

# Benefit Booklet

(Referred to as "Booklet" in the following pages)

## Anthem Blue Access PPO Indiana State Police Employee Plan

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# Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice

## Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA)

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA) is a Federal law that includes the No Surprises Act as well the Provider transparency requirements that are described below.

### Surprise Billing Claims

Surprise Billing Claims are claims that are subject to the Federal No Surprises Act requirements:

- Emergency Services provided by Out-of-Network Providers;
- Covered Services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility; and
- Out-of-Network Air Ambulance Services.

### No Surprises Act Requirements

#### *Emergency Services*

As required by the CAA, Emergency Services are covered under your Plan:

- Without the need for Precertification;
- Whether the Provider is In-Network or Out-of-Network;

If the Emergency Services you receive are provided by an Out-of-Network Provider, Covered Services will be processed at the In-Network benefit level.

Note that if you receive Emergency Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, your Out-of-Pocket costs will be limited to amounts that would apply if the Covered Services had been furnished by an In-Network Provider. However, Out-of-Network cost-shares (i.e., Copayments, Deductibles and/or Coinsurance) will apply to your claim if the treating Out-of-Network Provider determines you are stable, meaning you have been provided necessary Emergency Care such that your condition will not materially worsen and the Out-of-Network Provider determines: (i) that you are able to travel to an In-Network Facility by non-emergency transport; (ii) the Out-of-Network Provider complies with the notice and consent requirement; and (iii) you are in condition to receive the information and provide informed consent. If you continue to receive services from the Out-of-Network Provider after you are stabilized, you will be responsible for the Out-of-Network cost-shares, and the Out-of-Network Provider will also be able to charge you any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's billed charges. This notice and consent exception does not apply if the Covered Services furnished by an Out-of-Network Provider result from unforeseen and urgent medical needs arising at the time of service.

#### *Out-of-Network Services Provided at an In-Network Facility*

When you receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, your claims will be paid at the Out-of-Network benefit level if the Out-of-Network Provider gives you proper notice of its charges, and you give written consent to such charges. This means you will be responsible for Out-of-Network cost-shares for those services and the Out-of-Network Provider can also charge you any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's billed charges. This requirement does not apply to Ancillary Services. Ancillary Services are one of the following services: (A) Emergency Services; (B) anesthesiology; (C) laboratory and pathology services; (D) radiology; (E) neonatology; (F) diagnostic services; (G) assistant surgeons; (H) Hospitalists; (I) Intensivists; and (J) any services set out by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. In addition, Anthem will not apply this notice and consent process to you if Anthem does not have an In-Network Provider in your area who can perform the services you require.

Out-of-Network Providers satisfy the notice and consent requirement as follows by obtaining your written consent not later than 5 business days prior to the delivery of services.

#### *How Cost-Shares Are Calculated*

Your cost shares for Emergency Services received from an Out of Network Provider, will be calculated using the median Plan In-Network contract rate that we pay In-Network Providers for the geographic area where the Emergency Service is provided. Your cost shares for Covered Services received by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, will be calculated using the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount. Any Out-of-Pocket cost shares you pay to an Out-of-Network Provider for either Emergency Services or for Covered Services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility will be applied to your In-Network Out-of-Pocket Limit.

#### *Appeals*

If you receive Emergency Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, or Out-of-Network Air Ambulance Services and believe those services are covered by the No Surprise Act, you have the right to appeal that claim. If your appeal of a Surprise Billing Claim is denied, then you have a right to appeal the adverse decision to an Independent Review Organization as set out in the "Grievance and External Review Procedures" section of this Benefit Book.

## **Provider Directories**

Anthem is required to confirm the list of In-Network Providers in its Provider Directory every 90 days. If you can show that you received inaccurate information from Anthem that a Provider was In-Network on a particular claim, then you will only be liable for In-Network cost shares (i.e., Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance) for that claim. Your In-Network cost-shares will be calculated based upon the Maximum Allowed Amount. In addition to your In-Network cost-shares, the Out-of-Network Provider can also charge you for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and their billed charges.

## **Transparency Requirements**

Anthem provides the following information on its website (i.e., [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com)):

Protections with respect to Surprise Billing Claims by Providers, including information on how to contact state and federal agencies if you believe a Provider has violated the No Surprises Act.

You may also obtain the following information on Anthem's website or by calling Member Services at the phone number on the back of your ID card:

Anthem, either through its price comparison tool on [anthem.com] or through Member Services at the phone number on the back of your ID card, will allow you to get:

- Cost sharing information for 500 defined services, as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); and
- A listing / directory of all In-Network Providers.

In addition, Anthem will provide access through its website to the following information:

- In-Network negotiated rates;
- Historical Out-of-Network rates; and
- Drug Price information.

# **Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Notices**

## **Choice of Primary Care Physician**

We generally allow the designation of a Primary Care Physician (PCP). You have the right to designate any PCP who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a PCP, and for a list of PCPs, contact the telephone number on the back of your Identification Card or refer to our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the PCP.

## **Access to Obstetrical and Gynecological (ObGyn) Care**

You do not need prior authorization from us or from any other person (including a PCP) 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 or following a pre-approved treatment plan. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the telephone number on the back of your Identification Card or refer to our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

## **Additional Federal Notices**

### **Statement of Rights under the Newborns' and Mother's Health Protection Act**

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

### **Statement of Rights under the Women's Cancer Rights Act of 1998**

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending Physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same Deductibles and Coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this Plan. (See the "Schedule of Benefits" for details.) If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call us at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

### **Coverage for a Child Due to a Qualified Medical Support Order ("QMCSO")**

If you or your spouse are required, due to a QMCSO, to provide coverage for your child(ren), you may ask the Employer to provide you, without charge, a written statement outlining the procedures for getting coverage for such child(ren).

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

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act provides for parity in the application of aggregate treatment limitations (day or visit limits) on mental health and substance abuse benefits with day or visit limits on medical and surgical benefits. In general, group health plans offering mental health and substance abuse benefits cannot set day/visit limits on mental health or substance abuse benefits that are lower than any such day or visit limits for medical and surgical benefits. A plan that does not impose day or visit limits on medical and surgical benefits may not impose such day or visit limits on mental health and substance abuse benefits offered under the Plan. Also, the Plan may not impose Deductibles, Copayment, Coinsurance, and out of pocket expenses on mental health and substance abuse benefits that are more restrictive than Deductibles, Copayment, Coinsurance and out of pocket expenses applicable to other medical and surgical benefits. Medical Necessity criteria are available upon request.

## Special Enrollment Notice

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your Dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself or your Dependents in this Plan if you or your Dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing towards your or your Dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after your or your Dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

In addition, if you have a new Dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and Your Dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Eligible Subscribers and Dependents may also enroll under two additional circumstances:

- The Subscriber's or Dependent's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility; or
- The Subscriber or Dependent becomes eligible for a subsidy (state premium assistance program).

The Subscriber or Dependent must request Special Enrollment within 60 days of the loss of Medicaid/CHIP or of the eligibility determination.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, call us at the Member Services telephone number on your Identification Card, or contact the Employer.

## Introduction

This Booklet gives you a description of your benefits while you are enrolled under the health care plan (the "Plan") offered by your Employer. You should read this Booklet carefully to get to know the Plan's main provisions and keep it handy for reference. A thorough understanding of your coverage will allow you to use your benefits wisely. If you have any questions about the benefits shown in this Booklet, please call the Member Services number on the back of your Identification Card.

The Plan benefits described in this Benefit Booklet are for eligible Members only. The health care services are subject to the limitations and Exclusions, Copayments, Deductible, and Coinsurance rules given in this Benefit Booklet. Any group plan or Booklet which you received before will be replaced by this Booklet.

**Your Employer has agreed to be subject to the terms and conditions of Anthem's provider agreements which may include precertification and utilization management requirements, timely filing limits, and other requirements to administer the benefits under this Plan.**

Many words used in the Booklet have special meanings (e.g., Employer, Covered Services, and Medical Necessity). These words are capitalized and are defined in the "Definitions" section. See these definitions for the best understanding of what is being stated. Throughout this Booklet you will also see references to "we", "us", "our", "you", and "your". The words "we", "us", and "our" mean the Claims Administrator. The words "you" and "your" mean the Member, Subscriber and each covered Dependent.

If you have any questions about your Plan, please be sure to call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card. Also be sure to check the Claims Administrator's website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for details on how to find a Provider, get answers to questions, and access valuable health and wellness tips.

**Important: This is not an insured benefit Plan. The benefits described in this Booklet or any rider or amendments attached hereto are funded by the Employer who is responsible for their payment. Anthem provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.**

## How to Get Language Assistance

The Claims Administrator employs a language line interpretation service for use by all of our Member Services call centers. Simply call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card and a representative will be able to help you. Translation of written materials about your benefits can also be asked for by contacting Member Services. TTY/TDD services also are available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with us to help with your needs.

## Identity Protection Services

Identity protection services are available with Anthem's health plans. To learn more about these services, please visit <https://anthemcares.allclearid.com/>.

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## Schedule of Benefits

In this section you will find an outline of the benefits included in your Plan and a summary of any Deductibles, Coinsurance, and Copayments that you must pay. Also listed are any Benefit Period Maximums or limits that apply. Please read the "What's Covered" and Prescription Drugs section(s) for more details on the Plan's Covered Services. Read the "What's Not Covered" section for details on Excluded Services.

All Covered Services are subject to the conditions, Exclusions, limitations, and terms of this Booklet including any endorsements, amendments, or riders.

**To get the highest benefits at the lowest Out-of-Pocket cost, you must get Covered Services from an In-Network Provider.** Benefits for Covered Services are based on the Maximum Allowed Amount, which is the most the Plan will allow for a Covered Service. Except for Surprise Billing Claims, when you use an Out-of-Network Provider you may have to pay the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider's billed charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount in addition to any Coinsurance, Copayments, Deductibles, and non-covered charges. This amount can be substantial. Please read the "Claims Payment" section for more details.

Deductibles, Coinsurance, and Benefit Period Maximums are calculated based upon the Maximum Allowed Amount, not the Provider's billed charges.

**Essential Health Benefits provided within this Booklet are not subject to lifetime or annual dollar maximums. Certain non-essential health benefits, however, are subject to either a lifetime and/or dollar maximum.**

**Essential Health Benefits are defined by federal law and refer to benefits 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.**

**Such benefits shall be consistent with those set forth under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and any regulations issued pursuant thereto.**

<b>Benefit Period</b>	Calendar Year
<b>Dependent Age Limit</b>	To the end of the month in which the child attains age 26.

<b>Deductible</b>	<b>In-Network</b>	<b>Out-of-Network</b>
Per Member	\$750	\$1,500
Per Family – All other Members combined	\$1,500	\$3,000

Deductible	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<p>The In-Network and Out-of-Network Deductibles are separate and cannot be combined.</p> <p>When the Deductible applies, you must pay it before benefits begin. See the sections below to find out when the Deductible applies.</p> <p>Note: The Deductible applies to all Covered Services with Coinsurance amounts you incur in a Benefit Period, except for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Room services when subject to a Copayment plus Coinsurance</li> <li>• Prescription Drug benefits</li> </ul> <p>Copayments and Coinsurance are separate from and do not apply to the Deductible.</p>		

Coinsurance	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Plan Pays	80%	60%
Member Pays	20%	40%
<p><b>Reminder:</b> Your Coinsurance will be based on the Maximum Allowed Amount. Except for Surprise Billing Claims, if you use an Out-of-Network Provider, you may have to pay Coinsurance plus the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider's billed charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The Coinsurance listed above may not apply to all benefits, and some benefits may have a different Coinsurance. Please see the rest of this Schedule for details.</p>		

Out-of-Pocket Limit	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Per Member	\$3,500	\$7,000
Per Family – All other Members combined	\$7,000	\$14,000
<p>The Out-of-Pocket Limit includes all Deductibles, Coinsurance, and Copayments you pay during a Benefit Period unless otherwise indicated below. It does not include charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount or amounts you pay for non-Covered Services.</p> <p>The Out-of-Pocket Limit does not include amounts you pay for following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out-of-Network Human Organ and Tissue Transplant services.</li> </ul> <p>No one person covered under a family plan will pay more than their individual Out-of-Pocket Limit. Once the Out-of-Pocket Limit is satisfied, you will not have to pay any additional Deductibles, Coinsurance, or Copayments for the rest of the Benefit Period, except for the services listed above.</p> <p>The In-Network and Out-of-Network Out-of-Pocket Limits are separate and do not apply toward each other.</p>		

## Important Notice about Your Cost Shares

In certain cases, if a Provider is paid amounts that are your responsibility, such as Deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance, such amounts may be collected directly from you. You agree that we, on behalf of the Employer, have the right to collect such amounts from you.

The tables below outline the Plan's Covered Services and the cost share(s) you must pay. In many spots you will see the statement, "Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received." In these cases you should determine where you will receive the service (i.e., in a doctor's office, at an outpatient hospital facility, etc.) and look up that location to find out which cost share will apply. For example, you might get physical therapy in a doctor's office, an outpatient hospital facility, or during an inpatient hospital stay. For services in the office, look up "Office and Home Visits." For services in the outpatient department of a hospital, look up "Outpatient Facility Services." For services during an inpatient stay, look up "Inpatient Services."

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Allergy Services</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<b>Ambulance Services (Ground, Air, and Water) Emergency Services</b>  <b>Important Note:</b> Air ambulance services for non-Emergency Hospital to Hospital transfers must be approved through precertification. Please see "Getting Approval for Benefits" for details.	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
<b>Ambulance Services (Ground, Air, and Water) Non-Emergency Services</b>  For ground or water ambulance services, Out-of-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount. This does not apply to air ambulance services.  <b>Important Note:</b> All scheduled ambulance services for non-Emergency transfers, except transfers from one acute Facility to another, must be approved through precertification. Please see "Getting Approval for Benefits" for details.	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
<b>Autism Spectrum Disorders</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<b>Behavioral Health Services</b>	See "Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services."	
<b>Cardiac Rehabilitation</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Chemotherapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Chronic Pain Management Services</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<b>Clinical Trials</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<b>Colonoscopies (Outpatient)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="191 569 542 600">• Diagnostic colonoscopies</li> <li data-bbox="191 680 509 711">• Routine colonoscopies</li> </ul>	No Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance after Deductible  Please see the "Preventive Care" section in this Schedule
<b>Dental Services</b>  Coverage for dental services is limited to certain medical services and treatment of accidental injury. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="191 953 899 1016">• Benefit Maximum for Surgical Treatment and anesthesia for Accidental Dental Services</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="191 1184 1429 1247"><b>Note:</b> The limit will not apply to Outpatient facility charges, anesthesia billed by a Provider other than, the Physician performing the service, or to services that the Plan is required to cover by law.</p>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.  \$3,000 per Accidental Injury In- and Out-of-Network combined. Note: The limit will not apply to Outpatient facility charges, anesthesia billed by a Provider other than, the Physician performing the service, or to services that are required to be covered by law.	
<b>Diabetes Equipment, Education, and Supplies</b>  Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under "Preventive Care."  Benefits for diabetic education are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<b>Diagnostic Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="191 1703 781 1734">• Preferred Reference Labs / Independent Labs</li> <li data-bbox="191 1814 586 1845">• All Other Diagnostic Services</li> </ul>	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance after Deductible  Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<p><b>Note:</b> If you use a Preferred Diagnostic Lab (i.e., reference labs), you may not have to pay a Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance. Please see anthem.com for a list of these labs.</p>		
<p>Laboratory services provided by a facility participating in the Administrator's Laboratory Network (as shown in the Provider directory) may not require a Coinsurance/ Copayment. If laboratory services are provided by an Outpatient Hospital laboratory which is not part of the Administrator's Laboratory Network, even if it is a Network Provider for other services, they will be covered as an Outpatient Services benefit.</p>		
<b>Dialysis</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<p><b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, Medical and Surgical Supplies</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Medical Devices</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orthotics</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prosthetics</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical and Surgical Supplies</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wigs Needed After Cancer Treatment Benefit Maximum</li> </ul>	One wig per Benefit Period In- and Out-of-Network combined	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diabetic Supplies</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<p>The cost-shares listed above apply when your Provider submits separate bills for the equipment or supplies.</p>		
<p>Prosthetic limbs (artificial leg or arm) or an Orthotic custom fabricated brace or support designed as a component for a Prosthetic limb are covered the same as any other Medically Necessary items and services and will be subject to the same annual Deductible, Coinsurance, and Copayment as any other service under this Plan.</p>		
<p><b>Emergency Room Services</b></p>		
<p>Emergency Room</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Room Facility Charge</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Room Doctor Charge (ER physician, radiologist, anesthesiologist, surgeon)</li> </ul>	Copayment / Coinsurance waived if admitted	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Room Doctor Charge (Mental Health / Substance Abuse)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	



Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Facility Charges (including diagnostic x-ray and lab services, medical supplies)</li> <li>• Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (including MRIs, CAT scans)</li> </ul> <p>As described in the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice” at the front of this Booklet, Out-of-Network Providers may only bill you for any applicable Copayments, Deductible and Coinsurance and may not bill you for any charges over the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount until the treating Out-of-Network Provider has determined you are stable. Please refer to the Notice at the beginning of this Booklet for more details.</p>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	20% Coinsurance after Deductible
<p><b>Gene Therapy Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precertification required</li> </ul>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<p><b>Habilitative Services</b></p>	<p>Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.</p> <p>See “Therapy Services” for details on Benefit Maximums.</p>	
<p><b>Home Health Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Health Care Visits from a Home Health Care Agency</li> <li>• Home Dialysis</li> <li>• Home Infusion Therapy / Chemotherapy</li> <li>• Specialty Prescription Drugs</li> <li>• Other Home Care Services / Supplies</li> <li>• Private Duty Nursing</li> </ul> <p>Home Care Benefit Maximum</p> <p>Private Duty Nursing Benefit Maximum</p>	<p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>100 visits per Benefit Period, In- and Out-of-Network combined.</p> <p>The limit does not apply to Home Infusion Therapy or Home Dialysis.</p> <p>82 visits per Benefit Period, and 164 visits per Lifetime, In- and Out-of-Network combined.</p>	<p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p>

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Home Infusion Therapy</b>	See "Home Health Care."	
<b>Hospice Care</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home Hospice Care</li> </ul>	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bereavement</li> </ul>	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inpatient Hospice</li> </ul>	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outpatient Hospice</li> </ul>	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respite Care</li> </ul>	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance
<p>Except for Surprise Billing Claims, Out-of-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges over the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount.</p>		
<b>Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow / Stem Cell) Services</b>	Please see the separate summary later in this section.	
<b>Inpatient Services</b>		
Facility Room & Board Charge:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospital / Acute Care Facility</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skilled Nursing Facility</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rehabilitation</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<p>Rehabilitation Services (Includes Services in an Outpatient Day Rehabilitation Program) Benefit Maximum</p>	60 days per Benefit Period In- and Out-of-Network combined	
<p>Skilled Nursing Facility Benefit Maximum</p>	90 days per Benefit Period In- and Out-of-Network combined	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health / Substance Abuse Facility</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential Treatment Center</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancillary Services</li> </ul> <p>Doctor Services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Medical Care / Evaluation and Management (E&amp;M)</li> <li>• Surgery</li> <li>• Maternity</li> <li>• Mental Health / Substance Abuse Services</li> </ul>	<p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p>	<p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p>
<b>Mammograms</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic mammograms</li> <li>• Routine mammograms</li> </ul>	<p>No Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance</p> <p>Please see the “Preventive Care Services” provision in this Schedule</p>	<p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p>
<b>Maternity and Reproductive Health Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maternity Visits (Global fee for the ObGyn’s prenatal, postnatal, and delivery services)</li> <li>• Inpatient Facility Services (Delivery)</li> </ul>	<p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>See “Inpatient Services”</p>	<p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p>
<p><b>Newborn / Maternity Stays:</b> If the newborn needs services other than routine nursery care or stays in the Hospital after the mother is discharged (sent home), benefits for the newborn will be treated as a separate admission.</p>		
<b>Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</b>		
<p>Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services are covered as required by state and federal law. Please see the rest of this Schedule for the cost shares that apply in each setting.</p>		
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>		
<p>See “Therapy Services.”</p>		

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Office and Home* Visits</b>		
*Home visits are not the same as Home Health Care. For Home Health Care benefits please see the "Home Health Care" section.		
<b>Important Note on Office Visits at an Outpatient Facility:</b> If you have an office visit with your PCP or SCP at an Outpatient Facility (e.g., Hospital or Ambulatory Surgery Center), benefits for Covered Services will be paid under the "Outpatient Facility Services" section later in this Schedule. Please refer to that section for details on the cost shares (e.g., Deductibles, Copayments, Coinsurance) that will apply.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Care Physician / Provider (PCP)- Includes Ob/Gyn (including In-Person and/or Virtual Visits)</li> </ul>	In-Person Visits: 20% Coinsurance after Deductible  Virtual Visits: 20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health and Substance Abuse Provider (Including In-Person and/or Virtual Visits)</li> </ul>	In-Person Visits: 20% Coinsurance after Deductible  Virtual Visits: 20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialty Care Physician / Provider (SCP) (including In-Person and/or Virtual Visits)</li> </ul>	In-Person Visits: 20% Coinsurance after Deductible  Virtual Visits: 20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retail Health Clinic Visit</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counseling- includes Family Planning and Nutritional Counseling (Other than Eating Disorders)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nutritional Counseling for Eating Disorders</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allergy Testing</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shots / Injections (other than allergy serum)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allergy Shots / Injections (including allergy serum)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic Lab (other than reference labs)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic X-ray</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Diagnostic Tests (including Hearing and EKG)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (including MRIs, CAT scans)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office Surgery (including anesthesia)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapy Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chiropractic / Osteopathic / Manipulative Therapy</li> <li>- Physical Therapy</li> <li>- Speech Therapy</li> <li>- Occupational Therapy</li> <li>- Dialysis</li> <li>- Radiation / Chemotherapy Respiratory Therapy</li> <li>- Cardiac Rehabilitation</li> <li>- Pulmonary Therapy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>See PCP / SCP Copayment</li> <li>\$50 Copayment per visit</li> <li>\$50 Copayment per visit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> <li>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</li> </ul>
<p>Out-of-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges over the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount.</p>		
<p>See "Therapy Services" for details on Benefit Maximums.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescription Drugs Administered in the Office (other than allergy serum)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
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<p><b>Orthotics</b></p>	<p>See "Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies."</p>	
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<p><b>Outpatient Facility Services</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility Surgery Charge</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
• Facility Surgery Lab	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Facility Surgery X-ray	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Ancillary Services	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Doctor Surgery Charges	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Other Doctor Charges (including Anesthesiologist, Pathologist, Radiologist, Surgical Assistant)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Other Facility Charges (for procedure rooms)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Mental Health / Substance Abuse Outpatient Facility Services (Partial Hospitalization Program / Intensive Outpatient Program)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Mental Health / Substance Abuse Outpatient Facility Provider Services (e.g., Doctor and other professional Providers in a Partial Hospitalization Program / Intensive Outpatient Program)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Shots / Injections (other than allergy serum)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Allergy Shots / Injections (including allergy serum)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Diagnostic Lab	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Diagnostic X-ray	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Other Diagnostic Tests: Hearing, EKG, EEG etc.	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (including MRIs, CAT scans)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Therapy:		
– Chiropractic / Osteopathic / Manipulative Therapy	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
– Physical Therapy	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
– Speech Therapy	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
– Occupational Therapy	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible

<b>Benefits</b>	<b>In-Network</b>	<b>Out-of-Network</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Radiation / Chemotherapy / Respiratory Therapy</li> <li>- Dialysis</li> <li>- Cardiac Rehabilitation</li> <li>- Pulmonary Therapy</li> </ul>	<p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>20% Coinsurance after Deductible</p>	<p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p> <p>40% Coinsurance after Deductible</p>
See "Therapy Services" for details on Benefit Maximums.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescription Drugs Administered in an Outpatient Facility (other than allergy serum)</li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<b>Physical Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Preventive Care</b>	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<b>Preventive Care for Chronic Conditions</b> (per IRS guidelines)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical items, equipment and screenings</li> </ul>	No Copayment, Deductible, or Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
Please see the "What's Covered" section for additional detail on IRS guidelines.		
<b>Prosthetics</b>	See "Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies."	
<b>Pulmonary Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Radiation Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Rehabilitation Services</b>	<p>Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.</p> <p>See "Inpatient Services" and "Therapy Services" for details on Benefit Maximums.</p>	

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Respiratory Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility</b>	See "Inpatient Services."	
<b>Speech Therapy</b>	See "Therapy Services."	
<b>Surgery</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<b>Temporomandibular and Craniomandibular Joint Treatment</b>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	
<p data-bbox="191 611 415 642"><b>Therapy Services</b></p> <p data-bbox="191 695 440 726">Benefit Maximum(s):</p> <ul data-bbox="191 821 537 1377" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="191 821 448 852">• Physical Therapy</li> <li data-bbox="191 884 505 915">• Occupational Therapy</li> <li data-bbox="191 947 440 978">• Speech Therapy</li> <li data-bbox="191 1010 496 1041">• Manipulation Therapy</li> <li data-bbox="191 1073 505 1104">• Cardiac Rehabilitation</li> <li data-bbox="191 1136 537 1167">• Pulmonary Rehabilitation</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="191 1409 1438 1461"><b>Note:</b> The limits for physical, occupational, and speech therapy will not apply if you get that care as part of the Hospice benefit.</p> <p data-bbox="191 1493 1422 1545"><b>Note:</b> If pulmonary rehabilitation is given as part of physical therapy, the Physical Therapy limit will apply instead of the Pulmonary Rehabilitation limit.</p> <p data-bbox="191 1587 1373 1671"><b>Note:</b> When you get physical, occupational, speech therapy, or cardiac rehabilitation, or [pulmonary rehabilitation in the home, the Home Health Care Visit limit will apply instead of the Therapy Services limits listed above.</p>	Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.	Benefit Maximum(s) are for In- and Out-of-Network visits combined, and for office and outpatient visits combined.
<b>Transplant Services</b>	See "Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow / Stem Cell) Services."	



Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Urgent Care Services (Office &amp; Home* Visits)</b>		
*Home visits are not the same as Home Health Care. For Home Health Care benefits please see the "Home Health Care" section.		
• Urgent Care Office Visit Charge	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Allergy Testing	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Shots / Injections (other than allergy serum)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Allergy Shots / Injections (including allergy serum)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Diagnostic Lab (i.e., other than reference labs)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Diagnostic x-ray	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Other Diagnostic Tests (including hearing and EKG)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (including MRIs, CAT scans)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Office Surgery (including anesthesia)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Prescription Drugs Administered in the Office (other than allergy serum)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<b>Note:</b> If you get urgent care at a Hospital or other outpatient Facility, please refer to "Outpatient Facility Services" for details on what you will pay.		
<b>Virtual Visits (Telemedicine / Telehealth Visits)</b>		
• Medical Chats and Virtual Visits including Primary Care through our mobile app from our Preferred Online Provider	No Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance	
• Virtual Visits from our Online Provider (Medical Services)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
• Virtual Visits from our Online Provider (Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
• Virtual Visits from our Online Provider (Specialty Care Services)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	
• Additional Telehealth/Telemedicine Services from a Primary Care Provider (PCP) (as required by law)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
• Additional Telehealth/Telemedicine Services from a Specialty Care Provider (SCP) (as required by law)	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<p>If Preventive Care is provided during a Virtual Visit, it will be covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit, as required by law. Please refer to that section for details.</p>		
<p><b>Vision Services</b> (For medical and surgical treatment of injuries and/or diseases of the eye)</p> <p>Certain vision screenings required by Federal law are covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit.</p>		<p>Benefits are based on the setting in which Covered Services are received.</p>
<p><b>Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow / Stem Cell) Services</b></p> <p><b>Please call our Transplant Department as soon as you think you may need a transplant to talk about your benefit options. You must do this <i>before</i> you have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. To get the most benefits under your Plan, you must get certain human organ and tissue transplant services from an In-Network Transplant Provider that we have chosen as a Centers of Medical Excellence for Transplant Provider and/or a Provider designated as an In-Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.</b> Even if a Hospital is an In-Network Provider for other services, it may not be an In-Network Transplant Provider for certain transplant services. Please call us to find out which Hospitals are In-Network Transplant Providers. (When calling Member Services, ask for the Transplant Case Manager for further details.)</p> <p><b>Centers of Excellence (COE) Transplant Providers</b></p> <p><b>Blue Distinction Center Facility:</b> Blue Distinction facilities have met or exceeded national quality standards for care delivery.</p> <p><b>Centers of Medical Excellence (CME):</b> Centers of Medical Excellence facilities have met or exceeded quality standards for care delivery.</p> <p><b>In-Network Transplant Provider:</b> Providers who have achieved designation as a Centers of Medical Excellence for Transplant and/or Blue Distinction Centers + or Blue Distinction Centers for Transplant.</p> <p><b>Out of Network (PAR) Transplant Provider:</b> Providers participating in the Plan's networks but not designated as a Centers of Medical Excellence for Transplant or Blue Distinction Center + or Blue Distinction Center for Transplant.</p> <p><b>The requirements described below do not apply to the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornea transplant, that are covered as any other surgery; and</li> <li>• Any Covered Services related to a Covered Transplant Procedure, that you get before or after the Transplant Benefit Period. Please note that the initial evaluation, any added tests to determine your eligibility as a candidate for a transplant by your Provider, and the collection and storage of bone marrow/stem cells is included in the Covered Transplant Procedure benefit regardless of the date of service.</li> </ul> <p>Benefits for Covered Services that are not part of the Human Organ and Tissue Transplant benefit will be based on the setting in which Covered Services are received. Please see the "What's Covered" section for additional details.</p>		

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
	<b>In-Network Transplant Provider</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Transplant Provider</b>
<b>Transplant Benefit Period</b>	Starts one day before a Covered solid organ Transplant Procedure and one day before high dose chemotherapy or preparative regimen for a covered bone marrow/stem cell transplant and lasts for the applicable case rate / global time period. The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the In-Network Transplant Provider agreement. Call the Case Manager for specific In-Network Transplant Provider information for services received at or coordinated by an In-Network Transplant Provider Facility.	Starts the day of a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues to the date of discharge at an Out-of- Network Transplant Provider Facility.
<b>Inpatient Facility Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Precertification required</b></li> </ul>	<p>During the Transplant Benefit Period, 20% Coinsurance after Deductible.</p> <p>Before and after the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Services will be covered as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services, Home Visits, or Office Visits depending where the service is performed.</p>	<p>During the Transplant Benefit Period, You will pay 40% Coinsurance after Deductible.</p> <p>If the Provider is also an In-Network Provider for this Plan (for services other than Covered Transplant Procedures), then you will <b>not</b> have to pay for Covered Transplant Procedure charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount.</p> <p>If the Provider is an Out-of-Network Provider for this Plan, you <b>will</b> have to pay for Covered Transplant Procedure</p>

Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network
		charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount.  Prior to and after the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Services will be covered as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services, Home Visits, or Office Visits depending where the service is performed.
<b>Inpatient Professional and Ancillary (non-Hospital) Services</b>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible. These charges will NOT apply to Your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
<b>Outpatient Facility Services</b>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible. These charges will NOT apply to Your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
<b>Outpatient Facility Professional and Ancillary (non-Hospital) Services</b>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible. These charges will NOT apply to Your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
<b>Transportation and Lodging</b>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="186 1354 808 1438">• <b>Transportation and Lodging Limit</b></li> </ul>	Covered, as approved by us, up to \$10,000 per transplant In- and Out-of-Network combined.	
<b>Unrelated donor searches from an authorized, licensed registry for bone marrow/stem cell transplants for a Covered Transplant Procedure</b>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="186 1564 808 1648">• <b>Donor Search Limit</b></li> </ul>	Covered, as approved by us, up to \$30,000 per transplant In- and Out-of-Network combined.	
<b>Live Donor Health Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="186 1680 808 1753">• <b>Inpatient Facility Services</b></li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="186 1753 808 1827">• <b>Outpatient Facility Services</b></li> </ul>	20% Coinsurance after Deductible	40% Coinsurance after Deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="186 1827 808 1890">• <b>Donor Health Service Limit</b></li> </ul>	Medically Necessary charges for getting an organ from a live donor are covered up to our Maximum	

<b>Benefits</b>	<b>In-Network</b>	<b>Out-of-Network</b>
	Allowed Amount, including complications from the donor procedure for up to six weeks from the date of procurement.	

# How Your Plan Works

## Introduction

Your Plan is a PPO plan. The Plan has two sets of benefits: In-Network and Out-of-Network. If you choose an In-Network Provider, you will pay less in Out-of-Pocket costs, such as Copayments, Deductibles, and Coinsurance. If you use an Out-of-Network Provider, you will have to pay more Out-of-Pocket costs.

To find an In-Network Provider for this Plan, please see “How to Find a Provider in the Network,” later in this section.

## In-Network Services

When you use an In-Network Provider or get care as part of an Authorized Service, Covered Services will be covered at the In-Network level.

If you receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider after we failed to provide you with accurate information in our Provider Directory, or after we failed to respond to your telephone or web-based inquiry within the time required by federal law, Covered Services will be covered at the In-Network level.

Regardless of Medical Necessity, benefits will be denied for care that is not a Covered Service. We have final authority to decide the Medical Necessity of the service.

**In-Network Providers** include Primary Care Physicians / Providers (PCPs), Specialists (Specialty Care Physicians / Providers - SCPs), other professional Providers, Hospitals, and other Facilities who contract with us to care for you. Referrals are never needed to visit an In-Network Specialist, including behavioral health Providers.

To see a Doctor, call their office:

- Tell them you are an Anthem Member,
- Have your Member Identification Card handy. The Doctor's office may ask you for your group or Member ID number.
- Tell them the reason for your visit.

When you go to the office, be sure to bring your Member Identification Card with you.

For services from In-Network Providers:

1. You will not need to file claims. In-Network Providers will file claims for Covered Services for you. (You will still need to pay any Coinsurance, Copayments, and/or Deductibles that apply.) You may be billed by your In-Network Provider(s) for any non-Covered Services you get or when you have not followed the terms of this Booklet.
2. Precertification will be done by the In-Network Provider. (See the “Getting Approval for Benefits” section for further details.)

Please read the “Claims Payment” section for additional information on Authorized Services.

## After Hours Care

If you need care after normal business hours, your Doctor may have several options for you. You should call your Doctor's office for instructions if you need care in the evenings, on weekends, or during the

holidays and cannot wait until the office reopens. If you have an Emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room.

## **Out-of-Network Services**

When you do not use an In-Network Provider or get care as part of an Authorized Service, Covered Services are covered at the Out-of-Network level, unless otherwise indicated in this Booklet.

For services from an Out-of-Network Provider:

1. The Out-of-Network Provider can charge you the difference between their bill and the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount plus any Deductible and/or Coinsurance/Copayments unless your claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim;
2. You may have higher cost sharing amounts (i.e., Deductibles, Coinsurance, and/or Copayments) unless your claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim;
3. You will have to pay for services that are not Medically Necessary;
4. You will have to pay for non-Covered Services;
5. You may have to file claims; and
6. You must make sure any necessary Precertification is done. (Please see "Getting Approval for Benefits" for more details.)

## **Surprise Billing Claims**

Surprise Billing Claims are described in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" at the beginning of this Booklet. Please refer to that section for further details.

## **Connect with Us Using Our Mobile App**

As soon as you enroll in this Plan, you should download our mobile app. You can find details on how to do this on our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

**Our goal is to make it easy for you to find answers to your questions. You can chat with us live in the app.**

## **How to Find a Provider in the Network**

There are several ways you can find out if a Provider or Facility is in the network for this Plan. You can also find out where they are located and details about their license or training.

- See your Plan's directory of In-Network Providers at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com), which lists the Doctors, Providers, and Facilities that participate in this Plan's network.
- Search for a Provider in our mobile app.
- Contact Member Services to ask for a list of Doctors and Providers that participate in this Plan's network, based on specialty and geographic area.
- Check with your Doctor or Provider.

Please note that not all In-Network Providers offer all services. For example, some Hospital-based labs are not part of our Reference Lab Network. In those cases you will have to go to a lab in our Reference

Lab Network to get In-Network benefits. Please call Member Services before you get services for more information.

If you need details about a Provider's license or training, or help choosing a Doctor who is right for you, call the Member Services number on the back of your Member Identification Card. TTY/TDD services also are available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with us to help with your needs.

## **Your Cost-Shares**

Your Plan may involve Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance, which are charges that you must pay when receiving Covered Services. Your Plan may also have an Out-of-Pocket Limit, which limits the cost-shares you must pay. Please read the "Schedule of Benefits" for details on your cost-shares. Also read the "Definitions" section for a better understanding of each type of cost share.

## **The BlueCard Program**

Like all Blue Cross & Blue Shield plans throughout the country, we participate in a program called "BlueCard®" which provides services to you when you are outside our Service Area. For more details on this program, please see "Inter-Plan Arrangements" in the "Claims Payment" section.

## **Identification Card**

We will give an Identification Card to each Member enrolled in the Plan. When you get care, you must show your Identification Card. Only covered Members have the right to services or benefits under this Plan. If anyone gets services or benefits to which they are not entitled to under the terms of this Booklet, he/she must pay for the actual cost of the services.



# Getting Approval for Benefits

Your Plan includes the process of Utilization Review to decide when services are Medically Necessary or Experimental/Investigational as those terms are defined in this Booklet. Utilization Review aids the delivery of cost-effective health care by reviewing the use of treatments and, when proper, level of care and/or the setting or place of service that they are performed.

## Reviewing Where Services Are Provided

A service must be Medically Necessary to be a Covered Service. When level of care, setting or place of service is reviewed, services that can be safely given to you in a lower level of care or lower cost setting / place of care, will not be Medically Necessary if they are given in a higher level of care, or higher cost setting / place of care. This means that a request for a service may be denied because it is not Medically Necessary for the service to be provided where it is being requested. When this happens the service can be requested again in another place and will be reviewed again for Medical Necessity. At times a different Provider or Facility may need to be used in order for the service to be considered Medically Necessary. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- A service may be denied on an inpatient basis at a Hospital but may be approvable if provided on an outpatient basis at a Hospital.
- A service may be denied on an outpatient basis at a Hospital but may be approvable at a free standing imaging center, infusion center, Ambulatory Surgery Center, or in a Physician's office.
- A service may be denied at a Skilled Nursing Facility but may be approvable in a home setting.

Utilization Review criteria will be based on many sources including medical policy and clinical guidelines. The Plan may decide that a treatment that was asked for is not Medically Necessary if a clinically equivalent treatment that is more cost effective is available and appropriate. "Clinically equivalent" means treatments that for most Members, will give you similar results for a disease or condition.

If you have any questions about the Utilization Review process, the medical policies, or clinical guidelines, you may call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

**Coverage for or payment of the service or treatment reviewed is not guaranteed even if we decide your services are Medically Necessary. For benefits to be covered, on the date you get service:**

1. You must be eligible for benefits;
2. Fees must be paid for the time period that services are given;
3. The service or supply must be a Covered Service under your Plan;
4. The service cannot be subject to an Exclusion under your Plan; and
5. You must not have exceeded any applicable limits under your Plan.

