

# Summary Plan Description

## **Fort Bend Independent School District Choice HSA Plan**

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## SECTION 1 – WELCOME

### Quick Reference Box

- Member services, claim inquiries, Personal Health Support and Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorder Administrator: 1-888-651-7319.
  - Claims submittal address: UnitedHealthcare - Claims, P.O. Box 30555, Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0555.
- Online assistance: [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com).

Fort Bend Independent School District is pleased to provide you with this Summary Plan Description (SPD), which describes the health Benefits available to you and your covered family members. It includes summaries of:

- who is eligible;
- services that are covered, called Covered Health Services;
- services that are not covered, called Exclusions;
- how Benefits are paid; and
- your rights and responsibilities under the Plan.

This SPD is designed to meet your information needs. It supersedes any previous printed or electronic SPD for this Plan.

### IMPORTANT

The healthcare service, supply or Pharmaceutical Product is only a Covered Health Service if it is Medically Necessary. (See definitions of Medically Necessary and Covered Health Service in Section 14, *Glossary*.) The fact that a Physician or other provider has performed or prescribed a procedure or treatment, or the fact that it may be the only available treatment for a Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, disease or its symptoms does not mean that the procedure or treatment is a Covered Health Service under the Plan.

Fort Bend Independent School District intends to continue this Plan, but reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, change, revise, amend or terminate the Plan at any time, for any reason, and without prior notice subject to any collective bargaining agreements between the Employer and various unions, if applicable. This SPD is not to be construed as a contract of or for employment. If there should be an inconsistency between the contents of this summary and the contents of the Plan, your rights shall be determined under the Plan and not under this summary.

UnitedHealthcare is a private healthcare claims administrator. UnitedHealthcare's goal is to give you the tools you need to make wise healthcare decisions. UnitedHealthcare also helps your employer to administer claims. Although UnitedHealthcare will assist you in many ways, it does not guarantee any Benefits. Fort Bend Independent School District is solely responsible for paying Benefits described in this SPD.

Please read this SPD thoroughly to learn how the Fort Bend Independent School District Choice HSA Plan works. If you have questions contact the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department or call the number on your ID card.

**How To Use This SPD**

- Read the entire SPD, and share it with your family. Then keep it in a safe place for future reference.
- Many of the sections of this SPD are related to other sections. You may not have all the information you need by reading just one section.
- You can find copies of your SPD and any future amendments or request printed copies by contacting the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department.
- Capitalized words in the SPD have special meanings and are defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.
- If eligible for coverage, the words "you" and "your" refer to Covered Persons as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.
- Fort Bend Independent School District is also referred to as Company.
- If there is a conflict between this SPD and any benefit summaries (other than Summaries of Material Modifications) provided to you, this SPD will control.

## SECTION 2 - INTRODUCTION

**What this section includes:**

- Who's eligible for coverage under the Plan.
- The factors that impact your cost for coverage.
- Instructions and timeframes for enrolling yourself and your eligible Dependents.
- When coverage begins.
- When you can make coverage changes under the Plan.

### Eligibility

You are eligible to enroll in the Plan if you are a regular full-time employee or some part-time employees who is scheduled to work at least 22.5 hours per week.

Your eligible Dependents may also participate in the Plan. An eligible Dependent is considered to be:

- your Spouse, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*;
- your or your Spouse's child who is under age 26, including a natural child, stepchild, a legally adopted child, a child placed for adoption or a child for whom you or your Spouse are the legal guardian; or
- an unmarried child age 26 or over who is or becomes disabled and dependent upon you.

**Note:** Your Dependents may not enroll in the Plan unless you are also enrolled. In addition, if you and your Spouse are both covered under the Plan, you may each be enrolled as a Participant or be covered as a Dependent of the other person, but not both. In addition, if you and your Spouse are both covered under the Plan, only one parent may enroll your child as a Dependent.

A Dependent also includes a child for whom health care coverage is required through a Qualified Medical Child Support Order or other court or administrative order, as described in Section 13, *Other Important Information*.

**Note:** Additional eligibility information is located on the Fort Bend Independent School District website: <http://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/143>

### ***Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)***

If you are granted a leave of absence by the employer as required by the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (leave), you may continue to be covered under the Plan for the duration of the leave under the same conditions as other employees who are in active status and covered by the Plan. If you choose to terminate coverage during the leave, or if coverage terminates as a result of nonpayment of any required contribution, coverage may be reinstated on the date you return to active status immediately following the end of the leave.

If you do not wish to change your benefit election due to the birth of a newborn, the automatic coverage for the newborn will terminate immediately following day 31 after birth.

You will need to wait until the next annual Open Enrollment to change your election if coverage has not been selected within 31 days.

### **Cost of Coverage**

You and Fort Bend Independent School District share in the cost of the Plan. Your contribution amount depends on the Plan you select and the family members you choose to enroll.

Your contributions are deducted from your paychecks on a before-tax basis. Before-tax dollars come out of your pay before federal income and Social Security taxes are withheld—and in most states, before state and local taxes are withheld. This gives your contributions a special tax advantage and lowers the actual cost to you.

Your contributions are subject to review and Fort Bend Independent School District reserves the right to change your contribution amount from time to time.

You can obtain current contribution rates by calling the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department.

### **How to Enroll**

To enroll, call the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department within 30 days of the date you first become eligible for medical Plan coverage. If you do not enroll within 30 days, you will need to wait until the next annual Open Enrollment to make your benefit elections.

Each year during annual Open Enrollment, you have the opportunity to review and change your medical election. Any changes you make during Open Enrollment will become effective the following January 1.

#### **Important**

If you wish to change your benefit elections following your marriage, birth, adoption of a child, placement for adoption of a child or other family status change, you must contact the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department within 30 days of the event. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the next annual Open Enrollment to change your elections.

### **When Coverage Begins**

Once the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department receives your properly completed enrollment, coverage will begin on the first day of the month following your start date. Coverage for your Dependents will start on the date your coverage begins, provided you have enrolled them in a timely manner. Proper enrollment or enrollment forms must be returned to the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department **within 30 days of your start date**.

Coverage for a Spouse or Dependent stepchild that you acquire via marriage becomes effective the first of the month following the date of the event, provided you notify the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department within 30 days of your marriage. Coverage for Dependent children acquired through birth, adoption, or placement for adoption is effective the date of

the family status change, provided you notify the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department within 30 days of the birth, adoption, or placement.

If you do not wish to change your benefit election due to the birth of a newborn, the automatic coverage for the newborn will terminate immediately following day 31 after birth. You will need to wait until the next annual Open Enrollment to change your election if coverage has not been selected within 31 days.

### ***Late Enrollees***

A late enrollee is an Eligible Person or Dependent who does not enroll for coverage under the Plan when he or she is first eligible, and who does not enroll during the initial enrollment period, Open Enrollment period or a special enrollment period. Coverage begins on the date identified by the Plan Administrator after the Plan Administrator receives the completed enrollment form and any required contribution for coverage.

### ***If You Are Hospitalized When Your Coverage Begins***

If you are an inpatient in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility on the day your coverage begins, the Plan will pay Benefits for Covered Health Services related to that Inpatient Stay as long as you receive Covered Health Services in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

You should notify UnitedHealthcare within 48 hours of the day your coverage begins, or as soon as is reasonably possible. Network Benefits are available only if you receive Covered Health Services from Network providers.

### ***Use Your Prior Health Care Coverage***

If you have prior coverage that extends benefits for a particular condition or a disability, the Plan will not pay Benefits for health care services for that condition or disability until the prior coverage ends. Benefits for that particular condition or disability are subject to your prior coverage.

## **Changing Your Coverage**

You may make coverage changes during the year only if you experience a change in family status. The change in coverage must be consistent with the change in status (e.g., you cover your Spouse following your marriage, your child following an adoption, etc.). The following are considered family status changes for purposes of the Plan:

- your marriage, divorce, legal separation or annulment;
- the birth, adoption, placement for adoption or legal guardianship of a child;
- a change in your Spouse's employment or involuntary loss of health coverage (other than coverage under the Medicare or Medicaid programs) under another employer's plan;
- loss of coverage due to the exhaustion of another employer's COBRA benefits, provided you were paying for premiums on a timely basis;
- the death of a Dependent;
- your Dependent child no longer qualifying as an eligible Dependent;

- a change in your or your Spouse's position or work schedule that impacts eligibility for health coverage;
- contributions were no longer paid by the employer (this is true even if you or your eligible Dependent continues to receive coverage under the prior plan and to pay the amounts previously paid by the employer);
- you or your eligible Dependent who were enrolled in an HMO no longer live or work in that HMO's service area and no other benefit option is available to you or your eligible Dependent;
- benefits are no longer offered by the Plan to a class of individuals that include you or your eligible Dependent;
- termination of your or your Dependent's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage as a result of loss of eligibility (you must contact the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department within 60 days of termination);
- you or your Dependent become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid or CHIP (you must contact the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department within 60 days of determination of subsidy eligibility);
- after gaining/losing exchange coverage;
- a strike or lockout involving you or your Spouse; or
- a court or administrative order.

Unless otherwise noted above, if you wish to change your elections, you must contact the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department within 30 days of the change in family status. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the next annual Open Enrollment.

While some of these changes in status are similar to qualifying events under COBRA, you, or your eligible Dependent, do not need to elect COBRA continuation coverage to take advantage of the special enrollment rights listed above. These will also be available to you or your eligible Dependent if COBRA is elected.

**Note:** Any child under age 26 who is placed with you for adoption will be eligible for coverage on the date the child is placed with you, even if the legal adoption is not yet final. If you do not legally adopt the child, all medical Plan coverage for the child will end when the placement ends. No provision will be made for continuing coverage (such as COBRA coverage) for the child.

**Change in Family Status - Example**

Jane is married and has two children who qualify as Dependents. At annual Open Enrollment, she elects not to participate in Fort Bend Independent School District's medical plan, because her husband, Tom, has family coverage under his employer's medical plan. In June, Tom loses his job as part of a downsizing. As a result, Tom loses his eligibility for medical coverage. Due to this family status change, Jane can elect family medical coverage under Fort Bend Independent School District's medical plan outside of annual Open Enrollment.

## SECTION 3 - HOW THE PLAN WORKS

**What this section includes:**

- Accessing Benefits.
- Eligible Expenses.
- Annual Deductible.
- Coinsurance.
- Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

### Accessing Benefits

As a participant in this Plan, you have the freedom to choose the Network Physician or health care professional you prefer each time you need to receive Covered Health Services. The choices you make affect the amounts you pay, as well as the level of Benefits you receive and any benefit limitations that may apply.

You are eligible for Benefits under this Plan when you receive Covered Health Services from Physicians and other health care professionals who have contracted with UnitedHealthcare to provide those services. You must see a Physician as described above in order to obtain Benefits. Except as specifically described within the SPD, Benefits are not available for services provided by a non-Network provider. This Plan does not provide a non-Network level of Benefits.

**Benefits** apply to Covered Health Services that are provided by a Network Physician or other Network provider. You are not required to select a Primary Physician in order to obtain Benefits. In general health care terminology, a Primary Physician may also be referred to as a Primary Care Physician or PCP.

Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section.

Covered Health Services provided at certain Network facilities by a non-Network Physician, when not Emergency Health Services, will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section. For these Covered Health Services, "certain Network facility" is limited to a hospital (as defined in 1861(e) of the *Social Security Act*), a hospital outpatient department, a critical access hospital (as defined in 1861(mm)(1) of the *Social Security Act*), an ambulatory surgical center as described in section 1833(i)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

Air Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section.

Ground Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section.

**Designated Network Benefits** apply to Covered Health Services that are provided by a Network Physician or other provider that has been identified as a Designated Provider. Only

certain Physicians and providers have been identified as a Designated Provider. Designated Network Benefits are available only for specific Covered Health Services as identified in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*. When Designated Network Benefits apply, they are included in and subject to the same Annual Deductible, and Out-of-Pocket Maximum and requirements as all other Covered Health Services provided by Network providers

### ***Network Providers***

UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates arrange for health care providers to participate in a Network. At your request, UnitedHealthcare will send you a directory of network providers free of charge. Keep in mind, a provider's Network status may change. To verify a provider's status or request a provider directory, you can call UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card or log onto **www.myuhc.com**.

Network providers are independent practitioners and are not employees of Fort Bend Independent School District or UnitedHealthcare. It is your responsibility to select your provider.

UnitedHealthcare's credentialing process confirms public information about the providers' licenses and other credentials, but does not assure the quality of the services provided.

Before obtaining services you should always verify the Network status of a provider. A provider's status may change. You can verify the provider's status by calling UnitedHealthcare. A directory of providers is available online at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card to request a copy. If you receive a Covered Health Service from a non-Network provider and were informed incorrectly prior to receipt of the Covered Health Service that the provider was a Network provider, either through a database, provider directory, or in a response to your request for such information (via telephone, electronic, web-based or internet-based means), you may be eligible for Network Benefits.

It is possible that you might not be able to obtain services from a particular Network provider. The network of providers is subject to change. Or you might find that a particular Network provider may not be accepting new patients. If a provider leaves the Network or is otherwise not available to you, you must choose another Network provider to get Benefits. However, if you are currently receiving treatment for Covered Health Services from a provider whose network status changes from Network to non-Network during such treatment due to expiration or nonrenewal of the provider's contract, you may be eligible to request continued care from your current provider at the Network Benefit level for specified conditions and timeframes. This provision does not apply to provider contract terminations for failure to meet applicable quality standards or for fraud. If you would like help to find out if you are eligible for continuity of care Benefits, please call the telephone number on your ID card.

If you are currently undergoing a course of treatment utilizing a non-Network Physician or health care facility, you may be eligible to receive transition of care Benefits. This transition period is available for specific medical services and for limited periods of time. If you have questions regarding this transition of care reimbursement policy or would like help determining whether you are eligible for transition of care Benefits, please contact the telephone number on your ID card.

Do not assume that a Network provider's agreement includes all Covered Health Services. Some Network providers contract with UnitedHealthcare to provide only certain Covered Health Services, but not all Covered Health Services. Some Network providers choose to be a Network provider for only some of UnitedHealthcare's products. Refer to your provider directory or contact UnitedHealthcare for assistance.

