day constitute one day.

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

Services that are provided by a chiropractic Physician are not covered. These services include the conservative management of acute neuromusculoskeletal conditions through manipulation and ancillary physiological treatment rendered to restore motion, reduce pain and improve function.

### **Chiropractic Care Services**

Charges made 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. The following limitation applies to Chiropractic Care Services:

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

Chiropractic Care services that are not covered include but are not limited to:

- services of a chiropractor which are not within his scope of practice, as defined by state law;
- charges for care not provided in an office setting;
- maintenance or preventive treatment consisting of routine, long term or non-Medically Necessary care provided to prevent recurrence or to maintain the patient's current status;
- vitamin therapy.

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

charges made for reconstructive surgery following a
mastectomy; benefits include: surgical services for
reconstruction of the breast on which surgery was
performed; surgical services for reconstruction of the
nondiseased breast to produce symmetrical appearance;
postoperative breast prostheses; and mastectomy bras and
external prosthetics, limited to the lowest cost alternative



available that meets external prosthetic placement needs. During all stages of mastectomy, treatment of physical complications, including lymphedema therapy, are covered.

#### **Reconstructive Surgery**

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

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## **Transplant Services**

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

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

All Transplant services, other than cornea, must be received at a Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facility. Cornea transplants are payable when received from Participating Provider facilities other than Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facilities. Transplant services received at any other facilities are not covered.

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

#### **Transplant Travel Services**

Charges made for reasonable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a preapproved organ/tissue transplant are covered subject to the following conditions and limitations. Transplant travel benefits are not available for cornea transplants. Benefits for transportation, lodging and food are available to you only if you are the recipient of a preapproved organ/tissue transplant from a designated Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facility. The term recipient is defined to include a person receiving authorized transplant related services during any of the following: evaluation, candidacy, transplant event, or post-transplant care. Travel expenses for the person receiving the transplant will include charges for: transportation to and from the transplant site (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the transplant facility); lodging while at, or traveling to and from the transplant site; and food while at, or traveling to and from the transplant site.

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

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

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# **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, riot or insurrection.
- charges which you are not obligated to pay or for which you are not billed or for which you would not have been billed except that they were covered under this plan.
- assistance in the activities of daily living, including but not limited to eating, bathing, dressing or other Custodial Services or self-care activities, homemaker services and services primarily for rest, domiciliary or convalescent care.
- for or in connection with experimental, investigational or unproven services.
  - Experimental, investigational and unproven services are medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, substance abuse or other health care technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies or devices that are determined by the utilization review Physician to be:
  - not demonstrated, through existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to be safe and effective for treating or diagnosing the condition or sickness for which its use is proposed;
  - not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or other appropriate regulatory agency to be lawfully marketed for the proposed use;
  - the subject of review or approval by an Institutional Review Board for the proposed use except as provided in the "Clinical Trials" section(s) of this plan; or
  - the subject of an ongoing phase I, II or III clinical trial, except for routine patient care costs related to qualified clinical trials as provided in the "Clinical Trials" section(s) of this plan.
- cosmetic surgery and therapies. Cosmetic surgery or therapy is defined as surgery or therapy performed to improve or alter appearance or self-esteem or to treat psychological symptomatology or psychosocial complaints related to one's appearance.
- The following services are excluded from coverage regardless of clinical indications: Rhinoplasty; Blepharoplasty; Redundant skin surgery; surgical treatment of varicose veins and Abdominoplasty/Panniculectomy are covered subject to medical necessity; removal of skin tage; Acupressure; Craniosacral/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. Charges made for services or supplies provided for or in connection with an accidental injury to sound natural teeth are covered provided a continuous course of dental treatment is started within six months of an accident. Sound natural teeth are defined as natural teeth that are free of active clinical decay, have at least 50% bony support and are functional in the arch.
- 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.
- unless otherwise covered in this plan, for reports, evaluations, physical examinations, or hospitalization not required for health reasons including, but not limited to, employment, insurance or government licenses, and courtordered, forensic or custodial evaluations.
- court-ordered treatment or hospitalization, unless such treatment is prescribed by a Physician and listed as covered in this plan.
- transsexual surgery including medical or psychological counseling and hormonal therapy in preparation for, or subsequent to, any such surgery.
- for treatment of erectile dysfunction. However, penile implants are covered when an established medical condition is the cause of erectile dysfunction.
- medical and Hospital care and costs for the infant child of a Dependent, unless this infant child is otherwise eligible under this plan.
- Non-medical counseling or ancillary services, including, but not limited to Custodial Services, education, training; vocational rehabilitation; hypnosis, sleep therapy; employment counseling, back to school, return-to-work services, work hardening programs; driving safety and services; training; educational therapy; or other non-medical