## Types of Review

- **Pre-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which is done before the service or treatment begins or admission date.
- **Precertification** – A required Pre-service Review for a benefit coverage determination for a service or treatment. Certain services require Precertification in order for you to get benefits. The benefit coverage review will include a review to decide whether the service meets the definition of Medical Necessity or is Experimental / Investigational as those terms are defined in this Booklet.

For admissions following Emergency Care, you, your authorized representative or Doctor must tell us within 48 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time. For childbirth admissions, Precertification is not needed unless there is a problem and/or the mother and

baby are not sent home at the same time. Precertification is not required for the first 48 hours for a vaginal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean section. Admissions longer than 48/96 hours require precertification.

- **Continued Stay / Concurrent Review** - A Utilization Review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which must be done during an ongoing stay in a facility or course of treatment.

Both Pre-Service and Continued Stay / Concurrent Reviews may be considered urgent when, in the view of the treating Provider or any Doctor with knowledge of your medical condition, without such care or treatment, your life or health or your ability to regain maximum function could be seriously threatened or you could be subjected to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without such care or treatment. Urgent reviews are conducted under a shorter timeframe than standard reviews.

- **Post-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage that is conducted after the service has been provided. Post-service reviews are performed when a service, treatment or admission did not need a Precertification, or when a needed Precertification was not obtained. Post-service reviews are done for a service, treatment or admission in which we have a related clinical coverage guideline and are typically initiated by us.

## Who is Responsible for Precertification?

Typically, In-Network Providers know which services need Precertification and will get any Precertification when needed. Your Primary Care Physician and other In-Network Providers have been given detailed information about these procedures and are responsible for meeting these requirements. Generally, the ordering Provider, Facility or attending Doctor ("requesting Provider") will get in touch with us to ask for a Precertification. However, you may request a Precertification or you may choose an authorized representative to act on your behalf for a specific request. The authorized representative can be anyone who is 18 years of age or older. The table below outlines who is responsible for Precertification and under what circumstances.

Provider Network Status	Responsibility to Get Precertification	Comments
In Network	Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Provider must get Precertification when required</li> </ul>
Non-Participating/Out-of-Network/	Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member must get Precertification when required. (Call Member Services.)</li> <li>• Member may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and/or setting is found to not be Medically Necessary.</li> </ul>
Blue Card Provider	Member (Except for Inpatient Admissions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member must get Precertification when required. (Call Member Services.)</li> <li>• Member may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and/or setting is found to not be Medically Necessary.</li> <li>• <b>Blue Card Providers must obtain</b></li> </ul>

Provider Network Status	Responsibility to Get Precertification	Comments
		precertification for all Inpatient Admissions.
<p><b>NOTE: For an Emergency Care admission, precertification is not required. However, you, your authorized representative or Doctor must tell us within 48 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time.</b></p>		

## How Decisions are Made

We use our clinical coverage guidelines, such as medical policy, clinical guidelines, and other applicable policies and procedures to help make Medical Necessity decisions. This includes decisions about Prescription Drugs as detailed in the section Prescription Drugs Administered by a medical Provider. Medical policies and clinical guidelines reflect the standards of practice and medical interventions identified as proper medical practice. We reserve the right to review and update these clinical coverage guidelines from time to time.

You are entitled to ask for and get, free of charge, reasonable access to any records concerning your request. To ask for this information, call the Precertification phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

If you are not satisfied with our decision under this section of your benefits, please refer to the “Your Right To Appeal” section to see what rights may be available to you.

## Decision and Notice Requirements

We will review requests for benefits according to the timeframes listed below. The timeframes and requirements listed are based on federal laws. If You live in and/or get services in a state other than the state where Your Contract was issued other state-specific requirements may apply. You may call the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card for more details. We will accept a request for Pre-service Reviews sent to us by your provider through secure electronic submission.

Type of Review	Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification
Urgent Pre-service Review	72 hours or 2 business days from the receipt of request whichever is less
Non-Urgent Pre-service Review	2 business days from the receipt of request
Urgent Continued Stay/Concurrent Review when request is received more than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization	24 hours from the receipt of the request
Urgent Continued Stay/Concurrent Review when request is received less than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization or no previous authorization exists	72 hours from the receipt of the request or 2 business days from the receipt of request whichever is less

Type of Review	Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification
Non-urgent Continued/Concurrent Stay Review for ongoing outpatient treatment	2 business days from the receipt of request
Post-Service Review	2 business days from the receipt of request

If more information is needed to make our decision, we will tell the requesting Provider of the specific information needed to finish the review. If we do not get the specific information we need by the required timeframe, we will make a decision based upon the information we have.

We will notify you and your Provider of our decision as required by state and federal law. Notice may be given by one or more of the following methods: verbal, written, and/or electronic.

## Important Information

From time to time certain medical management processes (including utilization management, case management, and disease management) may be waived, enhanced, changed or ended. An alternate benefit may be offered if in the Plan's sole discretion, such change furthers the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

Certain qualifying Providers may be selected to take part in a program or a Provider arrangement that exempts them from certain procedural or medical management processes that would otherwise apply. Your claim may also be exempted from medical review if certain conditions apply.

Just because a process is exempted, Provider or Claim from the standards which otherwise would apply, it does not mean that this will occur the future, or will do so in the future for any other Provider, claim or Member. The Plan may stop or change any such exemption with or without advance notice.

You may find out whether a Provider is taking part in certain programs or a Provider arrangement by contacting the Member Services number on the back of your ID card.

We also may identify certain Providers to review for potential fraud, waste, abuse or other inappropriate activity if the claims data suggests there may be inappropriate billing practices. If a Provider is selected under this program, then we may use one or more clinical utilization management guidelines in the review of claims submitted by this Provider, even if those guidelines are not used for all Providers delivering services to this Plan's Members.

## Health Plan Individual Case Management

Our health plan individual case management programs (Case Management) help coordinate services for Members with health care needs due to serious, complex, and/or chronic health conditions. Our programs coordinate benefits and educate Members who agree to take part in the Case Management program to help meet their health-related needs.

Our Case Management programs are confidential and voluntary and are made available at no extra cost to you. These programs are provided by, or on behalf of and at the request of, your health plan case management staff. These Case Management programs are separate from any Covered Services you are receiving.

If you meet program criteria and agree to take part, we will help you meet your identified health care needs. This is reached through contact and teamwork with you and/or your authorized representative, treating Doctor(s), and other Providers.

In addition, we may assist in coordinating care with existing community-based programs and services to meet your needs. This may include giving you information about external agencies and community-based programs and services.

In certain cases of severe or chronic illness or injury, the Plan may provide benefits for alternate care that is not listed as a Covered Service. The Plan may also extend Covered Services beyond the Benefit Maximums of this Plan. We will make any recommendation of alternate or extended benefits to the Plan on a case-by-case basis, if in our discretion the alternate or extended benefit is in the best interest of the you and the Plan and you or your authorized representative agree to the alternate or extended benefit in writing. A decision to provide extended benefits or approve alternate care in one case does not obligate the Plan to provide the same benefits again to you or to any other Member. The Plan reserves the right, at any time, to alter or stop providing extended benefits or approving alternate care. In such case, we will notify you or your authorized representative in writing.

# What's Covered

This section describes the Covered Services available under your Plan. Covered Services are subject to all the terms and conditions listed in this Booklet, including, but not limited to, Benefit Maximums, Deductibles, Copayments, Coinsurance, Exclusions and Medical Necessity requirements. Please read the "Schedule of Benefits" for details on the amounts you must pay for Covered Services and for details on any Benefit Maximums. Also be sure to read "How Your Plan Works" for more information on your Plan's rules. Read the "What's Not Covered" section for more important details on Excluded Services.

Your benefits are described below. Benefits are listed alphabetically to make them easy to find. Please note that several sections may apply to your claims. For example, if you have inpatient surgery, benefits for your Hospital stay will be described under "Inpatient Hospital Care" and benefits for your Doctor's services will be described under "Inpatient Professional Services." As a result, you should read all sections that might apply to your claims.

You should also know that many of Covered Services can be received in several settings, including a Doctor's office or your home, an Urgent Care Facility, an Outpatient Facility, or an Inpatient Facility. Benefits will often vary depending on where and from whom you choose to get Covered Services, and this can result in a change in the amount you need to pay. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits" for more details.

## Allergy Services

Your Plan includes benefits for Medically Necessary allergy testing and treatment, including allergy serum and allergy shots.

## Ambulance Services

Medically Necessary ambulance services are a Covered Service when:

- You are transported by a state licensed vehicle that is designed, equipped, and used only to transport the sick and injured and staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), paramedics, or other certified medical professionals. This includes ground, water, fixed wing, and rotary wing air transportation. This also includes services rendered by an Emergency Medical Services Provider Organization within their scope of practice, performed or provided as advanced life support services, and performed or provided during a response initiated through the 911 system regardless of whether the patient is transported. If multiple Emergency Medical Services Provider Organizations qualify and submit a claim to Us, We:
  - May reimburse for one (1) claim per patient encounter; and
  - Reimburse the claim submitted by the Emergency Medical Services Provider Organization that performed or provided the majority of advanced life support services to you.

And one or more of the following are met:

- For ground ambulance, you are taken:
  - From your home, the scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;
  - Between Hospitals, including when we require you to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to an In-Network Hospital;
  - Between a Hospital and a Skilled Nursing Facility or other approved Facility.
- For air or water ambulance, you are taken:
  - From the scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;

- Between Hospitals, including when we require you to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to an In-Network Hospital;
- Between a Hospital and an approved Facility.

Ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by us. Emergency ground ambulance services do not require precertification and are allowed regardless of whether the Provider is an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider.

Non-Emergency ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by us. When using an air ambulance, for non-Emergency transportation, we reserve the right to select the air ambulance Provider. If you do not use the air ambulance Provider we select, the Out-of-Network Provider may bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount.

You must be taken to the nearest Facility that can give care for your condition. In certain cases we may approve benefits for transportation to a Facility that is not the nearest Facility.

Benefits also include Medically Necessary treatment of a sickness or injury by medical professionals from an ambulance service, even if you are not taken to a Facility.

Ambulance services are not covered when another type of transportation can be used without endangering your health. Ambulance services for your convenience or the convenience of your family or Doctor are not a Covered Service.

Other non-covered ambulance services include, but are not limited to, trips to:

- A Doctor's office or clinic;
- A morgue or funeral home.

## Important Notes on Air Ambulance Benefits

Benefits are only available for air ambulance when it is not appropriate to use a ground or water ambulance. For example, if using a ground ambulance would endanger your health and your medical condition requires a more rapid transport to a Facility than the ground ambulance can provide, the Plan will cover the air ambulance. Air ambulance will also be covered if you are in an area that a ground or water ambulance cannot reach.

Air ambulance will not be covered if you are taken to a Hospital that is not an acute care Hospital (such as a Skilled Nursing Facility or a rehabilitation facility), or if you are taken to a Physician's office or your home.

### Hospital to Hospital Transport

If you are moving from one Hospital to another, air ambulance will only be covered if using a ground ambulance would endanger your health and if the Hospital that first treats cannot give you the medical services you need. Certain specialized services are not available at all Hospitals. For example, burn care, cardiac care, trauma care, and critical care are only available at certain Hospitals. To be covered, you must be taken to the closest Hospital that can treat you. **Coverage is not available for air ambulance transfers simply because you, your family, or your Provider prefers a specific Hospital or Physician.**

## Athletic Trainer Services

Your Plan covers services from an Athletic Trainer who is licensed under applicable Indiana state law and provides physical medicine and rehabilitative services within their scope of practice.

## **Autism Spectrum Disorder Services**

Coverage is provided for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Treatment is limited to services prescribed by your Physician in accordance with a treatment plan. Autism spectrum disorder means a neurological condition, including Asperger's syndrome and autism, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association. Any exclusion or limitation in this Booklet in conflict with the coverage described in this provision will not apply. Coverage for autism spectrum disorders will not be subject to dollar limits, Deductibles, Copayment or Coinsurance provisions that are less favorable than the dollar limits, Deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance provisions that apply to physical illness under your Plan.

## **Behavioral Health Services**

See "Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services" later in this section.

## **Cardiac Rehabilitation**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Chemotherapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Chronic Pain Management Services**

Evidence based health care products and services intended to relieve chronic pain that has lasted for at least three (3) months are covered under this Plan. This includes:

- Prescription drugs;
- Physical Therapy;
- Occupational Therapy;
- Chiropractic care;
- Osteopathic manipulative treatment; and
- Athletic Trainer Services.

See the sections "Athletic Trainer Services" and "Therapy Services" for further details on the benefits for these services. As used in this section "Chronic pain" means pain that:

- persists beyond the usual course of an acute disease or healing of an injury; or
- may be associated with an acute or chronic pathologic process that causes continuous or intermittent pain for a period of months or years.

## **Clinical Trials**

Benefits include coverage for services, such as routine patient care costs, given to you as a participant in an approved clinical trial if the services are Covered Services under this Plan. An "approved clinical trial" means a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that studies the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening conditions. The term life-threatening condition means any disease or condition from which death is likely unless the disease or condition is treated.

Benefits are limited to the following trials:



1. Federally funded trials approved or funded by one of the following:
  - a. The National Institutes of Health.
  - b. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - c. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.
  - d. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
  - e. Cooperative group or center of any of the entities described in (a) through (d) or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs.
  - f. A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants.
  - g. Any of the following in i-iii below if the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines 1) to be comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health, and 2) assures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.
    - i. The Department of Veterans Affairs.
    - ii. The Department of Defense.
    - iii. The Department of Energy.
2. Studies or investigations done as part of an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration;
3. Studies or investigations done for drug trials, which are exempt from the investigational new drug application.

Your Plan may require you to use an In-Network Provider to maximize your benefits.

Routine patient care costs include items, services, and drugs provided to you in connection with an approved clinical trial that would otherwise be covered by this Plan.

All requests for clinical trials services, including services that are not part of approved clinical trials will be reviewed according to our Clinical Coverage Guidelines, related policies and procedures.

Your Plan is not required to provide benefits for the following services. The Plan reserves its right to exclude any of the following services:

- i. The Investigational item, device, or service;
- ii. Items and services that are given only to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient;
- iii. A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis;
- iv. Any item or service that is paid for, or should have been paid for, by the sponsor of the trial.

## **Dental Services**

### **Preparing the Mouth for Medical Treatments**

Your Plan includes coverage for dental services to prepare the mouth for medical services and treatments such as radiation therapy to treat cancer and prepare for transplants. Covered Services include:

- Evaluation

- Dental x-rays
- Extractions, including surgical extractions
- Anesthesia

## **Treatment of Accidental Injury**

Benefits are also available for dental work needed to treat injuries to the jaw, sound natural teeth, mouth or face as a result of an accident. An injury that results from chewing or biting is not considered an Accidental Injury under this Plan, unless the chewing or biting results from a medical or mental condition.

## **Anesthesia and Hospital Charges for Dental Care**

Your Plan covers anesthesia and Hospital charges for dental care, for a Member less than 19 years of age or a Member who is physically or mentally disabled, if the Member requires dental treatment to be given in a Hospital or Outpatient Ambulatory Surgical Facility. The Indications for General Anesthesia, as published in the reference manual of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, should be used to determine whether performing dental procedures is necessary to treat the Member's condition under general anesthesia. This coverage does not apply to treatment for temporal mandibular joint disorders (TMJ).

## **Diabetes Equipment, Education, and Supplies**

Benefits include all Physician prescribed Medically Necessary equipment and supplies used for the management and treatment of diabetes. Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under "Preventive Care."

Also covered is diabetes self-management training if you have insulin dependent diabetes, non-insulin dependent diabetes, or elevated blood glucose levels induced by pregnancy or another medical condition when:

- Medically Necessary;
- Ordered in writing by a Physician, a podiatrist, an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant; and
- Provided by a Health Care Professional who is licensed, registered, or certified under state law.

For the purposes of this provision, a "Health Care Professional" means the Physician or podiatrist ordering the training or a Provider who has obtained certification in diabetes education by the American Diabetes Association.

## **Diagnostic Services**

Your Plan includes benefits for tests or procedures to find or check a condition when specific symptoms exist. Tests must be ordered by a Provider and include diagnostic services ordered before a surgery or Hospital admission. Benefits include the following services:

### **Diagnostic Laboratory and Pathology Services**

- Laboratory and pathology tests, such as blood tests.
- Genetic tests, when allowed by the Plan.

## **Diagnostic Imaging Services and Electronic Diagnostic Tests**

- X-rays / regular imaging services
- Ultrasound
- Electrocardiograms (EKG)
- Electroencephalography (EEG)
- Echocardiograms
- Hearing and vision tests for a medical condition or injury (not for screenings or preventive care)
- Tests ordered before a surgery or admission.
- The following Covered Services based on state law:
  - Additional mammography views required for proper evaluation and any ultrasound services for Diagnostic screening of breast cancer, if determined Medically Necessary by your Physician.

## **Advanced Imaging Services**

Benefits are also available for advanced imaging services, which include but are not limited to:

- CT scan
- CTA scan
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)
- Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS)
- Nuclear Cardiology
- PET scans
- PET/CT Fusion scans
- QCT Bone Densitometry
- Diagnostic CT Colonography

The list of advanced imaging services may change as medical technologies change.

## **Dialysis**

See “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies**

### **Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices**

Your Plan includes benefits for durable medical equipment and medical devices when the equipment meets the following criteria:

- Is meant for repeated use and is not disposable.
- Is used for a medical purpose and is of no further use when medical need ends.
- Is meant for use outside a medical Facility.
- Is only for the use of the patient.
- Is made to serve a medical use.
- Is ordered by a Provider.

Benefits include purchase-only equipment and devices (e.g., crutches and customized equipment), purchase or rent-to-purchase equipment and devices (e.g., Hospital beds and wheelchairs), and continuous rental equipment and devices (e.g., oxygen concentrator, ventilator, and negative pressure

wound therapy devices). Continuous rental equipment must be approved by us. The Plan may limit the amount of coverage for ongoing rental of equipment. The Plan may not cover more in rental costs than the cost of simply purchasing the equipment.

Benefits include repair and replacement costs as well as supplies and equipment needed for the use of the equipment or device, for example, a battery for a powered wheelchair.

Oxygen and equipment for its administration are also Covered Services.

## **Orthotics**

Benefits are available for certain types of orthotics (braces, boots, splints). Covered Services include the initial purchase, fitting, and repair of a custom made rigid or semi-rigid supportive device used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body, or which limits or stops motion of a weak or diseased body part.

Orthotic appliances may be replaced once per year per Member when Medically Necessary in the Member's situation. However, additional replacements will be allowed for Members under age 18 due to rapid growth, or for any Member when an appliance is damaged and cannot be repaired.

Coverage for an orthotic custom fabricated brace or support designed as a component for a prosthetic limb is described in more detail below.

## **Prosthetics**

Your Plan also includes benefits for prosthetics, which are artificial substitutes for body parts for functional or therapeutic purposes, when they are Medically Necessary for activities of daily living.

Benefits include the purchase, fitting, adjustments, repairs and replacements. Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

- Artificial limbs and accessories. Coverage for a prosthetic limb (artificial leg or arm) is described in more detail below.
- One pair of glasses or contact lenses used after surgical removal of the lens(es) of the eyes;
- Breast prosthesis (whether internal or external) and surgical bras after a mastectomy, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act. This includes coverage for custom fabricated breast prostheses and one (1) additional breast prosthesis per breast affected by the mastectomy.
- Colostomy and other ostomy (surgical construction of an artificial opening) supplies directly related to ostomy care.
- Restoration prosthesis (composite facial prosthesis)
- Wigs needed after cancer treatment, limited to the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits.
- Benefits are also available for cochlear implants.

## **Prosthetic Limbs & Orthotic Custom Fabricated Brace or Support**

Prosthetic limbs (artificial leg or arm) and a Medically Necessary orthotic custom fabricated brace or support designed as a component of a prosthetic limb, including repairs or replacements, will be covered if:

- Determined by your Physician to be Medically Necessary to restore or maintain your ability to perform activities of daily living or essential job related activities; and
- Not solely for comfort or convenience.

Coverage for Prosthetic limbs and orthotic devices under this provision must be equal to the coverage that is provided for the same device, repair, or replacement under the federal Medicare program. Reimbursement must be equal to the reimbursement that is provided for the same device, repair, or replacement under the federal Medicare reimbursement schedule, unless a different reimbursement rate is negotiated.

Prosthetic limbs and Orthotic custom fabricated braces or supports designed as components for a prosthetic limb are covered the same as any other Medically Necessary items and services and will be subject to the same annual Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment as other Covered Services under your Plan.

## **Medical and Surgical Supplies**

Your Plan includes coverage for medical and surgical supplies that serve only a medical purpose, are used once, and are purchased (not rented). Covered supplies include syringes, needles, surgical dressings, splints, and other similar items that serve only a medical purpose. Covered Services do not include items often stocked in the home for general use like Band-Aids, thermometers, and petroleum jelly.

Medical food that is Medically Necessary and prescribed by a Physician for the treatment of an inherited metabolic disease is covered. Medical foods mean a formula that is intended for the dietary treatment of a disease or condition for which nutritional requirements are established by medical evaluation and formulated to be consumed or administered enterally under the direction of a Physician.

## **Blood and Blood Products**

Your Plan also includes coverage for the administration of blood products unless they are received from a community source, such as blood donated through a blood bank.

## **Emergency Care Services**

If you are experiencing an Emergency please call 911 or visit the nearest Hospital for treatment.

### **Emergency Services**

Benefits are available in a Hospital Emergency Room for services and supplies to treat the onset of symptoms for an Emergency, which is defined below. **Services provided for conditions that do not meet the definition of Emergency will not be covered.**

### **Emergency (Emergency Medical Condition)**

“Emergency” or “Emergency Medical Condition” means an accidental traumatic bodily injury or other medical or behavioral health condition that arises suddenly and unexpectedly and manifests itself by acute symptoms of such severity, including severe pain, that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent lay person who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine to: (a) place an individual's health or the health of another person in serious jeopardy; (b) result in serious impairment to the individual's bodily functions; or (c) result in serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part of the individual.

“Stabilize” means the provision of medical treatment to you in an Emergency as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability that material deterioration of your condition is not likely to result from or during any of the following:

- your discharge from an emergency department or other care setting where Emergency Care is provided to you; or
- your transfer from an emergency department or other care setting to another facility; or
- your transfer from a Hospital emergency department or other Hospital care setting to the Hospital's Inpatient setting.

## **Emergency Care**

“Emergency Care” means a medical or behavioral health exam done in the Emergency Department of a Hospital or freestanding Emergency Facility, and includes services routinely available in the Emergency Department to evaluate an Emergency Condition. It includes any further medical or behavioral health exams and treatment required to stabilize the patient.

Medically Necessary services will be covered whether you get care from an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Emergency Care you get from an Out-of-Network Provider will be covered as an In-Network service. The Out-of-Network Provider can only charge you any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, and/or Copayment and cannot bill you for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and their billed charges until your condition is stable as described in the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice” at the front of this Booklet. Your cost shares will be based on the Maximum Allowed Amount and will be applied to your In-Network Deductible and In-Network Out-of-Pocket Limit.

The Maximum Allowed Amount for Emergency Care from an Out-of-Network Provider will be determined using the median Plan In-Network contract rate we pay In-Network Providers for the geographic area where the service is provided.

If you are admitted to the Hospital from the Emergency Room, be sure that you or your Doctor calls us as soon as you are stabilized. We will review your care to decide if a Hospital stay is needed and how many days you should stay. See “Getting Approval for Benefits” for more details.

Treatment you get after your condition has stabilized is not Emergency Care. Please refer to the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice” at the front of this Booklet for more details on how this will impact your benefits.

## **Gene Therapy**

Your Plan includes benefits for gene therapy services, when Anthem approves the benefits in advance through Precertification. See “Getting Approval for Benefits” for details on the Precertification process. To be eligible for coverage, services must be Medically Necessary and performed by an approved Provider at an approved treatment center. Even if a Provider is an In-Network Provider for other services it may not be an approved Provider for certain gene therapy services. Please call us to find out which providers are approved Providers. (When calling Member Services, ask for the Transplant Case Manager for further details.)

### **Services Not Eligible for Coverage**

Your Plan does not include benefits for the following:

- i. Services determined to be Experimental / Investigational;
- ii. Services provided by a non-approved Provider or at a non-approved Facility; or
- iii. Services not approved in advance through Precertification.

## **Habilitative Services**

Benefits also include habilitative health care services and devices that help you keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings. Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section for further details.

## **Home Health Care Services**

Benefits are available for Covered Services performed by a Home Health Care Agency or other Provider in your home. To be eligible for benefits, you must essentially be confined to the home, as an alternative to a Hospital stay, and be physically unable to get needed medical services on an outpatient basis. Services must be prescribed by a Doctor and the services must be so inherently complex that they can be safely and effectively performed only by qualified, technical, or professional health staff.

Covered Services include but are not limited to:

- Intermittent skilled nursing services by an R.N. or L.P.N.
- Medical / social services
- Diagnostic services
- Nutritional guidance
- Training of the patient and/or family/caregiver
- Home health aide services. You must be receiving skilled nursing or therapy. Services must be given by appropriately trained staff working for the Home Health Care Provider. Other organizations may give services only when approved by us, and their duties must be assigned and supervised by a professional nurse on the staff of the Home Health Care Provider or other Provider as approved by the Plan.
- Therapy Services (except for Manipulation Therapy, which will not be covered when given in the home)
- Medical supplies
- Durable medical equipment
- Private duty nursing services
- When available in your area, benefits are also available for Intensive In-home Behavioral Health Services. These do not require confinement to the home. These services are described in the "Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services" section below.

Benefits may also be available for Inpatient Services in your home. These benefits are separate from the Home Health Care Services benefit, and are described in the "Inpatient Services" section below.

## **Home Infusion Therapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Hospice Care**

You are eligible for hospice care if your Physician and the Hospice medical director certify that you are terminally ill and likely have less than twelve (12) months to live. You may access hospice care while participating in a clinical trial or continuing disease modifying therapy, as ordered by your treating Provider. Disease modifying therapy treats the underlying terminal illness.

The services and supplies listed below are Covered Services when given by a Hospice for the palliative care of pain and other symptoms that are part of a terminal disease. Palliative care means care that controls pain and relieves symptoms but is not meant to cure a terminal illness. Covered Services include:

- Care from an interdisciplinary team with the development and maintenance of an appropriate plan of care.
- Short-term Inpatient Hospital care when needed in periods of crisis or as respite care.
- Skilled nursing services, home health aide services, and homemaker services given by or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
- Social services and counseling services from a licensed social worker.
- Nutritional support such as intravenous feeding and feeding tubes.
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and respiratory therapy given by a licensed therapist.
- Pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and supplies needed for the palliative care of your condition, including oxygen and related respiratory therapy supplies.
- Bereavement (grief) services, including a review of the needs of the bereaved family and the development of a care plan to meet those needs, both before and after the Member's death. Bereavement services are available to the patient and those individuals who are closely linked to the patient, including the immediate family, the primary or designated caregiver and individuals with significant personal ties, for one year after the Member's death.

Your Doctor must agree to care by the Hospice and must be consulted in the development of the care plan. The Hospice must keep a written care plan on file and give it to us upon request.

Benefits for services beyond those listed above that are given for disease modification or palliation, such as but not limited to chemotherapy and radiation therapy, are available to a Member in Hospice. These services are covered under other parts of this Plan.

## **Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow / Stem Cell) Services**

Your Plan includes coverage for Medically Necessary human organ and tissue transplants. Certain transplants (e.g., cornea) are covered like any other surgery, under the regular inpatient and outpatient benefits described elsewhere in this Booklet.

This section describes benefits for certain Covered Transplant Procedures that you get during the Transplant Benefit Period. Any Covered Services related to a Covered Transplant Procedure, received before or after the Transplant Benefit Period, are covered under the regular Inpatient and outpatient benefits described elsewhere in this Booklet.

**Please call the Claims Administrator's Transplant Department as soon as you think you may need a transplant to talk about your benefit options. You must do this *before* you have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. To get the most benefits under your Plan, you must get certain human organ and tissue transplant services from an In-Network Transplant Provider that have been chosen as a Centers of Medical Excellence for Transplant Provider and/or a Provider designated as an In-Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.** Even if a Hospital is an In-Network Provider for other services, it may not be an In-Network Transplant Provider for certain transplant services. Please call us to find out which Hospitals are In-Network Transplant Providers. (When calling Member Services, ask for the Transplant Case Manager for further details.)

In this section you will see some key terms, which are defined below:



## Covered Transplant Procedure

As decided by the Plan, any Medically Necessary human solid organ, tissue, and stem cell / bone marrow transplants and infusions including necessary acquisition procedures, mobilization, collection and storage. It also includes Medically Necessary myeloablative or reduced intensity preparative chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or a combination of these therapies.

## In-Network Transplant Provider

A Provider that we have chosen and designated as a Centers of Excellence for Transplant and/or a Blue Distinction Centers + or Blue Distinction Centers for Transplant. The Provider has entered into a Transplant Provider Agreement to give Covered Transplant Procedures to you and take care of certain administrative duties for the transplant network. A Provider may be an In-Network Transplant Provider for:

- Certain Covered Transplant Procedures; or
- All Covered Transplant Procedures.

## Out-of-Network Transplant Provider

Any Provider that has **NOT** been chosen as a Center of Medical Excellence for Transplant by us or has not been selected to take part as an In-Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

## Transplant Benefit Period

At an In-Network Transplant Provider Facility, the Transplant Benefit Period starts one day before a Covered solid organ Transplant Procedure and one day before high dose chemotherapy or preparative regimen for a covered bone marrow/stem cell transplant procedure and lasts for the applicable case rate / global time period. The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the In-Network Transplant Provider agreement. Call the Case Manager for specific In-Network Transplant Provider details for services received at or coordinated by an In-Network Transplant Provider Facility.

At an Out-of-Network Transplant Provider Facility, the Transplant Benefit Period starts the day of a Covered Transplant Procedure and lasts until the date of discharge.

## Prior Approval and Precertification

**To maximize your benefits, you should call our Transplant Department to as soon as you think you may need a transplant to talk about your benefit options. You must do this before you have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant.** We will help you maximize your benefits by giving you coverage information, including details on what is covered and if any clinical coverage guidelines, medical policies, In-Network Transplant Provider rules, or Exclusions apply. Call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card and ask for the transplant coordinator. Even if we give a prior approval for the Covered Transplant Procedure, you or your Provider must call our Transplant Department for Precertification prior to the transplant whether this is performed in an Inpatient or Outpatient setting.

Precertification is required before the Plan will cover benefits for a transplant. Your Doctor must certify, and we must agree, that the transplant is Medically Necessary. Your Doctor should send a written request for Precertification to us as soon as possible to start this process. Not getting Precertification will result in a denial of benefits.

Please note that there are cases where your Provider asks for approval for Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) testing, donor searches and/or a collection and storage of stem cells prior to the final decision as to what transplant procedure will be needed. In these cases, the HLA testing and donor search charges will be covered as routine diagnostic tests. The collection and storage request will be reviewed for Medical Necessity and may be approved. However, such an approval for HLA testing, donor search and/or collection and storage is NOT an approval for the later transplant. A separate Medical Necessity decision will be needed for the transplant.

## **Transportation and Lodging**

The Plan will cover the cost of reasonable and necessary travel costs when you get prior approval and need to travel more than 75 miles from your permanent home to reach the Facility where the Covered Transplant Procedure will be performed. Help with travel costs includes transportation to and from the Facility and lodging for the patient and one companion. If the Member receiving care is a minor, then reasonable and necessary costs for transportation and lodging may be allowed for two companions. You must send itemized receipts for transportation and lodging costs in a form satisfactory to us when claims are filed. Call us for complete information.

For lodging and ground transportation benefits, the Plan will cover costs up to the current limits set forth in the Internal Revenue Code.

Non-Covered Services for transportation and lodging include, but are not limited to:

- Child care,
- Mileage within the medical transplant Facility city,
- Rental cars, buses, taxis, or shuttle service, except as specifically approved by us,
- Frequent Flyer miles,
- Coupons, Vouchers, or Travel tickets,
- Prepayments or deposits,
- Services for a condition that is not directly related, or a direct result, of the transplant,
- Phone calls,
- Laundry,
- Postage,
- Entertainment,
- Travel costs for donor companion/caregiver,
- Return visits for the donor for a treatment of an illness found during the evaluation.
- Meals.

**Certain Human Organ and Tissue Transplant Services may be limited.**

## **Infertility Services**

Please see "Maternity and Reproductive Health Services" later in this section.

## **Inpatient Services**

Covered Services include acute care in a Hospital setting.

Benefits for room, board, and nursing services include:

- A room with two or more beds.
- A private room. The most the Plan will cover for private rooms is the Hospital's average semi-private room rate unless it is Medically Necessary that you use a private room for isolation and no isolation facilities are available.
- A room in a special care unit approved by us. The unit must have facilities, equipment, and supportive services for intensive care or critically ill patients.
- Routine nursery care for newborns during the mother's normal Hospital stay.
- Meals, special diets.
- General nursing services.

Benefits for ancillary services include:

- Operating, childbirth, and treatment rooms and equipment.
- Prescribed Drugs.
- Anesthesia, anesthesia supplies and services given by the Hospital or other Provider.
- Medical and surgical dressings and supplies, casts, and splints.
- Diagnostic services.
- Therapy services including infusion therapy services.

## **Inpatient Professional Services**

Covered Services include:

- Medical care visits.
- Intensive medical care when your condition requires it.
- Treatment for a health problem by a Doctor who is not your surgeon while you are in the Hospital for surgery. Benefits include treatment by two or more Doctors during one Hospital stay when the nature or severity of your health problem calls for the skill of separate Doctors.
- A personal bedside exam by another Doctor when asked for by your Doctor. Benefits are not available for staff consultations required by the Hospital, consultations asked for by the patient, routine consultations, phone consultations, or EKG transmittals by phone.
- Surgery and general anesthesia.
- Newborn exam. A Doctor other than the one who delivered the child must do the exam.
- Professional charges to interpret diagnostic tests such as imaging, pathology reports, and cardiology.

\*When available in your area, certain Providers have programs available that may allow you to receive Inpatient Services in your home instead of staying in a Hospital. To be eligible, your condition and the Covered Services to be delivered must be appropriate for the home setting. Your home must also meet certain accessibility requirements. These programs are voluntary and are separate from the benefits under "Home Health Care Services." Your Provider will contact you if you are eligible, and provide you with details on how to enroll. If you choose to participate, the cost-shares listed in your Schedule of Benefits under "Inpatient Services" will apply.

## **Copayment Waiver**

When a Member is transferred from one Hospital or other facility to another Hospital or other facility on the same day, any Copayment per admission in the Schedule of Benefits is waived for the second admission.

# Maternity and Reproductive Health Services

## Maternity Services

Covered Services include services needed during a normal or complicated pregnancy and for services needed for a miscarriage. Covered maternity services include:

- Professional and Facility services for childbirth in a Facility or the home including the services of an appropriately licensed nurse midwife;
- Routine nursery care for the newborn during the mother's normal Hospital stay, including circumcision of a covered male Dependent;
- Prenatal, postnatal, and postpartum services; and
- Fetal screenings, which are genetic or chromosomal tests of the fetus, as allowed by the Plan.

If you are pregnant on your Effective Date and in the first trimester of the pregnancy, you must change to an In-Network Provider to have Covered Services covered at the In-Network level. If you are pregnant on your Effective Date and in your second or third trimester of pregnancy (13 weeks or later) as of the Effective Date, benefits for obstetrical care will be available at the In-Network level even if an Out-of-Network Provider is used if you fill out a Continuation of Care Request Form and send it to us. Covered Services will include the obstetrical care given by that Provider through the end of the pregnancy and the immediate post-partum period.

**Important Note About Maternity Admissions:** Under federal law, the Plan may not limit benefits for any Hospital length of stay for childbirth for the mother or newborn to less than 48 hours after vaginal birth, or less than 96 hours after a cesarean section (C-section). However, federal law as a rule does not stop the mother's or newborn's attending Provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours, or 96 hours, as applicable. In any case, as provided by federal law, the Plan may not require a Provider to get authorization from us before prescribing a length of stay which is not more than 48 hours for a vaginal birth or 96 hours after a C-section.

In addition, coverage is provided for an examination given at the earliest feasible time to your newborn child for the detection of the following disorders:

- Phenylketonuria.
- Hypothyroidism.
- Hemoglobinopathies, including sickle cell anemia
- Galactosemia.
- Maple syrup urine disease.
- Homocystinuria.
- Inborn errors of metabolism that result in an intellectual disability and that are designated by State of Indiana
- Congenital adrenal hyperplasia.
- Biotinidase deficiency.
- Disorders detected by tandem mass spectrometry or other technologies with the same or greater detection capabilities as tandem mass spectrometry, if the State of Indiana determines that the technology is available for use by a designated laboratory under Indiana law.
- Spinal muscular atrophy
- Severe combined immunodeficiency
- Physiologic hearing screening examination at the earliest feasible time for the detection of hearing impairments
- Pulse oximetry screening examination at the earliest feasible time for the detection of low oxygen levels.
- Krabbe disease.
- Pompe disease.

- Hurler syndrome (MPS1).
- Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD).

## Contraceptive Benefits

Benefits include oral contraceptive Drugs, injectable contraceptive Drugs and patches. Benefits also include contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra uterine devices (IUDs), and implants. Certain contraceptives are covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit. Please see that section for further details.

## Sterilization Services

Benefits include sterilization services and services to reverse a non-elective sterilization that resulted from an illness or injury. Reversals of elective sterilizations are not covered. Sterilizations for women are covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit.

## Abortion Services

Benefits include services for an abortion performed only if:

- A woman becomes pregnant through an act of rape or incest.
- An abortion is necessary to avert the pregnant woman's death or a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman.

## Infertility Services

**Important Note:** Although this Plan offers limited coverage of certain infertility services, it does not cover all forms of infertility treatment. Benefits do not include assisted reproductive technologies (ART) or the diagnostic tests and Drugs to support it. Examples of ART include artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization, zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT), or gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT).

Fertility treatments such as artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization are not a Covered Service.

## Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Covered Services include the following:

- **Inpatient Services** in a Hospital or any Facility that must be covered by law. Inpatient benefits include psychotherapy, psychological testing, electroconvulsive therapy, and detoxification.
- **Residential Treatment** in a licensed Residential Treatment Center that offers individualized and intensive treatment and includes:
  - Observation and assessment by a physician weekly or more often,
  - Rehabilitation and therapy.
- **Outpatient Services** including office visits, therapy and treatment, Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment Programs, and Intensive Outpatient Programs and (when available in your area) Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Services.
- **Virtual Visits** as described under the “Virtual Visits (Telemedicine / Telehealth Visits)” section.

Examples of Providers from whom you can receive Covered Services include:

- Psychiatrist,

- Psychologist,
- Neuropsychologist,
- Licensed clinical social worker (L.C.S.W.),
- Mental health clinical nurse specialist,
- Licensed marriage and family therapist (L.M.F.T.),
- License Mental Health Counselor (L.M.H.C.),
- Licensed Addiction Counselor or Clinical Addiction Counselor, or
- Any agency licensed to give these services, when they must be covered by law.

## Occupational Therapy

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## Office and Home Visits

Covered Services include:

**Office Visits** for medical care (including second surgical opinions) to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury.

**Consultations** between your Primary Care Physician and a Specialist, when approved by Anthem.

**Home Visits** for medical care to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury. Please note that Doctor and Primary Care Provider visits in the home are different than the “Home Health Care Services” benefit described earlier in this Booklet.