### **Health Services from Non-Network Providers**

If specific Covered Health Services are not available from a Network provider, you may be eligible for Benefits when Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider. In this situation, your Physician will notify the UnitedHealthcare, and if UnitedHealthcare confirms that care is not available from a Network provider, the UnitedHealthcare will work with you and your Network Physician to coordinate care through a non-Network provider.

When you receive Covered Health Services through a Network Physician, the Plan will pay Network Benefits for those Covered Health Services, even if one or more of those Covered Health Services is received from a non-Network provider.

#### **Looking for a Network Provider?**

In addition to other helpful information, [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com), UnitedHealthcare's consumer website, contains a directory of health care professionals and facilities in UnitedHealthcare's Network. While Network status may change from time to time, [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) has the most current source of Network information. Use [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) to search for Physicians available in your Plan.

### ***Possible Limitations on Provider Use***

If UnitedHealthcare determines that you are using health care services in a harmful or abusive manner, you may be required to select a Network Physician to provide and coordinate all of your future Covered Health Services.

If you don't make a selection within 31 days of the date you are notified, UnitedHealthcare will select a single Network Physician for you.

In the event that you do not use the selected Network Physician, Benefits will not be paid.

### ***Designated Providers***

If you have a medical condition that UnitedHealthcare believes needs special services, UnitedHealthcare may direct you to a Designated Provider chosen by UnitedHealthcare. If you require certain complex Covered Health Services for which expertise is limited, UnitedHealthcare may direct you to a Network facility or provider that is outside your local geographic area. If you are required to travel to obtain such Covered Health Services from a Designated Provider, UnitedHealthcare may reimburse certain travel expenses at UnitedHealthcare's discretion.

In both cases, Benefits will only be paid if your Covered Health Services for that condition are provided by or arranged by the Designated Provider or other provider chosen by UnitedHealthcare.

## Eligible Expenses

Fort Bend Independent School District has delegated to UnitedHealthcare the discretion and authority to decide whether a treatment or supply is a Covered Health Service and how the Eligible Expenses will be determined and otherwise covered under the Plan.

Eligible Expenses are the amount UnitedHealthcare determines that the Plan will pay for Benefits.

- For Designated Network and Network Benefits for Covered Health Services provided by a Network provider, you are not responsible for any difference between Eligible Expenses and the amount the provider bills.
  - For Covered Health Services that are Ancillary Services received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from non-Network Physicians, you are not responsible, and the non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in this SPD.
  - For Covered Health Services that are non-Ancillary Services received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from non-Network Physicians who have not satisfied the notice and consent criteria or for unforeseen or urgent medical needs that arise at the time a non-Ancillary Service is provided for which notice and consent has been satisfied as described below, you are not responsible, and the Non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.
  - For Covered Health Services that are Emergency Health Services provided by a Non-Network provider, you are not responsible, and the Non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in this SPD.
  - For Covered Health Services that are Air Ambulance services provided by a Non-Network provider, you are not responsible, and the Non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the rates that would apply if the service was provided by a Network provider which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

Eligible Expenses are determined in accordance with the Claims Administrator's reimbursement policy guidelines or as required by law, as described in the SPD.

**For Designated Network and Network Benefits**, Eligible Expenses are based on the following:

- When Covered Health Services are received from a **Designated Network and Network** provider, Eligible Expenses are UnitedHealthcare's contracted fee(s) with that provider.
- When Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider as arranged by us, including when there is no Network provider who is reasonably accessible or available to provide Covered Health Services, Eligible Expenses are an amount

negotiated by UnitedHealthcare or an amount permitted by law. Please contact us if you are billed for amounts in excess of your applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or any deductible. The Plan will not pay excessive charges or amounts you are not legally obligated to pay.

**When Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider as described below, Eligible Expenses are determined as follows:**

- **For non-Emergency Covered Health Services received at certain Network facilities from non-Network Physicians** when such services are either Ancillary Services, or non-Ancillary Services that have not satisfied the notice and consent criteria of section 2799B-2(d) of the *Public Health Service Act* with respect to a visit as defined by the Secretary (including non-Ancillary Services that have satisfied the notice and consent criteria but unforeseen urgent medical needs arise at the time the services are provided), the Eligible Expense is based on one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by a state law *All Payer Model Agreement*.
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by state law.
  - The initial payment made by the Claims Administrator, or the amount subsequently agreed to by the non-Network provider and the Claims Administrator.
  - The amount determined by Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR).

For the purpose of this provision, "certain Network facilities" are limited to a hospital (as defined in 1861(e) of the *Social Security Act*), a hospital outpatient department, a critical access hospital (as defined in 1861(mm)(1) of the *Social Security Act*), an ambulatory surgical center as described in section 1833(i)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** For Ancillary Services, non-Ancillary Services provided without notice and consent, and non-Ancillary Services for unforeseen or urgent medical needs that arise at the time a service is provided for which notice and consent has been satisfied, you are not responsible, and a non-Network Physician may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD..

- **For Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider**, the Eligible Expense is based on one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by a state *All Payer Model Agreement*.
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by state law.
  - The initial payment made by the Claims Administrator, or the amount subsequently agreed to by the non-Network provider and the Claims Administrator.
  - The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You are not responsible, and a non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

- **For Air Ambulance transportation provided by a non-Network provider**, the Eligible Expense is based on one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by a state *All Payer Model Agreement*.
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by state law.
  - The initial payment made by the Claims Administrator, or the amount subsequently agreed to by the non-Network provider and the Claims Administrator.
  - The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You are not responsible, and a non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the rates that would apply if the service was provided by a Network provider

- **For Emergency ground ambulance transportation provided by a non-Network provider**, the Eligible Expense, which includes mileage, is a rate agreed upon by the non-Network provider or, unless a different amount is required by applicable law, determined based upon the median amount negotiated with Network providers for the same or similar service.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Non-Network providers may bill you for any difference between the provider's billed charges and the Eligible Expense described here.

**When Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider, except as described above, Eligible Expenses are determined as follows:** (i) an amount negotiated by the Claims Administrator, (ii) a specific amount required by law (when required by law), or (iii) an amount the Claims Administrator has determined is typically accepted by a healthcare provider for the same or similar service or an amount that is greater than such rate when elected or directed by the Plan. The Plan will not pay excessive charges. You are responsible for paying, directly to the non-Network provider, the applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or any deductible. Please contact the Claims Administrator if you are billed for amounts in excess of your applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or any deductible to access the Advocacy Services as described below. Following the conclusion of the Advocacy Services described below, any responsibility to pay more than the Eligible Expense (which includes your Coinsurance, Copayment, and deductible) is yours.

### ***Advocacy Services***

The Plan has contracted with the Claims Administrator to provide advocacy services on your behalf with respect to non-network providers that have questions about the Eligible Expenses and how the Claims Administrator determined those amounts. Please call the Claims Administrator at the number on your ID card to access these advocacy services, or if you are billed for amounts in excess of your applicable coinsurance or copayment. In addition, if the Claims Administrator, or its designee, reasonably concludes that the particular facts and circumstances related to a claim provide justification for reimbursement greater than that which would result from the application of the Eligible Expense, and the Claims Administrator, or its designee, determines that it would serve the best interests of the Plan and its Employees (including interests in avoiding costs and expenses of disputes over payment of claims), the Claims Administrator, or its designee, may use its sole discretion to increase the Eligible Expense for that particular claim.

**Annual Deductible**

The Annual Deductible is the amount of Eligible Expenses, or the Recognized Amount when applicable, you must pay each calendar year for Covered Health Services before you are eligible to begin receiving Benefits.. The amounts you pay toward your Annual Deductibles accumulate over the course of the calendar year.

Amounts paid toward the Annual Deductible for Covered Health Services that are subject to a visit or day limit will also be calculated against that maximum benefit limit. As a result, the limited benefit will be reduced by the number of days or visits you used toward meeting the Annual Deductible.

When a Covered Person was previously covered under a benefit plan that was replaced by the Plan, any amount already applied to that annual deductible provision of the prior plan will apply to the Annual Deductible provision under this Plan.

**Coinsurance**

Coinsurance is the percentage of Eligible Expenses that you are responsible for paying. Coinsurance is a fixed percentage that applies to certain Covered Health Services after you meet the Annual Deductible.

**Coinsurance - Example**

Let's assume that you receive Plan Benefits for outpatient surgery from a Network provider. Since the Plan pays 100% after you meet the Annual Deductible, you are responsible for paying the other 0%. This 0% is your Coinsurance.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

The annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum is the most you pay each calendar year for Covered Health Services. If your eligible out-of-pocket expenses in a calendar year exceed the annual maximum, the Plan pays 100% of Eligible Expenses for Covered Health Services through the end of the calendar year.

The Out-of-Pocket Maximum applies to all Covered Health Services under the Plan, including Covered Health Services provided in Section 15, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.

The following table identifies what does and does not apply toward your Out-of-Pocket Maximums:

Plan Features	Applies to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum?
Payments toward the Annual Deductible	Yes
Coinsurance Payments	Yes
Charges for non-Covered Health Services	No

<b>Plan Features</b>	<b>Applies to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum?</b>
Charges that exceed Eligible Expenses, or the Recognized Amount when applicable.	No

## SECTION 4 - PERSONAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

### What this section includes:

- An overview of the Personal Health Support program.
- Covered Health Services which Require Prior Authorization.

### Care Management

When you seek prior authorization as required, the Claims Administrator will work with you to implement the care management process and to provide you with information about additional services that are available to you, such as disease management programs, health education, and patient advocacy.

UnitedHealthcare provides a program called Personal Health Support designed to encourage personalized, efficient care for you and your covered Dependents.

Personal Health Support Nurses center their efforts on prevention, education, and closing any gaps in your care. The goal of the program is to ensure you receive the most appropriate and cost-effective services available.

If you are living with a chronic condition or dealing with complex health care needs, UnitedHealthcare may assign to you a primary nurse, referred to as a Personal Health Support Nurse to guide you through your treatment. This assigned nurse will answer questions, explain options, identify your needs, and may refer you to specialized care programs. The Personal Health Support Nurse will provide you with their telephone number so you can call them with questions about your conditions, or your overall health and well-being.

Personal Health Support Nurses will provide a variety of different services to help you and your covered family members receive appropriate medical care. Program components are subject to change without notice. As of the publication of this SPD, the Personal Health Support program includes:

- **Admission counseling** - Personal Health Support Nurses are available to help you prepare for a successful surgical admission and recovery. Call the number on your ID card for support.
- **Inpatient care management** - If you are hospitalized, a Personal Health Support Nurse will work with your Physician to make sure you are getting the care you need and that your Physician's treatment plan is being carried out effectively.
- **Readmission Management** - This program serves as a bridge between the Hospital and your home if you are at high risk of being readmitted. After leaving the Hospital, if you have a certain chronic or complex condition, you may receive a phone call from a Personal Health Support Nurse to confirm that medications, needed equipment, or follow-up services are in place. The nurse will also share important health care information, reiterate and reinforce discharge instructions, and support a safe transition home.

- **Risk Management** - Designed for participants with certain chronic or complex conditions, this program addresses such health care needs as access to medical specialists, medication information, and coordination of equipment and supplies. Participants may receive a phone call from a Personal Health Support Nurse to discuss and share important health care information related to the participant's specific chronic or complex condition.
- **Cancer Management** - You have the opportunity to engage with a nurse that specializes in cancer, education and guidance throughout your care path.
- **Kidney Management** - You have the opportunity to engage with a nurse that specializes in kidney disease, education and guidance with CKD stage 4/5 or ESRD throughout your care path.

If you do not receive a call from a Personal Health Support Nurse but feel you could benefit from any of these programs, please call the number on your ID card.

### **Prior Authorization**

UnitedHealthcare requires prior authorization for certain Covered Health Services. Physicians and other health care professionals who participate in a Network are responsible for obtaining prior authorization

It is recommended that you confirm with the Claims Administrator that all Covered Health Services listed below have been prior authorized as required. Before receiving these services from a Network provider, you may want to contact the Claims Administrator to verify that the Hospital, Physician and other providers are Network providers and that they have obtained the required prior authorization. Network facilities and Network providers cannot bill you for services they fail to prior authorize as required. You can contact the Claims Administrator by calling the number on your ID card.

**To obtain prior authorization, call the number on your ID card.** This call starts the utilization review process. Once you have obtained the authorization, please review it carefully so that you understand what services have been authorized and what providers are authorized to deliver the services that are subject to the authorization.

The utilization review process is a set of formal techniques designed to monitor the use of, or evaluate the clinical necessity, appropriateness, efficacy, or efficiency of, health care services, procedures or settings. Such techniques may include ambulatory review, prospective review, second opinion, certification, concurrent review, case management, discharge planning, retrospective review or similar programs.

**Contacting UnitedHealthcare or Personal Health Support is easy.**  
Simply call the number on your ID card.

**Services for which you are required to obtain prior authorization are identified in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details* within each Covered Health Service Benefit description. Please note that prior authorization timelines apply. Refer to the applicable Benefit description to determine how far in advance you must obtain prior authorization and any applicable reductions in Benefits.**

**Please note that prior authorization is required even if you have a referral from your Primary Physician to seek care from another Network Physician.**

**Special Note Regarding Medicare**

If you are enrolled in Medicare on a primary basis (Medicare pays before the Plan pays Benefits) the prior authorization requirements do not apply to you. Since Medicare is the primary payer, the Plan will pay as secondary payer as described in Section 10, *Coordination of Benefits (COB)*. You are not required to obtain authorization before receiving Covered Health Services.

**SECTION 5 - PLAN HIGHLIGHTS**

**What this section includes:**

- Payment Terms and Features.
- Schedule of Benefits.