- ancillary services for learning disabilities and developmental delays except as provided in this plan.
- therapy or treatment intended primarily to improve or maintain general physical condition or for the purpose of enhancing job, school, athletic or recreational performance, including but not limited to routine, long term, or maintenance care which is provided after the resolution of the acute medical problem and when significant therapeutic improvement is not expected.
- consumable medical supplies other than ostomy supplies and urinary catheters. Excluded supplies include, but are not limited to bandages and other disposable medical supplies, skin preparations and test strips, except as specified in the "Home Health Services" or "Breast Reconstruction and Breast Prostheses" sections of this plan.
- private Hospital rooms and/or private duty nursing except as provided under the Home Health Services provision.
- personal or comfort items such as personal care kits
  provided on admission to a Hospital, television, telephone,
  newborn infant photographs, complimentary meals, birth
  announcements, and other articles which are not for the
  specific treatment of an Injury or Sickness.
- artificial aids including, but not limited to, corrective orthopedic shoes, arch supports, elastic stockings, garter belts, corsets, dentures and wigs.
- aids or devices that assist with nonverbal communications, including but not limited to communication boards, prerecorded speech devices, laptop computers, desktop computers, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), Braille typewriters, visual alert systems for the deaf and memory books.
- eyeglass lenses and frames and contact lenses (except for the first pair of contact lenses for treatment of keratoconus or post-cataract surgery).
- routine refractions, eye exercises and surgical treatment for the correction of a refractive error, including radial keratotomy.
- treatment by acupuncture.
- all noninjectable prescription drugs, injectable prescription drugs that do not require Physician supervision and are typically considered self-administered drugs, nonprescription drugs, and investigational and experimental drugs, except as provided in this plan.
- routine foot care, including the paring and removing of corns and calluses or trimming of nails. However, services associated with foot care for diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are covered when Medically Necessary.
- membership costs or fees associated with health clubs, weight loss programs and smoking cessation programs.

- genetic screening or pre-implantations genetic screening.
   General population-based genetic screening is a testing method performed in the absence of any symptoms or any significant, proven risk factors for genetically linked inheritable disease.
- dental implants for any condition.
- fees associated with the collection or donation of blood or blood products, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services where in the utilization review Physician's opinion the likelihood of excess blood loss is such that transfusion is an expected adjunct to surgery.
- blood administration for the purpose of general improvement in physical condition.
- cost of biologicals that are immunizations or medications for the purpose of travel, or to protect against occupational hazards and risks.
- cosmetics, dietary supplements and health and beauty aids.
- all nutritional supplements and formulae except for infant formula needed for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism.
- medical treatment for a person age 65 or older, who is covered under this plan as a retiree, or their Dependent, when payment is denied by the Medicare plan because treatment was received from a nonparticipating provider.
- medical treatment when payment is denied by a Primary Plan because treatment was received from a nonparticipating provider.
- for or in connection with an Injury or Sickness arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit.
- telephone, e-mail, and Internet consultations, and telemedicine.
- massage therapy.