**Retail Health Clinic Care** for limited basic health care services to Members on a “walk-in” basis. These clinics are normally found in major pharmacies or retail stores. Health care services are typically given by Physician’s Assistants or Nurse Practitioners. Services are limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children.

**Walk-In Doctor’s Office** for services limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children. You do not have to be an existing patient or have an appointment to use a walk-in Doctor’s office.

**Urgent Care** as described in “Urgent Care Services” later in this section.

**Virtual Visits** as described under the “Virtual Visits (Telemedicine / Telehealth Visits)” section.

### Prescription Drugs Administered in the Office

## Orthotics

Please see “Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies”.

## Outpatient Facility Services

Your Plan includes Covered Services in an:

- Outpatient Hospital,
- Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center,
- Mental Health / Substance Abuse Facility, or
- Other Facilities approved by us.

Benefits include Facility and related (ancillary) charges, when proper, such as:

- Surgical rooms and equipment,
- Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs,
- Anesthesia and anesthesia supplies and services given by the Hospital or other Facility,
- Medical and surgical dressings and supplies, casts, and splints,
- Diagnostic services,
- Therapy services.

## Physical Therapy

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## Preventive Care

Preventive care includes screenings and other services for adults and children. All recommended preventive services will be covered as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and applicable state law. This means many preventive care services are covered with no Deductible, Copayments or Coinsurance when you use an In-Network Provider.

Certain benefits for Members who have current symptoms or a diagnosed health problem may be covered under the “Diagnostic Services” benefit instead of this benefit, if the coverage does not fall within the state or ACA-recommended preventive services.

Covered Services fall under the following broad groups:

1. Services with an “A” or “B” rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Examples include screenings for:
  - a. Breast cancer,
  - b. Cervical cancer,
  - c. Colorectal cancer,
  - d. High blood pressure,
  - e. Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus,
  - f. Cholesterol,
  - g. Child and adult obesity.
2. Immunizations for children, adolescents, and adults recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
3. Preventive care and screenings for infants, children, and adolescents as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;
4. Preventive care and screening for women as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, including:
  - a. Women’s contraceptives, sterilization treatments, and counseling. Coverage includes contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra uterine devices (IUDs), and implants.
  - b. Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling. Benefits for breast pumps are limited to one pump per pregnancy.
  - c. Gestational diabetes screening.

5. Preventive care services for smoking cessation and tobacco cessation for Members age 18 and older as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force including counseling.
  - a. Counseling
  - b. Prescription Drugs
  - c. Nicotine replacement therapy products when prescribed by a Provider, including over the counter (OTC) nicotine gum, lozenges and patches.
6. Prescription Drugs and OTC items identified as an A or B recommendation by the United States Preventive Services Task Force when prescribed by a Provider including:
  - a. Aspirin
  - b. Folic acid supplement
  - c. Vitamin D Supplement
  - d. Bowel preparationsPlease note that certain age and gender and quantity limitations apply.

You may call Member Services at the number on your Identification Card for more details about these services or view the federal government's web sites, <http://www.healthcare.gov/what-are-my-preventive-care-benefits>, <http://www.ahrq.gov>, and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip/>.

In addition to the Federal requirements above, preventive coverage also includes the following Covered Services based on state law:

- Routine screening mammograms. Additional mammography views required for proper evaluation and any ultrasound services for Diagnostic screening of breast cancer, if determined Medically Necessary by your Physician, are also covered.
- Routine prostate specific antigen testing.
- Routine colorectal cancer examination and related laboratory tests.

Other Covered Services are:

- Routine hearing screening
- Routine vision screening

## **Preventive Care for Chronic Conditions (per IRS guidelines)**

Members with certain chronic health conditions may be able to receive preventive care for those conditions prior to meeting their Deductible, when services are provided by an In-Network Provider. These benefits are available if the care qualifies under guidelines provided by the Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (referred to as "the agencies"). Details on those guidelines can be found on the IRS's website at the following link:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-expands-list-of-preventive-care-for-hsa-participants-to-include-certain-care-for-chronic-conditions>

The agencies will periodically review the list of preventive care services and items to determine whether additional services or items should be added or if any should be removed from the list. You will be notified if updates are incorporated into your Plan.



Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for further details on how benefits will be paid.

## **Prosthetics**

Please see “Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies” earlier in this section.

## **Pulmonary Therapy**

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Radiation Therapy**

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Rehabilitation Services**

Benefits include services in a Hospital, free-standing Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, or in an outpatient day rehabilitation program.

Covered Services involve a coordinated team approach and several types of treatment, including skilled nursing care, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, and services of a social worker or psychologist.

To be Covered Services, rehabilitation services must involve goals you can reach in a reasonable period of time. Benefits will end when treatment is no longer Medically Necessary and you stop progressing toward those goals.

## **Respiratory Therapy**

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Skilled Nursing Facility**

When you require Inpatient skilled nursing and related services for convalescent and rehabilitative care, Covered Services are available if the Facility is licensed or certified under state law as a Skilled Nursing Facility. Custodial Care is not a Covered Service.

## **Smoking Cessation**

Please see “Preventive Care” section in this booklet.

## **Speech Therapy**

Please see “Therapy Services” later in this section.

## **Surgery**

Your Plan covers surgical services on an Inpatient or outpatient basis, including office surgeries. Covered Services include:

- Accepted operative and cutting procedures;

- Other invasive procedures, such as angiogram, arteriogram, amniocentesis, tap or puncture of brain or spine;
- Endoscopic exams, such as arthroscopy, bronchoscopy, colonoscopy, laparoscopy;
- Treatment of fractures and dislocations;
- Anesthesia (including services of a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist) and surgical support when Medically Necessary;
- Medically Necessary pre-operative and post-operative care.

## **Bariatric Surgery**

Covered Services include surgical treatment of morbid obesity:

- that has persisted for at least five (5) years; and
- for which nonsurgical treatment supervised by a Physician has been unsuccessful for at least six (6) consecutive months.

The Plan cannot cover services for the surgical treatment of morbid obesity for a Member younger than 21 years of age unless two (2) Physicians licensed under Indiana Code 25-22.5 (one who holds the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy or its equivalent and who holds a valid unlimited license to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in Indiana) determine that the surgery is necessary to:

- save the life of the Member; or
- restore the Member's ability to maintain a major life activity (self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, or economic self-sufficiency);

and each Physician documents in the Member's medical record the reason for the Physician's determination.

“Morbid obesity” means:

- a body mass index of at least thirty-five (35) kilograms per meter squared with comorbidity or coexisting medical conditions such as hypertension, cardiopulmonary conditions, sleep apnea, or diabetes; or
- a body mass index of at least forty (40) kilograms per meter squared without comorbidity.

For purposes of this subsection, body mass index equals weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared.

## **Oral Surgery**

**Important Note:** Although this Plan covers certain oral surgeries, many oral surgeries (e.g. removal of wisdom teeth) are not covered.

Benefits are limited to certain oral surgeries including:

- Treatment of medically diagnosed cleft lip, cleft palate, or ectodermal dysplasia;
- Orthognathic surgery for a physical abnormality that prevents normal function of the upper and/or lower jaw and is Medically Necessary to attain functional capacity of the affected part.
- Oral / surgical correction of accidental injuries as indicated in the “Dental Services (All Members/All Ages)” section.
- Treatment of non-dental lesions, such as removal of tumors and biopsies.
- Incision and drainage of infection of soft tissue not including odontogenic cysts or abscesses.

## Reconstructive Surgery

Benefits include reconstructive surgery to correct significant deformities caused by congenital or developmental abnormalities, illness, injury or an earlier treatment in order to create a more normal appearance. Benefits include surgery performed to restore symmetry after a mastectomy.

**Note:** This section does not apply to orthognathic surgery. See the “Oral Surgery” section above for that benefit.

### Mastectomy Notice

A Member who is getting benefits for a mastectomy or for follow-up care for a mastectomy and who chooses breast reconstruction, will also get coverage for:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to give a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical problems of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

Members will have to pay the same Deductible, Coinsurance, and/or Copayments that normally apply to surgeries in this Plan.

## Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) and Craniomandibular Joint Services

Benefits are available to treat temporomandibular and craniomandibular disorders. The temporomandibular joint connects the lower jaw to the temporal bone at the side of the head and the craniomandibular joint involves the head and neck muscles.

Covered Services include removable appliances for TMJ repositioning and related surgery, medical care, and diagnostic services. Covered Services do not include fixed or removable appliances that involve movement or repositioning of the teeth, repair of teeth (fillings), or prosthetics (crowns, bridges, dentures).

## Therapy Services

### Physical Medicine Therapy Services

Your Plan includes coverage for the therapy services described below. To be a Covered Service, the therapy must improve your level of function within a reasonable period of time. Covered Services include:

- **Physical therapy** – The treatment by physical means to ease pain, restore health, and to avoid disability after an illness, injury, or loss of an arm or a leg. It includes hydrotherapy, heat, physical agents, bio-mechanical and neuro-physiological principles and devices. It does not include massage therapy services in any setting.
- **Speech therapy and speech-language pathology (SLP) services** – Services to identify, assess, and treat speech, language, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Therapy will develop or treat communication or swallowing skills to correct a speech impairment.
- **Post-cochlear implant aural therapy** – Services to help a person understand the new sounds they hear after getting a cochlear implant.
- **Occupational therapy** – Treatment to restore a physically disabled person’s ability to do activities of daily living, such as walking, eating, drinking, dressing, using the toilet, moving from a wheelchair to a bed, and bathing. It also includes therapy for tasks needed for the person’s job. Occupational therapy does not include recreational or vocational therapies, such as hobbies, arts and crafts.
- **Chiropractic / Osteopathic / Manipulation therapy** – Includes therapy to treat problems of the bones, joints, and the back. The two therapies are similar, but chiropractic therapy focuses on the

joints of the spine and the nervous system, while osteopathic therapy also focuses on the joints and surrounding muscles, tendons and ligaments.

## Other Therapy Services

Benefits are also available for:

- **Cardiac Rehabilitation** – Medical evaluation, training, supervised exercise, and psychosocial support to care for you after a cardiac event (heart problem). Benefits do not include home programs, on-going conditioning, or maintenance care.
- **Chemotherapy** – Treatment of an illness by chemical or biological antineoplastic agents. See the section “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider” for more details.
- **Dialysis** – Services for acute renal failure and chronic (end-stage) renal disease, including hemodialysis, home intermittent peritoneal dialysis (IPD), home continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis (CCPD), and home continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD). Covered Services include dialysis treatments in an outpatient dialysis Facility. Covered Services also include home dialysis and training for you and the person who will help you with home self-dialysis. We will not require you to receive dialysis treatment at an In-Network Dialysis Facility if that facility is further than 30 miles from your home. If you require dialysis treatment and the nearest In-Network Dialysis Facility is more than 30 miles from your home, we will allow you to receive treatment at a Non-Network Dialysis Facility nearest to your home as an Authorized Service.
- **Infusion Therapy** – Nursing, durable medical equipment and Drug services that are delivered and administered to you through an I.V. in your home. Also includes Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), Enteral nutrition therapy, antibiotic therapy, pain care and chemotherapy. May include injections (intra-muscular, subcutaneous, continuous subcutaneous). See the section “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider” for more details.
- **Pulmonary Rehabilitation** – Includes outpatient short-term respiratory care to restore your health after an illness or injury.
- **Cognitive rehabilitation therapy** – Only when Medically Necessary following a post-traumatic brain injury or cerebral vascular accident.
- **Radiation Therapy** – Treatment of an illness by x-ray, radium, or radioactive isotopes. Covered Services include treatment (teletherapy, brachytherapy and intraoperative radiation, photon or high energy particle sources), materials and supplies needed, and treatment planning.
- **Respiratory Therapy** – Includes the use of dry or moist gases in the lungs, nonpressurized inhalation treatment; intermittent positive pressure breathing treatment, air or oxygen, with or without nebulized medication, continuous positive pressure ventilation (CPAP); continuous negative pressure ventilation (CNP); chest percussion; therapeutic use of medical gases or Drugs in the form of aerosols, and equipment such as resuscitators, oxygen tents, and incentive spirometers; broncho-pulmonary drainage and breathing exercises.

## Transplant Services

Please see “Human Organ and Tissue Transplant” earlier in this section.

## Urgent Care Services

Often an urgent rather than an Emergency health problem exists. An urgent health problem is an unexpected illness or injury that calls for care that cannot wait until a regularly scheduled office visit. Urgent health problems are not life threatening and do not call for the use of an Emergency Room. Urgent health problems include earache, sore throat, and fever (not above 104 degrees).

Benefits for urgent care include:

- X-ray services;
- Care for broken bones;
- Tests such as flu, urinalysis, pregnancy test, rapid strep;
- Lab services;
- Stitches for simple cuts; and
- Draining an abscess.

## Virtual Visits (Telemedicine / Telehealth Visits)

Covered Services include Telemedicine / Telehealth visits that are appropriately provided as described below. This includes visits with Providers who also provide services in person, as well as online-only Providers.

- “Medical Chat” means Covered Services accessed through our mobile app with a Provider via text message or chat for limited medical care.
- “Telemedicine / Telehealth” means the delivery of health care or other health services using electronic communications and information technology, in compliance with HIPAA including: live (synchronous) secure videoconferencing or secure instant messaging through our mobile app; store and forward (asynchronous) technology. Covered Services provided through Telemedicine/ Telehealth are provided to facilitate the medical exams, consultations, and behavioral health, including substance abuse evaluations and treatment. In-person contact between a Provider and the patient is not required for Telemedicine/ Telehealth services, and the type of setting where these services are provided is not limited.

**Please Note:** Not all health services can be delivered through virtual visits. Certain services require equipment and/or direct physical hands-on care that cannot be provided remotely. Also, please note that not all Providers offer virtual visits.

Benefits do not include the use of facsimile, audio only telephone, texting (outside of our mobile app), electronic mail, or non-secure instant messaging unless you have an already established relationship with the Provider. Benefits also do not include reporting normal lab or other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, insurance coverage or payment questions, asking for referrals to Providers outside our network, benefit precertification, or Provider to Provider discussions except as approved under “Office and Home Visits.”

If you have any questions about this coverage, please contact Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

## Vision Services

Benefits include medical and surgical treatment of injuries and illnesses of the eye. Certain vision screenings required by Federal law are covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit.

Benefits do not include glasses or contact lenses except as listed in the “Prosthetics” benefit.

## Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider

Your Plan covers Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, that must be administered to you as part of a doctor's visit, home care visit, or at an outpatient Facility when they are Covered Services. This may include Drugs for infusion therapy, chemotherapy, blood products, certain injectables, and any Drug that must be administered by a Provider. This section applies when a Provider orders the Drug and a medical Provider administers it to you in a medical setting. Benefits for Drugs that you inject or get through your Pharmacy benefits (i.e., self-administered Drugs) are not covered under this section.

Prescription Drugs you get from a Retail or Mail Order Pharmacy are not covered by this Plan.

### Important Details About Prescription Drug Coverage

Your Plan includes certain features to determine when Prescription Drugs should be covered, which are described below. As part of these features, your prescribing Doctor may be asked to give more details before we can decide if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage. In order to determine if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage, we have established criteria.

The criteria, which are called drug edits, may include requirements regarding one or more of the following:

- Quantity, dose, and frequency of administration,
- Specific clinical criteria including, but not limited to, requirements regarding age, test result requirements, and/or presence of a specific condition or disease,
- Specific Provider qualifications including, but not limited to, REMS certification (Risk, Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies),
- Step therapy requiring one Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment be used prior to use of another Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment for safety and/or cost-effectiveness when clinically similar results may be anticipated.
- Use of an Anthem Prescription Drug List (a formulary developed by us) which is a list of FDA-approved Drugs that have been reviewed and recommended for use based on their quality and cost effectiveness.

### Covered Prescription Drugs

To be a Covered Service, Prescription Drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and, under federal law, require a Prescription. Prescription Drugs must be prescribed by a licensed Provider and Controlled Substances must be prescribed by a licensed Provider with an active DEA license.

Compound drugs are a Covered Service when a commercially available dosage form of a Medically Necessary medication is not available, all the ingredients of the compound drug are FDA approved, require a prescription to dispense, and are not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a drug manufacturer. Non-FDA approved, non-proprietary, multisource ingredients that are vehicles essential for compound administration may be covered.

### Precertification

Precertification may be required for certain Prescription Drugs to help make sure proper use and guidelines for Prescription Drug coverage are followed. We will give the results of our decision to both you and your Provider.

For a list of Prescription Drugs that need precertification, please call the phone number on the back of your Identification Card. The list will be reviewed and updated from time to time. Including a Prescription

Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under your Plan. Your Provider may check with us to verify Prescription Drug coverage, to find out which drugs are covered under this section and if any drug edits apply.

Please refer to the section “Getting Approval for Benefits” for more details.

If precertification is denied you have the right to file a Grievance as outlined in the “Your Right To Appeal” section of this Booklet.

### **Designated Pharmacy Provider**

The Claims Administrator in its sole discretion, may establish one or more Designated Pharmacy Provider programs which provide specific pharmacy services (including shipment of Prescription Drugs) to Members. An In-Network Provider is not necessarily a Designated Pharmacy Provider. To be a Designated Pharmacy Provider, the In-Network Provider must have signed a Designated Pharmacy Provider Agreement with us. You or your Provider can contact Member Services to learn which Pharmacy or Pharmacies are part of a Designated Pharmacy Provider program.

For Prescription Drugs that are shipped to you or your Provider and administered in your Provider’s office, you and your Provider are required to order from a Designated Pharmacy Provider. A Patient Care coordinator will work with you and your Provider to obtain Precertification and to assist shipment to your Provider’s office.

You may also be required to use a Designated Pharmacy Provider to obtain Prescription Drugs for treatment of certain clinical conditions such as Hemophilia. The Plan reserves the right to modify the list of Prescription Drugs as well as the setting and/or level of care in which the care is provided to you. Anthem may, from time to time, change with or without advance notice, the Designated Pharmacy Provider for a Drug, if in the Claims Administrator’s discretion, such change can help provide cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

If You are required to use a Designated Pharmacy Provider and you choose not to obtain your Prescription Drug from a Designated Pharmacy Provider, coverage will be provided at the Out-of-Network level.

You can get the list of the Prescription Drugs covered under this section by calling Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **Therapeutic Substitution**

Therapeutic substitution is an optional program that tells you and your Doctor about alternatives to certain prescribed Drugs. We may contact you and your Doctor to make you aware of these choices. Only you and your Doctor can determine if the therapeutic substitute is right for you. For questions or issues about therapeutic Drug substitutes, call Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

## What's Not Covered

In this section you will find a review of items that are not covered by your Plan. Excluded items will not be covered even if the service, supply, or equipment is Medically Necessary. This section is only meant to be an aid to point out certain items that may be misunderstood as Covered Services. This section is not meant to be a complete list of all the items that are excluded by your Plan.

- 1) **Abortion** Services, supplies, Prescription Drugs, and other care for abortions and/or fetal reduction surgery. This Exclusion does not apply to abortions permitted under Indiana law.
- 2) **Acts of War, Disasters, or Nuclear Accidents** In the event of a major disaster, epidemic, war, or other event beyond our control, we will make a good faith effort to give you Covered Services. We will not be responsible for any delay or failure to give services due to lack of available Facilities or staff.

Benefits will not be given for any illness or injury that is a result of war, service in the armed forces, a nuclear explosion, nuclear accident, release of nuclear energy, a riot, or civil disobedience.

- 3) **Administrative Charges**
  - a) Charges to complete claim forms,
  - b) Charges to get medical records or reports,
  - c) Membership, administrative, or access fees charged by Doctors or other Providers. Examples include, but are not limited to, fees for educational brochures or calling you to give you test results.
- 4) **Aids for Non-verbal Communication** Devices and computers to assist in communication and speech except for speech aid devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices approved by Anthem.
- 5) **Alternative / Complementary Medicine** Services or supplies for alternative or complementary medicine. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. Acupuncture,
  - b. Acupressure, or massage to help alleviate pain, treat illness or promote health by putting pressure to one or more areas of the body.
  - c. Holistic medicine,
  - d. Homeopathic medicine,
  - e. Hypnosis,
  - f. Aroma therapy,
  - g. Massage and massage therapy,
  - h. Reiki therapy,
  - i. Herbal, vitamin or dietary products or therapies,
  - j. Naturopathy,
  - k. Thermography,
  - l. Orthomolecular therapy,
  - m. Contact reflex analysis,
  - n. Bioenergetic synchronization technique (BEST),
  - o. Iridology-study of the iris,
  - p. Auditory integration therapy (AIT),
  - q. Colonic irrigation,
  - r. Magnetic innervation therapy,
  - s. Electromagnetic therapy.
- 6) **Autopsies** Autopsies and post-mortem testing.



- 7) **Before Effective Date or After Termination Date** Charges for care you get before your Effective Date or after your coverage ends, except as written in this Plan.
- 8) **Certain Providers** Service you get from Providers that are not licensed by law to provide Covered Services as defined in this Booklet. Examples of non-covered providers include, but are not limited to, masseurs or masseuses (massage therapists), and physical therapist technicians.
- 9) **Charges Not Supported by Medical Records** Charges for services not described in your medical records.
- 10) **Charges Over the Maximum Allowed Amount** Charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services except for Surprise Billing Claims as outlined in the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice” in the front of this Booklet.
- 11) **Clinical Trial Non-Covered Services** Any Investigational drugs or devices, non-health services required for you to receive the treatment, the costs of managing the research, or costs that would not be a Covered Service under this Plan for non-Investigational treatments.
- 12) **Clinically-Equivalent Alternatives** Certain Prescription Drugs may not be covered if you could use a clinically equivalent Drug, unless required by law. “Clinically equivalent” means Drugs that for most Members, will give you similar results for a disease or condition. If you have questions about whether a certain Drug is covered and which Drugs fall into this group, please call the number on the back of your Identification Card, or visit our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).  
  
If you or your Doctor believes you need to use a different Prescription Drug, please have your Doctor or pharmacist get in touch with us. The Plan will cover the other Prescription Drug only if agreed that it is Medically Necessary and appropriate over the clinically equivalent Drug. Benefits will be reviewed for the Prescription Drug from time to time to make sure the Drug is still Medically Necessary.
- 13) **Complications of/or Services Related to Non-Covered Services** Services, supplies, or treatment related to or, for problems directly related to a service that is not covered by this Plan. Directly related means that the care took place as a direct result of the non-Covered Service and would not have taken place without the non-Covered Service.
- 14) **Cosmetic Services** Treatments, services, Prescription Drugs, equipment, or supplies given for cosmetic services. Cosmetic services are meant to preserve, change, or improve how you look or are given for social reasons. No benefits are available for surgery or treatments to change the texture or look of your skin or to change the size, shape or look of facial or body features (such as your nose, eyes, ears, cheeks, chin, chest or breasts).  
  
This Exclusion does not apply to reconstructive surgery for breast symmetry after a mastectomy and surgery to correct birth defects and birth abnormalities.
- 15) **Court Ordered Testing** Court ordered testing or care unless Medically Necessary.
- 16) **Crime** Treatment of an injury or illness that results from a crime you committed, or tried to commit. This Exclusion does not apply if your involvement in the crime was solely the result of a medical or mental condition, or where you were the victim of a crime, including domestic violence.
- 17) **Cryopreservation** Charges associated with the cryopreservation of eggs, embryos, or sperm, including collection, storage, and thawing.
- 18) **Custodial Care** Custodial Care, convalescent care or rest cures. This Exclusion does not apply to Hospice services.
- 19) **Delivery Charges** Charges for delivery of Prescription Drugs.
- 20) **Dental Devices for Snoring** Oral appliances for snoring.
- 21) **Dental Treatment** Dental treatment, except as listed below.

Excluded treatment includes but is not limited to preventive care and fluoride treatments; dental X-rays, supplies, appliances and all associated costs; and diagnosis and treatment for the teeth, jaw or gums such as:

- Removing, restoring, or replacing teeth;
- Medical care or surgery for dental problems (unless listed as a Covered Service in this Booklet);
- Services to help dental clinical outcomes.

Dental treatment for injuries that are a result of biting or chewing is also excluded.

This Exclusion does not apply to services that we must cover by law.

- 22) **Drugs Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards** Drugs given to you or prescribed in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.
- 23) **Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits** Drugs which are over any quantity or age limits set by the Plan or us.
- 24) **Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year** Drugs in amounts over the quantity prescribed, or for any refill given more than one year after the date of the original Prescription Order.
- 25) **Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription** Drugs that do not need a prescription by federal law (including Drugs that need a prescription by state law, but not by federal law), except for injectable insulin or other Drugs provided in the Preventive Care paragraph of the "What's Covered" section.
- 26) **Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications/Certifications** Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications and including certifications as determined by the Plan.
- 27) **Educational Services** Services, supplies or room and board for teaching, vocational, or self-training purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, boarding schools and/or the room and board and educational components of a residential program where the primary focus of the program is educational in nature rather than treatment based.
- 28) **Emergency Room Services for non-Emergency Care** Services provided in an emergency room for conditions that do not meet the definition of Emergency. This includes, but is not limited to, suture removal in an emergency room. For non-emergency care please use the closest network Urgent Care Center or your Primary Care Physician.
- 29) **Experimental or Investigational Services** Services or supplies that are found to be Experimental / Investigational. This also applies to services related to Experimental / Investigational services, whether you get them before, during, or after you get the Experimental / Investigational service or supply.  

The fact that a service or supply is the only available treatment will not make it Covered Service if we conclude it is Experimental / Investigational. Details on the criteria we use to determine if a Service is Experimental or Investigational is outlined below.
- 30) **Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses** Eyeglasses and contact lenses to correct your eyesight unless listed as covered in this Booklet. This Exclusion does not apply to lenses needed after a covered eye surgery.
- 31) **Eye Exercises** Orthoptics and vision therapy.
- 32) **Eye Surgery** Eye surgery to fix errors of refraction, such as near-sightedness. This includes, but is not limited to, LASIK, radial keratotomy or keratomileusis, and excimer laser refractive keratectomy.
- 33) **Family Members** Services prescribed, ordered, referred by or given by a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, in-law, or self.
- 34) **Foot Care** Routine foot care unless Medically Necessary. This Exclusion applies to cutting or removing corns and calluses; trimming nails; cleaning and preventive foot care, including but not limited to:

- a) Cleaning and soaking the feet.
  - b) Applying skin creams to care for skin tone.
  - c) Other services that are given when there is not an illness, injury or symptom involving the foot.
- 35) **Foot Surgery** Surgical treatment of flat feet; subluxation of the foot; weak, strained, unstable feet; tarsalgia; metatarsalgia; hyperkeratoses.
- 36) **Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Other Inappropriate Billing** Services from an Out-of-Network Provider that are determined to be not payable as a result of fraud, waste, abuse or inappropriate billing activities. This includes an Out-of-Network Provider's failure to submit medical records required to determine the appropriateness of a claim.
- 37) **Free Care** Services you would not have to pay for if you didn't have this Plan. This includes, but is not limited to government programs, services during a jail or prison sentence, services you get from Workers' Compensation, and services from free clinics.
- If your Employer is not required to have Workers Compensation coverage, this Exclusion does not apply. This Exclusion will apply if you get the benefits in whole or in part. This Exclusion also applies whether or not you claim the benefits or compensation, and whether or not you get payments from any third party.
- 38) **Growth Hormone Treatment** Any treatment, device, drug, service or supply (including surgical procedures, devices to stimulate growth and growth hormones), solely to increase or decrease height or alter the rate of growth.
- 39) **Health Club Memberships and Fitness Services** Health club memberships, workout equipment, charges from a physical fitness or personal trainer, or any other charges for activities, equipment, or facilities used for physical fitness, even if ordered by a Doctor. This Exclusion also applies to health spas.
- 40) **Hearing Aids** Hearing aids, including bone-anchored hearing aids, or exams to prescribe or fit hearing aids, unless listed as covered in this Booklet. This Exclusion does not apply to cochlear implants.
- 41) **Home Health Care**
- a) Services given by registered nurses and other health workers who are not employees of or working under an approved arrangement with a Home Health Care Provider.
  - b) Food, housing, homemaker services and home delivered meals.
- 42) **Hospital Services Billed Separately** Services rendered by Hospital resident Doctors or interns that are billed separately. This includes separately billed charges for services rendered by employees of Hospitals, labs or other institutions, and charges included in other duplicate billings.
- 43) **Hyperhidrosis Treatment** Medical and surgical treatment of excessive sweating (hyperhidrosis).
- 44) **Infertility Treatment** Testing or treatment related to infertility.
- 45) **Lost or Stolen Drugs** Refills of lost or stolen Drugs.
- 46) **Maintenance Therapy** Rehabilitative treatment given when no further gains are clear or likely to occur. Maintenance therapy includes care that helps you keep your current level of function and prevents loss of that function but does not result in any change for the better. This Exclusion does not apply to "Habilitative Services" as described in the "What's Covered" section.
- 47) **Medical Chats Not Provided through Our Mobile App** Texting or chat services provided through a service other than our mobile app.
- 48) **Medical Equipment, Devices and Supplies**
- a) Replacement or repair of purchased or rental equipment because of misuse, abuse, or loss/theft.
  - b) Surgical supports, corsets, or articles of clothing unless needed to recover from surgery or injury.

- c) Non-Medically Necessary enhancements to standard equipment and devices.
  - d) Supplies, equipment and appliances that include comfort, luxury, or convenience items or features that exceed what is Medically Necessary in your situation. Reimbursement will be based on the Maximum Allowed Amount for a standard item that is a Covered Service, serves the same purpose, and is Medically Necessary. Any expense that exceeds the Maximum Allowed Amount for the standard item which is a Covered Service is your responsibility.
  - e) Disposable supplies for use in the home such as bandages, gauze, tape, antiseptics, dressings, ace-type bandages, and any other supplies, dressings, appliances or devices that are not specifically listed as covered in the "What's Covered" section.
  - f) Continuous glucose monitoring systems. These are covered under the Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy.
- 49) **Medicare** For which benefits are payable under Medicare Parts A, B, and/or D, or would have been payable if you had applied for Parts A and/or B, except as listed in this Booklet or as required by federal law, as described in the section titled "Medicare" in General Provisions. You should sign up for Medicare Part B as soon as possible to avoid large out of pocket costs. Please refer to [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) for more details on when you should enroll and when you are allowed to delay enrollment without penalties.
- 50) **Missed or Cancelled Appointments** Charges for missed or cancelled appointments.
- 51) **Non-approved Drugs** Drugs not approved by the FDA.
- 52) **Non-Approved Facility** Services from a Provider that does not meet the definition of Facility.
- 53) **Non-Medically Necessary Services** Services we conclude are not Medically Necessary. This includes services that do not meet our medical policy, clinical coverage, or benefit policy guidelines.
- 54) **Nutritional or Dietary Supplements** Nutritional and/or dietary supplements, except as described in this Booklet or that must be covered by law. This Exclusion includes, but is not limited to, nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that you can buy over the counter and those you can get without a written Prescription or from a licensed pharmacist.
- 55) **Off label use** Off label use, unless the Plan approves it, or when: (1) The Drug is recognized for treatment of the indication in at least one (1) standard reference compendium; (2) The Drug is recommended for that particular type of cancer and found to be safe and effective in formal clinical studies, the results of which have been published in a peer reviewed professional medical journal published in the United States or Great Britain.
- 56) **Oral Surgery** Extraction of teeth, surgery for impacted teeth and other oral surgeries for to treat the teeth or bones and gums directly supporting the teeth, except as listed in this Booklet.
- 57) **Personal Care, Convenience and Mobile/Wearable Devices**
- a) Items for personal comfort, convenience, protection, cleanliness such as air conditioners, humidifiers, water purifiers, sports helmets, raised toilet seats, and shower chairs,
  - b) First aid supplies and other items kept in the home for general use (bandages, cotton-tipped applicators, thermometers, petroleum jelly, tape, non-sterile gloves, heating pads),
  - c) Home workout or therapy equipment, including treadmills and home gyms,
  - d) Pools, whirlpools, spas, or hydrotherapy equipment,
  - e) Hypoallergenic pillows, mattresses, or waterbeds,
  - f) Residential, auto, or place of business structural changes (ramps, lifts, elevator chairs, escalators, elevators, stair glides, emergency alert equipment, handrails),
  - g) Consumer wearable / personal mobile devices (such as a smart phone, smart watch, or other personal tracking devices), including any software or applications.

- 58) **Prescription Drugs** Prescription Drugs received from a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy. This Exclusion does not apply to Prescription Drugs used to treat diabetes.
- 59) **Private Duty Nursing** Private Duty Nursing Services given in a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility; Private Duty Nursing Services are a Covered Service only when given as part of the “Home Health Care Services” benefit.
- 60) **Prosthetics** Prosthetics for sports or cosmetic purposes. This includes wigs and scalp hair prosthetics. This exclusion does not apply to wigs needed after cancer treatment.
- 61) **Residential accommodations** Residential accommodations to treat medical or behavioral health conditions, except when provided in a Hospital, Hospice, Skilled Nursing Facility, or Residential Treatment Center. This Exclusion includes procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:
- a) Domiciliary care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or school because a Member’s own home arrangements are not available or are unsuitable, and consisting chiefly of room and board, even if therapy is included.
  - b) Care provided or billed by a hotel, health resort, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or other extended care facility home for the aged, infirmary, school infirmary, institution providing education in special environments, supervised living or halfway house, or any similar facility or institution.
  - c) Services or care provided or billed by a school, Custodial Care center for the developmentally disabled, or outward-bound programs, even if psychotherapy is included.
- 62) **Routine Physicals and Immunizations** Physical exams and immunizations required for travel, enrollment in any insurance program, as a condition of employment, for licensing, sports programs, or for other purposes, which are not required by law under the “Preventive Care” benefit.
- 63) **Sanctioned or Excluded Providers** Any service, Drug, Drug regimen, treatment, or supply, furnished, ordered, or prescribed by a Provider identified as an excluded individual or entity on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (OIG List), the General Services Administration System for Award Management (GSA List), State Medicaid exclusion lists or other exclusion/sanctioned lists as published by Federal or State regulatory agencies. This exclusion does not apply to Emergency Care.
- 64) **Services Not Appropriate for Virtual Telemedicine / Telehealth Visits** Services that Anthem determines require in-person contact and/or equipment that cannot be provided remotely.
- 65) **Sexual Dysfunction** Services or supplies for male or female sexual problems.
- 66) **Stand-By Charges** Stand-by charges of a Doctor or other Provider.
- 67) **Sterilization** Services to reverse an elective sterilization.
- 68) **Surrogate Mother Services** Services or supplies for a person not covered under this Plan for a surrogate pregnancy (including, but not limited to, the bearing of a child by another woman for an infertile couple).
- 69) **Temporomandibular Joint Treatment** Fixed or removable appliances which move or reposition the teeth, fillings, or prosthetics (crowns, bridges, dentures).
- 70) **Travel Costs** Mileage, lodging, meals, and other Member-related travel costs except as described in this Plan.
- 71) **Vision Services** Vision services not described as Covered Services in this Booklet.
- 72) **Waived Cost-Shares Out-of-Network** For any service for which you are responsible under the terms of this Plan to pay a Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible, and the Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible is waived by an Out-of-Network Provider.

73) **Weight Loss Programs** Programs, whether or not under medical supervision, unless listed as covered in this Booklet.

This Exclusion includes, but is not limited to, commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, LA Weight Loss) and fasting programs.

This Exclusion does not apply to weight management programs required under federal law as part of the "Preventive Care" benefit.

This Exclusion does not apply to Medically Necessary treatments for morbid obesity if we must cover them by law.

74) **Wilderness or other outdoor camps and/or programs.**

# Claims Payment

This section describes how the Plan's claims are reimbursed and what information is needed when you submit a claim. When you receive care from an In-Network Provider, you do not need to file a claim because the In-Network Provider will do this for you. If you receive care from an Out-of-Network Provider, you will need to make sure a claim is filed. Many Out-of-Network Hospitals, Doctors and other Providers will file your claim for you, although they are not required to do so. If you file the claim, use a claim form as described later in this section.

## Maximum Allowed Amount

### General

This section describes how we determine the amount of reimbursement for Covered Services. Reimbursement for services rendered by In-Network and Out-of-Network Providers is based on this Booklet's Maximum Allowed Amount for the Covered Service that you receive. Please see "Inter-Plan Arrangements" later in this section for additional information.

The Maximum Allowed Amount for this Plan is the maximum amount of reimbursement allowed for services and supplies:

- That meet the definition of Covered Services, to the extent such services and supplies are covered under your Plan and are not excluded;
- That are Medically Necessary; and
- That are provided in accordance with all applicable preauthorization, utilization management or other requirements set forth in your Booklet.

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. Except for Surprise Billing Claims\*, when you receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, you may be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Provider's actual charges. This amount can be significant.

*\*Surprise Billing Claims are described in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" at the front of this Booklet. Please refer to that section for further details.*

When you receive Covered Services from Provider, we will, to the extent applicable, apply claim processing rules to the claim submitted for those Covered Services. These rules evaluate the claim information and, among other things, determine the accuracy and appropriateness of the procedure and diagnosis codes included in the claim. Applying these rules may affect our determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount. Our application of these rules does not mean that the Covered Services you received were not Medically Necessary. It means we have determined that the claim was submitted inconsistent with procedure coding rules and/or reimbursement policies. For example, your Provider may have submitted the claim using several procedure codes when there is a single procedure code that includes all of the procedures that were performed. When this occurs, the Maximum Allowed Amount will be based on the single procedure code rather than a separate Maximum Allowed Amount for each billed code.

Likewise, when multiple procedures are performed on the same day by the same Doctor or other healthcare professional, the Plan may reduce the Maximum Allowed Amounts for those secondary and subsequent procedures because reimbursement at 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for those procedures would represent duplicative payment for components of the primary procedure that may be considered incidental or inclusive.

## Provider Network Status

The Maximum Allowed Amount may vary depending upon whether the Provider is an In-Network Provider or an Out-of-Network Provider.

An In-Network Provider is a Provider who is in the managed network for this specific product or in a special Center of Medical Excellence/or other closely managed specialty network, or who has a participation contract with us. For Covered Services performed by an In-Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Booklet is the rate the Provider has agreed with us to accept as reimbursement for the Covered Services. Because In-Network Providers have agreed to accept the Maximum Allowed Amount as payment in full for those Covered Services, they should not send you a bill or collect for amounts above the Maximum Allowed Amount. However, you may receive a bill or be asked to pay all or a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. Please call Member Services for help in finding an In-Network Provider or visit [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Providers who have not signed any contract with us and are not in any of our networks are Out-of-Network Providers, subject to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association rules governing claims filed by certain ancillary providers.

Except for Surprise Billing Claims, we will calculate the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services you receive from an Out-of-Network Provider using one of the following:

1. An amount based on our Out-of-Network Provider fee schedule/rate, which we have established in our discretion, and which we reserve the right to modify from time to time, after considering one or more of the following: reimbursement amounts accepted by like/similar providers contracted with us, reimbursement amounts paid by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the same services or supplies, and other industry cost, reimbursement and utilization data; or
2. An amount based on reimbursement or cost information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"). When basing the Maximum Allowed amount upon the level or method of reimbursement used by CMS, Anthem will update such information, which is unadjusted for geographic locality, no less than annually; or
3. An amount based on information provided by a third party vendor, which may reflect one or more of the following factors: (1) the complexity or severity of treatment; (2) level of skill and experience required for the treatment; or (3) comparable Providers' fees and costs to deliver care, or
4. An amount negotiated by us or a third party vendor, which has been agreed to by the Provider. This may include rates for services coordinated through case management, or
5. An amount based on or derived from the total charges billed by the Out-of-Network Provider.