**Payment Terms and Features**

The table below provides an overview of the Plan's Annual Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

Plan Features	Network Amounts
<p><b>Annual Deductible</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Individual. <span style="float: right;">\$4,000</span></li> <li>■ Family (not to exceed the applicable Individual amount per Covered Person) <span style="float: right;">\$6,000</span></li> </ul> <p><b>Coupons:</b> The Plan Sponsor may not permit certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate to apply to your Annual Deductible.</p>	
<p><b>Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Individual. <span style="float: right;">\$6,000</span></li> <li>■ Family (not to exceed the applicable Individual amount per Covered Person) <span style="float: right;">\$12,000</span></li> </ul> <p>The Annual Deductible applies toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for all Covered Health Services.</p> <p><b>Coupons:</b> The Plan Sponsor may not permit certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate to apply to your Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum.</p>	
<p><b>Lifetime Maximum Benefit</b></p> <p>There is no dollar limit to the amount the Plan will pay for essential Benefits during the entire period you are enrolled in this Plan.</p>	Unlimited

Plan Features	Network Amounts
<p>Generally the following are considered to be essential benefits under the <i>Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act</i>:</p> <p>Ambulatory patient services; emergency services, hospitalization; maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance-Related and Addictive Disorders services (including behavioral health treatment); prescription drug products; rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.</p>	

**Schedule of Benefits**

This table provides an overview of the Plan's coverage levels. For detailed descriptions of your Benefits, refer to Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

Amounts which you are required to pay as shown below in the *Schedule of Benefits* are based on *Eligible Expenses* or, for specific Covered Health Services as described in the definition of Recognized Amount in Section 14, *Glossary*.

Covered Health Services	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>
	Network
<p><b>Ambulance Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Emergency Ambulance.</li> </ul> <p>Eligible Expenses for ground and Air Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be determined as described in Section 3, <i>How the Plan Works</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Non-Emergency Ambulance.</li> </ul> <p>Ground or Air Ambulance, as the Claims Administrator determines appropriate.</p> <p>Eligible Expenses for ground and Air Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be determined as described in Section 3, <i>How the Plan Works</i>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ground Ambulance</i></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Air Ambulance</i></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ground Ambulance</i></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Air Ambulance</i></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>
<p><b>Cellular and Gene Therapy</b></p> <p>Services must be received at a Designated Provider.</p>	<p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section</p>

Covered Health Services	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>
	Network
<p><b>Clinical Trials</b></p> <p>Benefits are available when the Covered Health Services are provided by either Network or non-Network providers.</p>	<p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.</p>
<p><b>Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Surgeries</b></p>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>
<p><b>Dental Services - Accident Only</b></p> <p>See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i>, for limits.</p>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>
<p><b>Diabetes Services</b></p> <p>Diabetes Self-Management and Training/ Diabetic Eye Examinations/Foot Care</p> <p>Diabetes Self-Management Items</p> <p>See <i>Durable Medical Equipment</i> in Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i>, for limits.</p>	<p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits for diabetes self-management and training/diabetic eye examinations/foot care will be paid the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.</p> <p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits for diabetes self-management items will be the same as those stated under <i>Durable Medical Equipment</i> in this section.</p>
<p><b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b></p> <p>See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i>, for limits.</p>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>
<p><b>Emergency Health Services - Outpatient</b></p> <p>Emergency services received at a non-Network Hospital are covered at the Network level.</p> <p>If you are admitted as an inpatient to a Hospital directly from the Emergency</p>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>

Covered Health Services	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>
	Network
<p>room, you will not have to pay this Coinsurance and/or deductible. The Benefits for an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital will apply instead.</p> <p>Eligible Expenses for Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider will be determined as described under <i>Eligible Expenses</i> in Section 3: <i>How the Plan Works</i>.</p>	
<p><b>Hearing Aids</b></p> <p>See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i>, for limits.</p>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<p><b>Enteral Nutrition</b></p>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<p><b>Home Health Care</b></p> <p>See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i>, for limits.</p>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<p><b>Hospice Care</b></p>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<p><b>Hospital - Inpatient Stay</b></p>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<p><b>Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostics - Outpatient</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Physician’s Office Services.</li> <li>■ Alternate facility.</li> </ul>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>
<p><b>Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics – CT, PET, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Physician’s Office Services.</li> <li>■ Alternate facility.</li> </ul>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>

Covered Health Services	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>
	Network
<p><b>Mental Health Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inpatient.</li> <li>■ Outpatient.</li>   <li>■ Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching</li> </ul>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p><b>Office Visit</b></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p><b>All Other Outpatient Services, including Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient Programs</b></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p><b>Designated Network (AbleTo Therapy 360)</b></p> <p>100% after you meet the Annual Deductible; Benefits for the Initial Consultation will be paid at 100%</p>
<p><b>Neurobiological Disorders - Autism Spectrum Disorder Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inpatient.</li> <li>■ Outpatient.</li> </ul>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p><b>Office Visit</b></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p><b>All Other Outpatient Services, including Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient Programs</b></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p><b>Intensive Behavioral Therapy</b></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>
<p><b>Non-Preventive Nutritional Counseling</b></p> <p>See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details.</i></p>	<p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the</p>

Covered Health Services	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>
	Network
	<p>same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.</p> <p>Benefits for non-preventive nutritional counseling services for mental health and substance-related and addictive disorders will follow mental health and substance-related and addictive disorders services office visit.</p>
<p><b>Ostomy Supplies</b></p> <p>See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> for limits.</p>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<p><b>Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Physician's office</li> <li>■ Alternate facility</li> </ul> <p>Covered Health Services provided by a non-Network Physician in certain Network facilities will apply the same cost sharing (Copayment, Coinsurance and applicable deductible) as if those services were provided by a Network provider; however Eligible Expenses will be determined as described in Section 3, <i>How the Plan Works</i>, under <i>Eligible Expenses</i>.</p>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>
<p><b>Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Primary Physician</li> <li>■ Home visit</li> </ul>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>
<p><b>Pregnancy - Maternity Services</b></p> <p>A Deductible will not apply for a newborn child whose length of stay in the Hospital is the same as the mother's length of stay.</p>	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.

Covered Health Services	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>
	Network
<b>Preventive Care Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Physician Office Services</li> <li>■ Lab, X-ray or Other Preventive Tests</li> <li>■ Breast Pumps</li> </ul>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p>
<b>Prosthetic Devices</b> See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for limits.	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Reconstructive Procedures</b>	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.
<b>Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and Manipulative Treatment</b> See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for visit limits.	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible.
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility/Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services</b> See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for limits.	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inpatient.</li> <li>■ Outpatient.</li> </ul>	<p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office Visit</b></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>

Covered Health Services	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>
	Network
	<p><b>All Other Outpatient Services, including Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient Programs</b></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>
<b>Surgery - Outpatient facility</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services</b>	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section
<b>Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Transplantation Services</b>	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.
<b>Urinary Catheters</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Urgent Care Center Services</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<p><b>Virtual Care Services</b></p> <p>Benefits are available only when services are delivered through a Designated Virtual Network Provider. You can find a Designated Virtual Network Provider by going to <a href="http://www.myuhc.com">www.myuhc.com</a> or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.</p>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<p><b>Vision Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Keratoconus or post-cataract</li> </ul> <p>See Section 6, Additional Coverage Details, for limits.</p>	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits for transplantation services will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section

Covered Health Services	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>
	Network
<b>Wigs</b> See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for limits.	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible

## SECTION 6 - ADDITIONAL COVERAGE DETAILS

**What this section includes:**

- Covered Health Services for which the Plan pays Benefits.

Covered Health Services that require you to obtain prior authorization before you receive them. This section supplements the second table in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*.

While the table provides you with Benefit limitations along with Coinsurance and Annual Deductible information for each Covered Health Service, this section includes descriptions of the Benefits. These descriptions include any additional limitations that may apply. The Covered Health Services in this section appear in the same order as they do in the table for easy reference. Services that are not covered are described in Section 8, *Exclusions*.

Benefits are provided for services delivered via Telehealth/Telemedicine. Benefits are also provided for Remote Physiologic Monitoring. Benefits for these services are provided to the same extent as an in-person service under any applicable Benefit category in this section unless otherwise specified in the table.

### Ambulance Services

The Plan covers Emergency ambulance services and transportation provided by a licensed ambulance service to the nearest Hospital that offers Emergency Health Services. See Section 14, *Glossary* for the definition of Emergency.

Ambulance service by air is covered in an Emergency if ground transportation is impossible, or would put your life or health in serious jeopardy. If special circumstances exist, UnitedHealthcare may pay Benefits for Emergency air transportation to a Hospital that is not the closest facility to provide Emergency Health Services.

The Plan also covers transportation provided by a licensed professional ambulance (either ground or Air Ambulance, as UnitedHealthcare determines appropriate) between facilities when the transport is:

- from a non-Network Hospital to a Network Hospital;
- to a Hospital that provides a higher level of care that was not available at the original Hospital;
- to a more cost-effective acute care facility; or
- from an acute facility to a sub-acute setting.

### Cellular and Gene Therapy

Cellular Therapy and Gene Therapy received on an inpatient or outpatient basis at a Hospital or on an outpatient basis at an Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office.

Benefits for CAR-T therapy for malignancies are provided as described under *Transplantation Services*.

## Clinical Trials

Benefits are available for routine patient care costs incurred during participation in a qualifying clinical trial for the treatment of:

- cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition. For purposes of this benefit, a life-threatening disease or condition is one from which the likelihood of death is probable unless the course of the disease or condition is interrupted;
- cardiovascular disease (cardiac/stroke) which is not life threatening, for which, as UnitedHealthcare determines, a clinical trial meets the qualifying clinical trial criteria stated below;
- surgical musculoskeletal disorders of the spine, hip and knees, which are not life threatening, for which, as UnitedHealthcare determines, a clinical trial meets the qualifying clinical trial criteria stated below; and
- other diseases or disorders which are not life threatening for which, as UnitedHealthcare determines, a clinical trial meets the qualifying clinical trial criteria stated below.

Benefits include the reasonable and necessary items and services used to prevent, diagnose and treat complications arising from participation in a qualifying clinical trial.

Benefits are available only when the Covered Person is clinically eligible for participation in the qualifying clinical trial as defined by the researcher.

Routine patient care costs for qualifying clinical trials include:

- Covered Health Services for which Benefits are typically provided absent a clinical trial;
- Covered Health Services required solely for the provision of the investigational item or service, the clinically appropriate monitoring of the effects of the item or service, or the prevention of complications; and
- Covered Health Services needed for reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of an Investigational item or service.

Routine costs for clinical trials do not include:

- the Experimental or Investigational Service or item. The only exceptions to this are:
  - certain Category B devices;
  - certain promising interventions for patients with terminal illnesses; and
  - other items and services that meet specified criteria in accordance with our medical and drug policies;
- items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient;
- a service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis; and
- items and services provided by the research sponsors free of charge for any person enrolled in the trial.

With respect to cancer or other life-threatening diseases or conditions, a qualifying clinical trial is a Phase I, Phase II, Phase III, or Phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition and which meets any of the following criteria in the bulleted list below.

With respect to cardiovascular disease or musculoskeletal disorders of the spine and hip and knees and other diseases or disorders which are not life-threatening, a qualifying clinical trial is a Phase I, Phase II, or Phase III clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the detection or treatment of such non-life-threatening disease or disorder and which meets any of the following criteria in the bulleted list below.

- Federally funded trials. The study or investigation is approved or funded (which may include funding through in-kind contributions) by one or more of the following:
  - *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*. (Includes *National Cancer Institute (NCI)*);
  - *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*;
  - *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)*;
  - *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)*;
  - a cooperative group or center of any of the entities described above or the *Department of Defense (DOD)* or the *Veterans Administration (VA)*;
  - a qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the *National Institutes of Health* for center support grants; or
  - The *Department of Veterans Affairs*, the *Department of Defense* or the *Department of Energy* as long as the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that is determined by the *Secretary of Health and Human Services* to meet both of the following criteria:
    - ◆ comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the *National Institutes of Health*; and
    - ◆ ensures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.
- the study or investigation is conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration*;
- the study or investigation is a drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application;
- the clinical trial must have a written protocol that describes a scientifically sound study and have been approved by all relevant institutional review boards (*IRBs*) before participants are enrolled in the trial. UnitedHealthcare may, at any time, request documentation about the trial; or
- the subject or purpose of the trial must be the evaluation of an item or service that meets the definition of a Covered Health Service and is not otherwise excluded under the Plan.

### **Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Surgeries**

The Plan pays Benefits for Congenital heart disease (CHD) surgeries which are ordered by a Physician. CHD surgical procedures include surgeries to treat conditions such as coarctation

of the aorta, aortic stenosis, tetralogy of fallot, transposition of the great vessels and hypoplastic left or right heart syndrome.

UnitedHealthcare has specific guidelines regarding Benefits for CHD services. Contact United Resource Networks at (888) 936-7246 or Personal Health Support at the toll-free number on your ID card for information about these guidelines.

The Plan pays Benefits for Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) services ordered by a Physician and received at a CHD Resource Services program. Benefits include the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment. Benefits are available for the following CHD services:

- outpatient diagnostic testing;
- evaluation;
- surgical interventions;
- interventional cardiac catheterizations (insertion of a tubular device in the heart);
- fetal echocardiograms (examination, measurement and diagnosis of the heart using ultrasound technology); and
- approved fetal interventions.

CHD services other than those listed above are excluded from coverage, unless determined by United Resource Networks or the Claims Administrator to be proven procedures for the involved diagnoses. Contact United Resource Networks at (888) 936-7246 or Personal Health Support at the toll-free number on your ID card for information about CHD services.

If you receive Congenital Heart Disease services from a facility that is not a Designated Provider, the Plan pays Benefits as described under:

- Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury;
- Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services;
- Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic;
- Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient;
- Hospital - Inpatient Stay; and
- Surgery - Outpatient.

To receive Benefits under the CHD program, you must contact United Resource Networks at (888) 936-7246 prior to obtaining Covered Health Services. The Plan will only pay Benefits under the CHD program if CHD provides the proper notification to the Designated Provider performing the services (even if you self-refer to a provider in that Network).

## Dental Services - Accident Only

Dental services are covered by the Plan when all of the following are true:

- treatment is necessary because of accidental damage;
- dental services are received from a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Doctor of Medical Dentistry; and
- the dental damage is severe enough that initial contact with a Physician or dentist occurs within 72 hours of the accident. (You may request an extension of this time period provided that you do so within 60 days of the Injury and if extenuating circumstances exist due to the severity of the Injury.)