#### **General Limitations**

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

- for charges made by a Hospital owned or operated by or which provides care or performs services for, the United States Government, if such charges are directly related to a military-service-connected Injury or Sickness.
- to the extent that you or any one of your Dependents is in any way paid or entitled to payment for those expenses by or through a public program, other than Medicaid.
- to the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred.
- for charges which would not have been made if the person had no insurance.



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

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## **Coordination of Benefits**

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

#### **Definitions**

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

#### Plan

Any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical care or treatment:

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

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

#### **Closed Panel Plan**

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

#### **Primary Plan**

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

#### Secondary Plan

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

#### Allowable Expense

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

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

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

#### **Claim Determination Period**

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

#### Reasonable Cash Value

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



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

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

A Plan that does not have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section shall always be the Primary Plan. If the Plan does have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section, the first of the following rules that applies to the situation is the one to use:

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

the Plan with the gender rules shall determine the order of benefits.

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

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

#### Effect on the Benefits of This Plan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Cigna, without consent or notice to you, may obtain information from and release information to any other Plan with respect to you in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. You must provide us with any information we request in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. This request may occur in connection with a submitted claim; if so, you will be advised that the "other coverage" information, (including an Explanation of Benefits paid under the Primary Plan) is required before the claim will be processed for payment. If no response is received within 90 days of the request, the claim will be denied. If the requested information is subsequently received, the claim will be processed.

## **Medicare Eligibles**

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

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

All Medicare claims both part A and part B will only be processed as a secondry if proof of Medicare coverage has been provided. Deny all claims if entitilement has not been received within 90 days. NOTE: The member is only required to carry the specific part of Medicare the claim is coming in on, for example, they do not need to carry both A and B to have a part A claim processed. In that scenario, they only need Part A coverage.

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

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

This plan does not cover:

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

## Subrogation/Right of Reimbursement

If a Participant incurs a Covered Expense for which, in the opinion of the plan or its claim administrator, another party may be responsible or for which the Participant may receive payment as described above:

- Subrogation: The plan shall, to the extent permitted by law, be subrogated to all rights, claims or interests that a Participant may have against such party and shall automatically have a lien upon the proceeds of any recovery by a Participant from such party to the extent of any benefits paid under the plan. A Participant or his/her representative shall execute such documents as may be required to secure the plan's subrogation rights.
- Right of Reimbursement: The plan is also granted a right of reimbursement from the proceeds of any recovery whether by settlement, judgment, or otherwise. This right of reimbursement is cumulative with and not exclusive of the



subrogation right granted in paragraph 1, but only to the extent of the benefits provided by the plan.

#### Lien of the Plan

By accepting benefits under this plan, a Participant:

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

#### **Additional Terms**

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

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## **Payment of Benefits**

#### To Whom Payable

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

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

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

When one of our participants passes away, Cigna may receive notice that an executor of the estate has been established. The executor has the same rights as our insured and benefit



payments for unassigned claims should be made payable to the executor.

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

#### **Recovery of Overpayment**

When an overpayment has been made by Cigna, Cigna will have the right at any time to: recover that overpayment from the person to whom or on whose behalf it was made; or offset the amount of that overpayment from a future claim payment.

## **Calculation of Covered Expenses**

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

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

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#### **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 canceled.

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

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## **Termination of Insurance**

## **Employees**

Your insurance will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date you cease to be in a Class of Eligible Employees or cease to qualify for the insurance.
- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.
- the date the policy is canceled.
- the date 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.

#### Continuation

#### **Special Continuation of Medical Insurance**

If Medical Insurance for you or your Dependent would otherwise cease for any reason except due to involuntary termination for cause or due to discontinuance in entirety of the policy or an insured class, coverage may be continued if:

- the person was covered by this policy and/or a prior policy for the three months immediately prior to the date coverage would otherwise cease, and
- the person elects continuation coverage and pays the first monthly premium within 60 days of the later of either the date coverage would otherwise cease or the date required notice is provided.