**Providers who are not contracted for this product but are contracted for other products with the Plan, are also considered Out-of-Network. For this Booklet, the Maximum Allowed Amount for services from these Providers will be one of the five methods shown above unless the contract between us and that Provider specifies a different amount or if your claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim.**

For Covered Services rendered outside our Service Area by Out-of-Network Providers, claims may be priced using the local Blue Cross Blue Shield plan's non-participating provider fee schedule / rate or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In certain situations, the Maximum Allowed Amount for out of area claims may be based on billed charges, the pricing we would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the our Service Area, or a special negotiated price.



Unlike In-Network Providers, Out-of-Network Providers may send you a bill and collect for the amount of the Provider's charge that exceeds the Maximum Allowed Amount unless your claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim. You are responsible for paying the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Provider charges. This amount can be significant. Choosing an In-Network Provider will likely result in lower out of pocket costs to you. Please call Member Services for help in finding an In-Network Provider or visit our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Member Services is also available to assist you in determining this Booklet's Maximum Allowed Amount for a particular service from an Out-of-Network Provider. In order for us to assist you, you will need to obtain from your Provider the specific procedure code(s) and diagnosis code(s) for the services the Provider will render. You will also need to know the Provider's charges to calculate your Out-of-Pocket responsibility. Although Member Services can assist you with this pre-service information, the final Maximum Allowed Amount for your claim will be based on the actual claim submitted by the Provider.

For Prescription Drugs, the Maximum Allowed Amount is the amount determined by us using Prescription Drug cost information provided by the Pharmacy Benefits Manager.

### **Member Cost Share**

For certain Covered Services and depending on your Plan design, you may be required to pay a part of the Maximum Allowed Amount as your cost share amount (for example, Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance).

Your cost share amount and Out-of-Pocket Limits may vary depending on whether you received services from an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Specifically, you may be required to pay higher cost sharing amounts or may have limits on your benefits when using Out-of-Network Providers. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits" in this Booklet for your cost share responsibilities and limitations, or call Member Services to learn how this Plan's benefits or cost share amounts may vary by the type of Provider you use.

The Plan will not provide any reimbursement for non-Covered Services. You may be responsible for the total amount billed by your Provider for non-Covered Services, regardless of whether such services are performed by an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Non-Covered Services include services specifically excluded from coverage by the terms of your Plan and received after benefits have been exhausted. Benefits may be exhausted by exceeding, for example, benefit caps or day/visit limits.

We and/or our designated pharmacy benefits manager may receive discounts, rebates, or other funds from drug manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and/or similar vendors, which may be related to certain Prescription Drug purchases under this Benefit Booklet and which positively impact the cost effectiveness of Covered Services. These amounts are retained by us. These amounts will not be applied to your Deductible, if any, or taken into account in determining your Copayment or Coinsurance.

***The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Booklet's cost share amounts; see your "Schedule of Benefits" for your applicable amounts.***

*Example: Your Plan has a Coinsurance cost share of 20% for In-Network services, and 30% for Out-of-Network services after the In-Network or Out-of-Network Deductible has been met.*

- *You choose an In-Network surgeon. The charge was \$2500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery is \$1500; your Coinsurance responsibility when an In-Network surgeon is used is 20% of \$1500, or \$300. We allow 80% of \$1500, or \$1200. The In-Network surgeon accepts the total of \$1500 as reimbursement for the surgery regardless of the charges. Your total out of pocket responsibility would be \$300.*

- *You choose an Out-of-Network surgeon. The Out-of-Network surgeon's charge for the service is \$2500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery service is \$1500; your Coinsurance responsibility for the OUT-OF-NETWORK surgeon is 30% of \$1500, or \$450 after the OUT-OF-NETWORK Deductible has been met. We allow the remaining 70% of \$1500, or \$1050. **In addition**, the Out-of-Network surgeon could bill you the difference between \$2500 and \$1500, so your total Out of Pocket charge would be \$450 plus an additional \$1000, for a total of **\$1450**.*

## **Authorized Services**

In some circumstances, such as where there is no In-Network Provider available for the Covered Service, we may authorize the In-Network cost share amounts (Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance) to apply to a claim for a Covered Service you receive from an Out-of-Network Provider. In such circumstances, you must contact us in advance of obtaining the Covered Service. We also may authorize the In-Network cost share amounts to apply to a claim for Covered Services if you receive Emergency services from an Out-of-Network Provider and are not able to contact us until after the Covered Service is rendered. If we authorize an In-Network cost share amount to apply to a Covered Service received from an Out-of-Network Provider, You may also still be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's charge unless your claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim. Please contact Member Services for Authorized Services information or to request authorization.

***The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Booklet's cost share amounts; see your "Schedule of Benefits" for your applicable amounts.***

### *Example:*

*You require the services of a specialty Provider; but there is no In-Network Provider for that specialty in your state of residence. You contact us in advance of receiving any Covered Services, and we authorize you to go to an available Out-of-Network Provider for that Covered Service and we agree that the In-Network cost share will apply.*

*Your Plan has a \$45 Copayment for Out-of-Network Providers and a \$25 Copayment for In-Network Providers for the Covered Service. The Out-of-Network Provider's charge for this service is \$500. The Maximum Allowed Amount is \$200.*

*Because we have authorized the In-Network cost share amount to apply in this situation, you will be responsible for the In-Network Copayment of \$25 and we will be responsible for the remaining \$175 of the \$200 Maximum Allowed Amount.*

*Because the Out-of-Network Provider's charge for this service is \$500, you may receive a bill from the Out-of-Network Provider for the difference between the \$500 charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount of \$200. Combined with your In-Network Copayment of \$25, your total out of pocket expense would be \$325.*

## **Services Performed During Same Session**

The Plan may combine the reimbursement of Covered Services when more than one service is performed during the same session. Reimbursement is limited to the Plan's Maximum Allowable Amount. If services are performed by Non-Network Providers, then you are responsible for any amounts charged in excess of the Plan's Maximum Allowable Amount with or without a referral or regardless if allowed as an Authorized Service. Contact the Administrator for more information.

## **Claims Review**

Anthem has processes to review claims before and after payment to detect fraud, waste, abuse and other inappropriate activity. Members seeking services from Out-of-Network Providers could be balance billed

by the Out-of-Network Provider for those services that are determined to be not payable as a result of these review processes. A claim may also be determined to be not payable due to a Provider's failure to submit medical records with the claims that are under review in these processes.

## Notice of Claim / Claims Forms / Proof of Loss

After you get Covered Services, the Plan must receive written notice of your claim in order for benefits to be paid.

- In-Network Providers will submit claims for you. They are responsible for ensuring that claims have the information the Plan needs to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, we will ask them for more details, and they will be required to supply those details within certain timeframes.
- Out-of-Network claims can be submitted by the Provider if the Provider is willing to file on your behalf. However, if the Provider is not submitting on your behalf, you will be required to submit the claim. Claim forms are usually available from the Provider. If they do not have a claims form, you can send a written request to us, or contact Member Services and ask for a claims form to be sent to you. We will send the form to you within 15 days. If you do not receive the claims form within 15 days, you can still submit written notice of the claim without the claim form. The same information that would be given on the claim form must be included in the written notice of claim, including:
  - Name of patient.
  - Patient's relationship with the Subscriber.
  - Identification number.
  - Date, type, and place of service.
  - Your signature and the Provider's signature.

Out-of-Network claims must be submitted within 90 days. In certain cases, state or federal law may allow additional time to file a claim, if you could not reasonably file within the 90-day period. Failure to file a claim within 90 days shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to file the claim within such time, provided such proof is submitted as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity, later than one year from the time the claim is required to be filed. The claim must have the information the Plan needs to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, we will ask you for more details and inform you of the time by which we need to receive that information. Once we receive the required information, we will process the claim according to the terms of your Plan.

**Please note that failure to submit the information we need by the time listed in our request could result in the denial of your claim, unless state or federal law requires an extension.** Please contact Member Services if you have any questions or concerns about how to submit claims.

## Time Benefits Payable

The Plan will pay all benefits within 30 days for clean claims filed electronically, or 45 days for clean claims filed on paper. "Clean claims" means a claim submitted by you or a Provider that has no defect, impropriety, or particular circumstance requiring special treatment preventing payment.

If we have not received the information we need to process a claim, we will ask for the additional information necessary to complete the claim. You will receive a copy of that request for additional information, for your information. In those cases, we cannot complete the processing of the claim until the additional information requested has been received. We will make our request for additional

information within 30 days of our initial receipt of the claim and will complete our processing of the claim within 15 days after our receipt of all requested information.

## **Member's Cooperation**

You will be expected to complete and submit to us all such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents that may be needed in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Workers' Compensation or any other governmental program. If you fail to cooperate, you will be responsible for any charge for services.

## **Payment of Benefits**

You authorize the Plan to make payments directly to Providers for Covered Services. In no event, however, shall the Plan's right to make payments directly to a Provider be deemed to suggest that any Provider is a beneficiary with independent claims and appeal rights under the Plan. The Plan reserves the right to make payments directly to you as opposed to any Provider for Covered Service, at its' discretion. In the event that payment is made directly to you, you have the responsibility to apply this payment to the claim from the Out-of-Network Provider. Payments and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims may also be sent to an Alternate Recipient (which is defined herein as any child of a Subscriber who is recognized under a "Qualified Medical Child Support Order" as having a right to enrollment under the Group's Plan), or that person's custodial parent or designated representative. Any payments made by the Plan (whether to any Provider for Covered Service or You) will discharge the Plan's obligation to pay for Covered Services. You cannot assign your right to receive payment to anyone, except as required by a "Qualified Medical Child Support Order."

Once a Provider performs a Covered Service, the Plan will not honor a request to withhold payment of the claims submitted.

The coverage, rights, and benefits under the Plan are not assignable by any Member without the written consent of the Plan, except as provided above. Any assignment made without written consent from the Plan will be void and unenforceable.

## **Inter-Plan Arrangements**

### **Out-of-Area Services**

#### **Overview**

We have a variety of relationships with other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensees. Generally, these relationships are called "Inter-Plan Arrangements." These Inter-Plan Arrangements work based on rules and procedures issued by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association ("Association"). Whenever you access healthcare services outside the geographic area we serve (the "Anthem Service Area"), the claim for those services may be processed through one of these Inter-Plan Arrangements. The Inter-Plan Arrangements are described below.

When you receive care outside of the Anthem Service Area, you will receive it from one of two kinds of Providers. Most Providers ("participating providers") contract with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that geographic area ("Host Blue"). Some Providers ("nonparticipating providers") don't contract with the Host Blue. We explain below how we pay both kinds of Providers.

## **Inter-Plan Arrangements Eligibility – Claim Types**

Most claim types are eligible to be processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements, as described above. Examples of claims that are not included are Prescription Drugs that you obtain from a Pharmacy and most dental or vision benefits.

### **A. BlueCard® Program**

Under the BlueCard® Program, when you receive Covered Services within the geographic area served by a Host Blue, we will still fulfill our contractual obligations. But, the Host Blue is responsible for: (a) contracting with its Providers; and (b) handling its interactions with those Providers.

When you receive Covered Services outside the Anthem Service Area and the claim is processed through the BlueCard Program, the amount you pay is calculated based on the lower of:

- The billed charges for Covered Services; or
- The negotiated price that the Host Blue makes available to Us.

Often, this “negotiated price” will be a simple discount that reflects an actual price that the Host Blue pays to the Provider. Sometimes, it is an estimated price that takes into account special arrangements with that Provider. Sometimes, such an arrangement may be an average price, based on a discount that results in expected average savings for services provided by similar types of Providers. Estimated and average pricing arrangements may also involve types of settlements, incentive payments and/or other credits or charges.

Estimated pricing and average pricing also take into account adjustments to correct for over- or underestimation of past pricing of claims, as noted above. However, such adjustments will not affect the price we used for your claim because they will not be applied after a claim has already been paid.

### **B. Special Cases: Value-Based Programs**

#### *BlueCard® Program*

If you receive Covered Services under a Value-Based Program inside a Host Blue’s Service Area, you will not be responsible for paying any of the Provider Incentives, risk-sharing, and/or Care Coordinator Fees that are a part of such an arrangement, except when a Host Blue passes these fees to Anthem through average pricing or fee schedule adjustments. Additional information is available upon request.

### **C. Inter-Plan Programs: Federal/State Taxes/Surcharges/Fees**

Federal or state laws or regulations may require a surcharge, tax or other fee. If applicable, we will include any such surcharge, tax or other fee as part of the claim charge passed on to you.

### **D. Nonparticipating Providers Outside Our Service Area**

#### **1. Allowed Amounts and Member Liability Calculation**

When Covered Services are provided outside of Anthem’s Service Area by non-participating providers, the Plan may determine benefits and make payment based on pricing from either the Host Blue or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In these situations, the amount you pay for such services as Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance will be based on that allowed amount. Also, you may be responsible for the difference between the amount that the non-participating provider bills and the payment we will make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph. Federal or state law, as applicable, will govern payments for Out-of-Network Emergency services.

## 2. Exceptions

In certain situations, the Plan may use other pricing methods, such as billed charges or the pricing it would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Anthem Service Area, or a special negotiated price to determine the amount the Plan will pay for services provided by nonparticipating providers. In these situations, you may be liable for the difference between the amount that the nonparticipating provider bills and the payment we make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph.

### E. Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core® Program

If you plan to travel outside the United States, call Member Services to find out your Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core® benefits. Benefits for services received outside of the United States may be different from services received in the United States. Remember to take an up to date health ID card with you.

When you are traveling abroad and need medical care, you can call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core® Service Center any time. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The toll free number is 800-810-2583. Or you can call them collect at 804-673-1177.

If you need inpatient hospital care, you or someone on your behalf, should contact the Administrator for preauthorization. Keep in mind, if you need Emergency medical care, go to the nearest hospital. There is no need to call before you receive care.

Please refer to the “Getting Approval for Benefits” section in this Booklet for further information. You can learn how to get preauthorization when you need to be admitted to the hospital for Emergency or non-emergency care.

### How Claims are Paid with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core®

In most cases, when you arrange inpatient hospital care with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core®, claims will be filed for you. The only amounts that you may need to pay up front are any Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible amounts that may apply.

You will typically need to pay for the following services up front:

- Doctors services;
- Inpatient hospital care not arranged through Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core®; and
- Outpatient services.

You will need to file a claim form for any payments made up front.

When you need Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core® claim forms you can get international claims forms in the following ways:

- Call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core® Service Center at the numbers above; or
- Online at [www.bcbsglobalcore.com](http://www.bcbsglobalcore.com).

You will find the address for mailing the claim on the form.

## Coordination of Benefits When Members Are Covered Under More Than One Plan

This Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision applies when you have health care coverage under more than one Plan.

Please note that several terms specific to this provision are listed below. Some of these terms have different meanings in other parts of the Booklet, e.g., Plan. For this provision only, "Plan" will have the meanings as specified below. In the rest of the Booklet, Plan has the meaning listed in the **Definitions** section.

The order of benefit determination rules determine the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits. The Plan that pays first is called the Primary Plan. The Primary Plan must pay benefits according to its policy terms regardless of the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses. The Plan that pays after the Primary Plan is the Secondary Plan. The Secondary Plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

The Allowable expense under COB is generally the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans' allowable amounts. An Out-of-Network Provider can bill you for any remaining Coinsurance, Deductible and/or Copayment under the higher of the Plans' allowable amounts. This higher allowable amount may be more than Our Maximum Allowed Amount.

### COB DEFINITIONS

**Plan** is any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for members of a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same Plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts.

1. Plan includes: Group and non-group insurance contracts and subscriber contracts; Health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts; Uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage; Coverage under group or non-group closed panel plans; Group-type contracts; Medical care components of long term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts (whether "fault" or "no fault"); Other governmental benefits, except for Medicaid or a government plan that, by law, provides benefits that are in excess of those of any private insurance plan or other nongovernmental plan.
2. Plan does not include: Accident only coverage; Specified disease or specified accident coverage; Limited health benefit coverage; Benefits for non-medical components of long-term care policies; Hospital indemnity coverage benefits or other fixed indemnity coverage; School accident-type coverages covering grammar, high school, and college students for accidents only, including athletic injuries, either on a twenty-four (24) hour or "to and from school" basis; and Medicare supplement policies.

Each contract for coverage under items 1. or 2. above is a separate Plan. If a Plan has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate Plan.

**This Plan** means the part of the contract providing health care benefits that the COB provision applies to and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of the contract providing health care benefits is separate from this Plan. A contract may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, such as dental benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another COB provision to coordinate other benefits.

The order of benefit determination rules determine whether this Plan is a Primary Plan or Secondary Plan when you have health care coverage under more than one Plan.

When this Plan is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other Plan without considering any other Plan's benefits. When this Plan is secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another Plan and may reduce the benefits it pays so that all Plan benefits do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

**Allowable expense** is a health care expense, including Deductibles, Coinsurance and Copayments, that is covered at least in part by any Plan covering you. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an Allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any Plan covering you is not an Allowable expense. In addition, any expense that a Provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging you is not an Allowable expense; however, if a Provider has a contractual agreement with both the Primary and Secondary Plans, then the higher of the of the contracted fees is the Allowable expense, and the Provider may charge up to the higher contracted fee.

The following are non-Allowable expenses:

1. The difference between the cost of a semi-private hospital room and a private hospital room is not an Allowable expense, unless one of the Plans provides coverage for private hospital room expenses.
2. If you are covered by 2 or more Plans that calculate their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement method or other similar reimbursement methods, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an Allowable expense.
3. If you are covered by 2 or more Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an Allowable expense.
4. If you are covered by one Plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement method or other similar reimbursement method and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's payment arrangement will be the Allowable expense for all Plans. However, if the Provider has contracted with the Secondary Plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the Primary Plan's payment arrangement and if the Provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment will be the Allowable expense used by the Secondary Plan to determine its benefits.
5. The amount of any benefit reduction by the Primary Plan because you have failed to comply with the Plan provisions is not an Allowable expense. Examples of these types of Plan provisions include second surgical opinions, precertification of admissions or services, and In-Network Provider arrangements.
6. The amount that is subject to the Primary high-deductible health plan's deductible, if We have been advised by you that all Plans covering you are high-deductible health plans and you intend to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**Closed panel plan** is a Plan that provides health care benefits primarily in the form of services through a panel of Providers that contract with or are employed by the Plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other Providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.

**Custodial parent** is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year excluding any temporary visitation.

The Plan shall be secondary in coverage to any medical payments provision, no-fault automobile insurance policy, or personal injury protection policy regardless of any election made by anyone to the



contrary. The Plan shall also be secondary to any excess insurance policy, including, but not limited to, school and/or athletic policies. This provision applies notwithstanding any coordination of benefits term to the contrary.

## **ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES**

When you are covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are:

The Primary Plan pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits of under any other Plan.

1. Except as provided in Paragraph 2. below, a Plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this COB provision is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying Plan is primary.
2. Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage will be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are placed over base plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a Closed panel plan to provide out-of-network benefits.

A Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another Plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other Plan.

Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:

**Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent.** The Plan that covers you other than as a Dependent, for example as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan, and the Plan that covers you as a Dependent is the Secondary Plan. However, if you are a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the Plan covering you as a Dependent and primary to the Plan covering you as other than a Dependent (e.g. a retired employee), then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed so that the Plan covering you as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Secondary Plan and the other Plan covering you as a Dependent is the Primary Plan.

**Rule 2 - Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Plan.** Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, when a Dependent child is covered by more than one Plan the order of benefits is determined as follows:

1. For a Dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - The Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary Plan; or
  - If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered the parent the longest is the Primary Plan.
2. For a Dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. This rule applies to plan years commencing after the Plan is given notice of the court decree;

- If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of 1. above will determine the order of benefits;
  - If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the Dependent child, the provisions of 1. above will determine the order of benefits; or
  - If there is no court decree assigning responsibility for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:
    - The Plan covering the Custodial parent;
    - The Plan covering the spouse of the Custodial parent;
    - The Plan covering the non-custodial parent; and then
    - The Plan covering the spouse of the non-custodial parent.
3. For a Dependent child covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the provisions of item 1. above will determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.

**Rule 3 - Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee.** The Plan that covers you as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the Primary Plan. The Plan also covering you as a retired or laid-off employee is the Secondary Plan. The same would hold true if you are a Dependent of an active employee and you are a Dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if "Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent" can determine the order of benefits.

**Rule 4 - COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If you are covered under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law and are covered under another Plan, the Plan covering you as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering you as a Dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan and the COBRA or state or other federal continuation coverage is the Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if "Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent" can determine the order of benefits.

**Rule 5 - Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage.** The Plan that covered you longer is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covered you the shorter period of time is the Secondary Plan.

**Rule 6.** If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the Allowable expenses will be shared equally between the Plans meeting the definition of Plan. In addition, This Plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the Primary Plan.

#### **EFFECT ON THE BENEFITS OF THIS PLAN**

When this Plan is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans during a plan year are not more than the total Allowable expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the Secondary Plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage and apply that calculated amount to any Allowable expense under its Plan that is unpaid by the Primary Plan. The Secondary Plan may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the Primary Plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans for the claim do not exceed the total Allowable expense for that claim.

Because the Allowable expense is generally the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans' allowable amounts, an In-Network Provider can bill you for any remaining Coinsurance, Deductible and/or Copayment under the higher allowable amount. In addition, the Secondary Plan will credit to its Plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other health care coverage.

If you are enrolled in two or more Closed panel plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel Provider, benefits are not payable by one Closed panel plan, COB will not apply between that Plan and other Closed panel plans.

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

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under this Plan and other Plans. We may get the facts We need from or give them to other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under this Plan and other Plans covering the person claiming benefits. We need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under this Plan must give Us any facts We need to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

### **FACILITY OF PAYMENT**

A payment made under another Plan may include an amount that should have been paid under this Plan. If it does, this Plan may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under this Plan. This Plan will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case "payment made" means the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

### **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount of the payments made by this Plan is more than should have paid under this COB provision, this Plan may recover the excess from one or more of the persons:

1. This Plan has paid or for whom this Plan paid; or
2. Any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the Member.

The "amount of the payments made" includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

## **Subrogation and Reimbursement**

These Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions apply when the Plan pays benefits as a result of injuries or illnesses You sustained, and You have a right to a Recovery or have received a Recovery from any source.

### **Definitions**

As used in these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions, “You” or “Your” includes anyone on whose behalf the plan pays benefits. These Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions apply to all current or former plan participants and plan beneficiaries. The provisions also apply to the parents, guardian, or other representative of a dependent child who incurs claims and is or has been covered by the Plan. The Plan’s rights under these provisions shall also apply to the personal representative or administrator of Your estate, Your heirs or beneficiaries, minors, and legally incompetent or disabled persons. If the covered person is a minor, any amount recovered by the minor, the minor’s trustee, guardian, parent, or other representative, shall be subject to these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions. Likewise, if the covered person’s relatives, heirs, and/or assignees make any Recovery because of injuries sustained by the covered person, or because of the death of the covered person, that Recovery shall be subject to this provision, regardless of how any Recovery is allocated or characterized.

As used in these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions, “Recovery” includes, but is not limited to, monies received from any person or party, any person’s or party’s liability insurance coverage, uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, personal umbrella coverage, workers’ compensation insurance or fund, premises medical payments coverage, restitution, or “no-fault” or personal injury protection insurance and/or automobile medical payments coverage, or any other first or third party insurance coverage, whether by lawsuit, settlement or otherwise. Regardless of how You or Your representative or any agreements allocate or characterize the money You receive as a Recovery, it shall be subject to these provisions.

### **Subrogation**

Immediately upon paying or providing any benefit under the Plan, the Plan shall be subrogated to, or stand in the place of, all of Your rights of recovery with respect to any claim or potential claim against any party, due to an injury, illness or condition to the full extent of benefits provided or to be provided by the Plan. The Plan has the right to recover payments it makes on Your behalf from any party or insurer responsible for compensating You for Your illnesses or injuries. The Plan has the right to take whatever legal action it sees fit against any person, party, or entity to recover the benefits paid under the Plan. The Plan may assert a claim or file suit in Your name and take appropriate action to assert its subrogation claim, with or without Your consent. The Plan is not required to pay You part of any recovery it may obtain, even if it files suit in Your name.

### **Reimbursement**

If You receive any payment as a result of an injury, illness or condition, You agree to reimburse the Plan first from such payment for all amounts the Plan has paid and will pay as a result of that injury, illness or condition, up to and including the full amount of Your recovery. If You obtain a Recovery and the Plan has not been repaid for the benefits the Plan paid on Your behalf, the Plan shall have a right to be repaid from the Recovery in the amount of the benefits paid on Your behalf. You must promptly reimburse the Plan from any Recovery to the extent of benefits the Plan paid on Your behalf regardless of whether the payments You receive make You whole for Your losses, illnesses and/or injuries.

### **Secondary to Other Coverage**

The Plan shall be secondary in coverage to any medical payments provision, no-fault automobile insurance policy, or personal injury protection policy regardless of any election made by You to the

contrary. The Plan shall also be secondary to any excess insurance policy, including, but not limited to, school and/or athletic policies. This provision applies notwithstanding any coordination of benefits term to the contrary.

### **Assignment**

In order to secure the Plan's rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement Provisions, You agree to assign to the Plan any benefits or claims or rights of recovery You have under any automobile policy or other coverage, to the full extent of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement claims. This assignment allows the Plan to pursue any claim You may have regardless of whether You choose to pursue the claim.

### **Applicability to All Settlements and Judgments**

Notwithstanding any allocation or designation of Your Recovery made in any settlement agreement, judgment, verdict, release, or court order, the Plan shall have a right of full recovery, in first priority, against any Recovery You make. Furthermore, the Plan's rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions will not be reduced due to Your own negligence. The terms of these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions shall apply and the Plan is entitled to full recovery regardless of whether any liability for payment is admitted and regardless of whether the terms of any settlement, judgment, or verdict pertaining to Your Recovery identify the medical benefits the Plan provided or purport to allocate any portion of such Recovery to payment of expenses other than medical expenses. The Plan is entitled to recover from any Recovery, even those designated as being for pain and suffering, non-economic damages, and/or general damages only.

### **Constructive Trust**

By accepting benefits from the Plan, You agree that if You receive any payment as a result of an injury, illness or condition, You will serve as a constructive trustee over those funds. You and Your legal representative must hold in trust for the Plan the full amount of the Recovery to be paid to the Plan immediately upon receipt. Failure to hold such funds in trust will be deemed a breach of your fiduciary duty to the Plan. Any Recovery You obtain must not be dissipated or disbursed until such time as the Plan has been repaid in accordance with these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions.

### **Lien Rights**

The Plan will automatically have a lien to the extent of benefits paid by the Plan for the treatment of Your illness, injury or condition upon any Recovery related to treatment for any illness, injury or condition for which the Plan paid benefits. The lien may be enforced against any party who possesses funds or proceeds from Your Recovery including, but not limited to, you, your representative or agent, and/or any other source possessing funds from Your Recovery. You and Your legal representative acknowledge that the portion of the Recovery to which the Plan's equitable lien applies is a Plan asset. The Plan shall be entitled to equitable relief, including without limitation restitution, the imposition of a constructive trust or an injunction, to the extent necessary to enforce the Plan's lien and/or to obtain (or preclude the transfer, dissipation or disbursement of) such portion of any Recovery in which the Plan may have a right or interest.

### **First-Priority Claim**

By accepting benefits from the Plan, You acknowledge the Plan's rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions are a first priority claim and are to be repaid to the Plan before You receive any Recovery for your damages. The Plan shall be entitled to full reimbursement on a first-dollar basis from any Recovery, even if such payment to the Plan will result in a Recovery which is insufficient to make You whole or to compensate You in part or in whole for the losses, injuries, or illnesses You sustained. The "made-whole" rule does not apply. To the extent that the total assets from which a Recovery is available are insufficient to satisfy in full the Plan's subrogation claim and any claim held by

You, the Plan's subrogation claim shall be first satisfied before any part of a Recovery is applied to Your claim, Your attorney fees, other expenses or costs. The Plan is not responsible for any attorney fees, attorney liens, other expenses or costs You incur. The "common fund" doctrine does not apply to any funds recovered by any attorney You hire regardless of whether funds recovered are used to repay benefits paid by the Plan.

### **Cooperation**

You agree to cooperate fully with the Plan's efforts to recover benefits paid. The duty to cooperate includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- You must promptly notify the Plan of how, when and where an accident or incident resulting in personal injury or illness to You occurred, all information regarding the parties involved and any other information requested by the Plan.
- You must notify the plan within 30 days of the date when any notice is given to any party, including an insurance company or attorney, of Your intention to pursue or investigate a claim to recover damages or obtain compensation due to Your injury, illness or condition.
- You must cooperate with the Plan in the investigation, settlement and protection of the Plan's rights. In the event that You or Your legal representative fails to do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise its subrogation or reimbursement rights, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount the Plan paid from any future benefits under the Plan.
- You and your agents shall provide all information requested by the Plan, the Claims Administrator or its representative including, but not limited to, completing and submitting any applications or other forms or statements as the Plan may reasonably request and all documents related to or filed in personal injury litigation.
- You recognize that to the extent that the Plan paid or will pay benefits under a capitated agreement, the value of those benefits for purposes of these provisions will be the reasonable value of those payments or the actual paid amount, whichever is higher.
- You must not do anything to prejudice the Plan's rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from making any settlement or recovery that attempts to reduce or exclude the full cost of all benefits provided by the Plan.
- You must send the Plan copies of all police reports, notices or other papers received in connection with the accident or incident resulting in personal injury or illness to You.
- You must promptly notify the Plan if You retain an attorney or if a lawsuit is filed on Your behalf.
- You must immediately notify the Plan if a trial is commenced, if a settlement occurs or if potentially dispositive motions are filed in a case.

In the event that You or Your legal representative fails to do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise its rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount the Plan paid from any future benefits under the Plan.

If You fail to repay the Plan, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount of benefits the Plan has paid or the amount of Your Recovery whichever is less, from any future benefit under the Plan if:

The amount the Plan paid on Your behalf is not repaid or otherwise recovered by the Plan; or  
You fail to cooperate.

In the event You fail to disclose the amount of Your settlement to the Plan, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount of the Plan's lien from any future benefit under the Plan.

The Plan shall also be entitled to recover any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount the Plan has paid or the amount of Your Recovery, whichever is less, directly from the Providers to whom the Plan has made payments on Your behalf. In such a circumstance, it may then be Your obligation to pay the Provider the full billed amount, and the Plan will not have any obligation to pay the Provider or reimburse You.

You acknowledge the Plan has the right to conduct an investigation regarding the injury, illness or condition to identify potential sources of recovery. The Plan reserves the right to notify all parties and their agents of its lien. Agents include, but are not limited to, insurance companies and attorneys.

You acknowledge the Plan has notified you that it has the right pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 1301 et seq, to share Your personal health information in exercising these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions.

The Plan is entitled to recover its attorney's fees and costs incurred in enforcing its rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions.

**Discretion**

The Plan Administrator has sole discretion to interpret the terms of the Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions of this Plan in its entirety and reserves the right to make changes as it deems necessary.

# Member Rights and Responsibilities

As a Member you have rights and responsibilities when receiving health care. As your health care partner, we want to make sure your rights are respected while providing your health benefits. That means giving you access to our network of Doctors and healthcare professionals, who help you make the best decisions for your health.

## You have the right to:

- Speak freely and privately with your Doctors and other healthcare professionals about health care options and treatment needed for your condition no matter what the cost or whether it is covered under your Plan.
- Work with your Doctors and other healthcare professionals to make choices about your health care.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Expect us to keep your personal health information private by following our privacy policies, and state and federal laws.
- Receive information you need fully engage with your health Plan, and share your feedback. This includes:
  - Our company and services.
  - Our network of Doctors and other health care professionals.
  - Your rights and responsibilities.
  - The way your health Plan works.
- Make a complaint or file an appeal about:
  - Your health Plan and any care you receive.
  - Any Covered Service or benefit decision that your health Plan makes.
- Say no to care, for any condition, sickness or disease, without having an effect on any care you may receive in the future. This includes asking your Doctors and other healthcare professionals to tell you how that may affect your health now and in the future.
- Get the most up-to-date information from a Doctor about the cause of your illness, your treatment and what may result from it. You can ask for help if you do not understand this information.

## You have the responsibility to:

- Read all information about your benefits under the Plan and ask for help if you have questions.
- Follow all Plan rules and policies.
- Choose an In-Network Primary Care Physician, also called a PCP, if your Plan requires it.
- Treat all healthcare professionals and staff with respect.
- Keep all scheduled appointments. Call your health care Provider's office if you may be late or need to cancel.
- Understand your health challenges as well as you can, and work with your Doctors and other healthcare professionals to create an agreed upon treatment plan.
- Inform your Doctors and other health care professionals if you don't understand the type of care you're getting or what they want you to do as part of your care plan.
- Follow the treatment plan that you have agreed upon with your Doctors and other healthcare professionals.
- Share the information needed with us, your Doctors, and other healthcare professionals to help you get the best possible care. This may include information about other health insurance benefits you have in addition to your coverage with us.
- Inform Indiana State Police if you have any changes to your name, address or family Members covered under your Plan.



If you would like more information, have comments, or would like to contact us, please go to [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) and select Customer Support > Contact Us or call the Member Services number on your ID card.

We are here to provide high quality service to our Members. Benefits and coverage for services given under the Plan are governed by the Employer's Plan and not by this Member Rights and Responsibilities statement.

# Your Right To Appeal

The Plan want your experience with us to be as positive as possible. There may be times, however, when you have a complaint, problem, or question about your Plan or a service you have received. In those cases, please contact Member Services by calling the number on the back of your ID card. The Administrator will try to resolve your complaint informally by talking to your Provider or reviewing your claim. If you are not satisfied with the resolution of your complaint, you have the right to file a Grievance / Appeal, which is defined as follows:

For purposes of these Appeal provisions, "claim for benefits" means a request for benefits under the Plan. The term includes both pre-service and post-service claims.

- A pre-service claim is a claim for benefits under the plan for which you have not received the benefit or for which you may need to obtain approval in advance.
- A post-service claim is any other claim for benefits under the plan for which you have received the service.

If your claim is denied or if your coverage is rescinded:

- you will be provided with a written notice of the denial or rescission; and
- you are entitled to a full and fair review of the denial or rescission.

The procedure the Administrator will follow will satisfy the requirements for a full and fair review under applicable federal regulations.

## Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination

If your claim is denied, the Administrator's notice of the adverse benefit determination (denial) will include:

- information sufficient to identify the claim involved;
- the specific reason(s) for the denial;
- a reference to the specific plan provision(s) on which the Administrator's determination is based;
- a description of any additional material or information needed to perfect your claim;
- an explanation of why the additional material or information is needed;
- a description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits that apply to them;
- information about any internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion relied upon in making the claim determination and about your right to request a copy of it free of charge, along with a discussion of the claims denial decision;
- information about the scientific or clinical judgment for any determination based on medical necessity or experimental treatment, or about your right to request this explanation free of charge, along with a discussion of the claims denial decision; and
- the availability of, and contact information for, any applicable office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman who may assist you.

For claims involving urgent/concurrent care:

- the Administrator's notice will also include a description of the applicable urgent/concurrent review process; and
- the Administrator may notify you or your authorized representative within 72 hours orally and then furnish a written notification.

## Appeals

You have the right to appeal an adverse benefit determination (claim denial or rescission of coverage). You or your authorized representative must file your appeal within 180 calendar days after you are notified of the denial or rescission. You will have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records, and other information supporting your claim. The Administrator's review of your claim will take into account all information you submit, regardless of whether it was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

The Administrator shall offer a single mandatory level of appeal and an additional voluntary second level of appeal which may be a panel review, independent review, or other process consistent with the entity reviewing the appeal. The time frame allowed for the Administrator to complete our review is dependent upon the type of review involved (e.g. pre-service, concurrent, post-service, urgent, etc.).

**For pre-service claims involving urgent/concurrent care**, you may obtain an expedited appeal. You or your authorized representative may request it orally or in writing. All necessary information, including the Claims Administrator's decision, can be sent between the Administrator and you by telephone, facsimile or other similar method. To file an appeal for a claim involving urgent/concurrent care, you or your authorized representative must contact the Claims Administrator at the number shown on your identification card and provide at least the following information:

- the identity of the claimant;
- the date (s) of the medical service;
- the specific medical condition or symptom;
- the provider's name;
- the service or supply for which approval of benefits was sought; and
- any reasons why the appeal should be processed on a more expedited basis.

**All other requests for appeals** should be submitted in writing by the Member or the Member's authorized representative, except where the acceptance of oral appeals is otherwise required by the nature of the appeal (e.g. urgent care). You or your authorized representative must submit a request for review to:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, ATTN: Appeals, P.O. Box 105568; Atlanta, GA 30348-5568.

**You must include Your Member Identification Number when submitting an appeal.**

Upon request, the Administrator will provide, without charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim. "Relevant" means that the document, record, or other information:

- was relied on in making the benefit determination; or
- was submitted, considered, or produced in the course of making the benefit determination; or
- demonstrates compliance with processes and safeguards to ensure that claim determinations are made in accordance with the terms of the plan, applied consistently for similarly-situated claimants; or
- is a statement of the plan's policy or guidance about the treatment or benefit relative to your diagnosis.

The Administrator will also provide you, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated in connection with your claim. In addition, before you receive an adverse benefit determination on review based on a new or additional rationale, we will provide you, free of charge, with the rationale.

**For Out of State Appeals** You have to file Provider appeals with the Host Plan. This means Providers must file appeals with the same plan to which the claim was filed.

## How Your Appeal will be Decided

When the Administrator considers your appeal, the Administrator will not rely upon the initial benefit determination or, for voluntary second-level appeals, to the earlier appeal determination. The review will be conducted by an appropriate reviewer who did not make the initial determination and who does not work for the person who made the initial determination. A voluntary second-level review will be conducted by an appropriate reviewer who did not make the initial determination or the first-level appeal determination and who does not work for the person who made the initial determination or first-level appeal determination.

If the denial was based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, including whether the treatment is experimental, investigational, or not medically necessary, the reviewer will consult with a health care professional who has the appropriate training and experience in the medical field involved in making the judgment. This health care professional will not be one who was consulted in making an earlier determination or who works for one who was consulted in making an earlier determination.

## Notification of the Outcome of the Appeal

**If you appeal a claim involving urgent / concurrent care**, the Administrator will notify you of the outcome of the appeal as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of your request for appeal.

**If you appeal any other pre-service claim**, the Administrator will notify you of the outcome of the appeal within 30 days after receipt of your request for appeal.

**If you appeal a post-service claim**, the Administrator will notify you of the outcome of the appeal within 60 days after receipt of your request for appeal.

## Appeal Denial

If your appeal is denied, that denial will be considered an adverse benefit determination. The notification from the Claims Administrator will include all of the information set forth in the above section entitled "Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination."