Please note that dental damage that occurs as a result of normal activities of daily living or extraordinary use of the teeth is not considered having occurred as an accident. Benefits are not available for repairs to teeth that are damaged as a result of such activities.

The Plan also covers dental care (oral examination, X-rays, extractions and non-surgical elimination of oral infection) required for the direct treatment of a medical condition limited to:

- dental services related to medical transplant procedures;
- initiation of immunosuppressives (medication used to reduce inflammation and suppress the immune system); and
- direct treatment of acute traumatic Injury, cancer or cleft palate.

Dental services for final treatment to repair the damage caused by accidental Injury must be started within 3 months of the accident, or if not a Covered Person at the time of the accident, within the first three months of coverage under the Plan, unless extenuating circumstances exist (such as prolonged hospitalization or the presence of fixation wires from fracture care) and completed within 12 months of the accident, or if not a Covered Person at the time of the accident, within the first 12 months of coverage under the Plan.

The Plan pays for treatment of accidental Injury only for:

- emergency examination;
- necessary diagnostic x-rays;
- endodontic (root canal) treatment;
- temporary splinting of teeth;
- prefabricated post and core;
- simple minimal restorative procedures (fillings);
- extractions;
- post-traumatic crowns if such are the only clinically acceptable treatment; and
- replacement of lost teeth due to the Injury by implant, dentures or bridges.

## **Diabetes Services**

### ***Diabetes Self-Management and Training/Diabetic Eye Examinations/Foot Care***

Outpatient self-management training for the treatment of diabetes, education and medical nutrition therapy services. Services must be ordered by a Physician and provided by appropriately licensed or registered healthcare professionals.

Benefits are included for 2 pairs of therapeutic footwear per calendar year, for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes.

Benefits also include medical eye examinations (dilated retinal examinations) and preventive foot care for diabetes.

### ***Diabetic Self-Management Items***

Insulin pumps and supplies for the management and treatment of diabetes, based upon your medical needs include:

- Insulin pumps are subject to all the conditions of coverage stated under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics and Supplies*.
- Continuous glucose monitors.

Benefits for diabetes equipment that meet the definition of Durable Medical Equipment are subject to the limit stated under *Durable Medical Equipment* in this section.

The Plan also covers two pair of therapeutic footwear per year for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes.

## **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

The Plan pays for Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics and Supplies that are:

- Ordered or provided by a Physician for outpatient use primarily in a home setting.
- Used for medical purposes.
- Not consumable or disposable except as needed for the effective use of covered Durable Medical Equipment.
- Not of use to a person in the absence of a disease or disability.
- Durable enough to withstand repeated use.

Benefits under this section include Durable Medical Equipment provided to you by a Physician. If more than one piece of DME can meet your functional needs, Benefits are available only for the equipment that meets the minimum specifications for your needs. If you purchase an item that exceeds these minimum specifications, the Plan will pay only the amount that the Plan would have paid for the item that meets the minimum specifications, and you will be responsible for paying any difference in cost. Benefits are provided for a single unit of DME (example: one insulin pump) and for repairs of that unit.

Examples of DME include but are not limited to:

- Oxygen and the rental of equipment to administer oxygen (including tubing, connectors and masks).
- Equipment to assist mobility, such as a standard wheelchair.
- A standard Hospital-type beds.
- Negative pressure wound therapy pumps (wound vacuums).
- Burn garments.
- Insulin pumps and all related necessary supplies as described under *Diabetes Services* in this section.
- External cochlear devices and systems. Surgery to place a cochlear implant is also covered by the Plan. Cochlear implantation can either be an inpatient or outpatient procedure. Benefits for cochlear implantation are provided under the applicable medical/surgical Benefit categories in this SPD. See *Hospital - Inpatient Stay, Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy* and *Surgery - Outpatient* in this section.
- Braces that stabilize an injured body part, including necessary adjustments to shoes to accommodate braces. Braces that stabilize an injured body part and braces to treat curvature of the spine are considered Durable Medical Equipment and are a Covered Health Service. Braces that straighten or change the shape of a body part are orthotic devices and are excluded from coverage. Dental braces are also excluded from coverage.
- Mechanical equipment necessary for the treatment of chronic or acute respiratory failure (except that air-conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, air purifiers and filters, and personal comfort items are excluded from coverage).

Benefits include lymphedema stockings for the arm as required by the *Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998*.

Benefits also include dedicated speech generating devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices required for treatment of severe speech impairment or lack of speech directly attributed to Sickness or Injury. Benefits for the purchase of these devices are available only after completing a required three-month rental period.

#### *Orthotics*

Orthotic braces, including needed changes to shoes to fit braces. Braces that stabilize an injured body part and braces to treat curvature of the spine are a Covered Health Service.

Benefits under this section do not include any device, appliance, pump, machine, stimulator, or monitor that is fully implanted into the body. Implantable devices are a Covered Health Service for which Benefits are available under the applicable medical/surgical Covered Health Service categories in this *SPD*.

UnitedHealthcare will decide if the equipment should be purchased or rented.

**Note:** DME is different from prosthetic devices – see *Prosthetic Devices* in this section.

These Benefits apply to external DME. Unless otherwise excluded, items that are fully implanted into the body are a Covered Health Service for which Benefits are available under the applicable medical/surgical Covered Health Service categories in this *SPD*.

Benefits for dedicated speech generating devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices are limited to the purchase of one device during the entire period of time a Covered Person is enrolled under the Plan. Benefits for repair/replacement are limited to once every three years.

To receive Network Benefits, you must purchase, rent, or obtain the Durable Medical Equipment or orthotic from the vendor UnitedHealthcare identifies or purchase it directly from the prescribing Network Physician.

You must purchase, rent, or obtain the Durable Medical Equipment or orthotic from the vendor UnitedHealthcare identifies or purchase it directly from the prescribing Network Physician.

Benefits are provided for the repair/replacement of a type of Durable Medical Equipment or orthotic once every three calendar years. Repair and/or replacement of DME or orthotics would apply to this limit in the same manner as a purchase.

At UnitedHealthcare's discretion, replacements are covered for damage beyond repair with normal wear and tear, when repair costs exceed new purchase price, or when a change in the Covered Person's medical condition occurs sooner than the three year timeframe. Repairs, including the replacement of essential accessories, such as hoses, tubes, mouth pieces, etc., for necessary DME are only covered when required to make the item/device serviceable and the estimated repair expense does not exceed the cost of purchasing or renting another item/device. Requests for repairs may be made at any time and are not subject to the three year timeline for replacement.

### **Emergency Health Services - Outpatient**

The Plan's Emergency services Benefit pays for outpatient treatment at a Hospital or Alternate Facility when required to stabilize a patient or initiate treatment.

Network Benefits will be paid for an Emergency admission to a non-Network Hospital as long as the Claims Administrator is notified within 48 hours of the admission or on the same day of admission if reasonably possible after you are admitted to a non-Network Hospital. The Claims Administrator may elect to transfer you to a Network Hospital as soon as it is medically appropriate to do so. If you continue your stay in a non-Network Hospital after the date your Physician determines that it is medically appropriate to transfer you to a Network Hospital, Benefits will not be provided. Eligible Expenses will be determined as described under *Eligible Expenses* in Section 3, *Plan Highlights*.

Benefits under this section are available for services to treat a condition that does not meet the definition of an Emergency.

**Note:** If you are confined in a non-Network Hospital after you receive outpatient Emergency Health Services, you must notify the Claims Administrator within 48 hours or on the same day of admission if reasonably possible. The Claims Administrator may elect to transfer you to a Network Hospital as soon as it is medically appropriate to do so. If you choose to stay in the non-Network Hospital after the date the Claims Administrator decides a transfer is medically appropriate, Network Benefits will not be provided.

### **Enteral Nutrition**

Enteral nutrition (tub feeding) is covered when it is the sole source of nutrition.

### **Hearing Aids**

The Plan pays Benefits for hearing aids required for the correction of a hearing impairment (a reduction in the ability to perceive sound which may range from slight to complete deafness). Hearing aids are electronic amplifying devices designed to bring sound more effectively into the ear. A hearing aid consists of a microphone, amplifier and receiver.

Benefits are available for a hearing aid that is purchased through a licensed audiologist, hearing aid dispenser, otolaryngologist or other authorized provider. Benefits are provided for the hearing aid and for charges for associated fitting and testing.

If more than one type of hearing aid can meet your functional needs, Benefits are available only for the hearing aid that meets the minimum specifications for your needs. If you purchase a hearing aid that exceeds these minimum specifications, the Plan will pay only the amount that the Plan would have paid for the hearing aid that meets the minimum specifications, and you will be responsible for paying any difference in cost.

Benefits do not include bone anchored hearing aids. Bone anchored hearing aids are a Covered Health Service for which Benefits are available under the applicable medical/surgical Covered Health Services categories in this section only for Covered Persons who have either of the following:

- Craniofacial anomalies whose abnormal or absent ear canals preclude the use of a wearable hearing aid.
- Hearing loss of sufficient severity that it would not be adequately remedied by a wearable hearing aid.

Benefits are limited to \$5,000 per calendar year. Benefits are limited to a single purchase (including repair/replacement) per hearing impaired ear every three calendar years.

### **Home Health Care**

Covered Health Services are services that a Home Health Agency provides if you need care in your home due to the nature of your condition. Services must be:

- ordered by a Physician;

- provided by or supervised by a registered nurse in your home, or provided by either a home health aide or licensed practical nurse and supervised by a registered nurse;
- not considered Custodial Care, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*; and
- provided on a part-time, Intermittent Care schedule when Skilled Care is required. Refer to Section 14, *Glossary* for the definition of Skilled Care.

The Claims Administrator will determine if Skilled Care is needed by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management. A service will not be determined to be "skilled" simply because there is not an available caregiver.

Benefits are limited to 60 visits per calendar year. One visit equals four hours of Skilled Care services.

### **Hospice Care**

Hospice care is an integrated program recommended by a Physician which provides comfort and support services for the terminally ill. Hospice care can be provided on an inpatient or outpatient basis and includes physical, psychological, social, spiritual and respite care for the terminally ill person, and short-term grief counseling for immediate family members while the Covered Person is receiving hospice care. Benefits are available only when hospice care is received from a licensed hospice agency, which can include a Hospital.

### **Hospital - Inpatient Stay**

Hospital Benefits are available for:

- non-Physician services and supplies received during an Inpatient Stay;
- room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds); and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists and Emergency room Physicians.

The Plan will pay the difference in cost between a Semi-private Room and a private room only if a private room is necessary according to generally accepted medical practice.

Benefits for an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital are available only when the Inpatient Stay is necessary to prevent, diagnose or treat a Sickness or Injury. Benefits for other Hospital-based Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

Benefits for Emergency admissions and admissions of less than 24 hours are described under *Emergency Health Services* and *Surgery - Outpatient, Scopic Procedures - Diagnostic and Therapeutic*, and *Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient*, respectively.

### **Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostics - Outpatient**

Services for Sickness and Injury-related diagnostic purposes, received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office include:

- lab and radiology/x-ray; and
- mammography.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment; and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists. (Benefits for other Physician services are described under Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services.)
- Presumptive Drug Tests and Definitive Drug Tests.

Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*. Lab, X-ray and diagnostic services for preventive care are described under *Preventive Care Services* in this section. CT scans, PET scans, MRI, MRA, nuclear medicine and major diagnostic services are described under *Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics - CT, PET Scans, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient* in this section.

### **Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics - CT, PET Scans, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient**

Services for CT scans, PET scans, MRI, MRA, nuclear medicine, and major diagnostic services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment; and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists.

Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

### **Mental Health Services**

The Mental Health Services Delegate (the Delegate) administers Benefits for Mental Health services. If you need assistance with coordination of care, locating a provider, and confirmation that services you plan to receive are Covered Health Services, you can contact the Delegate at the telephone number on your ID card.

Mental Health Services include those received on an inpatient or outpatient basis in a Hospital and an Alternate Facility or in a provider's office. All services must be provided by or under the direction of a behavioral health provider who is properly licensed and qualified by law and acting within the scope of their licensure.

Benefits include the following levels of care:

- Inpatient treatment.
- Residential Treatment.
- Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient.

- Intensive Outpatient Programs.
- Outpatient treatment.

Inpatient treatment and Residential Treatment includes room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Services include the following:

- Diagnostic evaluations, assessment and treatment and/or procedures.
- Medication management.
- Individual, family and group therapy.
- Crisis intervention.

### ***Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching***

Specialized virtual behavioral health care provided by AbleTo, Inc. (“AbleTo Therapy360 Program”) for Covered Persons with certain co-occurring behavioral and medical conditions.

AbleTo Therapy360 Program provides behavioral Covered Health Care Services through virtual therapy and coaching services that are individualized and tailored to your specific health needs. Virtual therapy is provided by licensed therapists. Coaching services are provided by coaches who are supervised by licensed professionals.

There are no deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance you must meet or pay for when receiving these services.

If you would like information regarding these services, you may contact the Claims Administrator at the telephone number on your ID Card.

### **Neurobiological Disorders - Autism Spectrum Disorder Services**

The Plan pays Benefits for behavioral services for Autism Spectrum Disorder including Intensive Behavioral Therapies such as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) that are the following:

- focused on the treatment of core deficits of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- provided by a Board Certified Applied Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or other qualified provider under the appropriate supervision.
- focused on treating maladaptive/stereotypic behaviors that are posing danger to self, others and property and impairment in daily functioning.

These Benefits describe only the behavioral component of treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Medical treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder is a Covered Health Service for which Benefits are available under the applicable medical Covered Health Services categories described in this section.

Benefits include the following levels of care:

- Inpatient treatment.
- Residential Treatment.
- Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient.
- Intensive Outpatient Programs.
- Outpatient treatment.

Inpatient treatment and Residential Treatment includes room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Services include the following:

- Diagnostic evaluations, assessment and/or procedures.
- Treatment and/or procedures.
- Medication management.
- Individual, family and group therapy.
- Crisis intervention.

### **Non-Preventive Nutritional Counseling**

The Plan covers non-preventive nutritional counseling services for mental health and substance-related and addictive disorders and medical diagnosis that are provided as part of treatment for a disease by appropriately licensed or registered health care professionals.