Coverage will continue until the earliest of the following:

- 6 months after continuation coverage is elected for plans with COBRA and 9 months after continuation coverage is elected for those without:
- the end of the period for which premium is paid;
- the date the policy is discontinued and not replaced;
- the date the person becomes eligible for Medicare; and
- the date the person becomes insured under another similar policy or becomes eligible for coverage under a group plan or a state or federal plan.



### Texas – Special Continuation of Dependent Medical Insurance

If your Dependent's Medical Insurance would otherwise cease because of your death or retirement, or because of divorce or annulment, his insurance will be continued upon payment of required premium, if: he has been insured under the policy, or a previous policy sponsored by your Employer, for at least one year prior to the date the insurance would cease; or he is a Dependent child less than one year old. The insurance will be continued until the earliest of:

- three years from the date the insurance would otherwise have ceased;
- the last day for which the required premium has been paid;
- with respect to any one Dependent, the earlier of the dates that Dependent: becomes eligible for similar group coverage; or no longer qualifies as a Dependent for any reason other than your death or retirement or divorce or annulment; or
- the date the policy cancels.

If, on the day before the Effective Date of the policy, medical insurance was being continued for a Dependent under a group medical policy: sponsored by your Employer; and replaced by the policy, his insurance will be continued for the remaining portion of his period of continuation under the policy, as set forth above.

Your Dependent must provide your Employer with written notice of retirement, death, divorce or annulment within 15 days of such event. Your Employer will, upon receiving notice of the death, retirement, divorce or annulment, notify your Dependent of his right to elect continuation as set forth above. Your Dependent may elect in writing such continuation within 60 days after the date the insurance would otherwise cease, by paying the required premium to your Employer.

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#### Rescissions

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

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# **Medical Benefits Extension Upon Policy Cancellation**

If the Medical Benefits under this plan cease for you or your Dependent due to cancellation of the policy, and you or your Dependent is Totally Disabled on that date due to an Injury or Sickness, Medical Benefits will be paid for Covered Expenses incurred in connection with that Injury or Sickness. However, no benefits will be paid after the earliest of:

- the date you exceed the Maximum Benefit, if any, shown in the Schedule:
- the date you are covered for medical benefits under another group policy;
- 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.

#### **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**

If your Plan utilizes a network of Providers, a separate listing of Participating Providers who participate in the network is available to you without charge by visiting www.cigna.com; mycigna.com or by calling the toll-free telephone number on your ID card.

Your Participating Provider network consists of a group of local medical practitioners, including Hospitals, of varied specialties as well as general practice, who are employed by or contracted with Cigna HealthCare.

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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. Dependent children who were already Dependents of the Employee but not currently enrolled in the Plan are not entitled to special enrollment.



- 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 on the first day of the calendar month following receipt of the request for special enrollment.

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

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## Effect of Section 125 Tax Regulations on This Plan

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

#### A. Coverage Elections

Per Section 125 regulations, you are generally allowed to enroll for or change coverage only before each annual benefit period. However, exceptions are allowed if your Employer agrees and you enroll for or change coverage within 30 days of the following:

• the date you meet the criteria shown in the following Sections B through F.



#### 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 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.

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#### Eligibility for Coverage for Adopted Children

Any child under the age of 18 who is adopted by you, including a child who is placed with you for adoption, will be eligible for Dependent Insurance upon the date of placement with you. A child will be considered placed for adoption when you become legally obligated to support that child, totally or partially, prior to that child's adoption.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### Obtaining a Certificate of Creditable Coverage Under This Plan

Upon loss of coverage under this Plan, a Certificate of Creditable Coverage will be mailed to each terminating individual at the last address on file. You or your Dependent may also request a Certificate of Creditable Coverage, without charge, at any time while enrolled in the Plan and for 24 months following termination of coverage. You may need this document as evidence of your prior coverage to reduce any pre-existing condition limitation period under another plan, to help you get special enrollment in another plan, or to obtain certain types of individual health coverage even if you have health problems. To obtain a Certificate of Creditable Coverage, contact the Plan Administrator or call the toll-free customer service number on the back of your ID card.