## Voluntary Second Level Appeals

If you are dissatisfied with the Plan's mandatory first level appeal decision, a voluntary second level appeal may be available. If you would like to initiate a second level appeal, please write to the address listed above. Voluntary appeals must be submitted within 60 calendar days of the denial of the first level appeal. You are not required to complete a voluntary second level appeal prior to submitting a request for an independent External Review.

## External Review

If the outcome of the mandatory first level appeal is adverse to you and it was based on medical judgment, you may be eligible for an independent External Review pursuant to federal law.

You must submit your request for External Review to the Administrator within four (4) months of the notice of your final internal adverse determination.

A request for an External Review must be in writing unless the Administrator determines that it is not reasonable to require a written statement. You do not have to re-send the information that you submitted for internal appeal. However, you are encouraged to submit any additional information that you think is important for review.

For pre-service claims involving urgent/concurrent care, you may proceed with an Expedited External Review without filing an internal appeal or while simultaneously pursuing an expedited appeal through the Plan's internal appeal process. You or your authorized representative may request it orally or in writing. All necessary information, including the Administrator's decision, can be sent between the Administrator and you by telephone, facsimile or other similar method. To proceed with an Expedited External Review, you or your authorized representative must contact the Administrator at the number shown on your identification card and provide at least the following information:

- the identity of the claimant;
- The date (s) of the medical service;
- the specific medical condition or symptom;
- the provider's name;
- the service or supply for which approval of benefits was sought; and
- any reasons why the appeal should be processed on a more expedited basis.

All other requests for External Review should be submitted in writing unless the Administrator determines that it is not reasonable to require a written statement. Such requests should be submitted by you or your authorized representative to:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, ATTN: Appeals, P.O. Box 105568; Atlanta, GA 30348-5568.

**You must include Your Member Identification Number when submitting an appeal.**

This is not an additional step that you must take in order to fulfill your appeal procedure obligations described above. Your decision to seek External Review will not affect your rights to any other benefits under this health care plan. There is no charge for you to initiate an independent External Review. The External Review decision is final and binding on all parties except for any relief available through applicable state laws.

**Requirement to file an Appeal before filing a lawsuit**

No lawsuit or legal action of any kind related to a benefit decision may be filed by you in a court of law or in any other forum, unless it is commenced within three years of the Plan's final decision on the claim or other request for benefits. If the Plan decides an appeal is untimely, the Plan's latest decision on the merits of the underlying claim or benefit request is the final decision date. You must exhaust the Plan's internal Appeals Procedure but not including any voluntary level of appeal, before filing a lawsuit or taking other legal action of any kind against the Plan.

# Eligibility and Enrollment

You have coverage provided under the Plan because of your employment with/membership with/retirement from the Employer. You must satisfy certain requirements to participate in the Employer's benefit plan. These requirements may include probationary or waiting periods and Actively At Work standards as determined by the Employer or state and/or federal law and approved by the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer.

**Your Eligibility requirements are described in general terms below. For more specific eligibility information, see your Human Resources or Benefits Department.**

## Eligibility

**Employees** All active full-time Indiana State Police employees regularly scheduled to work not less than 37½ hours per week are eligible, as are disabled employees, their spouses and their eligible "Dependents".

An eligible Dependent of an employee becomes eligible for coverage on the effective date of the employee's coverage.

If a Dependent, other than a newborn infant of an Enrollee, is confined in a hospital on the date his or her coverage would otherwise begin, his or her coverage will become effective upon final medical release from such confinement.

**Retirees** A retiree becomes eligible for coverage either: 1) the month he or she retires (if the retirement becomes effective on the first day of that month); or 2) the first day of the month following the date retirement becomes effective, if he or she:

- Has completed 25 years of Creditable Service and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit; or
- Is age 65, has completed 10 years of Creditable Service and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit; or
- Is age 60, has completed 15 years of Creditable Service and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit; or
- Is age 55, age plus years of Creditable Service equals 85 or more, and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit.

Additional eligibility requirements for retiree coverage:

Employees hired prior to December 31, 2010 must be enrolled in the Indiana State Police Health Care, Vision and Dental Plan by no later than January 1, 2011 and maintain continuous coverage from that date to date of separation of employment with the Department. Enrollment of an active full-time employee as a Dependent on a Spouse's plan who is an active Eligible Person under this Plan constitutes Creditable Coverage under this provision.

Employees hired after December 31, 2010 must be enrolled in the Indiana State Police Health Care, Vision and Dental Plan within the first 30 days of employment and maintain continuous coverage from that date to date of separation of employment with the Department. Enrollment of an active full-time employee as a Dependent on a Spouse's plan who is an active Eligible Person under this Plan constitutes Creditable Coverage under this provision.

Employees hired on or after July 1, 2016, who are eligible and elect retiree coverage at the time of their separation of employment, will be able to carry retiree coverage for themselves and any eligible dependent(s) until the date the retiree reaches age 65 (Medicare eligible). When the retiree reaches age 65, coverage will cease for the retiree and any covered dependents.

A retiree must elect coverage on the first day he or she becomes eligible, or within 30 days of the eligibility date. Late entrants (after the 30 day period) will be denied coverage. Reentry into the plan after a lapse or termination in coverage will not be permitted.

Premium contributions for retirees covered under the Indiana State Police Pension Fund are paid directly to the Administrator by monthly coupon billing or by deduction from the pension check. All retirees covered by PERF must be coupon billed.

The Retiree Basic Plan includes only Medical and Prescription Drug coverage. The Retiree Optional Plan includes Medical, Prescription Drug, Vision and Dental coverage.

Retirees upgrading from the Basic Plan to the Optional Plan must maintain the upgraded coverage for a period of not less than three years before reducing coverage.

**Dependents** A Dependent becomes eligible for coverage on the effective date of the Eligible Person's coverage.

"Dependent" – The following persons, provided coverage under the plan is in effect:

- The Eligible Person's spouse.
- Any of the following who qualify as the Eligible Person's Dependent(s), until they reach the limiting age:
  1. Children;
  2. Stepchildren;
  3. Adopted children of the Eligible Person or spouse, from the earlier of: (a) the date of placement for the purpose of adoption; (b) the date of entry of a court order granting the adoptive parent custody of the child for adoption; or
  4. Children for whom the Eligible Person or spouse has legal guardianship when both parents of the child are deceased and one of the parents of the child is a member of the Enrollee's immediate family provided the child resides with the Eligible Person or spouse except in those cases when the child is no longer a same household resident while a full time student at an accredited educational institution.
  5. Those Dependents enrolled through guardianship prior to July 1, 2000 will remain covered Dependents until the earlier of:
    - a. The Dependent reaches the Dependent limiting age: or
    - b. The Enrollee is no longer the legal guardian of the Dependent: or
    - c. The Enrollee terminates coverage of the Dependent for any reason. In this occurrence, any reinstatement of coverage for the Dependent will be subject to the requirements of the insurance plan for the department then in effect.
- In the event a child who is a "Dependent" as defined herein, is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical handicap and is chiefly dependent upon the Enrollee for support and maintenance prior to age 19, such child's coverage will continue if satisfactory evidence of such disability and dependency is received within 120 days after the Dependent Limiting Age is reached. Coverage for the "Dependent" will continue until the Enrollee discontinues his coverage or the disability no longer exists. The department may require, at reasonable intervals, but no more often than once a year, satisfactory evidence of the disability is continuing.

"Dependent Limiting Age" is the end of the month in which the child attains age 26.

## **Family Security**

If an employee or retiree is covered under this program at the time of his or her death, his or her Dependents, including spouse, who are also covered will be eligible to remain covered under this Plan under the Family Security Program, without payment of premium for a period of three (3) months, or until the occurrence of one of the following events, whichever is earliest:

- The date of remarriage of the surviving spouse, if any; or
- The date a Dependent ceases to meet this Plan's definition of a Dependent.

After the Family Security Program has terminated, the remaining covered Dependents may continue their coverage at the appropriate Dependent premium rate based on the retiree rate structure. Election to continue coverage must be made within 30 days of the notification of the end of the Family Security Program. Coverage elected will become effective on the first day of the month, three months following the Enrollee's death. Late entrants (after the 30-day period) will be denied coverage. Reentry into the plan after a lapse or termination in coverage will not be permitted.

Coverage for a surviving spouse will cease on the earlier of:

- The date of remarriage of the surviving spouse; or
- The date the surviving spouse dies.

Any coverage which is continued for dependent children because of the death of a covered employee or retiree will not cease because of the death of the surviving spouse within the six (6) month period following the date of the employee's or retiree's death.

The dependent benefits payable after the death of the employee or retiree will be those in effect for the dependents on the day prior to the death of the employee or retiree.

## **Line of Duty**

Dependents, including spouses, of employees killed in the Line of Duty shall be offered health insurance coverage in accordance with IC 5-10-14. This coverage will be paid for by the Department. Dependents' coverage is subject to the Eligibility requirements of the Plan.

A surviving spouse may add additional dependents to the Plan that are acquired after the line of duty death. These Dependents are subject to the eligibility requirements of the Plan, and the Line-of-Duty Dependent premium will be derived from the retiree rate structure.

## **Enrollment**

Participation in the plan(s) is voluntary, and employees may enroll as follows:

- New employees are given thirty-one (31) days from their date of hire to enroll in any of the programs offered by the Indiana State Police. Coverage becomes effective on the date they elect coverage by signing an approved payroll deduction form. Coverage for Dependents takes effect when the employee becomes covered.
- Dependents born or acquired after the date of enrollment must be added by completion of the appropriate forms within thirty-one (31) days of the marriage, birth, etc.



- Enrollment or changes not in accordance with above paragraphs may be made as follows:
  1. During designated open enrollment periods;
  2. Based upon the evidence of insurability policy under the TPA;
  3. Based on the qualifying events interim in the IRS Code Section 125.

### **Newborn Infant Coverage**

The benefits payable for eligible Dependent children shall be paid for a sick or injured newborn infant of an Eligible Person for the first 31 days of his or her life. The coverage for newly adopted children will be the same as for other Eligible Dependents. The coverage for the newborn infant or newly adopted child consists of coverage of injury or sickness, including the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. Coverage for the newborn infant or newly adopted child shall include, but not be limited to, benefits for Inpatient or Outpatient expenses arising from medical and dental treatment (including orthodontic and oral surgery treatment) involved in the management of birth defects known as cleft lip and cleft palate.

The coverage required for a newly adopted child:

1. Is effective upon the earlier of:
  - a. The date of placement for the purpose of adoption; or
  - b. The date of the entry of an order granting the adoptive parent custody of the child for purpose of adoption;
2. Continues unless the placement is disrupted prior to legal adoption and the child is removed from placement; or
3. Continues unless required action as described below is taken.

### **Single Policy**

To be covered beyond the first 31 days on a single policy, the newborn must be added to the Enrollee's plan membership. **The Enrollee will need to contact the Human Resources Division to obtain the appropriate enrollment forms.** The Enrollee will be liable for the higher premium for the entire pay period in which the child was added.

### **Family Policy**

The Administrator will automatically add a newborn child to an existing family membership. The Administrator will send a notice to the Enrollee that an enrollment form must be completed with the child's name. **The Enrollee will need to contact the Human Resources Division to obtain the enrollment form.**

Note: This procedure does not apply in cases of:

- Adoption
- Marriage
- Divorce
- Guardianship

**In these cases, you must contact the Human Resources Division to obtain the appropriate enrollment forms.**

### **Qualified Medical Child Support Order / Court Ordered Health Coverage**

If you are required by a qualified medical child support order or court order, as defined applicable state or federal law, to enroll your child under this Plan, the State will permit your child to enroll at any time without regard to any open enrollment limits and shall provide the benefits of this Plan in accordance with the applicable requirements of such order. A child's coverage under this provision will not extend beyond any Dependent Age Limit listed in the Schedule of Benefits. Any claims payable under this Plan will be paid, at the Administrator's discretion, on behalf of the State, to the child or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, for any expenses paid by the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian. The Plan will make information available to the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian on how to obtain benefits and submit claims to the Administrator directly.

### **Contributions**

Persons who have elected coverage under the medical, vision and dental plans must authorize payroll deductions to pay their portion of the cost.

### **Applications**

To obtain coverage with the Indiana State Police Health Care Benefit Plan, an Eligible Person must complete and submit an application to the Indiana State Police Human Resources Division. Acceptance of the application is shown by delivery of an identification card showing the Eligible Person's name and identification number.

# Termination and Continuation of Coverage

## Termination

Except as otherwise provided, your coverage may terminate in the following situations:

- When the Employer's Plan terminates. It will be the Employer's responsibility to notify you of the termination of coverage.
- If you choose to terminate your coverage.
- If you or your Dependents cease to meet the eligibility requirements of the Plan, subject to any applicable continuation requirements. If you cease to be eligible, you must notify the Employer immediately. You shall be responsible for payment for any services incurred by you after you cease to meet eligibility requirements.
- If you elect coverage under another carrier's health benefit plan, which is offered by the Employer as an option instead of this Plan, subject to the consent of the Employer. The Employer agrees to immediately notify us that you have elected coverage elsewhere.
- If you perform an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud or make an intentional misrepresentation of material fact, as prohibited by the terms of your Plan, your coverage and the coverage of your dependents can be retroactively terminated or rescinded if: 1) your coverage has been in force for less than two years, or 2) the fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact concerns eligibility. A rescission of coverage means that the coverage may be legally voided back to the start of your coverage under the Plan, just as if you never had coverage under the Plan. You will be provided with a thirty (30) calendar day advance notice with appeal rights before your coverage is retroactively terminated or rescinded. You are responsible for paying Us for the cost of previously received services based on the Maximum Allowable Amount for such services, less any Copayments made or Fees paid for such services.
- If you fail to pay or fail to make satisfactory arrangements to pay your Fees, the Employer may terminate your coverage and may also terminate the coverage of your Dependents.
- If you permit the use of your or any other Member's Plan Identification Card by any other person; use another person's Identification Card; or use an invalid Identification Card to obtain services, your coverage will terminate immediately. Anyone involved in the misuse of a Plan Identification Card will be liable to and must reimburse the Plan for the Maximum Allowed Amount for services received through such misuse.

You will be notified in writing of the date your coverage ends by either us or the Employer.

## Removal of Members

Upon written request through the Employer, you may cancel your coverage and/or your Dependent's coverage from the Plan. If this happens, no benefits will be provided for Covered Services after the termination date.

## Continuation of Coverage Under Federal Law (COBRA)

The following applies if you are covered by an Employer that is subject to the requirements of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985, as amended.

COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you when you would otherwise lose coverage under your Employer's health Plan. It can also become available to other Members of your family, who are covered under the Employer's health Plan, when they would otherwise lose their health coverage. For additional information about your rights and duties under federal law, you should contact the Employer.

### **Qualifying events for Continuation Coverage under Federal Law (COBRA)**

COBRA continuation coverage is available when your coverage would otherwise end because of certain "qualifying events." After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse and your Dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if you were covered on the day before the qualifying event and your coverage would be lost because of the qualifying event. Qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA must pay for this COBRA continuation coverage.

This benefit entitles each Member of your family who is enrolled in the Plan to elect continuation independently. Each qualified beneficiary has the right to make independent benefit elections at the time of annual enrollment. Covered Subscribers may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents or legal guardians may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children. A child born to, or placed for adoption with, a covered Subscriber during the period of continuation coverage is also eligible for election of continuation coverage.

<b>Qualifying Event</b>	<b>Length of Availability of Coverage</b>
<p><b><u>For Subscribers:</u></b></p> <p>Voluntary or Involuntary Termination (other than gross misconduct) or Loss of Coverage Under an Employer's Health Plan Due to Reduction In Hours Worked</p>	18 months
<p><b><u>For Dependents:</u></b></p> <p>A Covered Subscriber's Voluntary or Involuntary Termination (other than gross misconduct) or Loss of Coverage Under an Employer's Health Plan Due to Reduction In Hours Worked</p> <p>Covered Subscriber's Entitlement to Medicare</p> <p>Divorce or Legal Separation</p> <p>Death of a Covered Subscriber</p>	<p>18 months</p> <p>36 months</p> <p>36 months</p> <p>36 months</p>
<p><b><u>For Dependent Children:</u></b></p> <p>Loss of Dependent Child Status</p>	36 months

COBRA coverage will end before the end of the maximum continuation period listed above if you become entitled to Medicare benefits. In that case, a qualified beneficiary – other than the Medicare beneficiary – is entitled to continuation coverage for no more than a total of 36 months. (For example, if you become

entitled to Medicare prior to termination of employment or reduction in hours, COBRA continuation coverage for your spouse and children can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement.)

## **If Your Employer Offers Retirement Coverage**

If you are a retiree under this Plan, filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code may be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to your Employer, and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage, you will become a qualified beneficiary with respect to the bankruptcy. Your Dependents will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under this Plan. If COBRA coverage becomes available to a retiree and his or her covered family members as a result of a bankruptcy filing, the retiree may continue coverage for life and his or her Dependents may also continue coverage for a maximum of up to 36 months following the date of the retiree's death.

## **Second qualifying event**

If your family has another qualifying event (such as a legal separation, divorce, etc.) during the initial 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, your Dependents can receive up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months from the original qualifying event. Such additional coverage is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused your Dependents to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

## **Notification Requirements**

The Employer will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Employer has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment, death of the Subscriber, commencement of a proceeding in bankruptcy with respect to the employer, or the Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), the Employer will notify the COBRA Administrator (e.g., Human Resources or their external vendor) of the qualifying event.

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

For other qualifying events (e.g., divorce or legal separation of the Subscriber and spouse or a Dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a Dependent child), you must notify the Employer within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs.

## **How is COBRA Coverage Provided**

Once the Employer receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered Subscribers may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

## **Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage**

To continue Your coverage, You or an eligible family Member must make an election within 60 days of the date Your coverage would otherwise end, or the date the company's benefit Plan Administrator notifies You or Your family Member of this right, whichever is later. You must pay the total fees appropriate for the type of benefit coverage You choose to continue. If the Fee rate changes for active associates, Your monthly Fee will also change. The Fee You must pay cannot be more than 102 of the Fee charged for Employees with similar coverage, and it must be paid to the company's benefit plan administrator within 30 days of the date due, except that the initial Fee payment must be made before 45 days after the initial election for continuation coverage, or Your continuation rights will be forfeited.

## **Disability extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage**

For Subscribers who are determined, at the time of the qualifying event, to be disabled under Title II (OASDI) or Title XVI (SSI) of the Social Security Act, and Subscribers who become disabled during the first 60 days of COBRA continuation coverage, coverage may continue from 18 to 29 months. These Subscribers' Dependents are also eligible for the 18- to 29-month disability extension. (This also applies if any covered family Member is found to be disabled.) This would only apply if the qualified beneficiary gives notice of disability status within 60 days of the disabling determination. In these cases, the Employer can charge 150% of fees for months 19 through 29. This would allow health coverage to be provided in the period between the end of 18 months and the time that Medicare begins coverage for the disabled at 29 months. (If a qualified beneficiary is determined by the Social Security Administration to no longer be disabled, such qualified beneficiary must notify the Plan Administrator of that fact in writing within 30 days after the Social Security Administration's determination.)

## **Trade Adjustment Act Eligible Individual**

If you don't initially elect COBRA coverage and later become eligible for trade adjustment assistance under the U.S. Trade Act of 1974 due to the same event which caused you to be eligible initially for COBRA coverage under this Plan, you will be entitled to another 60-day period in which to elect COBRA coverage. This second 60-day period will commence on the first day of the month on which you become eligible for trade adjustment assistance. COBRA coverage elected during this second election period will be effective on the first day of the election period.

## **When COBRA Coverage Ends**

COBRA benefits are available without proof of insurability and coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

- A covered individual reaches the end of the maximum coverage period;
- A covered individual fails to pay a required Fees on time;
- A covered individual becomes covered under any other group health plan after electing COBRA. If the other group health plan contains any exclusion or limitation on a pre-existing condition that applies to you, you may continue COBRA coverage only until these limitations cease;
- A covered individual becomes entitled to Medicare after electing COBRA; or
- The Employer terminates all of its group welfare benefit plans.

## **Other coverage options besides COBRA Continuation Coverage**

Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)

# General Provisions

## Care Coordination

The Plan pays In-Network Providers in various ways to provide Covered Services to you. For example, sometimes the Plan may pay In-Network Providers a separate amount for each Covered Service they provide. The Plan may also pay them one amount for all Covered Services related to treatment of a medical condition. Other times, the Plan may pay a periodic, fixed pre-determined amount to cover the costs of Covered Services. In addition, the Plan may pay In-Network Providers financial incentives or other amounts to help improve quality of care and/or promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner, or compensate In-Network Providers for coordination of Member care. In some instances, In-Network Providers may be required to make payment to us because they did not meet certain standards. You do not share in any payments made by In-Network Providers to us under these programs.

## Clerical Error

A clerical error will never disturb or affect your coverage, as long as your coverage is valid under the rules of the Plan. This rule applies to any clerical error, regardless of whether it was the fault of the Employer or us.

## Confidentiality and Release of Information

Applicable state and federal law requires the Claims Administrator to undertake efforts to safeguard your medical information.

For informational purposes only, please be advised that a statement describing the Claims Administrator's policies and procedures regarding the protection, use and disclosure of your medical information is available on the Claims Administrator's website and can be furnished to you upon request by contacting the Claims Administrator's Member Services department.

Obligations that arise under state and federal law and policies and procedures relating to privacy that are referenced but not included in this Booklet are not part of the contract between the parties and do not give rise to contractual obligations.

## Conformity with Law

Any term of the Plan which is in conflict with federal law, will hereby be automatically amended to conform with the minimum requirements of such laws.

## Contract with Anthem

The Employer, on behalf of itself and its participants, hereby expressly acknowledges its understanding that this Plan constitutes a Contract solely between the Employer and us, Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem), and that we are an independent corporation licensed to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in the state of Indiana. The Blue Cross Blue Shield marks are registered by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independently licensed Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. and in other countries. Further, we are not contracting as the agent of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association or any other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan or licensee. The Employer, on behalf of itself and its participants, further acknowledges and agrees that it has not entered into this Contract based upon representations by any person other than Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. and that no person, entity, or organization other than Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. shall be held

accountable or liable to the Employer for any of Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc.'s obligations to the Employer created under the Contract. This paragraph shall not create any additional obligations whatsoever on our part other than those obligations created under other terms of this agreement.

## **Circumstances Beyond the Control of the Plan**

If circumstances arise that are beyond the control of the Plan, the Plan will make a good-faith gesture to arrange an alternative method of providing coverage. Circumstances that may occur, but are not within the control of the Plan, include but are not limited to, a major disaster or epidemic, complete or partial destruction of facilities, a riot, civil insurrection, labor disputes that are out of the control of the Plan, disability affecting a significant number of a Network Provider's staff or similar causes, or health care services provided under the Plan are delayed or considered impractical. Under such circumstances, the Plan and Network Providers will provide the health care services covered by the Plan as far as is practical under the circumstances, and according to their best judgment. However, the Plan and Network Providers will accept no liability or obligation for delay, or failure to provide or arrange health care services if the failure or delay is caused by events/circumstances beyond the control of the Plan.

## **Disagreement with Recommended Treatment**

Each Member enrolls in the Plan with the understanding that they, in consultation with their Providers, are responsible for determining the treatment appropriate for their care. You may, for personal reasons, refuse to accept procedures or treatment recommended by your Providers. Providers may regard such refusal to accept their recommendations as incompatible with continuance of the Physician-patient relationship and as obstructing the provision of proper medical care. In this event, the Provider shall have no further responsibility to provide care to you, and the Plan shall have no obligation to have Network Providers available who will render the care.

If you refuse to follow a recommended treatment or procedure, and the Provider believes that no professionally acceptable alternative exists, you will be so advised. In such case, neither the Plan, nor any Provider shall have any further responsibility to provide care in the case of the Provider, and to arrange care in the case of the Plan for the condition under treatment or any complications thereof.

## **Entire Agreement**

This Benefit Booklet, the Administrative Services Agreement, the Employer's application, any Riders, Endorsements or Attachments, and the individual applications of the Subscriber and Dependents, if any, constitute the entire agreement between the Plan and the Employer and as of the Effective Date, supersede all other agreements between the parties. Any and all statements made to the Plan by the Employer and any and all statements made to the Employer by the Plan are representations and not warranties, and no such statement, unless it is contained in a written application for coverage under the Plan, shall be used in defense to a claim under the Plan.

## **Form or Content of Booklet**

No agent or employee of ours is authorized to change the form or content of this Booklet. Changes can only be made through a written authorization, signed by an officer of the Employer.

## **Government Programs**

The benefits under this Plan shall not duplicate any benefits that you are entitled to, or eligible for, under any other governmental program. This does not apply if any particular laws require us to be the primary payer. If the Plan has duplicated such benefits, all money paid by such programs to you for services you have or are receiving, shall be returned by or on your behalf to the Plan.



## Medical Policy and Technology Assessment

Anthem reviews and evaluates new technology according to its technology evaluation criteria developed by its medical directors. Technology assessment criteria are used to determine the Experimental / Investigational status or Medical Necessity of new technology. Guidance and external validation of Anthem's medical policy is provided by the Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) which consists of approximately 20 Doctors from various medical specialties including Anthem's medical directors, Doctors in academic medicine and Doctors in private practice.

Conclusions made are incorporated into medical policy used to establish decision protocols for particular diseases or treatments and applied to Medical Necessity criteria used to determine whether a procedure, service, supply or equipment is covered.

## Medicare

Any benefits covered under both this Plan and Medicare will be covered according to Medicare Secondary Payer legislation, regulations, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines, subject to federal court decisions. Federal law controls whenever there is a conflict among state law, Booklet terms, and federal law.

Except when federal law requires the Plan to be the primary payer, the benefits under this Plan for Members age 65 and older, or Members otherwise eligible for Medicare, do not duplicate any benefit for which Members are entitled under Medicare, including Part B. Where Medicare is the responsible payer, all sums payable by Medicare for services provided to you shall be reimbursed by or on your behalf to the Plan, to the extent the Plan has made payment for such services.

## Modifications

The Plan Sponsor may change the benefits described in this Benefit Booklet and the Member will be informed of such changes as required by law. This Benefit Booklet shall be subject to amendment, modification, and termination in accordance with any of its provisions by the Employer, or by mutual agreement between the Claims Administrator and the Employer without the consent or concurrence of any Member. By electing medical and Hospital benefits under the Plan or accepting the Plan benefits, all Members legally capable of contracting, and the legal representatives of all Members incapable of contracting, agree to all terms, conditions, and provisions hereof.

## Not Liable for Provider Acts or Omissions

The Plan is not responsible for the actual care you receive from any person. This Booklet does not give anyone any claim, right, or cause of action against Anthem **or the Plan** based on the actions of a Provider of health care, services, or supplies.

## Payment Innovation Programs

We pay In-Network Providers through various types of contractual arrangements. Some of these arrangements – Payment Innovation Programs (Program(s)) – may include financial incentives to help improve quality of care and promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner.

These Programs may vary in methodology and subject area of focus and may be modified by us from time to time, but they will be generally designed to tie a certain portion of an In-Network Provider's total compensation to pre-defined quality, cost, efficiency or service standards or metrics. In some instances,

In-Network Providers may be required to make payment to us under the Program as a consequence of failing to meet these pre-defined standards.

The Programs are not intended to affect your access to health care. The Program payments are not made as payment for specific Covered Services provided to you, but instead, are based on the In-Network Provider's achievement of these pre-defined standards. You are not responsible for any Copayment or Coinsurance amounts related to payments made by us or to us under the Program(s), and you do not share in any payments made by Network Providers to us under the Program(s).

## **Policies, Procedures and Pilot Programs**

We, on behalf of the Employer, may adopt reasonable policies, procedures, rules and interpretations to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the Plan with which a Member shall comply.

Under the terms of the Group Contract, we have the authority, in our sole discretion, to introduce or terminate from time to time, pilot or test programs for disease management, care management, case management, clinical quality or wellness initiatives that may result in the payment of benefits not otherwise specified in this Booklet. We reserve the right to discontinue a pilot or test program at any time.

## **Program Incentives**

The Plan may offer incentives from time to time, at our discretion, in order to introduce you to covered programs and services available under this Plan. The Plan may also offer, at our discretion, the ability for you to participate in certain voluntary health or condition-focused digital applications or use other technology based interactive tool, or receive educational information in order to help you stay engaged and motivated, manage your health, and assist in your overall health and well-being. The purpose of these programs and incentives include, but are not limited to, making you aware of cost effective benefit options or services, helping you achieve your best health, and encouraging you to update Member-related information. These incentives may be offered in various forms such as retailer coupons, gift cards, health related merchandise, and discounts on fees or Member cost shares. Acceptance of these incentives is voluntary as long as Anthem offers the incentives program. Motivational rewards, awards or points for achieving certain milestones may be a feature of the program. We may discontinue a program or an incentive for a particular covered program or service at any time. If you have any questions about whether receipt of an incentive or retailer coupon results in taxable income to you, we recommend that you consult your tax advisor.

## **Protected Health Information Under HIPAA**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and the Privacy Regulations issued under HIPAA, contain provisions designed to protect the privacy of certain individually identifiable health information. Your Employer's Group Health Plan has a responsibility under the HIPAA Privacy Regulations to provide you with a Notice of Privacy Practices. This notice sets forth the Employer's rules regarding the disclosure of your information and details about a number of individual rights you have under the Privacy Regulations. As the Claims Administrator of your Employer's Plan, Anthem has also adopted a number of privacy practices and has described those in its Privacy Notice. If you would like a copy of Anthem's Notice, contact the Member Services number on the back of your Identification Card.

## **Relationship of Parties (Employer-Member-Anthem)**

The Employer is fiduciary agent of the Member. Our notice to the Employer will constitute effective notice to the Member. It is the Employer's duty to notify us of eligibility data in a timely manner. This Plan is not responsible for payment of Covered Services of Members if the Employer fails to provide us with timely notification of Member enrollments or terminations.

## **Relationship of Parties (Anthem and In-Network Providers)**

The relationship between Anthem and In-Network Providers is an independent contractor relationship. In-Network Providers are not agents or employees of ours, nor is Anthem, or any employee of Anthem, an employee or agent of In-Network Providers.

Your health care Provider is solely responsible for all decisions regarding your care and treatment, regardless of whether such care and treatment is a Covered Service under this Plan. We shall not be responsible for any claim or demand on account of damages arising out of, or in any manner connected with, any injuries suffered by you while receiving care from any In-Network Provider or in any In-Network Provider's Facilities.

Your In-Network Provider's agreement for providing Covered Services may include financial incentives or risk sharing relationships related to the provision of services or referrals to other Providers, including In-Network Providers, Out-of-Network Providers, and disease management programs. If you have questions regarding such incentives or risk sharing relationships, please contact your Provider or us.

## **Employer's Sole Discretion**

The Employer may, in its sole discretion, cover services and supplies not specifically covered by the Plan. This applies if the Employer, with advice from us (the Claims Administrator), determines such services and supplies are in lieu of more expensive services and supplies which would otherwise be required for the care and treatment of a Member. Ultimately the Plan has discretion as part of the Administrative Service Agreement.

## **Reservation of Discretionary Authority**

We, as the Claims Administrator, shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate to enable us to carry out our duties in connection with the operation of the Plan and interpretation of the Benefit Booklet. This includes the power to construe the Administrative Services Agreement, to determine questions arising under the Plan, to resolve Member Appeals and to make, establish and amend the rules, regulations and procedures with regard to the interpretation of the Benefit Booklet of the Plan. A specific limitation or exclusion will override more general benefit language. We have complete discretion to interpret the Benefit Booklet. Ultimately Plan has discretion as part of ASO agreement. Our determination may include, without limitation, determination of whether the services, treatment, or supplies are Medically Necessary, Experimental/Investigative, whether surgery is cosmetic, and whether charges are consistent with the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount. A Member may utilize all applicable Appeals procedures.

## **Right of Recovery and Adjustment**

Whenever payment has been made in error, the Plan will have the right to recover such payment from you or, if applicable, the Provider or otherwise make appropriate adjustment to claims. In most instances such recovery or adjustment activity shall be limited to the calendar year in which the error is discovered.

We have oversight responsibility for compliance with Provider and vendor contracts. We may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a Provider or vendor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible.

Additionally, we have established recovery and adjustment policies to determine which recoveries and adjustments are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery or adjustment amounts. We will not pursue recoveries for overpayments or adjustments for underpayments if the cost of the activity exceeds the overpayment or underpayment amount.

## **Unauthorized Use of Identification Card**

If you permit your Identification Card to be used by someone else or if you use the card before coverage is in effect or after coverage has ended, you will be liable for payment of any expenses incurred resulting from the unauthorized use. Fraudulent misuse could also result in termination of the coverage.

## **Value of Covered Services**

For purposes of subrogation, reimbursement of excess benefits, or reimbursement under any Workers' Compensation or Employer Liability Law, the value of Covered Services shall be the amount paid for the Covered Services.

## **Voluntary Clinical Quality Programs**

The Plan may offer additional opportunities to assist you in obtaining certain covered preventive or other care (e.g., well child check-ups or certain laboratory screening tests) that you have not received in the recommended timeframe. These opportunities are called voluntary clinical quality programs. They are designed to encourage you to get certain care when you need it and are separate from Covered Services under your Plan. These programs are not guaranteed and could be discontinued at any time. The Plan will give you the choice and if you choose to participate in one of these programs, and obtain the recommended care within the program's timeframe, you may receive incentives such as gift cards or retailer coupons, which you are encouraged to use for health and wellness related activities or items. Under other clinical quality programs, you may receive a home test kit that allows you to collect the specimen for certain covered laboratory tests at home and mail it to the laboratory for processing. You may also be offered a home visit appointment to collect such specimens and complete biometric screenings. You may need to pay any cost shares that normally apply to such covered laboratory tests (e.g., those applicable to the laboratory processing fee) but will not need to pay for the home test kit or the home visit. If you have any questions about whether receipt of a gift card or retailer coupon results in taxable income to you, it is recommended that you consult your tax advisor.

## **Waiver**

No agent or other person, except an authorized officer of the Employer, is able to disregard any conditions or restrictions contained in this Booklet, to extend the amount of time for making a payment to the Plan, or to bind the Plan by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information.

## **Workers' Compensation**

The benefits under this Plan are not designed to duplicate benefits that you are eligible for under Workers' Compensation Law. All money paid or owed by Workers' Compensation for services provided to you shall be paid back by, or on your behalf of to the Plan if it has made or makes payment for the services received. It is understood that coverage under this Plan does not replace or affect any Workers' Compensation coverage requirements.

## Definitions

If a word or phrase in this Booklet has a special meaning, such as Medical Necessity or Experimental / Investigational, it will start with a capital letter, and be defined below. If you have questions on any of these definitions, please call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

### **Accidental Injury**

An unexpected Injury for which you need Covered Services while enrolled in this Plan. It does not include injuries that you get benefits for under any Workers' Compensation, Employer's liability or similar law.

### **Ambulatory Surgery Center**

A facility licensed as an Ambulatory Surgery Center as required by law that satisfies our accreditation requirements and is approved by us.

### **Athletic Trainer**

Please see the "What's Covered" section for details.

### **Administrative Services Agreement**

The agreement between the Claims Administrator and the Employer regarding the administration of certain elements of the health care benefits of the Employer's Group Health Plan.

### **Authorized Service(s)**

A Covered Service you get from an Out-of-Network Provider that the Plan has agreed to cover at the In-Network level. You will have to pay any In-Network Deductible, Coinsurance, and/or Copayment(s) that apply, and may also have to pay the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's charge unless your claim is a Surprise Billing Claim. Please see the Claims Payment section as well as the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" at the front of this Booklet.

### **Benefit Period**

The length of time the Plan will cover benefits for Covered Services. For Calendar Year plans, the Benefit Period starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. For Plan Year plans, the Benefit Period starts on your Employer's effective or renewal date and lasts for 12 months. (See your Employer for details.) The Schedule of Benefits shows if your Plan's Benefit Period is a Calendar Year or a Plan Year. If your coverage ends before the end of the year, then your Benefit Period also ends.

### **Benefit Period Maximum**

The most the Plan will cover for a Covered Service during a Benefit Period.

### **Booklet**

This document (also called the Benefit Booklet), which describes the terms of your benefits while you are enrolled under the Plan.

## **Centers of Medical Excellence (COE) Network**

A network of health care facilities, which have been selected to give specific services to our Members based on their experience, outcomes, efficiency, and effectiveness. An In-Network Provider under this Plan is not necessarily a COE. To be a COE, the Provider must have signed a Center of Medical Excellence Agreement with us.

## **Claims Administrator**

The company the Employer chose to administer its health benefits. Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc., dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield was chosen to administer this Plan. The Claims Administrator provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.

## **Coinsurance**

Your share of the cost for Covered Services, which is a percent of the Maximum Allowed Amount. You normally pay Coinsurance after you meet your Deductible. For example, if your Plan lists 20% Coinsurance on office visits, and the Maximum Allowed Amount is \$100, your Coinsurance would be \$20 after you meet the Deductible. The Plan would then cover the rest of the Maximum Allowed Amount. See the ‘ ’ for details. Your Coinsurance will not be reduced by any refunds, rebates, or any other form of negotiated post-payment adjustments.

## **Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021**

Please refer to the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice” at the front of this Booklet for details.

## **Covered Services**

Health care services, supplies, or treatment described in this Booklet that are given to you by a Provider. To be a Covered Service the service, supply or treatment must be:

- Medically Necessary or specifically included as a benefit under this Booklet.
- Within the scope of the Provider’s license.
- Given while you are covered under the Plan.
- Not Experimental / Investigational, excluded, or limited by this Booklet, or by any amendment or rider to this Booklet.
- Approved by us before you get the service if prior authorization is needed.

A charge for a Covered Service will apply on the date the service, supply, or treatment was given to you.

The date for applying Deductible and other cost shares for an Inpatient stay is the date of you enter the Facility.”

Covered Services do not include services or supplies not described in the Provider records.

## **Covered Transplant Procedure**

Please see the “What’s Covered” section for details.

## **Creditable Service**

Creditable Service- Creditable Years of Service for purposes of eligibility for Retirement coverage under this Plan, means years of service with Indiana State Police or years of service in accordance with IC 5-10-8-6.5.

## **Custodial Care**

Any type of care, including room and board, that (a) does not require the skills of professional or technical workers; (b) is not given to you or supervised by such workers or does not meet the rules for post-Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility care; (c) is given when you have already reached the greatest level of physical or mental health and are not likely to improve further.

Custodial Care includes any type of care meant to help you with activities of daily living that does not require the skill of trained medical or paramedical workers. Examples of Custodial Care include:

- Help in walking, getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing, eating, or using the toilet,
- Changing dressings of non-infected wounds, after surgery or chronic conditions,
- Preparing meals and/or special diets,
- Feeding by utensil, tube, or gastrostomy,
- Common skin and nail care,
- Supervising medicine that you can take yourself,
- Catheter care, general colostomy or ileostomy care,
- Routine services which we decide can be safely done by you or a non-medical person without the help of trained medical and paramedical workers,
- Residential care and adult day care,
- Protective and supportive care, including education,
- Rest and convalescent care.

Care can be Custodial even if it is recommended by a professional or performed in a Facility, such as a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility, or at home.