When nutritional counseling services are billed as a preventive care service, these services will be paid as described under *Preventive Care Services* in this section.

Benefits are limited to 3 visits per calendar year. Limits do not apply to nutritional counseling services for mental health and substance-related and addictive disorders.

### **Ostomy Supplies**

Benefits for ostomy supplies are limited to:

- pouches, face plates and belts;
- irrigation sleeves, bags and ostomy irrigation catheters; and
- skin barriers.

Benefits are not available for deodorants, filters, lubricants, tape, appliance cleaners, adhesive, adhesive remover, or other items not listed above.

Benefits are limited to \$2,500 per calendar year.

## **Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient**

The Plan pays for Pharmaceutical Products that are administered on an outpatient basis in a Hospital, Alternate Facility, Physician's office, or in a Covered Person's home. Examples of what would be included under this category are antibiotic injections in the Physician's office or inhaled medication in an Urgent Care Center for treatment of an asthma attack.

Benefits under this section are provided only for Pharmaceutical Products which, due to their characteristics (as determined by UnitedHealthcare), must typically be administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional. Depending on where the Pharmaceutical Product is administered, Benefits will be provided for administration of the Pharmaceutical Product under the corresponding Benefit category in this SPD.

If you require certain Pharmaceutical Products, including specialty Pharmaceutical Products, UnitedHealthcare may direct you to a designated dispensing entity with whom UnitedHealthcare has an arrangement to provide those Pharmaceutical Products. Such Dispensing Entities may include an outpatient pharmacy, specialty pharmacy, Home Health Agency provider, Hospital-affiliated pharmacy or hemophilia treatment center contracted pharmacy.

If you/your provider are directed to a designated dispensing entity and you/your provider choose not to obtain your Pharmaceutical Product from a designated dispensing entity, Benefits are not available for that Pharmaceutical Product.

UnitedHealthcare may have certain programs in which you may receive an enhanced or reduced Benefit based on your actions such as adherence/compliance to medication or treatment regimens and/or participation in health management programs. You may access information on these programs through the Internet at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling the number on your ID card.

## **Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services**

The Plan pays Physician fees for surgical procedures and other medical care received from a Physician in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Alternate Facility, or for Physician house calls.

## **Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury**

Benefits are paid by the Plan for Covered Health Services received in a Physician's office for the evaluation and treatment of a Sickness or Injury. Benefits are provided under this section regardless of whether the Physician's office is free-standing, located in a clinic or located in a Hospital. Benefits under this section include allergy injections and hearing exams in case of Injury or Sickness.

Covered Health Services include medical education services that are provided in a Physician's office by appropriately licensed or registered healthcare professionals.

Covered Health Services include genetic counseling.

Benefits for preventive services are described under *Preventive Care Services* in this section.

**Please Note**

Your Physician does not have a copy of your SPD, and is not responsible for knowing or communicating your Benefits.

**Pregnancy - Maternity Services**

Benefits for Pregnancy will be paid at the same level as Benefits for any other condition, Sickness or Injury. This includes all maternity-related medical services for prenatal care, postnatal care, delivery, and any related complications.

The Plan will pay Benefits for an Inpatient Stay of at least:

- 48 hours for the mother and newborn child following a vaginal delivery; or
- 96 hours for the mother and newborn child following a cesarean section delivery.

These are federally mandated requirements under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996 which apply to this Plan. The Hospital or other provider is not required to get authorization for the time periods stated above. Authorizations are required for longer lengths of stay. If the mother agrees, the attending Physician may discharge the mother and/or the newborn child earlier than these minimum timeframes.

Both before and during a Pregnancy, Benefits include the services of a genetic counselor when provided or referred by a Physician. These Benefits are available to all Covered Persons in the immediate family. Covered Health Services include related tests and treatment.

**Healthy moms and babies**

The Plan provides a special prenatal program to help during Pregnancy. Participation is voluntary and free of charge. See Section 7, *Resources to Help you Stay Healthy*, for details.

**Preventive Care Services**

The Plan pays Benefits for Preventive care services provided on an outpatient basis at a Physician's office, an Alternate Facility or a Hospital. Preventive care services encompass medical services that have been demonstrated by clinical evidence to be safe and effective in either the early detection of disease or in the prevention of disease, have been proven to have a beneficial effect on health outcomes and include the following as required under applicable law:

- evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of "A" or "B" in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force;
- immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- with respect to infants, children and adolescents, evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and

- with respect to women, such additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; including
  - bone mineral density tests.

Preventive care Benefits defined under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) requirement include the cost of renting one breast pump per Pregnancy in conjunction with childbirth. Benefits for breast pumps also include the cost of purchasing one breast pump per Pregnancy in conjunction with childbirth. These Benefits are described under Section 5, *Plan Highlights*, under *Covered Health Services*.

If more than one breast pump can meet your needs, Benefits are available only for the most cost effective pump. UnitedHealthcare will determine the following:

- which pump is the most cost effective;
- duration of a rental; and
- timing of an acquisition.

Benefits are only available if breast pumps are obtained from a DME provider or Physician.

For questions about your preventive care Benefits under this Plan call the number on your ID card.

## **Prosthetic Devices**

Benefits are paid by the Plan for prosthetic devices and appliances that replace a limb or body part, or help an impaired limb or body part work. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- artificial arms, legs, feet and hands;
- artificial face, eyes, ears and nose; and
- breast prosthesis following mastectomy as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, including mastectomy bras and lymphedema stockings for the arm.

Benefits under this section are provided only for external prosthetic devices and do not include any device that is fully implanted into the body.

If more than one prosthetic device can meet your functional needs, Benefits are available only for the most Cost-Effective prosthetic device. The device must be ordered or provided either by a Physician, or under a Physician's direction. If you purchase a prosthetic device that exceeds these minimum specifications, the Plan may pay only the amount that it would have paid for the prosthetic that meets the minimum specifications, and you may be responsible for paying any difference in cost.

Benefits are provided for the replacement of a type of prosthetic device once every three calendar years.

At UnitedHealthcare's discretion, prosthetic devices may be covered for damage beyond repair with normal wear and tear, when repair costs are less than the cost of replacement or

when a change in the Covered Person's medical condition occurs sooner than the three year timeframe. Replacement of artificial limbs or any part of such devices may be covered when the condition of the device or part requires repairs that cost more than the cost of a replacement device or part.

**Note:** Prosthetic devices are different from DME - see *Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* in this section.

## **Reconstructive Procedures**

Reconstructive Procedures are services performed when the primary purpose of the procedure is either to treat a medical condition or to improve or restore physiologic function for an organ or body part. Reconstructive procedures include surgery or other procedures which are associated with an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly. The primary result of the procedure is not a changed or improved physical appearance.

Improving or restoring physiologic function means that the organ or body part is made to work better. An example of a Reconstructive Procedure is surgery on the inside of the nose so that a person's breathing can be improved or restored.

Benefits for Reconstructive Procedures include breast reconstruction following a mastectomy and reconstruction of the non-affected breast to achieve symmetry. Replacement of an existing breast implant is covered by the Plan if the initial breast implant followed mastectomy. Other services required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, including breast prostheses and treatment of complications, are provided in the same manner and at the same level as those for any other Covered Health Service. You can contact UnitedHealthcare at the telephone number on your ID card for more information about Benefits for mastectomy-related services.

There may be times when the primary purpose of a procedure is to make a body part work better. However, in other situations, the purpose of the same procedure is to improve the appearance of a body part. Cosmetic procedures are excluded from coverage. Procedures that correct an anatomical Congenital Anomaly without improving or restoring physiologic function are considered Cosmetic Procedures. A good example is upper eyelid surgery. At times, this procedure will be done to improve vision, which is considered a Reconstructive Procedure. In other cases, improvement in appearance is the primary intended purpose, which is considered a Cosmetic Procedure. This Plan does not provide Benefits for Cosmetic Procedures, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.

The fact that a Covered Person may suffer psychological consequences or socially avoidant behavior as a result of an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly does not classify surgery (or other procedures done to relieve such consequences or behavior) as a reconstructive procedure.

### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

Please remember that you should obtain prior authorization five business days before a scheduled reconstructive procedure is performed. The Claims Administrator can determine

whether the service is considered reconstructive or cosmetic. Cosmetic Procedures are always excluded from coverage.

### **Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and Manipulative Treatment**

The Plan provides short-term outpatient rehabilitation services (including habilitative services) limited to:

- physical therapy;
- occupational therapy (including cognitive therapy following a post-traumatic brain Injury or cerebral vascular accident);
- Manipulative Treatment;
- speech therapy;
- post-cochlear implant aural therapy;
- pulmonary rehabilitation; and
- cardiac rehabilitation.

For all rehabilitation services, a licensed therapy provider, under the direction of a Physician, (when required by state law) must perform the services. Benefits under this section include rehabilitation services provided in a Physician's office or on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility. Rehabilitative services provided in a Covered Person's home by a Home Health Agency are provided as described under Home Health Care. Rehabilitative services provided in a Covered Person's home other than by a Home Health Agency are provided as described under this section.

Benefits can be denied or shortened for Covered Persons who are not progressing in goal-directed rehabilitation services or if rehabilitation goals have previously been met. Benefits under this section are not available for maintenance/preventive Manipulative Treatment.

#### ***Habilitative Services***

For the purpose of this Benefit, "habilitative services" means Medically Necessary skilled health care services that help a person with a medical or behavioral disabling condition to learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Habilitative services are skilled when all of the following are true:

- The services are part of a prescribed plan of treatment or maintenance program that is Medically Necessary to maintain a Covered Person's current condition or to prevent or slow further decline.
- It is ordered by a Physician and provided and administered by a licensed provider.
- It is not delivered for the purpose of assisting with activities of daily living, including dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair.
- It requires clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively.
- It is not Custodial Care.

The Claims Administrator will determine if Benefits are available by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management. Therapies provided for the purpose of general well-being or conditioning in the absence of a medical or behavioral disabling condition are not considered habilitative services. A service will not be determined to be "skilled" simply because there is not an available caregiver.

Benefits are provided for habilitative services provided for Covered Persons with a medical or behavioral disabling condition when both of the following conditions are met:

- The treatment is administered by a licensed speech-language pathologist, licensed audiologist, licensed occupational therapist, licensed physical therapist or Physician.
- The initial or continued treatment must be proven and not Experimental or Investigational.

Benefits for habilitative services do not apply to those services that are solely educational in nature or otherwise paid under state or federal law for purely educational services. Custodial Care, respite care, day care, therapeutic recreation, educational/vocational training and residential treatment are not habilitative services. A service or treatment plan that does not help the Covered Person to meet functional goals is not a habilitative service.

The Plan may require the following be provided:

- medical records,
- other necessary data to allow the Plan to prove medical treatment is needed.
- When the treating provider expects that continued treatment is or will be required to allow the Covered Person to achieve progress the Claims Administrator may request additional medical records.

For purposes of this benefit, "habilitative services" means health care services that help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living.

Benefits for Durable Medical Equipment and prosthetic devices, when used as a component of habilitative services, are described under Durable Medical Equipment and Prosthetic Devices in this section.

Other than as described under Habilitative Services above, please note that the Plan will pay Benefits for speech therapy for the treatment of disorders of speech, language, voice, communication and auditory processing only when the disorder results from Injury, stroke, cancer or Congenital Anomaly.

Benefits are limited to:

- 30 visits per calendar year for physical therapy;
- 30 visits per calendar year for occupational therapy (including cognitive therapy following a post-traumatic brain Injury or cerebral vascular accident);
- 30 visits per calendar year for speech therapy;
- 20 visits per calendar year for Manipulative Treatment;

- 30 visits per calendar year for post-cochlear implant aural therapy.
- 30 visits per calendar year for pulmonary rehabilitation therapy; and
- 36 visits per calendar year for cardiac rehabilitation therapy.

### **Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic**

The Plan pays for diagnostic and therapeutic scopic procedures and related services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility.

Diagnostic scopic procedures are those for visualization, biopsy and polyp removal. Examples of diagnostic scopic procedures include colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy, and endoscopy.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment; and
- Physician services for anesthesiologists, pathologists and radiologists.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* in this section. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

Please note that Benefits under this section do not include surgical scopic procedures, which are for the purpose of performing surgery. Benefits for surgical scopic procedures are described under *Surgery - Outpatient*. Examples of surgical scopic procedures include arthroscopy, laparoscopy, bronchoscopy, hysteroscopy.

When these services are performed for preventive screening purposes, Benefits are described in this section under *Preventive Care Services*.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility/Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services**

Facility services for an Inpatient Stay in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility are covered by the Plan. Benefits include:

- non-Physician services and supplies received during the Inpatient Stay;
- room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds); and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists.

Benefits are available when skilled nursing and/or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility services are needed on a daily basis. Benefits are also available in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility for treatment of a Sickness or Injury that would have otherwise required an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital.

Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

UnitedHealthcare will determine if Benefits are available by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management. A service will not be determined to be "skilled" simply because there is not an available caregiver.

Benefits are available only if:

- the initial confinement in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility was or will be a Cost Effective alternative to an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital; and
- you will receive skilled care services that are not primarily Custodial Care.

Skilled care is skilled nursing, skilled teaching, and skilled rehabilitation services when:

- it is delivered or supervised by licensed technical or professional medical personnel in order to obtain the specified medical outcome, and provide for the safety of the patient;
- it is ordered by a Physician;
- it is not delivered for the purpose of assisting with activities of daily living, including dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair; and
- it requires clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively.

You are expected to improve to a predictable level of recovery. Benefits can be denied or shortened for Covered Persons who are not progressing in goal-directed rehabilitation services or if discharge rehabilitation goals have previously been met.

**Note:** The Plan does not pay Benefits for Custodial Care or Domiciliary Care, even if ordered by a Physician, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.

Benefits are limited to 60 days per calendar year.

### **Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services**

The Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Delegate (the Delegate) administers Benefits for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services. If you need assistance with coordination of care, locating a provider, and confirmation that services you plan to receive are Covered Health Services, you can contact the Delegate at the telephone number on your ID card.

Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services include those received on an inpatient or outpatient basis in a Hospital, an Alternate Facility, or in a provider's office. All services must be provided by or under the direction of a behavioral health provider who is properly licensed and qualified by law and acting within the scope of their licensure.

Benefits include the following services:

- Inpatient treatment.
- Residential Treatment.
- Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient.
- Intensive Outpatient Programs.

- Outpatient treatment.

Inpatient treatment and Residential Treatment includes room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Services include the following:

- Diagnostic evaluations, assessment and treatment and/or procedures.
- Medication management.
- Individual, family and group therapy.
- Crisis intervention.

The Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator provides administrative services for all levels of care

You are encouraged to contact the Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator for assistance in locating a provider and coordination of care.

### **Surgery - Outpatient**

The Plan pays for surgery and related services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment;
- certain surgical scopic procedures (examples of surgical scopic procedures include arthroscopy, laparoscopy, bronchoscopy and hysteroscopy); and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* in this section

For orthognathic coverage requirements, refer to *Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services* in this Section, below.

### **Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services**

The Plan covers diagnostic and surgical and non-surgical treatment of conditions affecting the temporomandibular joint when provided by or under the direction of a Physician. Coverage includes necessary treatment required as a result of accident, trauma, a Congenital Anomaly, developmental defect, or pathology.

Diagnostic treatment includes examination, radiographs and applicable imaging studies and consultation. Non-surgical treatment includes clinical examinations, oral appliances (orthotic splints), arthrocentesis and trigger-point injections.

Benefits are provided for surgical treatment if:

- there is clearly demonstrated radiographic evidence of significant joint abnormality;
- non-surgical treatment has failed to adequately resolve the symptoms; and
- pain or dysfunction is moderate or severe.

Benefits for surgical services include arthrocentesis, arthroscopy, arthroplasty, arthrotomy, open or closed reduction of dislocations.

Benefits for an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital and Hospital-based Physician services are described in this section under *Hospital – Inpatient Stay* and *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*, respectively.

### ***Orthognathic Surgery***

Orthognathic surgery to repair or correct a severe facial deformity or disfigurement that orthodontics alone cannot correct may be covered upon review if:

- the deformity or disfigurement is accompanied by a documented, clinically significant functional impairment and there is a reasonable expectation that the procedure will result in meaningful functional improvement; or
- the orthognathic surgery is Medically Necessary as a result of tumor, trauma or disease; or
- the orthognathic surgery is performed prior to age 19 and is required as a result of a severe congenital facial deformity or congenital condition.

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

### **Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient**

The Plan pays Benefits for therapeutic treatments received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility including dialysis (both hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis), intravenous chemotherapy or other intravenous infusion therapy and radiation oncology.

Covered Health Services include medical education services that are provided on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility by appropriately licensed or registered healthcare professionals.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for related supplies and equipment; and
- Physician services for anesthesiologists, pathologists and radiologists. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services*.

## Transplantation Services

Organ and tissue transplants including CAR-T cell therapy for malignancies when ordered by a Physician. Benefits are available for transplants when the transplant meets the definition of a Covered Health Service, and is not an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service.

Examples of transplants for which Benefits are available include bone marrow including CAR-T cell therapy for malignancies, heart, heart/lung, lung, kidney, kidney/pancreas, liver, liver/small bowel, pancreas, small bowel and cornea.

Benefits are available to the donor and the recipient when the recipient is covered under this Plan. Donor costs that are directly related to organ removal or procurement are Covered Health Services for which Benefits are payable through the organ recipient's coverage under the Plan.

The Claims Administrator has specific guidelines regarding Benefits for transplant services. Contact the Claims Administrator at the number on your ID card for information about these guidelines.

Transplantation services including evaluation for transplant, organ procurement and donor searches and transplantation procedures must be received by a Plan specific Designated Provider.

Benefits are also available for cornea transplants. You are not required to obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator for a cornea transplant nor is the cornea transplant required to be performed by a Designated Provider.

**Note:** The services described under the *Travel and Lodging Assistance Program* are Covered Health Services only in connection with transplant services received by a Designated Provider

## Urgent Care Center Services

The Plan provides Benefits for services, including professional services, received at an Urgent Care Center, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*. When Urgent Care services are provided in a Physician's office, the Plan pays Benefits as described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* earlier in this section.

## Urinary Catheters

Benefits are provided for external, indwelling and intermittent urinary catheters for incontinence or retention.

Benefits include related urologic supplies for indwelling catheters limited to:

- Urinary drainage bag and insertion tray (kit).
- Anchoring device.

- Irrigation tubing set.

### **Virtual Visits**

Virtual care for Covered Health Services that includes the diagnosis and treatment of less serious conditions. Virtual care provides communication of medical information in real-time between the patient and a distant Physician or health specialist, outside of a medical facility (for example, from home or from work).

Benefits are available only when services are delivered through a Designated Virtual Network Provider. You can find a Designated Virtual Network Provider by contacting the Claims Administrator at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or the telephone number on your ID card.

Benefits are available for urgent on-demand health care delivered through live audio with video or audio only technology for treatment of acute but non-emergency medical needs.

Please Note: Not all conditions can be treated through virtual care. The Designated Virtual Network Provider will identify any condition for which treatment by in-person Physician contact is needed.

Benefits do not include email, fax and standard telephone calls, or for services that occur within medical facilities (*CMS* defined originating facilities).

### **Vision Care**

The Plan pays benefits for the first pair of eyeglasses, frames and contact lenses for the treatment of keratoconus or post-cataract surgery.

### **Wigs**

The Plan pays Benefits for wigs and other scalp hair prosthesis regardless of the medical reason of hair loss.

Benefits are limited to \$400 per lifetime.

## SECTION 7 – CLINICAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

### What this section includes-

Health and well-being resources available to you, including:

- Consumer Solutions and Self-Service Tools.
- Disease Management Services.
- Women’s Health/Reproductive.

Fort Bend Independent School District believes in giving you the tools you need to be an educated health care consumer. To that end, Fort Bend Independent School District has made available several convenient educational and support services, accessible by phone and the Internet, which can help you to:

- take care of yourself and your family members;
- manage a chronic health condition; and
- navigate the complexities of the health care system.

### NOTE:

Information obtained through the services identified in this section is based on current medical literature and on Physician review. It is not intended to replace the advice of a doctor. The information is intended to help you make better health care decisions and take a greater responsibility for your own health. UnitedHealthcare and Fort Bend Independent School District are not responsible for the results of your decisions from the use of the information, including, but not limited to, your choosing to seek or not to seek professional medical care, or your choosing or not choosing specific treatment based on the text.

## Consumer Solutions and Self-Service Tools

### *Decision Support*

In order to help you make informed decisions about your health care, UnitedHealthcare has a program called Decision Support. This program targets specific conditions as well as the treatments and procedures for those conditions.

This program offers:

- access to accurate, objective and relevant health care information;
- coaching by a nurse through decisions in your treatment and care;
- expectations of treatment; and
- information on high quality providers and programs.

Conditions for which this program is available include:

- back pain;
- knee & hip replacement;

- prostate disease;
- prostate cancer;
- benign uterine conditions;
- breast cancer; and
- coronary disease.

Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. If you think you may be eligible to participate or would like additional information regarding the program, please contact the number on your ID card.

## **Disease Management Services**

### ***Disease Management Services***

If you have been diagnosed with or are at risk for developing certain chronic medical conditions you may be eligible to participate in a disease management program at no cost to you. The heart failure, coronary artery disease, diabetes and asthma programs are designed to support you. This means that you will receive free educational information through the mail, and may even be called by a registered nurse who is a specialist in your specific medical condition. This nurse will be a resource to advise and help you manage your condition.

These programs offer:

- educational materials mailed to your home that provide guidance on managing your specific chronic medical condition. This may include information on symptoms, warning signs, self-management techniques, recommended exams and medications;
- access to educational and self-management resources on a consumer website;
- an opportunity for the disease management nurse to work with your Physician to ensure that you are receiving the appropriate care; and
- access to and one-on-one support from a registered nurse who specializes in your condition. Examples of support topics include:
  - education about the specific disease and condition;
  - medication management and compliance;
  - reinforcement of on-line behavior modification program goals;
  - preparation and support for upcoming Physician visits;
  - review of psychosocial services and community resources;
  - caregiver status and in-home safety.

Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. If you think you may be eligible to participate or would like additional information regarding the program, please contact the number on your ID card.

## **Complex Medical Conditions Programs and Services**

### ***Cancer Resource Services (CRS) Program***

Your Plan offers Cancer Resource Services (CRS) program to provide you with access to information and member assistance through a team of specialized cancer nurse consultants and access to one of the nation's leading cancer programs.

To learn more about *CRS*, visit [www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com) or call the number on your ID card or call the program directly at 1-866-936-6002.

Coverage for oncology services and oncology-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary.

Your Plan Sponsor is providing you with Travel and Lodging assistance. Refer to the Complex Medical Conditions *Travel and Lodging Assistance Program*.

### ***Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Resource Services***

UnitedHealthcare provides a program that identifies and supports a Covered Person who has Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) through all stages of treatment and recovery. This program will work with you and your Physicians, as appropriate, to offer support and education on CHD. Program features include clinical management by specialized CHD Nurses, support from specialized Social Workers, assistance with choosing Physicians and Facilities, and access to Designated Providers.

To learn more about CHD Resource Services program, visit [www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com) or call UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card or you can call the CHD Resource Services Nurse Team at 888-936-7246.

Coverage for CHD surgeries and related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary. If you are considering any CHD surgeries you must contact CHD Resource Services prior to surgery to enroll in the program in order for the surgery to be considered a Covered Health Service under the Plan.

Your Plan Sponsor is providing you with Travel and Lodging assistance. Refer to the Complex Medical Conditions *Travel and Lodging Assistance Program*.

### ***Kidney Disease Programs***

#### ***Kidney Resource Services (KRS) program***

#### ***End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)***

The Kidney Resource Services program provides Covered Persons with access to a registered nurse advocate who specializes in helping individuals live with kidney disease. As a participant in the KRS program, you'll work with a nurse who will provide you with support and information. The nurse can help you manage other conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. He or she can also help you find doctors, specialists and dialysis centers. This program is available at no extra cost to you.

With KRS, you have access to a registered nurse who specializes in kidney health. This program is designed to help you be your own best advocate for your health. You may have been referred to the KRS program by your medical provider or from past claim information. As part of your health insurance benefits, it's available at no extra cost to you.

KRS nurse advocates are available, Monday through Friday toll-free at 1-866-561-7518 (TTY: 711).

Coverage for dialysis and kidney-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary.

***Transplant Resource Services (TRS) Program***

Your Plan offers Transplant Resource Services (TRS) program to provide you with access to one of the nation's leading transplant programs. Receiving transplant services through this program means your transplant treatment is based on a "best practices" approach from health care professionals with extensive expertise in transplantation.

To learn more about Transplant Resource Services, visit [www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com) or call the number on your ID card.

Coverage for transplant and transplant-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary.

Your Plan Sponsor is providing you with Travel and Lodging assistance. For more information on the Complex Medical Conditions *Travel and Lodging Assistance Program*, refer to the provision below.

***Comprehensive Medical Conditions Travel and Lodging Assistance Program for the Covered Health Services Described Below.***

Your Plan Sponsor may provide you with Travel and Lodging assistance for certain Covered Health Services. Travel and Lodging assistance is only available for you or your eligible family member if you meet the qualifications for the benefit, including receiving care at a Designated Provider and the requisite distance from your home address to the facility is at least 50 miles. Eligible Expenses are reimbursed after the expense forms have been completed and submitted with the appropriate receipts.

If you have specific questions regarding the Travel and Lodging Assistance Program, please call the number on your ID card.

***Travel and Lodging Expenses***

The Plan covers expenses for travel and lodging for the Covered Person, provided he or she is not covered by Medicare, and a companion as follows:

- Transportation of the Covered Person and one companion who is traveling on the same day(s) to and/or from the site of the qualified procedure provided by a Designated Provider for care related to one of the programs listed below.
- The Eligible Expenses for lodging for the Covered Person (while not a Hospital inpatient) and one companion.

- If the Covered Person is an enrolled Dependent minor child, the transportation expenses of two companions will be covered.
- Travel and lodging expenses are only available if the Covered Person resides more than 50 miles from the Designated Provider.
- Reimbursement for certain lodging expenses for the Covered Person and his/her companion(s) may be included in the taxable income of the Plan participant if the reimbursement exceeds the per diem rate.
- The cancer, congenital heart disease and transplant programs offers a combined overall lifetime maximum of \$10,000 per Covered Person for all transportation and lodging expenses incurred by you and reimbursed under the Plan in connection with all qualified procedures.

The Claims Administrator must receive valid receipts for such charges before you will be reimbursed. Reimbursement is as follows:

### ***Lodging***

- A per diem rate, up to \$50.00 per day, for the Covered Person or the caregiver if the Covered Person is in the Hospital.
- A per diem, up to \$100.00 per day, for the Covered Person and one caregiver. When a child is the Covered Person, two persons may accompany the child.

## **Women's Health Reproductive**

### ***Maternity Support Program***

If you are pregnant or thinking about becoming pregnant, and you are enrolled in the medical Plan, you can get valuable educational information, advice and comprehensive case management by calling the number on your ID card. Your enrollment in the program will be handled by an OB nurse who is assigned to you.

This program offers:

- Enrollment by an OB nurse.
- Pre-conception health coaching.
- Written and online educational resources covering a wide range of topics.
- First and second trimester risk screenings.
- Identification and management of at- or high-risk conditions that may impact pregnancy.
- Pre-delivery consultation.
- Coordination with and referrals to other benefits and programs available under the medical plan.
- A phone call from a nurse approximately two weeks postpartum to provide information on postpartum and newborn care, feeding, nutrition, immunizations and more.
- Post-partum depression screening.

Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. To take full advantage of the program, you are encouraged to enroll within the first trimester of Pregnancy. You can enroll any time, up to your 34th week. To enroll, call the number on your ID card.

As a program participant, you can always call your nurse with any questions or concerns you might have.