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

Any provisions of the policy that provide for: continuation of insurance during a leave of absence; and reinstatement of insurance following a return to Active Service; are modified

by the following provisions of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, where applicable:

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

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

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

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

#### Reinstatement of Canceled Insurance Following Leave

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Continuation of Coverage**

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

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

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

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



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

Following continuation of health coverage per USERRA requirements, you may convert to a plan of individual coverage according to any "Conversion Privilege" shown in your certificate.

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

If your coverage ends during the leave of absence because you do not elect USERRA or an available conversion plan 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 the 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 either a preservice, concurrent, or postservice basis, as described below:

Certain services require prior authorization in order to be covered. This prior authorization is called a "preservice Medical Necessity determination." The Certificate describes who is responsible for obtaining this review. You or your authorized representative (typically, your health care provider) must request Medical Necessity determinations according to the procedures described below, in the Certificate, and in your provider's network participation documents as applicable.

When services or benefits are determined to be not Medically Necessary, you or your representative will receive a written

description of the adverse determination, and may appeal the determination. Appeal procedures are described in the Certificate, in your provider's network participation documents, and in the determination notices.

#### **Preservice Medical Necessity Determinations**

When you or your representative request a required Medical Necessity determination prior to care, 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 Physician 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's Physician will defer to the determination of the treating Physician, regarding whether an expedited determination is necessary. Cigna will notify you or your representative of an expedited determination within 72 hours after receiving the request.

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

If you or your representative fails to follow Cigna's procedures for requesting a required preservice Medical Necessity 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 Medical Necessity 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 Medical Necessity 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 Medical Necessity Determinations**

When you or your representative requests a Medical Necessity 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.

#### **Postservice Claim Determinations**

When you or your representative requests payment for services which have been rendered, Cigna will notify you of the claim payment 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 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 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; the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; 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; 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; information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist you with the appeal process; and in the case of a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

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# COBRA Continuation Rights Under Federal Law

#### For You and Your Dependents

#### What is COBRA Continuation Coverage?

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

#### When is COBRA Continuation Available?

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

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

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

- vour 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.

Although federal law does not extend COBRA continuation rights to domestic partners, this plan will extend these same continuation benefits to domestic partners (and their children if not legal children of the employee) to the same extent they are provided to spouses of the opposite sex and legal children of the employee.

#### **Secondary Qualifying Events**

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

#### **Disability Extension**

If, after electing COBRA continuation coverage due to your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, you or one of your Dependents is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be totally disabled under Title II or

XVI of the SSA, you and all of your Dependents who have elected COBRA continuation coverage may extend such continuation for an additional 11 months, for a maximum of 29 months from the initial qualifying event.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

### Moving Out of Employer's Service Area or Elimination of a Service Area

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

#### **Employer's Notification Requirements**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### When and How to 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.

#### Trade Act of 2002

The Trade Act of 2002 created a new tax credit for certain individuals who become eligible for trade adjustment assistance and for certain retired Employees who are receiving pension payments from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (eligible individuals). Under the new tax provisions, eligible individuals can either take a tax credit or get advance payment of 72.5% of premiums paid for qualified health insurance, including continuation coverage. If you have questions about these new tax provisions, you may call the Health Coverage Tax Credit Customer Contact Center toll-free at 1-866-628-4282. TDD/TYY callers may call toll-free at 1-866-626-4282. More information about the Trade Act is also available at www.doleta.gov/tradeact.

In addition, if you initially declined COBRA continuation coverage and, within 60 days after your loss of coverage under the Plan, you are deemed eligible by the U.S. Department of Labor or a state labor agency for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) benefits and the tax credit, you may be eligible for a special 60 day COBRA election period. The special election period begins on the first day of the month that you become TAA-eligible. If you elect COBRA coverage during this special election period, COBRA coverage will be effective on the first day of the special election period and will continue for 18 months, unless you experience one of the events discussed under "Termination of COBRA Continuation" above. Coverage will not be retroactive to the initial loss of coverage.