## **Deductible**

The amount you must pay for Covered Services before benefits begin under this Plan. For example, if your Deductible is \$1,000, your Plan won't cover anything until you meet the \$1,000 Deductible. The Deductible may not apply to all Covered Services. Please see the Schedule of Benefits for details.

## **Dependent**

A member of the Subscriber's family who meets the rules listed in the "Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members" section and who has enrolled in the Plan.

## **Doctor**

See the definition of "Physician."

## **Effective Date**

The date your coverage begins under this Plan.

## **Emergency (Emergency Medical Condition)**

Please see the "What's Covered" section.

## **Emergency Care**

Please see the "What's Covered" section.

## **Employee**

A person who is engaged in active employment with the Employer and is eligible for Plan coverage under the employment rules of the Employer. The Employee is also called the Subscriber.

## **Employer**

An Employer who has allowed its Employees to participate in the Plan by acting as the Plan Sponsor or adopting the Plan as a participating Employer by executing a formal document that so provides. The Employer or other organization has an Administrative Services Agreement with the Claims Administrator to administer this Plan.

## **Excluded Services (Exclusion)**

Health care services your Plan doesn't cover.

## **Experimental or Investigational (Experimental / Investigational)**

Any Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply used in or directly related to the diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of a disease, injury, illness, or other health condition which We determine to be unproven. For how this is determined, see the "What's Not Covered" section.

## **Facility**

A facility including but not limited to, a Hospital, freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility, Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility, Residential Treatment Center, Skilled Nursing Facility, Home Health Care Agency or mental health facility, as defined in this Booklet. The Facility must be licensed, accredited, registered or approved by The Joint Commission or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), as applicable, or meet specific rules set by us.

## **Fee(s)**

The amount you must pay to be covered by this Plan.

## **Home Health Care Agency**

A Provider licensed when required by law and approved by us, that:

1. Gives skilled nursing and other services on a visiting basis in your home; and
2. Supervises the delivery of services under a plan prescribed and approved in writing by the attending Doctor.

## **Hospice**

A Provider that gives care to terminally ill patients and their families, either directly or on a consulting basis with the patient's Doctor. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency.

## **Hospital**

A facility licensed as a Hospital as required by law that satisfies our accreditation requirements and is approved by us. The term Hospital does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:



1. Nursing care
2. Rest care
3. Convalescent care
4. Care of the aged
5. Custodial Care
6. Educational care
7. Subacute care

### **Identification Card (ID Card)**

The card given to you that showing your Member identification, group numbers, and the plan you have.

### **In-Network Provider**

A Provider that has a contract, either directly or indirectly, with us, or another organization, to give Covered Services to Members through negotiated payment arrangements. A Provider that is In-Network for one plan may not be In-Network for another. Please see “How to Find a Provider in the Network” in the section “How Your Plan Works” for more information on how to find an In-Network Provider for this Plan.

### **In-Network Transplant Provider**

Please see the “What’s Covered” section for details.

### **Inpatient**

A Member who is treated as a registered bed patient in a Hospital and for whom a room and board charge is made.

### **Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Program**

A range of therapy services provided in the home to address symptoms and behaviors that, as the result of a mental disorder or substance use disorder, put the Members and others at risk of harm.

### **Intensive Outpatient Program**

Structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that provides a combination of individual, group and family therapy in a program that operates no less than 3 hours per day, 3 days per week.

### **Late Enrollees**

Subscribers or Dependents who enroll in the Plan after the initial enrollment period. A person will not be considered a Late Enrollee if he or she enrolls during a Special Enrollment period. Please see the “Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members” section for further details.

### **Maximum Allowed Amount**

The maximum payment that we will allow for Covered Services. For more information, see the “Claims Payment” section.

## Medical Necessity (Medically Necessary)

An intervention that is or will be provided for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of a condition, illness, disease or injury and that is determined by us to be:

- Medically appropriate for and consistent with the symptoms and proper diagnosis or treatment of the Member's condition, illness, disease or injury;
- Obtained from a Provider;
- Provided in accordance with applicable medical and/or professional standards;
- Known to be effective, as proven by scientific evidence, in materially improving health outcomes;
- The most appropriate supply, setting or level of service that can safely be provided to the Member and which cannot be omitted consistent with recognized professional standards of care (which, in the case of hospitalization, also means that safe and adequate care could not be obtained in a less comprehensive setting);
- Cost-effective compared to alternative interventions, including no intervention or the same intervention in an alternative setting. Cost effective does not always mean lowest cost. It does mean that as to the diagnosis or treatment of the Member's illness, injury or disease, the service is: (1) not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services that is medically appropriate, or (2) the service is performed in the least costly setting that is medically appropriate. For example, your Plan will not provide coverage for an inpatient admission for surgery if the surgery could have been performed on an outpatient basis or an infusion or injection of a specialty drug provided in the outpatient department of a hospital if the drug could be provided in a Physician's office or the home setting;
- Not Experimental/Investigative;
- Not primarily for the convenience of the Member, the Member's family or the Provider.
- Not otherwise subject to an exclusion under this Booklet.

The fact that a Provider may prescribe, order, recommend, or approve care, treatment, services or supplies does not, of itself, make such care, treatment, services or supplies Medically Necessary or a Covered Service and **does not** guarantee payment.

## Member

People, including the Subscriber and his or her Dependents, who have met the eligibility rules, applied for coverage, and enrolled in the Plan. Members are called "you" and "your" in this Booklet.

## Open Enrollment

A period of time in which eligible people or their dependents can enroll without penalty after the initial enrollment. See the Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members section for more details.

## Out-of-Network Provider

A Provider that does not have an agreement or contract with us, or our subcontractor(s) to give services to Members under this Plan.

You will often get a lower level of benefits when you use Out-of-Network Providers.

## Out-of-Network Transplant Provider

Please see the "What's Covered" section for details.

## Out-of-Pocket Limit

The most you pay in Copayments, Deductibles, and Coinsurance during a Benefit Period for Covered Services. The Out-of-Pocket limit does **not** include amounts over the Maximum Allowed Amount, or charges for health care that your Plan doesn't cover. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits" for details.

## Partial Hospitalization Program

Structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that offers nursing care and active individual, group and family treatment in a program that operates no less than 6 hours per day, 5 days per week

## Pharmacy

A place licensed by state law where you can get Prescription Drugs and other medicines from a licensed pharmacist when you have a prescription from your Doctor.

## Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process

A process to make clinically based recommendations that will help you access quality, low cost medicines within your Plan. The process includes health care professionals such as nurses, pharmacists, and Doctors. The committees of the National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Process meet regularly to talk about and find the clinical and financial value of medicines for Members. This process first evaluates the clinical evidence of each product under review. The clinical review is then combined with an in-depth review of the market dynamics, Member impact and financial value to make choices for the formulary. Our programs may include, but are not limited to, Drug utilization programs, prior authorization criteria, therapeutic conversion programs, cross-branded initiatives, and Drug profiling initiatives.

## Physician (Doctor)

Includes the following when licensed by law:

- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) legally entitled to practice medicine and perform surgery,
- Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) legally licensed to perform the duties of a D.O.,
- Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.), legally licensed to perform the duties of a chiropractor,
- Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) legally entitled to practice podiatry, and
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.D.M.), Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), legally entitled to provide dental services.

Optometrists, Clinical Psychologists (PhD), and surgical chiropodists are also Providers when legally licensed and giving Covered Services within the scope of their licenses.

## Plan

The arrangement chosen by the Plan Sponsor to fund and provide for delivery of the Employer's health benefits.

## Plan Administrator

The person or entity named by the Plan Sponsor to manage the Plan and answer questions about Plan details. ***The Plan Administrator is not the Claims Administrator.***

## Plan Sponsor

The legal entity that has adopted the Plan and has authority regarding its operation, amendment and termination. ***The Plan Sponsor is not the Claims Administrator.***

## **Precertification**

Please see the section “Getting Approval for Benefits” for details.

## **Prescription Drug (Drug)**

A substance, that under the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, must bear a message on its original packing label that says, “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription.” This includes the following:

- 1) Compounded (combination) medications, when all of the ingredients are FDA-approved, require a prescription to dispense, and are not essentially the same as an FDA-approved product from a drug manufacturer.
- 2) Insulin, diabetic supplies, and syringes.

## **Prescription Order**

A written request by a Provider, as permitted by law, for a Prescription Drug or medication, and each authorized refill.

## **Primary Care Physician (“PCP”)**

A Physician who gives or directs health care services for you. The Physician may work in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics or any other practice allowed by the Plan.

## **Primary Care Provider**

A Physician, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, physician assistant, or any other Provider licensed by law and allowed under the Plan, who gives, directs, or helps you get a range of health care services.

## **Provider**

A professional or Facility licensed when required by law that gives health care services within the scope of that license, satisfies our accreditation requirements and, for In-Network Providers, is approved by us. Details on our accreditation requirements can be found at <https://www.anthem.com/provider/credentialing/>. This includes any Provider that state law says we must cover when they give you services that state law says we must cover. Providers that deliver Covered Services are described throughout this Booklet. If you have a question about a Provider not described in this Booklet please call the number on the back of your Identification Card.

## **Recovery**

Please see the “Subrogation and Reimbursement” section for details.

## **Residential Treatment Center / Facility:**

An Inpatient Facility that treats Mental Health and Substance Abuse conditions. The Facility must be licensed as a residential treatment center in the state in which it is located and be accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC), the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (NIAHO), or the Council on Accreditation (COA).

The term Residential Treatment Center/Facility does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

1. Nursing care
2. Rest care
3. Convalescent care
4. Care of the aged
5. Custodial Care
6. Educational care

### **Retail Health Clinic**

A Facility that gives limited basic health care services to Members on a “walk-in” basis. These clinics are often found in major pharmacies or retail stores. Medical services are typically given by Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners.

### **Service Area**

The geographical area where you can get Covered Services from an In-Network Provider.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility**

A facility licensed as a skilled nursing facility in the state in which it is located that satisfies our accreditation requirements and is approved by us.

A Skilled Nursing Facility is not a place mainly for care of the aged, Custodial Care or domiciliary care, or a place for rest, educational, or similar services.

### **Special Enrollment**

A period of time in which eligible people or their dependents can enroll after the initial enrollment, typically due to an event such as marriage, birth, adoption, etc. See the Eligibility and Enrollment – Adding Members section for more details.

### **Specialist (Specialty Care Physician \ Provider or SCP)**

A Specialist is a Doctor who focuses on a specific area of medicine or group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent, or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-Physician Specialist is a Provider who has added training in a specific area of health care.

### **Subscriber**

An employee of the Employer who is eligible for and has enrolled in the Plan.

### **Surprise Billing Claim**

Please refer to the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice” at the front of this Booklet for details.

### **Transplant Benefit Period**

Please see the “What’s Covered” section for details.

### **Urgent Care Center**

A licensed health care Facility that is separate from a Hospital and whose main purpose is giving immediate, short-term medical care, without an appointment, for urgent care.

### **Utilization Review**

Evaluation of the necessity, quality, effectiveness, or efficiency of medical or behavioral health services, Prescription Drugs (as set forth in the section Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider), procedures, and/or facilities.

# Get help in your language

**Curious to know what all this says? We would be too. Here's the English version:**

You have the right to get this information and help in your language for free. Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Separate from our language assistance program, we make documents available in alternate formats for members with visual impairments. If you need a copy of this document in an alternate format, please call the customer service telephone number on the back of your ID card.

**Spanish**

Tiene el derecho de obtener esta información y ayuda en su idioma en forma gratuita. Llame al número de Servicios para Miembros que figura en su tarjeta de identificación para obtener ayuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)

**Arabic**

يحق لك الحصول على هذه المعلومات والمساعدة بلغتك مجاناً. اتصل برقم خدمات الأعضاء الموجود على بطاقة التعريف الخاصة بك للمساعدة (TTY/TDD:711).

**Burmese**

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**Chinese**

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## **1 BENEFIT BOOKLET**

This Benefit Booklet has been prepared by the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, to help explain your dental benefits. This document replaces and supersedes any Benefit Booklet or summary that you have received previously.

Please refer to this Benefit Booklet whenever you require dental services. It describes how to access medical care, what dental services are covered by the Plan, and what portion of the dental care costs you will be required to pay.

This Benefit Booklet should be read and re-read in its entirety. Since many of the provisions of this Benefit Booklet are interrelated, you should read the entire Benefit Booklet to get a full understanding of your dental benefits.

Many words used in the Benefit Booklet have special meanings. These words appear in capitals and are defined for you. Refer to these definitions in the Definitions section for the best understanding of what is being stated.

This Dental Benefit Booklet also contains Exclusions, so please be sure to read this Dental Benefit Booklet carefully.

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## 2 SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS - DENTAL

The Schedule of Benefits is a summary of the amount of benefits the Contractor will pay when you receive Covered Services from a Provider. Please refer to the **Covered Services** section for a more complete explanation of the specific dental services covered by the Plan. All Covered Services are subject to the conditions, exclusions, limitations, terms and provisions of the Benefit Booklet including any attachments or riders. Benefits for Covered Services are based on the Maximum Allowable Amount. You may be responsible for any balance due between the Provider’s charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount in addition to any Coinsurance, Deductibles, and non-Covered Charges.

<b>Benefit Period</b>	Calendar Year
<b>Dependent Age Limit</b>	To the end of the month in which the child attains age 26
<b>Dental Deductible</b>	
Per Person	\$50
Per Family	\$150
<b>Maximum Per Benefit Period</b>	
For all Dental Services except extraction of impacted or partially impacted teeth and Orthodontia.	\$1,500
For extraction of impacted or partially impacted teeth including anesthesia.	\$2,000
<b>Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum</b>	\$2,500
<b>Covered Services</b>	<b>Coinsurance/Maximums</b>
Class I - Preventive and Diagnostic Covered Services (Not subject to the Deductible)	100% of billed charges
<b>The following services are subject to the Deductible:</b>	
Class II - Restorative Covered Services	90% of billed charges
Class III - Prosthodontics Covered Services	70% of billed charges
Class IV - Orthodontic Covered Services	70% of billed charges

### 3 DEFINITIONS

This section defines terms which have special meanings. If a word or phrase has a special meaning or is a title, it will be capitalized. The word or phrase is defined in this section or at the place in the text where it is used.

**Alternate Recipient** - Any child of a Subscriber who is recognized under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMSCO) as having a right to enrollment under the Plan with regard to such Subscriber.

**Administrator** - An organization or entity that the Employer contracts with to provide administrative and claims payment services under the Plan. The Administrator is Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. The Administrator provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.

**Appeal** - A formal request by you or your representative for reconsideration of a decision not resolved to your satisfaction at the Grievance level. An Appeal involves review by an appointed panel composed of staff members of the Plan who did not previously render an opinion on the resolution of your Grievance.

**Benefit Booklet** - This summary of the terms of your dental benefits.

**Benefit Period** - The period of time that the Plan pays benefits for Covered Services. The Benefit Period is listed in the Schedule of Benefits. If your coverage ends earlier, the Benefit Period ends at the same time.

**Coinsurance** - The percentage of Covered Charges for which you are responsible under the terms of this Plan. Coinsurance takes effect after any Dental Deductible is met.

**Covered Charges** - Charges for Covered Services to the extent that, in the Plan's judgment, such charges are not excessive. This judgment will be based on professional medical opinion or upon the Maximum Allowable Amount for similar providers who perform like Covered Services.

**Covered Services** - Services, supplies or treatment as described in this Benefit Booklet which are performed, prescribed, directed or

authorized by a Provider. To be considered Covered Services, services must be:

- Within the scope of the license of the Provider performing the service;
- Rendered while coverage under this Plan is in force;
- Within the Maximum Allowable Amount;
- Not specifically excluded or limited by the Plan; and
- Specifically included as a benefit within this Benefit Booklet.

**Dependent** - A person of the Subscriber's family who is eligible for coverage under the Plan as described in the **Eligibility and Enrollment** section.

**Dental Deductible** - The specified dollar amount of Covered Charges, stated in the Schedule of Benefits, which you must incur before the Plan begins to pay benefits which are subject to the Dental Deductible.

**Effective Date** - The date that a Subscriber's coverage begins under the Plan. A Dependent's coverage also begins on the Subscriber's Effective Date.

**Eligible Person** - A person who meets the Employer's requirements and is entitled to apply to be a Subscriber.

**Employer** - The legal entity contracting with the Administrator for administration of group dental care benefits.

**Enrollment Date** - The day the Employer or Member signs up for coverage or, when there is a waiting period, the first day of the waiting period (normally the date that employment begins).

**Fee(s)** - The periodic charges which are required to be paid by you and/or the Employer to maintain benefits under the Plan.

**Grievance** - Any expression of dissatisfaction made by you or your representative to the Plan or its affiliates in which you have the

reasonable expectation that action will be taken to resolve or reconsider the matter that is the subject of dissatisfaction. A Grievance is considered filed with the Administrator on the day and time it is received. Grievances may include, but are not limited to, concerns about:

- the availability of Providers;
- the handling or payment of claims for dental care services;
- matters pertaining to the contractual relationship between you and the Employer or the Administrator and the Employer.

**Identification Card / ID Card** – A card issued by the Plan, showing the Member’s name, membership number, and occasionally coverage information.

**Maximum Allowable Amount (Maximum Allowed Amount)** - The maximum amount that the Plan will allow for Covered Services You receive. For more information, see the “Claims Payment” section.

**Medicare** - The program of health care for the aged and disabled established by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended.

**Member** – A Subscriber or Dependent who has satisfied the eligibility conditions, applied for coverage, been approved by the Plan and been covered by the required Fee payment; Members are sometimes called “you” or “your” in this Benefit Booklet.

**Plan** - The group dental benefit plan provided by the Employer and explained in this Benefit Booklet.

**Provider** - A duly licensed person or facility that provides services within the scope of an applicable license and is a person or facility that the Plan approves. This includes any Provider rendering services which are required by applicable state law to be covered when rendered by such Provider.

**Recovery** - A Recovery is money you receive from another, their insurer or from any “Uninsured Motorist”, “Underinsured Motorist”, “Medical-Payments”, “No-Fault”, or “Personal Injury Protection” or other insurance coverage provision as a result of injury or illness caused by another. Regardless of how you or your representative or any agreements characterize the money you receive, it shall be subject to the Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions of this Plan.

**Subcontractor** - The Administrator may subcontract particular services to organizations or entities that have specialized expertise in certain areas. Such subcontracted organizations or entities may make benefit determinations and/or perform administrative, claims paying, or customer service duties on the Administrator’s behalf.

**Subscriber** - An employee or Member of the Employer who is eligible to receive benefits under the Plan.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

You have coverage provided under the Plan because of your employment with/membership with/retirement from the Employer. You must satisfy certain requirements to participate in the Employer’s benefit plan. These requirements may include probationary or waiting periods and Actively At Work standards as determined by the Employer or state and/or federal law and approved by the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer.

**Your Eligibility requirements are described in general terms below. For more specific eligibility information, see your Human Resources or Benefits Department.**

## Eligibility

**Employees** All active full-time Indiana State Police employees regularly scheduled to work not less than 37  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours per week are eligible, as are disabled employees, their spouses and their eligible "Dependents".

An eligible Dependent of an employee becomes eligible for coverage on the effective date of the employee's coverage.

If a Dependent, other than a newborn infant of an Enrollee, is confined in a hospital on the date his or her coverage would otherwise begin, his or her coverage will become effective upon final medical release from such confinement.

**Retirees** A retiree becomes eligible for coverage either: 1) the month he or she retires (if the retirement becomes effective on the first day of that month); or 2) the first day of the month following the date retirement becomes effective, if he or she:

- Has completed 25 years of Creditable Service and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit; or
- Is age 65, has completed 10 years of Creditable Service and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit; or
- Is age 60, has completed 15 years of Creditable Service and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit; or
- Is age 55, age plus years of Creditable Service equals 85 or more, and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit.

Additional eligibility requirements for retiree coverage:

Employees hired prior to December 31, 2010 must be enrolled in the Indiana State Police Health Care, Vision and Dental Plan by no later than January 1, 2011 and maintain continuous coverage from that date to date of separation of employment with the Department. Enrollment of an active full-time employee as a Dependent on a Spouse's plan who is an active Eligible Person under this Plan constitutes Creditable Coverage under this provision.

Employees hired after December 31, 2010 must be enrolled in the Indiana State Police Health Care, Vision and Dental Plan within the first 30 days of employment and maintain continuous coverage from that date to date of separation of employment with the Department. Enrollment of an active full-time employee as a Dependent on a Spouse's plan who is an active Eligible Person under this Plan constitutes Creditable Coverage under this provision.

Employees hired on or after July 1, 2016, who are eligible and elect retiree coverage at the time of their separation of employment, will be able to carry retiree coverage for themselves and any eligible dependent(s) until the date the retiree reaches age 65 (Medicare eligible). When the retiree reaches age 65, coverage will cease for the retiree and any covered dependents.

A retiree must elect coverage on the first day he or she becomes eligible, or within 30 days of the eligibility date. Late entrants (after the 30 day period) will be denied coverage. Reentry into the plan after a lapse or termination in coverage will not be permitted.

Premium contributions for retirees covered under the Indiana State Police Pension Fund are paid directly to the Administrator by monthly coupon billing or by deduction from the pension check. All retirees covered by PERF must be coupon billed.

The Retiree Basic Plan includes only Medical and Prescription Drug coverage. The Retiree Optional Plan includes Medical, Prescription Drug, Vision and Dental coverage.

Retirees upgrading from the Basic Plan to the Optional Plan must maintain the upgraded coverage for a period of not less than three years before reducing coverage.

**Dependents** A Dependent becomes eligible for coverage on the effective date of the Eligible Person's coverage.

"Dependent" – The following persons, provided coverage under the plan is in effect:

- The Eligible Person's spouse.
- Any of the following who qualify as the Eligible Person's Dependent(s), until they reach the limiting age:
  1. Children;
  2. Stepchildren;
  3. Adopted children of the Eligible Person or spouse, from the earlier of: (a) the date of placement for the purpose of adoption; (b) the date of entry of a court order granting the adoptive parent custody of the child for adoption; or
  4. Children for whom the Eligible Person or spouse has legal guardianship when both parents of the child are deceased and one of the parents of the child is a member of the Enrollee's immediate family provided the child resides with the Eligible Person or spouse except in those cases when the child is no longer a same household resident while a full time student at an accredited educational institution.
- 5. Those Dependents enrolled through guardianship prior to July 1, 2000 will remain covered Dependents until the earlier of:
  - a. The Dependent reaches the Dependent limiting age: or
  - b. The Enrollee is no longer the legal guardian of the Dependent: or
  - c. The Enrollee terminates coverage of the Dependent for any reason. In this occurrence, any reinstatement of coverage for the Dependent will be subject to the requirements of the insurance plan for the department then in effect.
- In the event a child who is a "Dependent" as defined herein, is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical handicap and is chiefly dependent upon the Enrollee for support and maintenance prior to age 19, such child's coverage will continue if satisfactory evidence of such disability and dependency is received within 120 days after the Dependent Limiting Age is reached. Coverage for the "Dependent" will continue until the Enrollee discontinues his coverage or the disability no longer exists. The department may require, at reasonable intervals, but no more often than once a year, satisfactory evidence of the disability is continuing.

"Dependent Limiting Age" is the end of the month in which the child attains age 26.

### **Family Security**

If an employee or retiree is covered under this program at the time of his or her death, his or her Dependents, including spouse, who are also covered will be eligible to remain covered under this Plan under the Family Security Program, without payment of premium for a period of three (3) months, or until the occurrence of one of the following events, whichever is earliest:

- The date of remarriage of the surviving spouse, if any; or
- The date a Dependent ceases to meet this Plan's definition of a Dependent.

After the Family Security Program has terminated, the remaining covered Dependents may continue their coverage at the appropriate Dependent premium rate based on the retiree rate structure. Election to continue coverage must be made within 30 days of the notification of the end of the Family Security Program. Coverage elected will become effective on the first day of the month, three months following the Enrollee's death. Late entrants (after the 30-day period) will be denied coverage. Reentry into the plan after a lapse or termination in coverage will not be permitted.

Coverage for a surviving spouse will cease on the earlier of:

- The date or remarriage of the surviving spouse; or
- The date the surviving spouse dies.

Any coverage which is continued for dependent children because of the death of a covered employee or retiree will not cease because of the death of the surviving spouse within the six (6) month period following the date of the employee's or retiree's death.

The dependent benefits payable after the death of the employee or retiree will be those in effect for the dependents on the day prior to the death of the employee or retiree.

### **Line of Duty**

Dependents, including spouses, of employees killed in the Line of Duty shall be offered health insurance coverage in accordance with IC 5-10-14. This coverage will be paid for by the Department. Dependents' coverage is subject to the Eligibility requirements of the Plan.

A surviving spouse may add additional dependents to the Plan that are acquired after the line of duty death. These Dependents are subject to the eligibility requirements of the Plan, and the Line-of-Duty Dependent premium will be derived from the retiree rate structure.

### **Enrollment**

Participation in the plan(s) is voluntary, and employees may enroll as follows:

- New employees are given thirty-one (31) days from their date of hire to enroll in any of the programs offered by the Indiana State Police. Coverage becomes effective on the date they elect coverage by signing an approved payroll deduction form. Coverage for Dependents takes effect when the employee becomes covered.
- Dependents born or acquired after the date of enrollment must be added by completion of the appropriate forms within thirty-one (31) days of the marriage, birth, etc.

- Enrollment or changes not in accordance with above paragraphs may be made as follows:
  1. During designated open enrollment periods;
  2. Based upon the evidence of insurability policy under the TPA;
  3. Based on the qualifying events interim in the IRS Code Section 125.

### **Newborn Infant Coverage**

The benefits payable for eligible Dependent children shall be paid for a sick or injured newborn infant of an Eligible Person for the first 31 days of his or her life. The coverage for newly adopted children will be the same as for other Eligible Dependents. The coverage for the newborn infant or newly adopted child consists of coverage of injury or sickness, including the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. Coverage for the newborn infant or newly adopted child shall include, but not be limited to, benefits for Inpatient or Outpatient expenses arising from medical and dental treatment (including orthodontic and oral surgery treatment) involved in the management of birth defects known as cleft lip and cleft palate.

The coverage required for a newly adopted child:

1. Is effective upon the earlier of:
  - a. The date of placement for the purpose of adoption; or
  - b. The date of the entry of an order granting the adoptive parent custody of the child for purpose of adoption;
2. Continues unless the placement is disrupted prior to legal adoption and the child is removed from placement; or
3. Continues unless required action as described below is taken.

### **Single Policy**

To be covered beyond the first 31 days on a single policy, the newborn must be added to the Enrollee's plan membership. **The Enrollee will need to contact the Human Resources Division to obtain the appropriate enrollment forms.** The Enrollee will be liable for the higher premium for the entire pay period in which the child was added.

### **Family Policy**

The Administrator will automatically add a newborn child to an existing family membership. The Administrator will send a notice to the Enrollee that an enrollment form must be completed with the child's name. **The Enrollee will need to contact the Human Resources Division to obtain the enrollment form.**

Note: This procedure does not apply in cases of:

- Adoption
- Marriage
- Divorce

- Guardianship

**In these cases, you must contact the Human Resources Division to obtain the appropriate enrollment forms.**

#### **Qualified Medical Child Support Order/Court Ordered Health Coverage**

If you are required by a qualified medical child support order or court order, as defined applicable state or federal law, to enroll your child under this Plan, the State will permit your child to enroll at any time without regard to any open enrollment limits and shall provide the benefits of this Plan in accordance with the applicable requirements of such order. A child's coverage under this provision will not extend beyond any Dependent Age Limit listed in the Schedule of Benefits. Any claims payable under this Plan will be paid, at the Administrator's discretion, on behalf of the State, to the child or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, for any expenses paid by the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian. The Plan will make information available to the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian on how to obtain benefits and submit claims to the Administrator directly.

#### **Contributions**

Persons who have elected coverage under the medical, vision and dental plans must authorize payroll deductions to pay their portion of the cost.

#### **Applications**

To obtain coverage with the Indiana State Police Health Care Benefit Plan, an Eligible Person must complete and submit an application to the Indiana State Police Human Resources Division. Acceptance of the application is shown by delivery of an identification card showing the Eligible Person's name and identification number.

## **5 TERMINATION AND CONTINUATION**

### **Termination**

Except as otherwise provided, your coverage may terminate in the following situations. The information provided below is general and the actual effective date of termination may vary based on your Employer's specific requirements:

- If you terminate your coverage, termination for Enrollees and Dependents will generally be effective on the earliest of:
  - The date the Administrative Service Agreement or Plan is terminated; or
  - The date the payroll deduction authorization is withdrawn; or
- The date the premiums are due and payable and unpaid; or
- Termination of employment (except when retiree coverage is elected); or
- The date a Dependent ceases to be eligible as defined.
- Subject to any applicable continuation or conversion requirements, if you cease to meet eligibility requirements as outlined in this Benefit Booklet, your coverage will terminate on the last day of the billing period. If you cease to be eligible due to termination of employment, your coverage



will terminate on the last day of the billing period. You must notify your Employer immediately if you cease to meet the eligibility requirements. You shall be responsible for payment for any services incurred by you after you cease to meet eligibility requirements.

- If you perform an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud or make an intentional misrepresentation of material fact, as prohibited by the terms of your Plan, your coverage and the coverage of your Dependents can be retroactively terminated or rescinded. A rescission of coverage means that the coverage may be legally voided back to the start of your coverage under the Plan, just as if you never had coverage under the Plan. You will be provided with a thirty (30) calendar day advance notice with appeal rights before your coverage is retroactively terminated or rescinded. You are responsible for paying the Plan for the cost of previously received services based on the Maximum Allowable Amount for such services, less any Copayments made or Fees paid for such services.
- If you permit the use of your or any other Member's Plan Identification Card by any other person; use another person's card; or use an invalid card to obtain services, your coverage will terminate immediately upon written notice. Any Subscriber or Dependent involved in the misuse of a Plan Identification Card will be liable to and must reimburse the Plan for the Maximum Allowable Amount for services received through such misuse.

### **Federal Continuation of Coverage (COBRA)**

The following applies if you are covered under an Employer which is subject to the requirements of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985, as amended.

COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you when you would otherwise lose coverage under your Employer's health plan. It

can also become available to other Members of your family, who are covered under the Employer's health plan, when they would otherwise lose their health coverage. For additional information about your rights and obligations under federal law under the coverage provided by the Employer's health plan, you should contact the Employer.

### **COBRA Continuation Coverage**

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of health coverage under the Employer's health plan when coverage would otherwise end because of a life event known as a "qualifying event." Specific qualifying events are listed below. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse, and your Dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Employer's health plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Employer's health plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage may or may not be required to pay for COBRA continuation coverage. Contact the Employer for Fees payment requirements.

If you are a Subscriber, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Employer's health plan because either one of the following qualifying events happens:

- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you are the spouse of a Subscriber, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Employer's health plan because any of the following qualifying events happens:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;

- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your Dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Employer's health plan because any of the following qualifying events happens:

- The parent-Subscriber dies;
- The parent-Subscriber's hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-Subscriber's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-Subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Employer's health plan as a "Dependent child."

#### **If Your Employer Offers Retirement Coverage**

Sometimes, filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under title 11 of the United States Code can be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the Employer, and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage of any retired Subscriber covered under the Employer's health plan, the retired Subscriber will become a qualified beneficiary with respect to the bankruptcy. The retired Subscriber's spouse, surviving spouse, and Dependent children will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under Employer's health plan.

#### **When is COBRA Coverage Available**

The Employer will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Employer has been notified that a qualifying

event has occurred. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment, death of the Subscriber, commencement of a proceeding in bankruptcy with respect to the employer, or the Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), then the Employer will notify the COBRA Administrator (e.g., Human Resources, external vendor) of the qualifying event.

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

For the other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the Subscriber and spouse or a Dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a Dependent child), you must notify the Employer within 31 days after the qualifying event occurs.

#### **How is COBRA Coverage Provided**

Once the Employer receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered Subscribers may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

#### **How Long Will Continuation Coverage Last?**

In the case of a loss of coverage due to end of employment or reduction in hours of employment, coverage may be continued only for up to a total of 18 months. In the case of losses of coverage due to the Subscriber's death, divorce or legal separation, the Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits or a Dependent child ceasing to be a Dependent under the terms of the Employer's health plan, coverage may be continued for up to a total of 36 months. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the Subscriber's hours of employment, and the Subscriber became entitled to Medicare benefits less than 18 months before

the qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage for qualified beneficiaries other than the Subscriber lasts until 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement.

### **How Can You Extend The Length of COBRA Continuation Coverage?**

If you elect continuation coverage, an extension of the maximum period of coverage may be available if a qualified beneficiary is disabled or a second qualifying event occurs. You must notify the Employer of a disability or a second qualifying event in order to extend the period of continuation coverage. Failure to provide notice of a disability or second qualifying event may affect the right to extend the period of continuation coverage.

- **Disability**

An 11-month extension of coverage may be available if any of the qualified beneficiaries is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be disabled. You must provide the SSA determination of your disability to the Employer within 60 days of receipt. The disability has to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of continuation coverage. Each qualified beneficiary who has elected continuation coverage will be entitled to the 11-month disability extension if one of them qualifies. If the qualified beneficiary is determined by SSA to no longer be disabled, you must notify the Employer of that fact within 30 days after SSA's determination.

- **Second Qualifying Event**

An 18-month extension of coverage will be available to spouses and Dependent children who elect continuation coverage if a second qualifying event occurs during the first 18 months of continuation coverage. The maximum amount of continuation coverage available when a second qualifying event occurs is 36 months. Such second qualifying events may include the death of a covered

Subscriber, divorce or separation from the covered Subscriber, the covered Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), or a Dependent child's ceasing to be eligible for coverage as a Dependent under the Employer's health plan. These events can be a second qualifying event only if they would have caused the qualified beneficiary to lose coverage under the Plan if the first qualifying event had not occurred. You must notify the Employer within 60 days after a second qualifying event occurs if you want to extend your continuation coverage.

### **Trade Act of 1974**

Special COBRA rights apply to Subscribers who have been terminated or experienced a reduction of hours and who qualify for a "trade readjustment allowance" or "alternative trade adjustment assistance" under a federal law called the Trade Act of 1974. These Subscribers are entitled to a second opportunity to elect COBRA coverage for themselves and certain family members (if they did not already elect COBRA coverage), but only within a limited period of sixty (60) days (or less) and only during the six (6) months immediately after their Employer health plan coverage ended.

If you, the Subscriber, qualify for assistance under the Trade Act of 1974, you should contact the Employer for additional information. You must contact the Employer promptly after qualifying for assistance under the Trade Act of 1974 or you will lose these special COBRA rights.

### **Premiums and the End of COBRA Coverage**

Premium will be no more than 102% of the Employer rate (unless your coverage continues beyond 18 months because of a disability. In that case, premium in the 19th through 29th months may be 150% of the Employer rate).

Continuation coverage will be terminated before the end of the maximum period if:

- any required premium is not paid in full on time,

- a qualified beneficiary becomes covered, after electing continuation coverage, under another Employer health plan,
- a qualified beneficiary becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both) after electing continuation coverage, or
- the Employer ceases to provide any group health plan for its employees.

Continuation coverage may also be terminated for any reason the Employer would terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary not receiving continuation coverage (such as fraud).

### If You Have Questions

Questions concerning your Employer's health plan and your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the Employer. For more information about your rights under COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit the EBSA website at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.)

## 6 DENTAL UTILIZATION REVIEW

Dental utilization review is a process designed to promote the delivery of cost-effective dental care by encouraging the use of clinically recognized and proven procedures. Dental utilization review is included in your dental benefits to encourage you to utilize your dental benefits in a cost-effective and clinically recognized manner. Your right to benefits for Covered Services provided under this Plan is subject to certain policies, guidelines and limitations, including, but not limited to, the Administrator's coverage guidelines, dental policy and utilization review features.

Dental utilization review is accomplished through pre-treatment review and retrospective review. The Administrator's dental coverage guidelines for pre-treatment review and retrospective review are intended to reflect the standards of care for dental practice and state-specific regulations. The purpose of dental coverage guidelines is to assist in the interpretation of Medical Necessity. In order to be Covered Services under this Plan, services must meet the Medically Necessary requirements.

### Pre-Treatment Review

You may have a pre-treatment review done before you receive benefits. Pre-treatment review is not a prior authorization for services but is a system that allows you and your Dentist to know, in advance, what the estimated benefits payable would be under this Plan for a proposed course of treatment. The actual benefits you receive under the plan will be determined once a claim for services has been received and may vary from the estimated benefits based upon the actual services received as well as the benefit coverage in effect on the date(s) of services.

Under pre-treatment review, your Dentist prepares a request for a pre-treatment benefit estimation form, and submits this form to the Administrator before any treatment begins. The pre-treatment benefit estimation form should: (a) list the recommended dental services; and (b) show the charge for each dental service. The Administrator will review this request and send a copy of its estimated benefits to you and your Dentist. The Administrator may request supporting pre-operative x-rays or other diagnostic records in connection with the pre-treatment review. A pre-treatment review is recommended if the proposed course of treatment

is expected to involve charges of **\$350 or more**.

If the course of treatment is not reviewed before treatment is received, it will be reviewed when the claim is submitted to the Administrator for payment.

## Retrospective Review

Retrospective review means a Medical Necessity review that is conducted after dental care services have been provided. A claim review includes, but is not limited to, an evaluation of reimbursement levels, accuracy of documentation, accuracy of coding and adjudication of payment.

The Administrator provides a toll-free telephone number available during normal business hours to assist you or your Dentist in

obtaining information with respect to the Administrator's utilization review process. This same number may be utilized after business hours to leave a message which will be responded to within two business days in non-emergency situations.

If a Member disagrees with a utilization review decision and wishes to file a Grievance, or appeal a decision previously made you will find details on how to do this in the Grievance and Appeals section of this Benefit Booklet. You may also contact the Administrator's customer service number on your ID card.

The utilization review process is governed by laws and regulations, and may be modified from time to time by the Plan as those laws and regulations may require.

## 7 COVERED SERVICES - DENTAL

This section describes the Covered Services available under your dental care benefits when provided and billed by eligible Providers. All Covered Services are subject to the exclusions listed in the Exclusions section.

Benefits are limited to Covered Services stated in this Benefit Booklet for dental disease, prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Coverage is subject to all the terms and limitations stated in this Benefit Booklet, including special treatment schedules and benefit maximums.

### Covered Dental Services

#### Class I - Preventive and Diagnostic Covered Services

1. Oral examinations, not more than twice a calendar year.
2. Bitewing x-rays, X-rays.
3. Full mouth x-rays, once in a 36 consecutive month period.
4. Oral prophylaxis (cleaning and scaling of

teeth), not more than twice in a calendar year.

5. Topical fluoride application, not more than one treatment in a calendar year.
6. Space maintainers.
7. Extractions (except extractions for orthodontics or impacted or partially impacted teeth).

#### Class II - Restorative Covered Services

1. Fillings, including silver amalgam, silicate and acrylic restorations.
2. Administration of general anesthetics when medically necessary and administered in connection with oral surgery.
3. Periodontal treatment (diseases of gums).
4. Endodontic treatment (pulp infection and root canal therapy).
5. Injections of antibiotic drugs.
6. Sealants for dependent children under 19 years of age on posterior teeth.