**Note:** you may have access to certain mobile apps for personalized support to help live healthier. Please call the number on your ID card or visit [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) for additional information.

## SECTION 8 - EXCLUSIONS: WHAT THE MEDICAL PLAN WILL NOT COVER

**What this section includes:**

Services, supplies and treatments that are not Covered Health Services, except as may be specifically provided for in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

The Plan does not pay Benefits for the following services, treatments or supplies even if they are recommended or prescribed by a provider or are the only available treatment for your condition.

When Benefits are limited within any of the Covered Health Services categories described in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*, those limits are stated in the corresponding Covered Health Service category in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*. Limits may also apply to some Covered Health Services that fall under more than one Covered Health Service category. When this occurs, those limits are also stated in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*. Please review all limits carefully, as the Plan will not pay Benefits for any of the services, treatments, items or supplies that exceed these benefit limits.

**Please note that in listing services or examples, when the SPD says "this includes," or "including but not limiting to", it is not UnitedHealthcare's intent to limit the description to that specific list. When the Plan does intend to limit a list of services or examples, the SPD specifically states that the list "is limited to."**

### Alternative Treatments

1. acupressure;
2. acupuncture;
3. aromatherapy;
4. hypnotism;
5. massage therapy;
6. rolfing (holistic tissue massage);
7. Other forms of alternative treatment as defined by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) of the National Institutes of Health. This exclusion does not apply to Manipulative Treatment and non-manipulative osteopathic care for which Benefits are provided as described in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*; and

### Dental

1. dental care (which includes dental X-rays, supplies and appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalizations and anesthesia), except as identified under *Dental Services - Accident Only* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;

Dental care that is required to treat the effects of a medical condition, but that is not necessary to directly treat the medical condition, is excluded. Examples include treatment of dental caries resulting from dry mouth after radiation treatment or as a result of medication.

Endodontics, periodontal surgery and restorative treatment are excluded.

2. Preventive care, diagnosis, treatment of or related to the teeth, jawbones or gums. Examples include:

- extractions (including wisdom teeth);
- restoration and replacement of teeth;
- medical or surgical treatments of dental conditions; and
- services to improve dental clinical outcomes;

This exclusion does not apply to preventive care for which Benefits are provided under the *United States Preventive Services Task Force* requirement or the *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)* requirement. This exclusion also does not apply to accident-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Services - Accident Only* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

3. dental implants, bone grafts, and other implant-related procedures;

This exclusion does not apply to accident-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Services – Accident Only* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

4. dental braces (orthodontics);
5. dental X-rays, supplies and appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalizations and anesthesia; and

This exclusion does not apply to dental care (oral examination, X-rays, extractions and non-surgical elimination of oral infection) required for the direct treatment of a medical condition for which Benefits are available under the Plan, as identified in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

6. treatment of congenitally missing (when the cells responsible for the formation of the tooth are absent from birth), malpositioned or supernumerary (extra) teeth, even if part of a Congenital Anomaly such as cleft lip or cleft palate.

### **Devices, Appliances and Prosthetics**

1. devices used specifically as safety items or to affect performance in sports-related activities;
2. orthotic appliances and devices that straighten or re-shape a body part, except as described under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*. This exclusion does not apply to cranial molding helmets and cranial banding that meet clinical criteria. This exclusion does not include diabetic footwear which may be covered for a Covered Person with diabetic foot disease.

Examples of excluded orthotic appliances and devices include but are not limited to, foot orthotics and some type of braces, including orthotic braces available over-the-counter. This exclusion does not apply to cranial molding helmets and cranial banding that meet clinical criteria.

3. the following items are excluded, even if prescribed by a Physician:
  - blood pressure cuff/monitor;
  - enuresis alarm;
  - non-wearable external defibrillator;
  - trusses;
  - ultrasonic nebulizers;
4. repairs to prosthetic devices due to misuse, malicious damage or gross neglect;
5. replacement of prosthetic devices due to misuse, malicious damage or gross neglect or to replace lost or stolen items;
6. devices and computers to assist in communication and speech except for dedicated speech generating devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices for which Benefits are provided as described under *Durable Medical Equipment* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
7. oral appliances for snoring;
8. powered and non-powered exoskeleton devices; and
9. **over-the-counter** continuous glucose monitors.

## **Drugs**

The exclusions listed below apply to the medical portion of the Plan only. Prescription Drug coverage is excluded under the medical plan because it is a separate benefit. Coverage may be available under the Prescription Drug portion of the Plan. See Section 15, *Prescription Drugs*, for coverage details and exclusions.

1. Prescription Drugs for outpatient use that are filled by a prescription order or refill;
2. self-injectable medications. This exclusion does not apply to medications which, due to their characteristics, (as determined by UnitedHealthcare, must typically be administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional in an outpatient setting);
3. growth hormone therapy;
4. non-injectable medications given in a Physician's office. This exclusion does not apply to non-injectable medications that are required in an Emergency and consumed in the Physician's office;
5. over the counter drugs and treatments;

6. certain specialty medications ordered by a Physician through ExpressScripts;
7. certain new Pharmaceutical Products and/or new dosage forms until the date as determined by the Claims Administrator or the Claims Administrator's designee, but no later than December 31st of the following calendar year;

this exclusion does not apply if you have a life-threatening Sickness or condition (one that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment). If you have a life-threatening Sickness or condition, under such circumstances, Benefits may be available for the New Pharmaceutical Product to the extent provided for in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;

8. a Pharmaceutical Product that contains (an) active ingredient(s) available in and therapeutically equivalent (having essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile) to another covered Pharmaceutical Product. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year;
9. a Pharmaceutical Product that contains (an) active ingredient(s) which is (are) a modified version of and therapeutically equivalent (having essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile) to another covered Pharmaceutical Product. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year;
10. benefits for Pharmaceutical Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which exceeds the supply limit;
11. a Pharmaceutical Product with an approved biosimilar or a biosimilar and therapeutically equivalent (having essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile) to another covered Pharmaceutical Product. For the purpose of this exclusion a "biosimilar" is a biological Pharmaceutical Product approved based on showing that it is highly similar to a reference product (a biological Pharmaceutical Product) and has no clinically meaningful differences in terms of safety and effectiveness from the reference product. Such determinations may be made up to six times per calendar year; and
12. certain Pharmaceutical Products for which there are therapeutically equivalent (having essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile) alternatives available, to another *Pharmaceutical Product* unless otherwise required by law or approved by us. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year.
13. Compounded drugs that contain certain bulk chemicals. Compounded drugs that are available as a similar commercially available Pharmaceutical Product.

### **Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services**

1. Experimental or Investigational Services and Unproven Services and all services related to Experimental or Investigational and Unproven Services are excluded. The fact that an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service, treatment, device or pharmacological regimen is the only available treatment for a particular condition will not result in Benefits if the procedure is considered to be Experimental or Investigational or Unproven in the treatment of that particular condition.

This exclusion does not apply to Covered Health Services provided during a Clinical Trial for which Benefits are provided as described under *Clinical Trials* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

### **Foot Care**

1. routine foot care. Examples include the cutting or removal of corns and calluses;
2. nail trimming, nail cutting, or nail debriding;
3. hygienic and preventive maintenance foot care. Examples include:
  - cleaning and soaking the feet; and
  - applying skin creams in order to maintain skin tone.

this exclusion does not apply to preventive foot care due to conditions associated with metabolic, neurologic or peripheral vascular disease.

### **Medical Supplies**

1. prescribed or non-prescribed medical supplies. Examples of supplies that are not covered include, but are not limited to:
  - ace bandages;
  - gauze and dressings; and

This exclusion does not apply to:

- disposable supplies necessary for the effective use of Durable Medical Equipment or prosthetics devices for which Benefits are provided as described under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* and *Prosthetic Devices* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*. This exception does not apply to supplies for the administration of medical food products.;
  - diabetic supplies for which Benefits are provided as described under *Diabetes Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
2. tubings and masks except when used with Durable Medical Equipment as described under *Durable Medical Equipment* in Section 6 *Additional Coverage Details*.

### **Nutrition**

1. nutritional or cosmetic therapy using high dose or mega quantities of vitamins, minerals or elements, and other nutrition based therapy. Examples include supplements and electrolytes;
2. non-preventive nutritional counseling that is non-disease specific nutritional education such as general good eating habits. This exclusion does not apply to preventive care for which Benefits are provided under the *United States Preventive Services Task Force* or to Benefits provided under *Non-Preventive Nutritional Counseling* as described in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;

3. Food of any kind, Foods that are not covered include:
  - Enteral feedings and other nutritional and electrolyte formulas, including when administered using a pump, infant formula and donor breast milk, unless they are the only source of nutrition or unless they are specifically created to treat inborn errors of metabolism such as phenylketonuria (PKU) even if they are specifically created to treat inborn errors of metabolism such as phenylketonuria (PKU), unless they are the only source of nutrition.
  - Foods to control weight, treat obesity (including liquid diets), lower cholesterol or control diabetes.
  - Oral vitamins and minerals.
  - Meals you can order from a menu, for an additional charge, during an Inpatient Stay.
  - Other dietary and electrolyte supplements; and
4. health education classes unless offered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates, including but not limited to asthma, smoking cessation, and weight control classes.

### **Personal Care, Comfort or Convenience**

1. television;
2. telephone;
3. beauty/barber service;
4. guest service;
5. supplies, equipment and similar incidentals for personal comfort. Examples include:
  - air conditioners;
  - batteries and battery chargers;
  - dehumidifiers and humidifiers;
  - ergonomically correct chairs;
  - non-Hospital beds, comfort beds, motorized beds and mattresses;
  - breast pumps. This exclusion does not apply to breast pumps for which Benefits are provided under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) requirement;
  - car seats;
  - chairs, bath chairs, feeding chairs, toddler chairs, chair lifts and recliners;
  - exercise equipment and treadmills;
  - hot tubs, Jacuzzis, saunas and whirlpools;
  - medical alert systems;
  - music devices;
  - personal computers;
  - pillows;
  - power-operated vehicles;
  - radios;
  - strollers;

- safety equipment;
- vehicle modifications such as van lifts;
- video players; and
- home modifications to accommodate a health need (including, but not limited to, ramps, swimming pools, elevators, handrails, and stair glides).

### **Physical Appearance**

1. Cosmetic Procedures, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*, are excluded from coverage. Examples include:
  - liposuction or removal of fat deposits considered undesirable, including fat accumulation under the male breast and nipple. This exclusion does not apply to liposuction for which Benefits are provided as described under Reconstructive Procedures in Section 6, Additional Coverage Details;
  - pharmacological regimens;
  - nutritional procedures or treatments;
  - tattoo or scar removal or revision procedures (such as salabrasion, chemosurgery and other such skin abrasion procedures);
  - sclerotherapy treatment of veins;
  - hair removal or replacement by any means;
  - treatments for skin wrinkles or any treatment to improve the appearance of the skin;
  - treatment for spider veins;
  - skin abrasion procedures performed as a treatment for acne;
  - treatments for hair loss;
  - varicose vein treatment of the lower extremities, when it is considered cosmetic; and
  - replacement of an existing intact breast implant if the earlier breast implant was performed as a Cosmetic Procedure;
2. physical conditioning programs such as athletic training, bodybuilding, exercise, fitness, flexibility, health club memberships and programs, spa treatments, and diversion or general motivation;
3. weight loss programs whether or not they are under medical supervision or for medical reasons, even if for morbid obesity;
4. wigs in excess of a \$400 per Covered Person per lifetime maximum, regardless of the medical reason for the hair loss; and
5. treatment of benign gynecomastia (abnormal breast enlargement in males).

### **Procedures and Treatments**

1. biofeedback;
2. medical and surgical treatment of snoring, except when provided as a part of treatment for documented obstructive sleep apnea (a sleep disorder in which a person regularly stops breathing for 10 seconds or longer);

3. rehabilitation services and Manipulative Treatment to improve general physical condition that are provided to reduce potential risk factors, where significant therapeutic improvement is not expected, including routine, long-term or maintenance/preventive treatment;
4. habilitative services or therapies for the purpose of general well-being or condition in the absence of a medical or behavioral disabling condition;
5. speech therapy to treat stuttering, stammering, or other articulation disorders;
6. a procedure or surgery to remove fatty tissue such as panniculectomy, abdominoplasty, thighplasty, brachioplasty, or mastopexy;
7. excision or elimination of hanging skin on any part of the body (examples include plastic surgery procedures called abdominoplasty or abdominal panniculectomy and brachioplasty);
8. psychosurgery (lobotomy);
9. stand-alone multi-disciplinary smoking cessation programs. These are programs that usually include health care providers specializing in smoking cessation and may include a psychologist, social worker or other licensed or certified professional. The programs usually include intensive psychological support, behavior modification techniques and medications to control cravings;
10. chelation therapy, except to treat heavy metal poisoning;
11. Manipulative Treatment to treat a condition unrelated to spinal manipulation and ancillary physiologic treatment rendered to restore/improve motion, reduce pain and improve function, such as asthma or allergies;
12. physiological modalities and procedures that result in similar or redundant therapeutic effects when performed on the same body region during the same visit or office encounter;
13. sex transformation operations and related services;
14. the following treatments for obesity:
  - non-surgical treatment, even if for morbid obesity; and
  - surgical treatment of obesity even if there is a diagnosis of morbid obesity;
15. medical and surgical treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating);
16. the following services for the diagnosis and treatment of TMJ: surface electromyography; Doppler analysis; vibration analysis; computerized mandibular scan or jaw tracking; craniosacral therapy; orthodontics; occlusal adjustment and dental restorations; and

17. breast reduction surgery except as coverage is required by the *Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998* for which Benefits are described under *Reconstructive Procedures* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
18. intracellular micronutrient testing; and
19. cellular and Gene Therapy services not received from a Designated Provider.
20. Habilitative services or therapies for the purpose of general well-being or condition in the absence of a medical or behavioral disabling condition.