If you receive a determination that you are TAA-eligible, you must notify the Plan Administrator immediately.

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

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

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#### **Clinical Trials**

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

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

(b) either

- the referring health care professional is a participating health care provider and has concluded that the individual's participation in such trial would be appropriate based upon the individual meeting the conditions described in paragraph (a); or
- the individual provides medical and scientific information establishing that the individual's participation in such trial would be appropriate based upon the individual meeting the conditions described in paragraph (a).

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

The clinical trial must meet the following requirements:

The study or investigation must:

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

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

 services required solely for the provision of the investigational drug, item, device or service;

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

Routine patient care costs do not include:

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

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

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

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

You may request that the appeal process be expedited if, (a) the time frames under this process would seriously jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function or in the opinion of your Physician would cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services; or (b) your appeal involves nonauthorization of an admission or continuing inpatient Hospital stay.

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.

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

You may request that the appeal process be expedited if, (a) the time frames under this process would seriously jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function or in the opinion of your Physician would cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services; or (b) your appeal involves nonauthorization of an admission or continuing inpatient Hospital stay.

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.

#### **Independent Review Procedure**

If you are not fully satisfied with the decision of Cigna's Adverse Determination appeal process or if you feel your condition is life-threatening, you may request that your appeal be referred to an Independent Review Organization. In addition, your treating Physician may request in writing that Cigna conduct a specialty review. The specialty review request must be made within 10 days of receipt of the Adverse Determination appeal decision letter.

Cigna must complete the specialist review and send a written response within 15 days of its receipt of the request for specialty review. If the specialist upholds the initial Adverse Determination, you are still eligible to request a review by an Independent Review Organization. The Independent Review Organization is composed of persons who are not employed by Cigna or any of its affiliates. A decision to use the

voluntary level of appeal will not affect the claimant's rights to any other benefits under the plan.

There is no charge for you to initiate this independent review process and the decision to use the process is voluntary. Cigna will abide by the decision of the Independent Review Organization.

In order to request a referral to an Independent Review Organization, certain conditions apply. The reason for the denial must be based on a Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness determination by Cigna. Administrative, eligibility or benefit coverage limits or exclusions are not eligible for appeal under this process. You will receive detailed information on how to request an Independent Review and the required forms you will need to complete with every Adverse Determination notice.

The Independent Review Program is a voluntary program arranged by Cigna.

#### 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 P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 1-800-252-3439

#### 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. In most instances, you may not initiate a legal action against Cigna until you have completed the Complaint or Adverse Determination Appeal process. 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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#### **Bed and Board**

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

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#### Charges

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

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#### **Chiropractic Care**

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

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#### **Custodial Services**

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

• Services related to watching or protecting a person;



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

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#### **Dependent**

Dependents are:

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

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

The term child means a child born to you; 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.

Benefits for a Dependent child will continue until the last day before your Dependent's birthday, in the year in which the limiting age is reached.

Anyone who is eligible as an Employee will not be considered as a Dependent.

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

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#### **Domestic Partner**

A Domestic Partner is defined as a person of the same 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 which manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical



attention to result in placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

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#### **Emergency Services**

Emergency services means, with respect to an emergency medical condition, a medical screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate the emergency medical condition; and such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the hospital, to stabilize the patient.

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#### **Employee**

The term Employee means a full-time employee of the Employer who is currently in Active Service. The term does not include employees who are part-time or temporary or who normally work less than 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.

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#### **Hospice Care Program**

The term Hospice Care Program means:

- a coordinated, interdisciplinary program to meet the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of dying persons and their families;
- a program that provides palliative and supportive medical, nursing and other health services through home or inpatient care during the illness;
- a program for persons who have a Terminal Illness and for the families of those persons.

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#### **Hospice Care Services**

The term Hospice Care Services means any services provided by: a Hospital, a Skilled Nursing Facility or a similar institution, a Home Health Care Agency, a Hospice Facility, or any other licensed facility or agency under a Hospice Care Program.