7. Apicoectomy (considered a separate service if performed with root canal therapy)
8. Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty, per quadrant.
9. Osseous surgery, per quadrant. If more than one surgical service is performed per quadrant, only the most inclusive surgical service performed will be a Covered Service under this benefit. Flap entry and closure is considered part of the dental service of osseous surgery and osseous graft.
10. Repairs and adjustments to full or partial dentures, only if performed after six (6) months from initial installation.
11. Replacement of broken tooth of full or partial denture, only if not in conjunction with other repairs.
12. Extraction of impacted or partially impacted teeth.

### **Class III - Prosthodontics Covered Services**

1. Crowns (porcelain and/or gold).
2. Complete dentures.
3. Partial dentures.
4. Bridge pontics (gold, porcelain, or plastic).
5. Abutment crowns (gold, porcelain, or plastic).
6. Implants.

### **Class IV - Orthodontic Covered Services**

1. Orthodontic diagnostic procedures (including cephalometric X-rays).
2. Surgical therapy (surgical repositioning of the jaw, facial bones, and/or teeth to correct malocclusion).
3. Appliance therapy (braces) including related oral exams, surgery and extractions.

### **Implants**

Benefits for implants include:

- Surgical placement of implants
- Implant supported Prosthetics
- Implant maintenance
- Repair of an implant
- Removal of an implant

### **Limitations**

Covered services for surgery involving the teeth or peridontium are limited to the following:

- Excision of epulis.
- Excision of an unerupted impacted tooth, including removal of alveolar bone and sectioning tooth.
- Removal of a residual root (when performed by a dentist other than the one who extracted the tooth).
- Intraoral drainage of an acute alveolar abscess with cellulitis.
- Alveolectomy.
- Gingivectomy for gingivitis or periodontitis.

### **Exclusions**

The following are not covered under dental:

- Services and supplies for lost or stolen dentures or appliances.
- Hospital charges, even if the admission is for dental work.
- Replacement of a bridge or denture within five (5) years following the date of its original installation unless:

1. Replacement is made necessary by the placement of an original opposing full denture or the extraction of natural teeth; or
  2. The bridge or denture, while in the oral cavity, has been damaged beyond repair as a result of an injury received while you are covered under this Plan.
- Replacement of a bridge or denture, at any time, when the bridge or denture meets or can be made to meet commonly held dental standards of functional acceptability.
  - Appliances or restorations, except full dentures when the primary purpose is to alter vertical dimension, stabilize periodontally involved teeth, or restore occlusion.
  - Veneers or similar properties of crowns and pontics placed on, or replacing teeth, except the ten upper and lower anterior teeth.
  - Services and supplies excluded in the exclusions section.
  - Sealants to posterior teeth
  - Sealants over age 19
  - Lost or stolen dentures

## 8 EXCLUSIONS

The following section indicates items which are excluded from benefit consideration, and are not considered Covered Services. This information is provided as an aid to identify certain common items which may be misconstrued as Covered Services, but is in no way a limitation upon, or a complete listing of, such items considered not to be Covered Services.

The Plan does not provide benefits for services or supplies:

1. Received from an individual or entity that is not a Provider, as defined in this Benefit Booklet.
2. Procedures not yet recognized by the American Dental Association as indicated with a specific procedure code designation.
3. For any condition, disease, defect, ailment, or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under any Worker's Compensation Act or other similar law. This exclusion applies if you receive the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also applies whether or not you claim the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not you recover from any third party;
4. To the extent that they are provided as benefits by any governmental unit, unless otherwise required by law or regulation;
5. For illness or injury that occurs as a result of any act of war, declared or undeclared;
6. For a condition resulting from direct participation in a riot, civil disobedience, nuclear explosion, or nuclear accident;
7. For court ordered care, unless Medically Necessary and authorized by the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer.
8. For which you have no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage;
9. Received from a dental or medical department maintained by or on behalf of an employer, mutual benefit association, labor union, trust or similar person or group;
10. Prescribed, ordered, or referred by, or received from a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, or self.
11. For completion of claim forms or charges for medical records or reports unless otherwise required by law;
12. For missed or canceled appointments;
13. For mileage costs or other travel expenses, except as authorized by the Plan;
14. Charges in excess of the Maximum Allowable Amount;
15. Incurred prior to your Effective Date;
16. Incurred after the termination date of this coverage except as specified elsewhere in this Benefit Booklet;
17. For services or supplies primarily for educational, vocational, or training purposes, except as otherwise specified herein;

## 9 CLAIMS PAYMENT

### How to Obtain Benefits

For services received from a Provider, you are responsible for making sure a claim is filed in

order to receive benefits. Many Providers will submit your claim for you. If you submit the claim use a claim form.



## Maximum Allowed Amount

### General

This section describes how the Plan determines the amount of reimbursement for Dental Services. Reimbursement for dental services rendered by participating and non-participating Dentists is based on your Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount for the type of service performed.

The Maximum Allowed Amount for this plan is the maximum amount of reimbursement the Plan will pay for services and supplies:

- that meets the Plan's definition of Dental Services, to the extent such services and supplies are covered under your plan and are not excluded;
- that are Medically Necessary; and
- that are provided in accordance with all applicable preauthorization, utilization management or other requirements set forth in your Benefit Booklet.

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. In addition, when you receive Dental Services from a non-participating Dentist, you may be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Dentist's actual charges. This amount can be significant.

When you receive Dental Services from a Dentist, the Administrator will, to the extent applicable, apply claim processing rules to the claim submitted for those Dental Services. These rules evaluate the claim information and, among other things, determine the accuracy and appropriateness of the dental procedure. Applying these rules may affect the Plan's determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount. The Administrator's application of these rules does not mean that the Dental Services you received were not Medically Necessary. It means the Administrator determined that the claim was submitted inconsistent with procedure coding rules and/or reimbursement policies. For example,

your Dentist may have submitted the claim using several procedure codes when there is a single procedure code that includes all or a combination of the procedures that were performed. When this occurs, the Maximum Allowed Amount will be based on the single procedure code rather than a separate Maximum Allowed Amount for each billed code.

Likewise, when multiple procedures are performed on the same day by the same dental provider or other dental providers, the Plan may reduce the Maximum Allowed Amounts for those additional secondary and subsequent procedures because reimbursement at 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for those procedures would represent a duplicate payment for a dental procedure that may have already been considered incidental or inclusive.

### Provider Network Status

The Maximum Allowed Amount may vary depending upon whether the provider is a participating Dentist or a non-participating Dentist.

### Participating Dentist

A participating Dentist is a Dentist who is in the contracted network for this specific plan or who has a participation contract with the Administrator. For Dental Services performed by a participating Dentist, the Maximum Allowed Amount for your plan is the rate the Dentist has agreed with the Administrator to accept as reimbursement for the Dental Services. Because participating Dentists have agreed to accept the Maximum Allowed Amount as payment in full for those Dental Services, they should not send you a bill or collect for amounts above the Maximum Allowed Amount. However, you may receive a bill or be asked to pay all or a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible, or have a copay or coinsurance. Please call Customer Service for help in finding a participating Dentist or visit [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

## Non-Participating Dentist

Dentists who have not signed any contract with the Administrator and are not in any of the Administrator's networks are non-participating Dentists.

For Dental Services You receive from a non-participating Dentist, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this plan will be one of the following as determined by the Plan:

1. An amount based on the Administrator's Non-Participating provider fee schedule/rate, which the Administrator has established in its discretion, and which the Administrator reserves the right to modify from time to time, after considering one or more of the following: record fee data, reimbursement amounts accepted by like/similar providers contracted with the Administrator, reimbursement amounts accepted by like/similar providers for the same services or supplies, or other industry cost, reimbursement and utilization data; or
2. An amount based on information provided by a third party vendor which may reflect comparable Dentists' fees and costs to deliver care; or
3. An amount negotiated by the Administrator or a third party vendor which has been agreed to by the participating Dentist; or
4. An amount equal to the total charges billed by the Dentist, but only if such charges are less than the Maximum Allowed Amount calculated by using one of the methods described above.

Dentists who are not contracted for this product but contracted for other products with the Administrator are also considered non-participating. For your Plan, the Maximum Allowed Amount for services from these Dentists will be one of the four methods shown above unless the contract between the Administrator and that Dentist specifies a different amount.

Unlike participating Dentists, non-participating Dentists may send You a bill

and collect for the amount of the Dentist's charge that exceeds the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount. You are responsible for paying the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Dentist charges. This amount can be significant. Choosing a participating Dentist will likely result in lower out of pocket costs to you. Please call Customer Service for help in finding a participating Dentist or visit the Administrator's website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Customer Service is also available to assist you in determining your Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount for a particular service from a non-participating Dentist. In order for the Administrator to assist you, you will need to obtain from your Dentist the specific procedure code(s) for the services the Dentist will render. You will also need to know the Dentist's charges to calculate your out of pocket responsibility. Although Customer Service can assist you with this pre-service information, the final Maximum Allowed Amount for your claim will be based on the actual claim submitted by the Dentist.

## Member Cost Share

For certain Dental Services and depending on your plan design, you may be required to pay a part of the Maximum Allowed Amount as your cost share amount (for example, Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance).

Your cost share amount and out of pocket limits may vary depending on whether you received services from a participating or non-participating Dentist. Specifically, you may be required to pay higher cost sharing amounts or may have limits on your benefits when using non-participating Dentists. Please see the Schedule of Benefits for your cost share responsibilities and limitations, or call Customer Service to learn how this plan's benefits or cost share amounts may vary by the type of Dentist you use.

The Plan will not provide any reimbursement for non-covered services. You may be responsible for the total amount billed by your Dentist for non-covered services, regardless of whether such

services are performed by a participating or non-participating Dentist. Both services specifically excluded by the terms of your plan and those received after benefits have been exhausted are non-covered services. Benefits may be exhausted by exceeding, for example, your annual or lifetime maximum, benefit maximums or day/visit limits.

## How Benefits Are Paid

The Plan shares the cost of your dental expenses with you up to the amount of the Maximum Allowable Amount. For services subject to a Deductible, you pay a portion of the bill before this Plan begins to pay its share of the balance.

You are responsible for the difference between the actual charge billed and the Maximum Allowable Amount plus any Deductible, non-covered charges, and amounts over the Annual or Lifetime Maximums. The amount you pay may differ by the type of service you receive or by Provider. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits to see what amount the Plan may pay for each service. Claims for Covered Services need not be sent to the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer in the same order that expenses were incurred.

The Plan will deny that portion of any charge which exceeds the Maximum Allowable Amount.

## Payment of Benefits

You authorize the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, to make payments directly to Providers for Covered Services. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, also reserves the right to make payments directly to you. Payments may also be made to, and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims, an Alternate Recipient, or that person's custodial parent or designated representative. Any payments made by the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, will discharge the Employer's obligation to pay for Covered Services. You cannot assign your right to receive payment to anyone else, except as required by a "Qualified Medical Child Support order".

Once a Provider performs a Covered Service, the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, will not honor a request to withhold payment of the claims submitted.

## Assignment

The coverage and any benefits under this Plan are not assignable by any Member without the written consent of the Plan, except as provided above.

## Notice of Claim

The Plan is not liable, unless the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, receives written notice that Covered Services have been given to you. An expense is considered incurred on the date the service or supply was given.

The notice must be given to the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, within 90 days of receiving the Covered Services, and must have the data needed to determine benefits. Failure to give the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, notice within 90 days will not reduce any benefit if you show that the notice was given as soon as reasonably possible. No notice can be submitted later than one year after the usual 90 day filing period ends. If the notice submitted does not include sufficient data the Administrator needs to process the claim, then the necessary data must be submitted to the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, within the time frames specified in this provision or no benefits will be payable except as otherwise required by law.

Note: You have the right to obtain an itemized copy of your billed charges from the Hospital or facility which provided services.

## Claim Forms

Many Providers will file for you. If the forms are not available, either send a written request for claim forms to the Administrator or contact the Administrator's customer service and ask for claim forms to be sent to you. The form will be sent to

you within 15 days. If you do not receive the forms, written notice of services rendered may be submitted to the Administrator without the claim form. The same information that would be given on the claim form must be included in the written notice of claim. This includes:

- Name of patient
- Patient's relationship with the Subscriber
- Identification number
- Date, type and place of service
- Your signature and the Physician's signature

## Proof of Claim

Written proof of claim satisfactory to the Administrator must be submitted to the Administrator within 90 days after the date of the event for which claim is made. If proof of claim is not sent within the time required, the claim will not be reduced or denied if it was not possible to do send proof within this time. However, the proof must be sent as soon as reasonably possible. In any case, the proof required must be sent to the Administrator no later than one year following the 90 day period specified, unless you were legally incapacitated.

## Time Benefits Payable

The Plan will pay all benefits within 30 days for clean claims filed electronically, or 45 days for clean claims filed on paper. "Clean claims" means a claim submitted by you or a Provider that has no defect, impropriety, or particular circumstance requiring special treatment preventing payment. If the Administrator has not received the information it needs to process a claim, the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, will ask for the additional information necessary to complete the claim. Generally, you will receive a copy of that request for additional information,

for your information. In those cases, the Administrator cannot complete the processing of the claim until the additional information requested has been received. The Plan generally will make its request for additional information within 30 days of the initial receipt of the claim and will complete the processing of the claim within 15 days after the receipt of all requested information.

At the Plan's discretion, benefits will be paid to you or the Provider of services. You may not assign any payment. If other parties have paid benefits under this Plan, the Plan may reimburse those other parties and be fully discharged from that portion of its liability.

## Member's Cooperation

Each Member shall complete and submit to the Plan such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents as may be requested by the Plan in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Worker's Compensation or any other governmental program. Any Member who fails to cooperate will be responsible for any charge for services.

## Explanation of Benefits

After you receive dental care, you will generally receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The EOB is a summary of the coverage you receive. The EOB is not a bill, but a statement sent by the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, to help you understand the coverage you are receiving. The EOB shows:

- Total amounts charged for services/supplies received;
- The amount of the charges satisfied by your coverage;
- The amount for which you are responsible (if any)

## 10 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Entire Agreement

This Benefit Booklet, the Administrative Services Agreement, the Employer's application, any Riders, Endorsements or attachments, and the individual applications of the Subscribers and Members, if any, constitute the entire agreement between the Administrator and the Employer and as of the Effective Date, supersede all other agreements between the parties. Any and all statements made to the Administrator by the Employer, and any and all statements made to the Employer by the Administrator, are representations and not warranties, and no such statement unless it is contained in a written application for coverage under the Plan, shall be used in defense to a claim under the Plan.

### Form or Content of Benefit Booklet

No agent or employee of the Administrator is authorized to change the form or content of this Benefit Booklet. Such changes can be made only through an endorsement authorized and signed by an officer of the Employer.

### Disagreement with Recommended Treatment

Each Member enrolls in the Plan with the understanding that the Provider is responsible for determining the treatment appropriate for their care. You may, for personal reasons, refuse to accept procedures or treatment by Providers. Providers may regard such refusal to accept their recommendations as incompatible with continuance of the physician-patient relationship and as obstructing the provision of proper dental care. Providers shall use their best efforts to render all dental care services in a manner compatible with your wishes, insofar as this can be done consistently with the Provider's judgment as to the requirements of proper dental practice.

If you refuse to follow a recommended treatment or procedure, and the Provider believes that no professionally acceptable alternative exists, you will be so advised. In such case, neither the Administrator, Employer, nor any Provider shall have any further responsibility to pay benefits or provide care for the condition under treatment or any complications thereof.

### Circumstances Beyond the Control of the Plan

The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, shall make a good-faith effort to arrange for an alternative method of administering benefits. In the event of circumstances not within the control of the Administrator or Employer, including but not limited to: a major disaster, epidemic, the complete or partial destruction of facilities, riot, civil insurrection, labor disputes not within the control of the Administrator, disability of a significant part of a Network Provider's personnel or similar causes, or the rendering of health care services provided by the Plan is delayed or rendered impractical. In such event, the Administrator and Network Providers shall administer and render services under the Plan insofar as practical, and according to their best judgment; but the Administrator and Network Providers shall incur no liability or obligation for delay, or failure to administer or arrange for services if such failure or delay is caused by such an event.

### Coordination of Benefits

This Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision applies when you have dental care coverage under more than one Plan.

Please note that several terms specific to this provision are listed below. Some of these terms have different meanings in other parts of the Benefit Booklet, e.g., Plan. For this provision only, "Plan" will have the meanings as specified below.

In the rest of the Benefit Booklet, Plan has the meaning listed in the **Definitions** section.

The order of benefit determination rules determine the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits. The Plan that pays first is called the Primary Plan. The Primary Plan must pay benefits according to its policy terms regardless of the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses. The Plan that pays after the Primary Plan is the Secondary Plan. The Secondary Plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

Because the Allowable expense may be the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans' allowable amounts, a Network Provider may be allowed to bill you for any remaining Coinsurance, Deductible, and/or Copayment under the higher allowable amount. This higher allowable amount may be more than the Plan's allowed amount.

## COB DEFINITIONS

**Plan** is any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for members of a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same Plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts.

1. Plan includes: Group and non group insurance contracts and subscriber contracts; Health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts; Uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage; Coverage under group or non group closed panel plans; Group-type contracts; Medical care components of long term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts (whether "fault" or "no fault"); Other governmental benefits, except for Medicare, Medicaid or a government plan that, by law, provides benefits that are in excess of those of any private insurance plan or other nongovernmental plan.

2. Plan does not include: Accident only coverage; Specified disease or specified accident coverage; Limited health benefit coverage; Benefits for non-medical components of long-term care policies; Hospital indemnity coverage benefits or other fixed indemnity coverage; School accident-type coverages covering grammar, high school, and college students for accidents only, including athletic injuries, either on a twenty-four (24) hour or "to and from school" basis; and Medicare supplement policies.

Each contract for coverage under items 1. or 2. above is a separate Plan. If a Plan has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate Plan.

**This Plan** means the part of the contract providing dental care benefits that the COB provision applies to and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of the contract providing dental care benefits is separate from This Plan. A contract may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, such as dental benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another COB provision to coordinate other benefits.

The order of benefit determination rules determine whether This Plan is a Primary Plan or Secondary Plan when you have dental care coverage under more than one Plan.

When This Plan is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other Plan without considering any other Plan's benefits. When This Plan is secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another Plan and may reduce the benefits it pays so that all Plan benefits do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

**Allowable expense** is a health or dental care expense, including Deductibles and/or Coinsurance, that is covered at least in part by any Plan covering you. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an Allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any Plan covering you is not an Allowable expense. In addition, any

expense that a Provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging you is not an Allowable expense; however, if a Provider has a contractual agreement with both the Primary and Secondary Plans, then the higher of the of the contracted fees is the Allowable expense, and the Provider may charge up to the higher contracted fee.

The following are non-Allowable expenses:

1. If you are covered by 2 or more Plans that calculate their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement method or other similar reimbursement methods, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an Allowable expense.
2. If you are covered by 2 or more Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an Allowable expense.
3. If you are covered by one Plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement method or other similar reimbursement method and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's payment arrangement will be the Allowable expense for all Plans. However, if the Provider has contracted with the Secondary Plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the Primary Plan's payment arrangement and if the Provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment will be the Allowable expense used by the Secondary Plan to determine its benefits.
4. The amount of any benefit reduction by the Primary Plan because you have failed to comply with the Plan provisions is not an Allowable expense. Examples of these types of Plan provisions include second surgical opinions, precertification of admissions or

services, and Network Provider arrangements.

**Closed panel plan** is a Plan that provides dental care benefits primarily in the form of services through a panel of Providers that contract with or are employed by the Plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other Providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.

**Custodial parent** is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year excluding any temporary visitation.

## ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES

When you are covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are:

The Primary Plan pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits of under any other Plan.

1. Except as provided in Paragraph 2. below, a Plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this COB provision is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying Plan is primary.
2. Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage will be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are placed over base plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a Closed panel plan to provide out-of-network benefits.

A Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another Plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other Plan.

Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:

**Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent.**

The Plan that covers you other than as a Dependent, for example as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan, and the Plan that covers you as a Dependent is the Secondary Plan. However, if you are a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the Plan covering you as a Dependent and primary to the Plan covering you as other than a Dependent (e.g. a retired employee), then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed so that the Plan covering you as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Secondary Plan and the other Plan covering you as a Dependent is the Primary Plan.

**Rule 2 - Dependent Child Covered**

**Under More Than One Plan.** Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, when a Dependent child is covered by more than one Plan the order of benefits is determined as follows:

1. For a Dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - The Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary Plan; or
  - If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered the parent the longest is the Primary Plan.
2. For a Dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the Dependent child's dental care expenses or dental care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. This rule applies to plan years commencing after the Plan is given notice of the court decree;

- If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the Dependent child's dental care expenses or dental care coverage, the provisions of 1. above will determine the order of benefits;
  - If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the dental care expenses or dental care coverage of the Dependent child, the provisions of 1. above will determine the order of benefits; or
  - If there is no court decree assigning responsibility for the Dependent child's dental care expenses or dental care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:
    - The Plan covering the Custodial parent;
    - The Plan covering the spouse of the Custodial parent;
    - The Plan covering the non-custodial parent; and then
    - The Plan covering the spouse of the non-custodial parent.
3. For a Dependent child covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the provisions of item 1. above will determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.

**Rule 3 - Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee.** The Plan that covers you as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the Primary Plan. The Plan also covering you as a retired or laid-off employee is the Secondary Plan. The same would hold true if you are a Dependent of an active employee and you are a Dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if "Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent" can determine the order of benefits.

**Rule 4 - COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If you are covered under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or



other federal law and are covered under another Plan, the Plan covering you as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering you as a Dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan and the COBRA or state or other federal continuation coverage is the Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if "Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent" can determine the order of benefits.

**Rule 5 - Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage.** The Plan that covered you longer is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covered you the shorter period of time is the Secondary Plan.

**Rule 6.** If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the Allowable expenses will be shared equally between the Plans meeting the definition of Plan. In addition, This Plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the Primary Plan.

### **EFFECT ON THIS PLAN'S BENEFITS**

When This Plan is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans during a plan year are not more than the total Allowable expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the Secondary Plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other dental care coverage and apply that calculated amount to any Allowable expense under its Plan that is unpaid by the Primary Plan. The Secondary Plan may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the Primary Plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans for the claim do not exceed the total Allowable expense for that claim.

Because the Allowable expense is generally the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans' allowable amounts, a Network Provider can bill you for any remaining Coinsurance and/or Deductible under the higher allowable amount. In addition, the Secondary Plan will credit to its Plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other dental care coverage.

If you are enrolled in two or more Closed panel plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel Provider, benefits are not payable by one Closed panel plan, COB will not apply between that Plan and other Closed panel plans.

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

Certain facts about dental care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans. The Administrator may get the facts it needs from or give them to other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans covering the person claiming benefits. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under This Plan must give the Administrator any facts it needs to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

### **FACILITY OF PAYMENT**

A payment made under another Plan may include an amount that should have been paid under This Plan. If it does, This Plan may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under This Plan. This Plan will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case "payment made" means the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

### **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount of the payments made by This Plan is more than should have paid under this COB provision, the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, may recover the excess from one or more of the persons:

1. The Plan has paid or for whom the Plan have paid; or
2. Any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the Member.

The "amount of the payments made" includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

## Physical Examination

The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, reserves the right to cause you to be examined by an applicable Provider as often as may be reasonably required during the pendency of a claim.

## Worker's Compensation

The benefits under the Plan are not designed to duplicate any benefit for which Members are eligible under the Worker's Compensation Law. All sums paid or payable by Worker's Compensation for services provided to a Member shall be reimbursed by, or on behalf of, the Member to the Plan to the extent the Plan has made or makes payment for such services. It is understood that coverage hereunder is not in lieu of, and shall not affect, any requirements for coverage under Worker's Compensation.

## Other Government Programs

Except insofar as applicable law would require the Plan to be the primary payor, the benefits under the Plan shall not duplicate any benefits to which Members are entitled, or for which they are eligible under any other governmental program. To the extent the Plan has duplicated such benefits, all sums payable under such programs for services to Members shall be paid by or on behalf of the Member to the Plan.

## Subrogation and Reimbursement

These provisions apply when the Plan pays benefits as a result of injuries or illness you sustained and you have a right to a Recovery or have received a Recovery.

### Subrogation

The Plan has the right to recover payments it makes on your behalf from any party responsible for compensating you for your injuries. The following apply:

- The Plan has first priority for the full amount of benefits it has paid from any Recovery regardless of whether you are fully compensated, and regardless of whether the payments you receive make you whole for your losses and injuries.
- You and your legal representative must do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise the Plan's rights and do nothing to prejudice them.
- The Plan has the right to take whatever legal action it sees fit against any party or entity to recover the benefits paid under the Plan.
- To the extent that the total assets from which a Recovery is available are insufficient to satisfy in full the Plan's subrogation claim and any claim still held by you, the Plan's subrogation claim shall be first satisfied before any part of a Recovery is applied to your claim, your attorney fees, other expenses or costs.
- The Plan is not responsible for any attorney fees, other expenses or costs you incur without the Plan's prior written consent. The Plan further agrees that the "common fund" doctrine does not apply to any funds recovered by any attorney you hire regardless of whether funds recovered are used to repay benefits paid by the Plan.

## Reimbursement

If you obtain a Recovery and the Plan has not been repaid for the benefits the Plan paid on your behalf, the Plan shall have a right to be repaid from the Recovery in the amount of the benefits paid on your behalf and the following apply:

- You must reimburse the Plan to the extent of benefits the Plan paid on your behalf from any Recovery.
- Notwithstanding any allocation made in a settlement agreement or court order, the Plan shall have a right of Recovery, in first priority, against any Recovery.
- You and your legal representative must hold in trust for the Plan the proceeds of the gross Recovery (i.e., the total amount of your Recovery before attorney fees, other expenses or costs) to be paid to the Plan immediately upon your receipt of the Recovery. You must reimburse the Plan, in first priority and without any set-off or reduction for attorney fees, other expenses or costs. The “common fund” doctrine does not apply to any funds recovered by any attorney you hire regardless of whether funds recovered are used to repay benefits paid by the Plan.
- If you fail to repay the Plan, it shall be entitled to deduct any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount of benefits the Plan has paid or the amount of your Recovery whichever is less, from any future benefit under the Plan if:
  1. The amount the Plan paid on your behalf is not repaid or otherwise recovered by the Plan; or
  2. You fail to cooperate.
- In the event that you fail to disclose to the Plan the amount of your settlement, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount of the Plan’s lien from any future benefit under the Plan.
- The Plan shall also be entitled to recover any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount the Plan has paid or the amount of your settlement, whichever is less, directly from the Providers to whom the Plan has made payments. In such a circumstance, it may then be your obligation to pay the Provider the full billed amount, and the Plan would not have any obligation to pay the Provider.
- The Plan is entitled to reimbursement from any Recovery, in first priority, even if the Recovery does not fully satisfy the judgment, settlement or underlying claim for damages or fully compensate or make you whole.

## Your Duties

- You must notify the Plan promptly of how, when and where an accident or incident resulting in personal injury or illness to you occurred and all information regarding the parties involved.
- You must cooperate with the Plan in the investigation, settlement and protection of the Plan’s rights.
- You must not do anything to prejudice the Plan’s rights.
- You must send the Plan copies of all police reports, notices or other papers received in connection with the accident or incident resulting in personal injury or illness to you.
- You must promptly notify the Plan if you retain an attorney or if a lawsuit is filed on your behalf.

## Right of Recovery

Whenever payment has been made in error, the Plan will have the right to recover such payment from you or, if applicable, the Provider. In the event the Plan recovers a payment made in error from the Provider, except in cases of fraud, the Plan will only recover such payment from the Provider during the 24 months after the date the Plan made the payment on a claim submitted by the Provider. The Plan reserves the right to deduct

or offset any amounts paid in error from any pending or future claim. The cost share amount shown in your Explanation of Benefits is the final determination and you will not receive notice of an adjusted cost share amount as a result of such recovery activity.

The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, has oversight responsibility for compliance with Provider and vendor and Subcontractor contracts. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a Provider, Vendor, or Subcontractor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, has established recovery policies to determine which recoveries are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery amounts. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, will not pursue recoveries for overpayments if the cost of collection exceeds the overpayment amount. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, may not provide you with notice of overpayments made by the Plan or you if the recovery method makes providing such notice administratively burdensome.

## **Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Note**

The Employer, on behalf of itself and its participants, hereby expressly acknowledges its understanding that this Benefit Booklet and the Administrative Services Agreement constitutes a contract solely between the Employer and Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem), and that Anthem is an independent corporation licensed to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in the state of Indiana. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield marks are registered by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independently licensed Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. and in other countries. Further, Anthem is not contracting as the agent of

the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association or any other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan or licensee. This paragraph shall not create any additional obligations whatsoever on the part of Anthem other than those obligations created under other provisions of this agreement.

## **Conformity with Law**

Any provision of the Plan which is in conflict with the applicable state and federal laws and regulations is hereby amended to conform with the minimum requirements of such laws.

## **Clerical Error**

Clerical error, whether of the Administrator or the Employer, in keeping any record pertaining to this coverage will not invalidate coverage otherwise validly in force or continue benefits otherwise validly terminated.

## **Policies and Procedures**

The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, may adopt reasonable policies, procedures, rules and interpretations to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the Plan with which a Member shall comply.

## **Waiver**

No agent or other person, except an authorized officer of the Employer, has authority to waive any conditions or restrictions of the Plan, to extend the time for making a payment to the Plan, or to bind the Plan by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information.

## **Employer's Sole Discretion**

The Employer may, in its sole discretion, cover services and supplies not specifically covered by the Plan. This applies if the Employer, with advice

from the Administrator, determines such services and supplies are in lieu of more expensive services

and supplies which would otherwise be required for the care and treatment of a Member.

## 11 MEMBER GRIEVANCES

### Grievances

If you are dissatisfied with dental treatment you have received, you should discuss the problem with your Provider. If the problem is not resolved at that level, or if the dissatisfaction concerns another matter, you should contact the Administrator, either orally or in writing to obtain information on the Administrator's Grievance procedures or to file a Grievance with the Plan.

You have the right to designate a representative (e.g. your Dentist) to file a Grievance and, if the Grievance decision is adverse to you, an Appeal, with the Administrator on your behalf and to represent you in a Grievance or an Appeal. If a representative seeks a Grievance or an Appeal on your behalf, the Administrator must obtain a signed Designation of Representation form from you before the Administrator can deal directly with your representative. The Administrator will forward a Designation of Representation form to you for completion. If the Administrator do not obtain a signed Designation of Representation form, the Administrator will continue to research your Grievance but will respond only to you unless a signed Designation of Representation form is received.

The Administrator will accept oral or written comments, documents or other information relating to the grievance from the Member or the Member's provider by telephone, facsimile or other reasonable means. Members are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Member's appeal.

To obtain information on the Plan's Grievance procedures or to file a Grievance orally with the Administrator, please call the toll free customer service number listed on the back of your Plan Identification Card. A representative

from the Administrator who is knowledgeable about the Plan's Grievance procedures and any applicable laws and regulations will be available to assist you at least 40 normal business hours per week.

You can also call the Administrator at 1-800-627-0004 at any time to leave a voice mail message concerning a Grievance. Any messages you leave through this toll-free number will be returned on the following business day by a qualified representative from the Administrator.

The Administrator will also accept Grievances filed in writing. If you wish to file your Grievance in writing, mail it to: Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Grievance Department, P.O. Box 659471, San Antonio, TX 78265-9471.

Upon the Administrator's receipt of your written or oral Grievance at the above address or telephone number (or at the address or telephone number provided for filing appeals on any adverse decision notice you receive from the Administrator), an acknowledgment will be sent to you within 5 business days notifying you that you will receive a written response to the Grievance once an investigation into the matter is complete. The Administrator's acknowledgment may be oral for those Grievances the Administrator receives orally. All Grievances will be resolved by the Administrator within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances but not later than 20 business days after they are filed (a Grievance is considered filed on the day it is received either in writing or over the phone at the above address or telephone number or at the address or telephone number provided for filing appeals on any adverse decision notice you receive from the Administrator).

If your Grievance cannot be resolved within 20 business days due to the Administrator's need for additional information you will be notified in

writing of a 10 business day extension. This notice for an extension will be sent to you on or before the 19th business day. The extension may occur when the information is requested from a Provider, or from you, and such information has not been received within 15 business days from the Administrator's original request. In the event of an extension, the Administrator will resolve the Grievance within 30 business days from the date you filed the Grievance. If the requested information has not been received, the Administrator will make a determination based on the information in the Administrator's possession.

Within 5 business days after the Grievance is resolved, the Administrator will send a letter to you notifying you of the decision reached.

## Appeals

If the Administrator's decision under the Grievance process is satisfactory to you, the matter is concluded. If the Administrator's decision is not satisfactory, you or your designated representative may initiate an Appeal by contacting the Administrator either in writing or by phone at the above address and phone numbers. You will receive an acknowledgment of your Appeal within 5 business days of the Administrator's receipt of your Appeal request. The Administrator's acknowledgment may be oral for those Appeals the Administrator receives orally. The Administrator will set a date and time during normal business hours for the

Administrator's Appeal panel members to meet to discuss your Appeal. You or your representative do not have to be present when the panel meets; however you or your representative may appear in person or by telephone conference to communicate with the Appeal panel if desired. You or your representative may submit oral or written comments, documents or other information relating to the appeal for consideration by the appeal panel whether or not you choose to appear in person or by telephone. You will be given at least 72 hours advance notice of the date and time of the panel meeting. The panel will resolve all other Appeals no later than 45 business days from the date your Appeal request was received by the Administrator. After the Appeal panel makes a decision, you will be notified within 5 business days in writing by the Administrator of the Administrator's decision concerning your Appeal.

## Grievance/Appeal Filing Time Limit

The Administrator expects that you will use good faith to file a Grievance or an Appeal on a timely basis. However, the Administrator will not review a Grievance if it is received by the Administrator after the end of the calendar year plus 12 months have passed since the incident leading to your Grievance. The Administrator will accept Appeals filed within 60 days after you are notified of the Administrator's decision concerning your Grievance.

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## BENEFIT BOOKLET

Welcome to Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield! This Benefit Booklet has been prepared by the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, to help explain your vision care benefits. Please refer to this Benefit Booklet whenever you require vision services. It describes how to access vision care, what vision services are covered by the Plan, and what portion of the vision care costs you will be required to pay.

The coverage described in this Benefit Booklet is based upon the conditions of the Administrative Services Agreement issued to your Employer, and is based upon the benefit plan that your Employer chose for you. The Administrative Services Agreement, this Benefit Booklet and any endorsements, amendments or riders attached, form the Administrative Services Agreement under which Covered Services are available under your vision care benefits.

This Benefit Booklet should be read in its entirety. Since many of the provisions of this Benefit Booklet are interrelated, you should read the entire Benefit Booklet to get a full understanding of your coverage.

Many words used in the Benefit Booklet have special meanings. These words appear in capitals and are defined for you. Refer to these definitions in the Definitions section for the best understanding of what is being stated. The Benefit Booklet also contains exclusions.

**Read your Benefit Booklet Carefully.** The Benefit Booklet sets forth many of the rights and obligations between you and the Plan. Payment of benefits is subject to the provisions, limitations and exclusions of your Benefit Booklet. It is therefore important that you read your Benefit Booklet.

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# 1 SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

The Schedule of Benefits is a summary of the amount of benefits available when you receive Covered Services from a Provider. Please refer to the Covered Services section for a more complete explanation of the specific vision services covered by the Plan. All Covered Services are subject to the conditions, exclusions, limitations, terms and provisions of the Benefit Booklet including any attachments or riders.

**CHOICE OF VISION CARE PROVIDER:** Nothing contained in this Benefit Booklet restricts or interferes with your right to select the Vision Care Provider of your choice, but your benefits are reduced when you use a Non-Network Provider.

<b>DEPENDENT AGE LIMIT</b>	To the end of the month in which the child attains age 26.	
<b>COVERED SERVICES</b>	<b>COPAYMENT/MAXIMUMS</b>	
	<b>Network</b>	<b>Non-Network</b>
<b>Exam</b>	\$15 Copayment	Reimbursed up to \$50
Limited to one exam per Member every 12 months.*		
 <b>Prescription Lenses</b> (including factory scratch coating polycarbonate lenses for children under 19 years old and Photochromic lenses for children under 19 years old.)	\$15 Copayment	
<b>Basic Lenses (Pair)</b>		
• Single Vision Lenses		Reimbursed up to \$50
• Bifocal Lenses		Reimbursed up to \$70
• Trifocal Lenses		Reimbursed up to \$90
• Lenticular Lenses		Reimbursed up to \$110
Limited to one set of lenses per Member every 12 months*		
 <b>Frames</b> (Limited to one set of frames per Member every 12 months *)	\$0 Copayment	Any
	frame up to \$120 retail	Reimbursed up to \$50

**Prescription Contact Lenses**

(traditional or disposable)

- **Non-Elective Contact Lenses** (Availability once every 12 months \*) \$0 Copayment (non-elective contact lenses are reimbursed up to \$120) Non-Elective Contact Lenses are Reimbursed up to \$75

- **Elective Contact Lenses** (Availability once every 12 months\*) \$0 Copayment Elective contact lenses are reimbursed up to \$125 Elective Contact Lenses are Reimbursed up to \$125

**Note:** If you chose covered Non-Elective Contact Lenses or Elective Contact Lenses, no benefits will be available for covered eyeglass lenses and frames in that period.

\* from the Last Date of Service.

## 2 DEFINITIONS

This section defines terms that have special meanings. If a word or phrase has a special meaning or is a title, it will be capitalized. The word or phrase is defined in this section or at the place in the text where it is used.

**Additional Savings Program** – A discount program associated with Network Providers. It can be used for certain non-covered services and plan overages. The discount plan is subject to change at any time.

**Administrative Services Agreement** - The agreement between the Administrator and the Employer regarding the administration of certain elements of the vision care benefits of the Employer’s group vision plan.

**Administrator** - An organization or entity that the Employer contracts with to provide administrative and claims payment services under this Plan. The Administrator is Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. **The Administrator provides administrative claims payment services**

**only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.**

**Benefit Booklet** - This summary of the terms of your vision benefits.

**Coinsurance** - A percentage of the Maximum Allowable Amount for which you are responsible to pay. Your Coinsurance will not be reduced by refunds, rebates, or any other form of negotiated post-payment adjustments.

**Copayment** - A specific dollar amount indicated in the Schedule of Benefits for which you are responsible.

**Covered Services** - Services and supplies or treatment as described in the Benefit Booklet which are performed, prescribed, directed or authorized by a Provider. To be a Covered Service the service, supply or treatment must be:

- Within the scope of the license of the Provider performing the service;



- Rendered while coverage under this Plan is in force;
- Within the Maximum Allowable Amount;
- Not specifically excluded or limited by the Plan;
- Specifically included as a benefit within the Benefit Booklet.

A Covered Service is incurred on the date the service, supply or treatment was provided to you.

**Dependent** – A Member of the Subscriber’s family who is covered under the Plan, as described in the "Eligibility and Enrollment" Section.

**Effective Date** – The date that a Subscriber’s coverage begins under the Plan. A Dependent’s coverage also begins on the Subscriber’s Effective Date.

**Elective Contact Lenses** - All prescription contact lenses that are cosmetic in nature or Non-Elective Contact Lenses.