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#### **Hospice Facility**

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

- primarily provides care for Terminally III patients;
- is accredited by the National Hospice Organization;
- · meets standards established by Cigna; and
- fulfills any licensing requirements of the state or locality in which it operates.

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#### Hospital

The term Hospital means:

- an institution licensed as a hospital, which: maintains, on the premises, all facilities necessary for medical and surgical treatment; provides such treatment on an inpatient basis, for compensation, under the supervision of Physicians; and provides 24-hour service by Registered Graduate Nurses;
- an institution which qualifies as a hospital, a psychiatric hospital or a tuberculosis hospital, and a provider of services under Medicare, if such institution is accredited as a hospital by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; or
- an institution which: specializes in treatment of Mental Health and Substance Abuse or other related illness; 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 Abuse Services in a Partial Hospitalization program;
- receiving treatment for Substance Abuse Services in a Substance Abuse 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 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

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:

- the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply;
   or
- a policyholder-selected percentile of charges made by providers of such service or supply in the geographic area where it is received as compiled in a database selected by Cigna.

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

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge is subject to all other benefit limitations and applicable coding and payment methodologies determined by Cigna. Additional information about how Cigna determines the Maximum Reimbursable Charge or for help determining the Maximum Reimbursable Charge for a specified service is available upon request by calling the toll-free number shown on your ID card.

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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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#### Medically Necessary/Medical Necessity

Medically Necessary Covered Services and Supplies are those determined by the Medical Director to be:

- 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 care provider; and

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

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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 Bed and Board, made by a Hospital on its own behalf 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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#### 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/Other Health Professional

The term Other Health Care Facility means a facility other than a Hospital or hospice facility. Examples of Other Health Care Facilities include, but are not limited to, licensed skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation Hospitals and subacute facilities. The term Other Health Professional means an individual other than a Physician who is licensed or otherwise authorized under the applicable state law to deliver medical services and supplies. Other Health Professionals include, but



are not limited to physical therapists, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Other Health Professionals do not include providers such as Certified First Assistants, Certified Operating Room Technicians, Certified Surgical Assistants/Technicians, Licensed Certified Surgical Assistants/Technicians, Licensed Surgical Assistants, Orthopedic Physician Assistants and Surgical First Assistants.

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#### **Participating Provider**

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

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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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#### 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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#### **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 or pediatrics; and who has been selected by you, as authorized by Cigna, to provide or arrange for medical care for you or any of your insured Dependents.

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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; and any psychotherapist while he is providing care authorized by the Provider Organization if he is state licensed or nationally certified by his professional discipline 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 abuse professionals, and other trained staff members who perform utilization review services.

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#### Sickness - For Medical Insurance

The term Sickness means a physical or mental illness. It also includes pregnancy. Expenses incurred for routine Hospital and pediatric care of a newborn child prior to discharge from the Hospital nursery will be considered to be incurred as a result of Sickness

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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

facilities necessary for medical treatment; provides such treatment, for compensation, under the supervision of Physicians; and provides Nurses' services.

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#### **Specialist**

The term Specialist means a Physician who provides specialized services, and is not engaged in general practice, family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology or pediatrics.

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#### **Stabilize**

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

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#### **Terminal Illness**

A Terminal Illness will be considered to exist if a person becomes terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less to live, as diagnosed by a Physician.

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#### **Urgent Care**

Urgent Care is medical, surgical, Hospital or related health care services and testing which are not Emergency Services, but which are determined by Cigna, in accordance with generally accepted medical standards, to have been necessary to treat a condition requiring prompt medical attention. This does not include care that could have been foreseen before leaving the immediate area where you ordinarily receive and/or were scheduled to receive services. Such care includes, but is not limited to, dialysis, scheduled medical treatments or therapy, or care received after a Physician's recommendation that the insured should not travel due to any medical condition.

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