**Eligible Person** – A person who meets the Employer’s requirements and is entitled to apply to be a Subscriber.

**Employer** – The legal entity contracting with the Administrator for administration of group vision care benefits.

**Enrollment Date** – The day the Employer or Member signs up for coverage or, when there is a waiting period, the first day of the waiting period (normally the date that employment begins).

**Fees** - The periodic charges which are required to be paid by you and/or the Employer to maintain benefits under the Plan.

**Identification Card / ID Card** – A card issued by the Plan, showing the Member’s name, membership number, and occasionally coverage information.

**Last Date of Service** – The period of time in which benefits are tracked. The Member must wait until the specific interval from the last date of service to receive Covered Services as listed in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Lenses** - Materials prescribed for the visual welfare of the patient. Materials would include

single vision, bifocal, trifocal or other more complex lenses.

**Maximum Allowable Amount** - The maximum amount allowed for Covered Services you receive based on the fee schedule. The Maximum Allowable Amount is subject to any Copayments, Coinsurance, limitations or Exclusions listed in this Benefit Booklet.

For a Network Provider, the Maximum Allowable Amount is equal to the amount that constitutes payment in full under the Network Provider’s participation agreement for this product. If a Network Provider accepts as full payment an amount less than the negotiated rate under the participation agreement, the lesser amount will be the Maximum Allowable Amount.

For a Non-Network Provider who is a physician or other non-facility Provider, even if the Provider has a participation agreement with the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, for another product, the Maximum Allowable Amount is the lesser of the actual charge or the standard rate under the participation agreement used with Network Providers for this Product.

The Maximum Allowable Amount is reduced by any penalties for which a Provider is responsible as a result of its agreement with the Administrator.

**Member** – A Subscriber or Dependent who has satisfied the eligibility conditions, applied for coverage, been approved by the Plan and been covered by the required Fee payment; Members are sometimes called “you” or “your” in this Benefit Booklet.

**Network Provider** - A Provider who has entered into a contractual agreement or is otherwise engaged by the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, to provide Covered Services and certain administration functions for the Network associated with this Plan.

**Non-Elective Contact Lenses** - Contact lenses which are provided for reasons that are not cosmetic in nature. Non-Elective Contact Lenses are Covered Services when the following conditions have been identified or diagnosed:

- Extreme visual acuity or other functional problems that cannot be corrected by

spectacle lenses; or

- Keratoconus-unusual cone-shaped thinning of the cornea of the eye which usually occurs before the age of 20 years; or
- High Ametropia-unusually high levels of near sightedness, far sightedness, or astigmatism are identified; or
- Anisometropia-when one eye requires a much different prescription than the other eye.

**Non-Network Provider** - A Provider who has not entered into a contractual agreement with

the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, for the Network associated with this Plan.

**Plan** – The group vision benefit plan provided by the Employer and explained in this Benefit Booklet.

**Provider** - A duly licensed person or facility that provides services within the scope of an applicable license and is a person or facility that the Plan approves. This includes any Provider rendering services that are required by applicable state law to be covered when rendered by such Provider.

**Subscriber** - An employee or Member of the Employer who is eligible to receive benefits under the Plan.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

You have coverage provided under the Plan because of your employment with/membership with/retirement from the Employer. You must satisfy certain requirements to participate in the Employer's benefit plan. These requirements may include probationary or waiting periods and Actively At Work standards as determined by the Employer or state and/or federal law and approved by the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer.

**Your Eligibility requirements are described in general terms below. For more specific eligibility information, see your Human Resources or Benefits Department.**

#### Eligibility

**Employees** All active full-time Indiana State Police employees regularly scheduled to work not less than 37  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours per week are eligible, as are disabled employees, their spouses and their eligible "Dependents".

An eligible Dependent of an employee becomes eligible for coverage on the effective date of the employee's coverage.

If a Dependent, other than a newborn infant of an Enrollee, is confined in a hospital on the date his or her coverage would otherwise begin, his or her coverage will become effective upon final medical release from such confinement.

**Retirees** A retiree becomes eligible for coverage either: 1) the month he or she retires (if the retirement becomes effective on the first day of that month); or 2) the first day of the month following the date retirement becomes effective, if he or she:

- Has completed 25 years of Creditable Service and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit; or
- Is age 65, has completed 10 years of Creditable Service and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit; or

- Is age 60, has completed 15 years of Creditable Service and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit; or
- Is age 55, age plus years of Creditable Service equals 85 or more, and is immediately eligible for an unreduced pension benefit.

Additional eligibility requirements for retiree coverage:

Employees hired prior to December 31, 2010 must be enrolled in the Indiana State Police Health Care, Vision and Dental Plan by no later than January 1, 2011 and maintain continuous coverage from that date to date of separation of employment with the Department. Enrollment of an active full-time employee as a Dependent on a Spouse's plan who is an active Eligible Person under this Plan constitutes Creditable Coverage under this provision.

Employees hired after December 31, 2010 must be enrolled in the Indiana State Police Health Care, Vision and Dental Plan within the first 30 days of employment and maintain continuous coverage from that date to date of separation of employment with the Department. Enrollment of an active full-time employee as a Dependent on a Spouse's plan who is an active Eligible Person under this Plan constitutes Creditable Coverage under this provision.

Employees hired on or after July 1, 2016, who are eligible and elect retiree coverage at the time of their separation of employment, will be able to carry retiree coverage for themselves and any eligible dependent(s) until the date the retiree reaches age 65 (Medicare eligible). When the retiree reaches age 65, coverage will cease for the retiree and any covered dependents.

A retiree must elect coverage on the first day he or she becomes eligible, or within 30 days of the eligibility date. Late entrants (after the 30 day period) will be denied coverage. Reentry into the plan after a lapse or termination in coverage will not be permitted.

Premium contributions for retirees covered under the Indiana State Police Pension Fund are paid directly to the Administrator by monthly coupon billing or by deduction from the pension check. All retirees covered by PERF must be coupon billed.

The Retiree Basic Plan includes only Medical and Prescription Drug coverage. The Retiree Optional Plan includes Medical, Prescription Drug, Vision and Dental coverage.

Retirees upgrading from the Basic Plan to the Optional Plan must maintain the upgraded coverage for a period of not less than three years before reducing coverage.

**Dependents** A Dependent becomes eligible for coverage on the effective date of the Eligible Person's coverage.

"Dependent" – The following persons, provided coverage under the plan is in effect:

- The Eligible Person's spouse.
- Any of the following who qualify as the Eligible Person's Dependent(s), until they reach the limiting age:
  1. Children;
  2. Stepchildren;
  3. Adopted children of the Eligible Person or spouse, from the earlier of: (a) the date of placement for the purpose of adoption; (b) the date of entry of a court order granting the adoptive parent custody of the child for adoption; or

4. Children for whom the Eligible Person or spouse has legal guardianship when both parents of the child are deceased and one of the parents of the child is a member of the Enrollee's immediate family provided the child resides with the Eligible Person or spouse except in those cases when the child is no longer a same household resident while a full time student at an accredited educational institution.
  5. Those Dependents enrolled through guardianship prior to July 1, 2000 will remain covered Dependents until the earlier of:
    - a. The Dependent reaches the Dependent limiting age: or
    - b. The Enrollee is no longer the legal guardian of the Dependent: or
    - c. The Enrollee terminates coverage of the Dependent for any reason. In this occurrence, any reinstatement of coverage for the Dependent will be subject to the requirements of the insurance plan for the department then in effect.
- In the event a child who is a "Dependent" as defined herein, is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical handicap and is chiefly dependent upon the Enrollee for support and maintenance prior to age 19, such child's coverage will continue if satisfactory evidence of such disability and dependency is received within 120 days after the Dependent Limiting Age is reached. Coverage for the "Dependent" will continue until the Enrollee discontinues his coverage or the disability no longer exists. The department may require, at reasonable intervals, but no more often than once a year, satisfactory evidence of the disability is continuing.

"Dependent Limiting Age" is the end of the month in which the child attains age 26.

### **Family Security**

If an employee or retiree is covered under this program at the time of his or her death, his or her Dependents, including spouse, who are also covered will be eligible to remain covered under this Plan under the Family Security Program, without payment of premium for a period of three (3) months, or until the occurrence of one of the following events, whichever is earliest:

- The date of remarriage of the surviving spouse, if any; or
- The date a Dependent ceases to meet this Plan's definition of a Dependent.

After the Family Security Program has terminated, the remaining covered Dependents may continue their coverage at the appropriate Dependent premium rate based on the retiree rate structure. Election to continue coverage must be made within 30 days of the notification of the end of the Family Security Program. Coverage elected will become effective on the first day of the month, three months following the Enrollee's death. Late entrants (after the 30-day period) will be denied coverage. Reentry into the plan after a lapse or termination in coverage will not be permitted.

Coverage for a surviving spouse will cease on the earlier of:

- The date or remarriage of the surviving spouse; or
- The date the surviving spouse dies.

Any coverage which is continued for dependent children because of the death of a covered employee or retiree will not cease because of the death of the surviving spouse within the six (6) month period following the date of the employee's or retiree's death.

The dependent benefits payable after the death of the employee or retiree will be those in effect for the dependents on the day prior to the death of the employee or retiree.

### **Line of Duty**

Dependents, including spouses, of employees killed in the Line of Duty shall be offered health insurance coverage in accordance with IC 5-10-14. This coverage will be paid for by the Department. Dependents' coverage is subject to the Eligibility requirements of the Plan.

A surviving spouse may add additional dependents to the Plan that are acquired after the line of duty death. These Dependents are subject to the eligibility requirements of the Plan, and the Line-of-Duty Dependent premium will be derived from the retiree rate structure.

### **Enrollment**

Participation in the plan(s) is voluntary, and employees may enroll as follows:

- New employees are given thirty-one (31) days from their date of hire to enroll in any of the programs offered by the Indiana State Police. Coverage becomes effective on the date they elect coverage by signing an approved payroll deduction form. Coverage for Dependents takes effect when the employee becomes covered.
- Dependents born or acquired after the date of enrollment must be added by completion of the appropriate forms within thirty-one (31) days of the marriage, birth, etc.
- Enrollment or changes not in accordance with above paragraphs may be made as follows:
  1. During designated open enrollment periods;
  2. Based upon the evidence of insurability policy under the TPA;
  3. Based on the qualifying events interim in the IRS Code Section 125.

### **Newborn Infant Coverage**

The benefits payable for eligible Dependent children shall be paid for a sick or injured newborn infant of an Eligible Person for the first 31 days of his or her life. The coverage for newly adopted children will be the same as for other Eligible Dependents. The coverage for the newborn infant or newly adopted child consists of coverage of injury or sickness, including the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. Coverage for the newborn infant or newly adopted child shall include, but not be limited to, benefits for Inpatient or Outpatient expenses arising from medical and dental treatment (including orthodontic and oral surgery treatment) involved in the management of birth defects known as cleft lip and cleft palate.

The coverage required for a newly adopted child:

1. Is effective upon the earlier of:
  - a. The date of placement for the purpose of adoption; or
  - b. The date of the entry of an order granting the adoptive parent custody of the child for purpose of adoption;
2. Continues unless the placement is disrupted prior to legal adoption and the child is removed from placement; or
3. Continues unless required action as described below is taken.

### Single Policy

To be covered beyond the first 31 days on a single policy, the newborn must be added to the Enrollee's plan membership. **The Enrollee will need to contact the Human Resources Division to obtain the appropriate enrollment forms.** The Enrollee will be liable for the higher premium for the entire pay period in which the child was added.

### Family Policy

The Administrator will automatically add a newborn child to an existing family membership. The Administrator will send a notice to the Enrollee that an enrollment form must be completed with the child's name. **The Enrollee will need to contact the Human Resources Division to obtain the enrollment form.**

Note: This procedure does not apply in cases of:

- Adoption
- Marriage
- Divorce
- Guardianship

**In these cases, you must contact the Human Resources Division to obtain the appropriate enrollment forms.**

### Qualified Medical Child Support Order/Court Ordered Health Coverage

If you are required by a qualified medical child support order or court order, as defined applicable state or federal law, to enroll your child under this Plan, the State will permit your child to enroll at any time without regard to any open enrollment limits and shall provide the benefits of this Plan in accordance with the applicable requirements of such order. A child's coverage under this provision will not extend beyond any Dependent Age Limit listed in the Schedule of Benefits. Any claims payable under this Plan will be paid, at the Administrator's discretion, on behalf of the State, to the child or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, for any expenses paid by the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian. The Plan will make information available to the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian on how to obtain benefits and submit claims to the Administrator directly.

### Contributions

Persons who have elected coverage under the medical, vision and dental plans must authorize payroll deductions to pay their portion of the cost.

### Applications

To obtain coverage with the Indiana State Police Health Care Benefit Plan, an Eligible Person must complete and submit an application to the Indiana State Police Human Resources Division. Acceptance of the application is shown by delivery of an identification card showing the Eligible Person's name and identification number.

## 4 TERMINATION AND CONTINUATION

### Termination

Except as otherwise provided, your coverage may terminate in the following situations. The information provided below is general and the actual effective date of termination may vary based on your Employer's specific requirements:

- If you terminate your coverage, termination for Enrollees and Dependents will generally be effective on the earliest of:
  - The date the Administrative Service Agreement or Plan is terminated; or
  - The date the payroll deduction authorization is withdrawn; or
  - The date the premiums are due and payable and unpaid; or
  - Termination of employment (except when retiree coverage is elected); or
  - The date a Dependent ceases to be eligible as defined.
- Subject to any applicable continuation or conversion requirements, if you cease to meet eligibility requirements as outlined in this Benefit Booklet, your coverage will terminate on the last day of the billing period. If you cease to be eligible due to termination of employment, your coverage will terminate on the last day of the billing period. You must notify your Employer immediately if you cease to meet the eligibility requirements. You shall be responsible for payment for any services incurred by you after you cease to meet eligibility requirements.
- If you perform an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud or make an intentional misrepresentation of material fact, as prohibited by the terms of your Plan, your coverage and the coverage of your Dependents can be retroactively terminated or rescinded. A rescission of coverage means that the coverage may be legally voided back to the start of your coverage under the Plan, just as if you never had coverage under the Plan. You will be provided with a thirty (30) calendar day advance notice with appeal rights before your coverage is retroactively terminated or rescinded. You are responsible for paying the Plan for the cost of previously received services based on the Maximum Allowable Amount for such services, less any Copayments made or Fees paid for such services.
- If you permit the use of your or any other Member's Plan Identification Card by any other person; use another person's card; or use an invalid card to obtain services, your coverage will terminate immediately upon written notice. Any Subscriber or Dependent involved in the misuse of a Plan Identification Card will be liable to and must

reimburse the Plan for the Maximum Allowable Amount for services received through such misuse.

### **Federal Continuation of Coverage (COBRA)**

The following applies if you are covered under an Employer which is subject to the requirements of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985, as amended.

COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you when you would otherwise lose coverage under your Employer's health plan. It can also become available to other Members of your family, who are covered under the Employer's health plan, when they would otherwise lose their health coverage. For additional information about your rights and obligations under federal law under the coverage provided by the Employer's health plan, you should contact the Employer.

### **COBRA Continuation Coverage**

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of health coverage under the Employer's health plan when coverage would otherwise end because of a life event known as a "qualifying event." Specific qualifying events are listed below. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse, and your Dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Employer's health plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Employer's health plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage may or may not be required to pay for COBRA continuation coverage. Contact the Employer for Fees payment requirements.

If you are a Subscriber, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Employer's health plan because either one of the following qualifying events happens:

- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you are the spouse of a Subscriber, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Employer's health plan because any of the following qualifying events happens:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your Dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Employer's health plan because any of the following qualifying events happens:

- The parent-Subscriber dies;
- The parent-Subscriber's hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-Subscriber's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-Subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Employer's health plan as a "Dependent child."



### **If Your Employer Offers Retirement Coverage**

Sometimes, filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under title 11 of the United States Code can be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the Employer, and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage of any retired Subscriber covered under the Employer's health plan, the retired Subscriber will become a qualified beneficiary with respect to the bankruptcy. The retired Subscriber's spouse, surviving spouse, and Dependent children will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under Employer's health plan.

### **When is COBRA Coverage Available**

The Employer will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Employer has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment, death of the Subscriber, commencement of a proceeding in bankruptcy with respect to the employer, or the Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), then the Employer will notify the COBRA Administrator (e.g., Human Resources, external vendor) of the qualifying event.

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

For the other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the Subscriber and spouse or a Dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a Dependent child), you must notify the Employer within 31 days after the qualifying event occurs.

### **How is COBRA Coverage Provided**

Once the Employer receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered

Subscribers may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

### **How Long Will Continuation Coverage Last?**

In the case of a loss of coverage due to end of employment or reduction in hours of employment, coverage may be continued only for up to a total of 18 months. In the case of losses of coverage due to the Subscriber's death, divorce or legal separation, the Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits or a Dependent child ceasing to be a Dependent under the terms of the Employer's health plan, coverage may be continued for up to a total of 36 months. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the Subscriber's hours of employment, and the Subscriber became entitled to Medicare benefits less than 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage for qualified beneficiaries other than the Subscriber lasts until 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement.

### **How Can You Extend The Length of COBRA Continuation Coverage?**

If you elect continuation coverage, an extension of the maximum period of coverage may be available if a qualified beneficiary is disabled or a second qualifying event occurs. You must notify the Employer of a disability or a second qualifying event in order to extend the period of continuation coverage. Failure to provide notice of a disability or second qualifying event may affect the right to extend the period of continuation coverage.

- **Disability**

An 11-month extension of coverage may be available if any of the qualified beneficiaries is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be disabled. You must provide the SSA determination of your disability to the Employer within 60 days of receipt. The disability has to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA

continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of continuation coverage. Each qualified beneficiary who has elected continuation coverage will be entitled to the 11-month disability extension if one of them qualifies. If the qualified beneficiary is determined by SSA to no longer be disabled, you must notify the Employer of that fact within 30 days after SSA's determination.

- **Second Qualifying Event**

An 18-month extension of coverage will be available to spouses and Dependent children who elect continuation coverage if a second qualifying event occurs during the first 18 months of continuation coverage. The maximum amount of continuation coverage available when a second qualifying event occurs is 36 months. Such second qualifying events may include the death of a covered Subscriber, divorce or separation from the covered Subscriber, the covered Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), or a Dependent child's ceasing to be eligible for coverage as a Dependent under the Employer's health plan. These events can be a second qualifying event only if they would have caused the qualified beneficiary to lose coverage under the Plan if the first qualifying event had not occurred. You must notify the Employer within 60 days after a second qualifying event occurs if you want to extend your continuation coverage.

#### **Trade Act of 1974**

Special COBRA rights apply to Subscribers who have been terminated or experienced a reduction of hours and who qualify for a "trade readjustment allowance" or "alternative trade adjustment assistance" under a federal law called the Trade Act of 1974. These Subscribers are entitled to a second opportunity to elect COBRA coverage for themselves and certain family members (if they did not already elect COBRA coverage), but only within a limited period of sixty (60) days (or less) and only during the six (6)

months immediately after their Employer health plan coverage ended.

If you, the Subscriber, qualify for assistance under the Trade Act of 1974, you should contact the Employer for additional information. You must contact the Employer promptly after qualifying for assistance under the Trade Act of 1974 or you will lose these special COBRA rights.

#### **Premiums and the End of COBRA Coverage**

Premium will be no more than 102% of the Employer rate (unless your coverage continues beyond 18 months because of a disability. In that case, premium in the 19th through 29th months may be 150% of the Employer rate).

Continuation coverage will be terminated before the end of the maximum period if:

- any required premium is not paid in full on time,
- a qualified beneficiary becomes covered, after electing continuation coverage, under another Employer health plan,
- a qualified beneficiary becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both) after electing continuation coverage, or
- the Employer ceases to provide any group health plan for its employees.

Continuation coverage may also be terminated for any reason the Employer would terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary not receiving continuation coverage (such as fraud).

#### **If You Have Questions**

Questions concerning your Employer's health plan and your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the Employer. For more information about your rights under COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department

of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit the EBSA website at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). (Addresses

and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.)

## 5 HOW TO OBTAIN COVERED SERVICES

### Network Services and Benefits

If a Network Provider renders your care, benefits will be provided at the Network level. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits. No benefits will be provided for care that is not a Covered Service even if performed by a Network Provider.

The Administrator may inform you that a service you received is not a Covered Service under the Plan. You may appeal this decision. See the Complaint and Appeals Procedures section of this Benefit Booklet.

**Network Providers** are Professional Providers and other facility Providers who contract with the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, to perform services for you. You will not be required to file any claims for services you obtain directly from Network Providers.

### Non-Network Services and Benefits

Services that are not obtained from a Network Provider will be considered a Non-Network Service. In addition, certain services may not be covered unless obtained from a Network Provider, and/or may result in higher cost-share amounts. See your Schedule of Benefits. You will be required to file claims for services that you obtain directly from a Non-Network Provider.

### Relationship of Parties (Plan - Network Providers)

The relationship between the Plan and Network Providers is an independent contractor relationship. Network Providers are not agents or employees of the Plan, nor is the Plan, or any employee of the Plan, an employee or agent of Network Providers.

The Plan shall not be responsible for any claim or demand on account of damages arising out of, or in any manner connected with, any injuries suffered by a Member while receiving care from any Provider or in any Provider's facilities.

Your Network Provider's agreement for providing Covered Services may include financial incentives or risk sharing relationships related to provision of services or referrals to other Providers, including Network and Non-Network Providers. If you have questions regarding such incentives or risk sharing relationships, please contact your Provider or the Administrator.

### Not Liable for Provider Acts or Omissions

The Plan is not responsible for the actual care you receive from any person. This Benefit Booklet does not give anyone any claim, right, or cause of action against the Plan based on what a Provider of vision care, services or supplies, does or does not do.

## 6 COVERED SERVICES

This section describes the Covered Services available under your vision care benefits when

provided and billed by eligible Providers. All Covered Services are subject to the exclusions

listed in the Exclusions section and all other conditions and limitations of the Benefit Booklet. The amount payable for Covered Services varies depending on whether you receive your care from a Network Provider or a Non-Network Provider and whether or not you choose optional services and/or custom materials rather than standard services and supplies. Payment amounts are specified in the Schedule of Benefits.

The following are Covered Services:

- Routine Eye exam
- Standard Eyeglass Lenses
- Frames
- Contact Lenses in lieu of Eyeglass Lenses

Services and materials obtained through a Non-Network Provider are subject to the same Exclusions and limitations as services through a Network Provider.

If you choose a frame that is valued at more than the Maximum Allowable Amount you are responsible for the difference in cost.

If a Member elects either covered Non-Elective or Elective Contact Lenses within one 12-month period, no benefits will be paid for covered lenses and frames until the next 12-month period.

## Routine Eye Exam

The Plan covers up to a comprehensive eye examination including dilation as needed minus any applicable Copayment. The eye examination may include the following:

- Case history
- Recording corrected and uncorrected visual acuity
- Internal exam
- External exam
- Pupillary reflexes
- Binocular vision

- Objective refraction
- Subjective refraction
- Glaucoma test
- Slit lamp exam (Biomicroscopy)
- Dilation
- Color vision
- Depth perception
- Diagnosis and treatment plan.

## Eyeglass Lenses

Eyeglass Lenses are available in standard or basic plastic (CR39) Lenses including single vision, bifocal, and trifocal with factory coating with polycarbonate lenses for children under 19 and photochromic lenses for children under 19. If you choose progressive Lenses that are no line bifocals, there will be an additional cost. All eyeglass Lenses are subject to the applicable Copayment listed in the Schedule of Benefits. There may also be an additional cost for any add-ons to the lenses such as anti-reflective coating or ultra-violet coating. These and any other lens add-ons may be discounted according to the Plan's Additional Savings Program.

## Frames

The frame allowance is based upon the retail cost. The Member may apply the plan allowance toward the Network Provider's selection of frames. The Schedule of Benefits lists the frames allowance available under your plan. If you choose a set of frames that are valued at more than the Maximum Allowable Amount, you are responsible for the balance based upon the Additional Savings Program.

## Elective Contact Lenses

The contact lens allowance must be completely used at the time of initial service. No amount of the allowance may be carried forward to use during another service date. The Schedule of Benefits list the contact lens allowance available under this Plan.

## Non-Elective Contact Lenses

This benefit is available for a limited number of diagnoses and is in lieu of the standard contact lens or Lenses and frames benefit.

### Eligibility

Conditions that provide eligibility for consideration of this Non-Elective Contact Lens benefit include:

- Keratoconus where the patient is not correctable to 20/40 in either or both eyes using standard spectacle Lenses.
- High Ametropia exceeding -12 D or +9 D in spherical equivalent.
- Anisometropia of 3 D or more.
- Patients whose vision can be corrected three lines of improvement on the visual acuity chart when compared to best corrected standard spectacle Lenses.

### Fitting Fees

The Member is responsible for 100% of the fitting fee at the time of service. However, the Plan's Maximum Allowable Amount reimbursement

paid to the prescribing Provider for Non-Elective Contact Lenses may include a portion, or all, of the fitting fee. Any remaining amount will be applied to the Provider's fitting fee.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The Plan will not reimburse for Non-Elective Contact Lenses for any Member who has undergone prior elective corneal surgery, such as radial keratotomy (RK), photorefractive keratectomy (PRK), or LASIK.

## Cosmetic Options

Benefits are available for the services below in accordance with the Additional Savings Program. The Member will be responsible for the following items at a discounted rate when provided by a Network Provider.

- Blended Lenses
- Contact Lenses (except as noted herein)
- Oversize Lenses
- Progressive multifocal Lenses
- Photochromatic Lenses, or tinted Lenses
- Coated Lenses
- Frames that exceed the Maximum Allowable Amount
- Cosmetic Spectacle Lenses
- Ultra-violet coating
- Scratch resistant coating
- Polycarbonate Lenses
- Anti-reflective coating
- Optional cosmetic items

## 7 EXCLUSIONS

The following section indicates items that are excluded from benefit consideration, and are not considered Covered Services. This information is

provided as an aid to identify certain common items that may be misconstrued as Covered Services, but is in no way a limitation upon, or a

complete listing of, such items considered not to be Covered Services.

The Plan does not provide vision benefits for services, supplies or charges:

1. Received from an individual or entity that is not a Provider, as defined in this Benefit Booklet.
2. For any condition, disease, defect, ailment, or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under any Worker's Compensation Act or other similar law. This exclusion applies if you receive the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also applies whether or not you claim the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not you recover from any third party.
3. To the extent that they are provided as benefits by any governmental unit, unless otherwise required by law or regulation.
4. For illness or injury that occurs as a result of any act of war, declared or undeclared.
5. For a condition resulting from direct participation in a riot, civil disobedience, nuclear explosion, or nuclear accident.
6. For which you have no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.
7. Received from an optical or medical department maintained by or on behalf of an employer, mutual benefit association, labor union, trust or similar person or group.
8. Prescribed, ordered, referred by, or received from a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, in-law, or self.
9. For completion of claim forms or charges for medical records or reports unless otherwise required by law.
10. For missed or canceled appointments.
11. In excess of Maximum Allowable Amount.
12. Incurred prior to your Effective Date.
13. Incurred after the termination date of this coverage except as specified elsewhere in this Benefit Booklet.
14. For services or supplies primarily for educational, vocational, or training purposes, except as otherwise specified herein.
15. For sunglasses and accompanying frames.
16. For safety glasses and accompanying frames.
17. For inpatient or outpatient hospital vision care.
18. For Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
19. For non-prescription lenses.
20. For two pairs of glasses in lieu of bifocals.
21. For Plano lenses (lenses that have no refractive power).
22. For medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
23. Lost or broken lenses or frames, unless the Member has reached his or her normal interval for service when seeking replacements.
24. For services or supplies not specifically listed in the Benefit Booklet.
25. Certain brands on which the manufacturer imposes a no discount policy.
26. For services or supplies combined with any other offer, coupon or in-store advertisement.

## 8 CLAIMS PAYMENT

### Obtaining Services/Claim Payment

For services received from a Non-Network Provider, you are responsible for making sure a claim is filed in order to receive benefits. If you elect to obtain services from a Non-Network Provider you must pay the entire bill at the time the services are rendered. To request reimbursement for Covered Services the Administrator will need the following information:

- The name, address and phone number of the Non-Network Provider along with an itemized statement of charges
- The covered Member's name and address, group number, Social Security number or Member identification number
- The patient's name, birthdate and relationship to the Member

The Member should keep a copy of the information and send the originals to the following address:

BlueView Vision Claims Administration  
PO BOX 8504  
Mason, OH 45040-7111

### Notice of Claim

The Plan is not liable, unless the Administrator receives written notice that Covered Services have been given to you. An expense is considered incurred on the date the service or supply was given.

The notice must be given to the Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, within 90 days of receiving the Covered Services, and must have the data the Administrator needs to determine benefits. Failure to give the Administrator notice within 90 days will not reduce any benefit if you show that the notice was given as soon as reasonably possible. No notice

can be submitted later than one year after the usual 90 day filing period ends. If the notice submitted does not include sufficient data the Administrator needs to process the claim, then the necessary data must be submitted to the Administrator within the time frames specified in this provision or no benefits will be payable except as otherwise required by law.

### Claim Forms

Many Providers will file for you. If the forms are not available, either send a written request for claim forms to the Administrator or contact customer service and ask for claim forms to be sent to you. The form will be sent to you within 15 days. If you do not receive the forms, written notice of services rendered may be submitted to the Administrator without the claim form. The same information that would be given on the claim form must be included in the written notice of claim. This includes:

- Name of patient
- Patient's relationship with the Subscriber
- Identification number
- Date, type and place of service
- Your signature and the Physician's signature

### Proof of Claim

Written proof of claim satisfactory to the Administrator must be submitted to the Administrator within 90 days after the date of the event for which claim is made. If proof of claim is not sent within the time required, the claim will not be reduced or denied if it was not possible to do send proof within this time. However, the proof must be sent as soon as reasonably possible. In any case, the proof required must be sent to the Administrator no later than one year following the 90 day period specified, unless you were legally incapacitated.

### Member's Cooperation

Each Member shall complete and submit to the Plan such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents as may be requested by the Plan in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Worker's Compensation or any other governmental program. Any Member who fails to cooperate will be responsible for any charge for services.

### Explanation of Benefits

After you receive vision care, you will often receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The EOB

is a summary of the coverage you receive. The EOB is not a bill, but a statement from the Plan to help you understand the coverage you are receiving. The EOB shows:

- total amounts charged for services/supplies received;
- the amount of the charges satisfied by your coverage;
- the amount for which you are responsible (if any);

## 9 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Entire Agreement

This Benefit Booklet, the Administrative Services Agreement, the Employer's application, any Riders, Endorsements or Attachments, and the individual applications of the Subscriber and Dependents, if any, constitute the entire agreement between the Plan and the Employer and as of the Effective Date, supersede all other agreements between the parties. Any and all statements made to the Plan by the Employer and any and all statements made to the Employer by the Plan are representations and not warranties, and no such statement, unless it is contained in a written application for coverage under the Plan, shall be used in defense to a claim under the Plan.

### Form or Content of Benefit Booklet

No agent or employee of the Administrator is authorized to change the form or content of this Benefit Booklet. Such changes can be made only through an endorsement authorized and signed by a person authorized to sign on behalf of the Employer.

### Circumstances Beyond the Control of the Plan

If circumstances arise that are beyond the control of the Plan, the Plan will make a good-faith gesture to arrange an alternative method of providing coverage. Circumstances that may occur, but are not within the control of the Plan, include but are not limited to, a major disaster or epidemic, complete or partial destruction of facilities, a riot, civil insurrection, labor disputes that are out of the control of the Plan, disability affecting a significant number of a Network Provider's staff or similar causes, or health care services provided under the Plan are delayed or considered impractical. Under such circumstances, the Plan and Network Providers will provide the health care services covered by the Plan as far as is practical under the circumstances, and according to their best judgment. However, the Plan and Network Providers will accept no liability or obligation for delay, or failure to provide or arrange health care services if the failure or delay is caused by events/circumstances beyond the control of the Plan.



## Coordination of Benefits

This Plan is considered primary in all circumstances.

## Other Government Programs

The benefits under the Plan shall not duplicate any benefits that Members are entitled to, or eligible for, under any other governmental program. This does not apply if any particular laws require the Plan to be the primary payor. If the Plan has duplicated such benefits, all money paid by such programs to Members for services they have or are receiving, shall be paid by or on behalf of the Member to the Plan.

## Right of Recovery

Whenever payment has been made in error, the Plan will have the right to recover such payment from you or, if applicable, the Provider. In the event the Plan recovers a payment made in error from the Provider, except in cases of fraud, the Plan will only recover such payment from the Provider during the 24 months after the date the Plan made the payment on a claim submitted by the Provider. The Plan reserves the right to deduct or offset any amounts paid in error from any pending or future claim. The cost share amount shown in your Explanation of Benefits is the final determination and you will not receive notice of an adjusted cost share amount as a result of such recovery activity.

The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, has oversight responsibility for compliance with Provider and vendor and Subcontractor contracts. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a Provider, Vendor, or Subcontractor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, has established recovery policies to determine which recoveries are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery

amounts. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, will not pursue recoveries for overpayments if the cost of collection exceeds the overpayment amount. The Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, may not provide you with notice of overpayments made by the Plan or you if the recovery method makes providing such notice administratively burdensome.

## Conformity with Law

Any provision of this Plan which is in conflict with federal law, is hereby automatically amended to conform with the minimum requirements of such laws.

## Clerical Error

Clerical error, whether of the Employer or the Administrator, in keeping any record pertaining to this coverage will not invalidate coverage otherwise validly in force or continue coverage otherwise validly terminated.

## Policies and Procedures

The Employer is able to introduce new policies, procedures, rules and interpretations, as long as they are reasonable. Such changes are introduced to make the Plan more orderly and efficient. Members must follow and accept any new policies, procedures, rules and interpretations.

Under the terms of the Administrative Services Agreement, the Administrator has the authority, in its sole discretion, to introduce or terminate from time to time, pilot or test programs for disease management or wellness initiatives which may result in the payment of benefits not otherwise specified in this Benefit Booklet. The Administrator reserves the right to discontinue a pilot or test program at any time. The Administrator will provide advance written notice to the Employer of the introduction or termination of any such program.

## Waiver

No agent or other person, except an authorized officer of the Plan, is able to disregard any conditions or restrictions contained in this Benefit Booklet, to extend the amount of time for making a payment to the Plan, or to bind the Plan by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information.

## Employer's Sole Discretion

The Employer may, in its sole discretion, cover services and supplies not specifically covered by the Plan. This applies if the Employer, with advice from the Administrator, determines such services and supplies are in lieu of more expensive services and supplies which would otherwise be required for the care and treatment of a Member.

## Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Note

The Employer, on behalf of itself and its participants, hereby expressly acknowledges its understanding that this Benefit Booklet and the Administrative Services Agreement constitutes a contract solely between the Employer and Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem), and that Anthem is an independent corporation licensed to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in the state of Indiana. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield marks are registered by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independently licensed Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. and in other countries. Further, Anthem is not contracting as the agent of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association or any other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan or licensee. This paragraph shall not create any additional obligations whatsoever on the part of Anthem other than those obligations created under other provisions of this agreement.

# 10 COMPLAINT AND APPEALS

The Administrator's customer service representatives are specially trained to answer your questions about vision benefit plans. Please call during business hours, Monday through Friday, with questions regarding:

- Your coverage and benefit levels, including Reimbursement amounts;
- Specific claims or services you have received;

You will be notified, in writing, if a claim or other request for benefits is denied in whole or in part. If such a request is denied, the notice of denial will explain why benefits were denied and describe your rights under the Appeals Procedure. A Complaint Procedure also exists to help you understand the Plan's determinations.

## The Complaint Procedure

A Complaint Procedure is available to provide reasonable, informative responses to complaints that you may have concerning the Plan. A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction that can often be resolved by an explanation from the Plan of its procedures and contracts. The Plan invites you to share any concerns that you may have over benefit determinations or coverage cancellations. If you have a complaint or problem concerning benefits or services, please contact the Administrator. You may submit your complaint by letter or by telephone call. Or, if you wish, you may meet with your local service representative to discuss your complaint.

Members are encouraged to file complaints within 60 days of an initial, adverse action, but must file within six months after receipt of notice

of the initial, adverse action. The time required to review complaints does not extend the time in which appeals must be filed.

## The Appeals Procedure

An appeal is a formal request from you for the Plan to change a previous determination. If you are notified in writing of a Coverage Denial or any other adverse decision by the Administrator, you will be advised of your right to an internal appeal.

A Coverage Denial means the Administrator's determination that a service, treatment, drug or device is specifically limited or excluded under this Plan.

The internal appeals process may be initiated by the Member, the Member's authorized representative, or a Provider acting on behalf of the Member within 60 days of receipt of the Plan written notice of a Coverage Denial, or any other adverse decision made by the Administrator, but must be filed within six months of your receipt of the initial decision. The request should include any medical information pertinent to the appeal. All portions of the medical records that are relevant to the appeal and any other comments, documents, records or other information submitted by the Member relating to the issue being appealed, regardless of whether such information was considered in making the initial decision, will be considered in the review of the appeal. Any new medical information pertinent to the appeal will also be considered. Members are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, documents, records, and other information relevant to the Member's appeal.

If a representative is seeking an appeal on behalf of a Member, the Administrator must obtain a signed Designation of Representation (DOR) form from the Member. The appeal process will not begin until the Administrator has received the properly completed DOR. The Administrator will forward a Designation of Representation form to the Member for completion.

The individuals responsible for reviewing your request for an internal appeal will not be the same individuals who made the initial denial or

determination. They will not be the subordinates of the initial decision-maker either and no deference will be given to the initial decision.

Within a reasonable period of time but no later than 30 days after receiving a written or an oral request for an appeal, the Administrator will send a written decision to the Member or their authorized representative.

## Contact Person For Appeals

The request for an internal appeal must be submitted to the following address or telephone number or to the appeal address or telephone number provided on your written notice of an adverse decision:

Blue View Vision  
 ATTN: Appeals  
 555 Middle Creek Parkway  
 Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
 Telephone Number: 866-723-0515

The person holding the position named above will be responsible for processing your request.

The Plan encourages its Members to submit requests for appeal in writing. The request for appeal should describe the problem in detail. Attach copies of bills, medical records, or other appropriate documentation to support the appeal that may be in your possession.

You must file appeals on a timely basis. As stated above, you are encouraged to file internal appeals within 60 days of your receipt of the Plan's initial decision. Internal appeals must be filed, however, within six months of your receipt of the initial decision.

## Vision Services

The Plan is not liable for the furnishing of Covered Services, but merely for the payment of them. You shall have no claim against the Plan for acts or omissions of any Provider from whom you receive Covered Services. The Plan has no responsibility for a Provider's failure or refusal to give Covered Services to you.

**Limitation of Actions**

No lawsuit or legal action of any kind related to a benefit decision may be filed by you in a court of law or in any other forum, unless it is commenced no earlier than 60 days after the Administrator receives the claim or other request for benefits and within three years of the Plan's final decision

on the claim or other request for benefits. If the Plan decides an appeal is untimely, the Plan's latest decision on the merits of the underlying claim or benefit request is the final decision date. You must exhaust the Plan's internal appeals procedure before filing a lawsuit or other legal action of any kind against the Plan.