### **Providers**

Services:

1. performed by a provider who is a family member by birth or marriage, including your Spouse, brother, sister, parent or child;
2. a provider may perform on himself or herself;
3. performed by a provider with your same legal residence;
4. ordered or delivered by a Christian Science practitioner;
5. performed by an unlicensed provider or a provider who is operating outside of the scope of his/her license;
6. provided at a diagnostic facility (Hospital or free-standing) without a written order from a provider;
7. which are self-directed to a free-standing or Hospital-based diagnostic facility; and
8. ordered by a provider affiliated with a diagnostic facility (Hospital or free-standing), when that provider is not actively involved in your medical care:
  - prior to ordering the service; or
  - after the service is received.

This exclusion does not apply to mammography testing.

### **Reproduction**

1. Health care services and related expenses for infertility treatments, including assisted reproductive technology, regardless of the reason for the treatment.
2. The following services related to a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate:
  - Fees for the use of a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate.
  - Insemination or InVitro fertilization procedures for Surrogate or transfer of an embryo to Gestational Carrier.

- Pregnancy services for a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate who is not a Covered Person.
3. Donor, Gestational Carrier or Surrogate administration, agency fees or compensation.
  4. The following services related to donor services for donor sperm, ovum (egg cell) or oocytes (eggs), or embryos (fertilized eggs):
    - Known egg donor (altruistic donation i.e., friend, relative or acquaintance) - The cost of donor eggs. Medical costs related to donor stimulation and egg retrieval. This refers to purchasing or receiving a donated egg that is fresh, or one that has already been retrieved and is frozen.
    - Purchased egg donor (i.e., clinic or egg bank) – The cost of donor eggs. Medical costs related to donor stimulation and egg retrieval. This refers to purchasing a donor egg that has already been retrieved and is frozen or choosing a donor who will then undergo an egg retrieval once they have been selected in the database.
    - Known donor sperm (altruistic donation i.e., friend, relative or acquaintance) – The cost of sperm collection, cryopreservation and storage. This refers to purchasing or receiving donated sperm that is fresh, or that has already been obtained and is frozen.
    - Purchased donor sperm (i.e., clinic or sperm bank) – The cost of procurement and storage of donor sperm. This refers to purchasing donor sperm that has already been obtained and is frozen or choosing a donor from a database.
  5. Storage and retrieval of all reproductive materials. Examples include eggs, sperm, testicular tissue and ovarian tissue.
  6. The reversal of voluntary sterilization.
  7. Health care services and related expenses for surgical, non-surgical or drug-induced Pregnancy termination. This exclusion does not apply to treatment of a molar Pregnancy, ectopic Pregnancy, or missed abortion (commonly known as a miscarriage).
  8. Maternity related medical services for Enrolled Dependent children or Enrolled Dependent children of Enrolled Dependent children. This exclusion does not apply to prenatal services for which Benefits are provided under the United States Preventive Services Task Force requirement or the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) requirement.
  9. InVitro fertilization regardless of the reason for treatment.
  10. Assisted Reproductive Technology procedures done for non-genetic disorder sex selection or eugenic (selective breeding) purposes.

### **Services Provided under Another Plan**

Services for which coverage is available:

1. under another plan, except for Eligible Expenses payable as described in Section 10, *Coordination of Benefits (COB)*;
2. under workers' compensation, no-fault automobile coverage or similar legislation if you could elect it, or could have it elected for you;

3. while on active military duty;
4. for treatment of military service-related disabilities when you are legally entitled to other coverage, and facilities are reasonably accessible; and.
5. services resulting from accidental bodily injuries arising out of a motor vehicle accident to the extent the services are payable under a medical expense payment provision of an automobile insurance policy.

### **Transplants**

1. health services for organ and tissue transplants, except as identified under *Transplantation Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details* unless UnitedHealthcare determines the transplant to be appropriate according to UnitedHealthcare's transplant guidelines;
2. transplants that are not performed by a Designated Provider (this exclusion does not apply to cornea transplants); and
3. donor costs for organ or tissue transplantation to another person (these costs may be payable through the recipient's benefit plan);
4. health services for transplants involving animal organs.

### **Travel**

1. Travel or transportation expenses, even if ordered by a Physician, except as identified under *Complex Medical Conditions Travel and Lodging Assistance Program for the Covered Health Services* described in Section 7, *Clinical Programs and Resources*. Additional travel expenses related to Covered Health Services received from a Designated Provider or other Network Provider may be reimbursed at the Plan's discretion. This exclusion does not apply to ambulance transportation for which Benefits are provided as described under *Ambulance Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

### **Types of Care, Supportive Services, and Housing**

1. Custodial Care as defined in Section 14, *Glossary* or maintenance care;
2. Domiciliary Care, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*;
3. multi-disciplinary pain management programs provided on an inpatient basis for acute pain or for exacerbation of chronic pain;
4. Private Duty Nursing Outpatient;
5. Private Duty Nursing Inpatient;
6. respite care. This exclusion does not apply to respite care for which Benefits are provided as described under *Hospice Care* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
7. rest cures;

8. services of personal care aides;
9. vocational counseling, testing, and support services including job training, placement services, and work hardening programs (programs designed to return a person to work or to prepare a person for specific work).
10. independent living services;
11. assisted living services;
12. educational counseling, testing, and support services including tutoring, mentoring, tuition, and school-based services for children and adolescents required to be provided by or paid for by the school under the *Individual with Disabilities Education Act*; and
13. Transitional Living services (including recovery residences).

### **Vision and Hearing**

1. Routine vision examinations, including refractive examinations to determine the need for vision correction.
2. Implantable lenses used only to correct a refractive error (such as Intacs corneal implants).
3. Purchase cost and associated fitting charges for eyeglasses or contact lenses, except as described under *Vision Care* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
4. Bone anchored hearing aids except when either of the following applies:
  - for Covered Persons with craniofacial anomalies whose abnormal or absent ear canals preclude the use of a wearable hearing aid; or
  - for Covered Persons with hearing loss of sufficient severity that it would not be adequately remedied by a wearable hearing aid.

The Plan will not pay for more than one bone anchored hearing aid per Covered Person who meets the above coverage criteria during the entire period of time the Covered Person is enrolled in this Plan. In addition, repairs and/or replacement for a bone anchored hearing aid for Covered Persons who meet the above coverage are not covered, other than for malfunctions.

5. Eye exercise or vision therapy.
6. Surgery and other related treatment that is intended to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, presbyopia and astigmatism including, but not limited to, procedures such as laser and other refractive eye surgery and radial keratotomy.
7. Over-the-counter hearing aids.

### All Other Exclusions

1. autopsies and other coroner services and transportation services for a corpse;
2. charges for:
  - missed appointments;
  - room or facility reservations;
  - completion of claim forms; or
  - record processing.
3. charges prohibited by federal anti-kickback or self-referral statutes;
4. diagnostic tests that are:
  - delivered in other than a Physician's office or health care facility; and
  - self-administered home diagnostic tests, including but not limited to HIV and Pregnancy tests;
5. expenses for health services and supplies:
  - that are received as a result of war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared, while part of any armed service force of any country. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Persons who are civilians injured or otherwise affected by war, any act of war or terrorism in a non-war zone;
  - that are received after the date your coverage under this Plan ends, including health services for medical conditions which began before the date your coverage under the Plan ends;
  - for which you have no legal responsibility to pay, or for which a charge would not ordinarily be made in the absence of coverage under this Benefit Plan;
  - that exceed Eligible Expenses or any specified limitation in this SPD;
  - for which a non-Network provider waives the Annual Deductible or Coinsurance amounts;
6. foreign language and sign language services;
7. long term (more than 30 days) storage of blood, umbilical cord or other material. Examples include cryopreservation of tissue, blood and blood products;
8. health services and supplies that do not meet the definition of a Covered Health Service – see the definition in Section 14, *Glossary*. Covered Health Services are those health services including services, supplies or Prescription Drugs, which the Claims Administrator determines to be all of the following:
  - Medically Necessary;
  - described as a Covered Health Service in this Summary Plan Description; and
  - not otherwise excluded in this Summary Plan Description under this Section 8, *Exclusions*.

9. health services related to a non-Covered Health Service: When a service is not a Covered Health Service, all services related to that non-Covered Health Service are also excluded. This exclusion does not apply to services the Plan would otherwise determine to be Covered Health Services if they are to treat complications that arise from the non-Covered Health Service.

For the purpose of this exclusion, a "complication" is an unexpected or unanticipated condition that is superimposed on an existing disease and that affects or modifies the prognosis of the original disease or condition. Examples of a "complication" are bleeding or infections, following a Cosmetic Procedure, that require hospitalization.

10. physical, psychiatric or psychological exams, testing, vaccinations, immunizations or treatments when:
- required solely for purposes of education, sports or camp, travel, career or employment, insurance, marriage or adoption; or as a result of incarceration;
  - conducted for purposes of medical research. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Health Services provided during a clinical trial for which Benefits are provided as described under *Clinical Trials* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
  - related to judicial or administrative proceedings or orders unless Medically Necessary; or
  - required to obtain or maintain a license of any type.
11. In the event a non-Network provider waives, does not pursue, or fails to collect, Coinsurance and/or any deductible or other amount owed for a particular health care service, no Benefits are provided for the health care service when the Coinsurance and/or deductible are waived, not pursued, or not collected.

## SECTION 9 - CLAIMS PROCEDURES

### What this section includes:

- How Network and non-Network claims work.
- What to do if your claim is denied, in whole or in part.

### Network Benefits

In general, if you receive Covered Health Services from a Network provider, UnitedHealthcare will pay the Physician or facility directly. If a Network provider bills you for any Covered Health Service other than your Coinsurance, please contact the provider or call UnitedHealthcare at the phone number on your ID card for assistance.

Keep in mind, you are responsible for meeting the Annual Deductible and paying any Coinsurance owed to a Network provider at the time of service, or when you receive a bill from the provider.

### Non-Network Benefits

If you receive a bill for Covered Health Services from a non-Network provider as a result of an Emergency, you (or the provider if they prefer) must send the bill to UnitedHealthcare for processing. To make sure the claim is processed promptly and accurately, a completed claim form must be attached and mailed to UnitedHealthcare at the address on your ID card.

### If Your Provider Does Not File Your Claim

You can obtain a claim form by visiting [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com), calling the number on your ID card or contacting the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department. If you do not have a claim form, simply attach a brief letter of explanation to the bill, and verify that the bill contains the information listed below. If any of these items are missing from the bill, you can include them in your letter:

- Your name and address.
- The patient's name, age and relationship to the Participant.
- The number as shown on your ID card.
- The name, address and tax identification number of the provider of the service(s).
- A diagnosis from the Physician.
- The date of service.
- An itemized bill from the provider that includes:
  - The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes.
  - A description of, and the charge for, each service.
  - The date the Sickness or Injury began.
  - A statement indicating either that you are, or you are not, enrolled for coverage under any other health insurance plan or program. If you are enrolled for other coverage you must include the name and address of the other carrier(s).

Failure to provide all the information listed above may delay any reimbursement that may be due you.

For medical claims, the above information should be filed with UnitedHealthcare at the address on your ID card.

After UnitedHealthcare has processed your claim, you will receive payment for Benefits that the Plan allows. It is your responsibility to pay the provider the charges you incurred, including any difference between what you were billed and what the Plan paid.

***Payment of Benefits***

You may not assign, transfer, or in any way convey your Benefits under the Plan or any cause of action related to your Benefits under the Plan to a provider or to any other third party. Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to make the Plan, Plan Sponsor, or Claims Administrator or its affiliates liable for payments to a provider or to a third party to whom you may be liable for payments for Benefits.

The Plan will not recognize claims for Benefits brought by a third party. Also, any such third party shall not have standing to bring any such claim independently, as a Covered Person or beneficiary, or derivatively, as an assignee of a Covered Person or beneficiary.

References herein to “third parties” include references to providers as well as any collection agencies or third parties that have purchased accounts receivable from providers or to whom accounts receivables have been assigned.

As a matter of convenience to a Covered Person, and where practicable for the Claims Administrator (as determined in its sole discretion), the Claims Administrator may make payment of Benefits directly to a provider.

Any such payment to a provider:

- is NOT an assignment of your Benefits under the Plan or of any legal or equitable right to institute any proceeding relating to your Benefits; and
- is NOT a waiver of the prohibition on assignment of Benefits under the Plan; and
- shall NOT estop the Plan, Plan Sponsor, or Claims Administrator from asserting that any purported assignment of Benefits under the Plan is invalid and prohibited.

If this direct payment for your convenience is made, the Plan’s obligation to you with respect to such Benefits is extinguished by such payment. If any payment of your Benefits is made to a provider as a convenience to you, the Claims Administrator will treat you, rather than the provider, as the beneficiary of your claim for Benefits, and the Plan reserves the right to offset any Benefits to be paid to a provider by any amounts that the provider owes the Plan (including amounts owed as a result of the assignment of other plans’ overpayment recovery rights to the Plan), pursuant to *Refund of Overpayments* in *Section 10: Coordination of Benefits*.

Eligible Expenses due to a non-Network provider for Covered Health Services that are subject to the *No Surprises Act* of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-260)* are paid directly to the provider.

### ***Form of Payment of Benefits***

Payment of Benefits under the Plan shall be in cash or cash equivalents, or in the form of other consideration that UnitedHealthcare in its discretion determines to be adequate. Where Benefits are payable directly to a provider, such adequate consideration includes the forgiveness in whole or in part of amounts the provider owes to other plans for which UnitedHealthcare makes payments, where the Plan has taken an assignment of the other plans' recovery rights for value.

### **Health Statements**

Each month in which UnitedHealthcare processes at least one claim for you or a covered Dependent, you will receive a Health Statement in the mail. Health Statements make it easy for you to manage your family's medical costs by providing claims information in easy-to-understand terms.

If you would rather track claims for yourself and your covered Dependents online, you may do so at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com). You may also elect to discontinue receipt of paper Health Statements by making the appropriate selection on this site.

### **Explanation of Benefits (EOB)**

You may request that UnitedHealthcare send you a paper copy of an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) after processing the claim. The EOB will let you know if there is any portion of the claim you need to pay. If any claims are denied in whole or in part, the EOB will include the reason for the denial or partial payment. If you would like paper copies of the EOBs, you may call the toll-free number on your ID card to request them. You can also view and print all of your EOBs online at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com). See Section 14, *Glossary*, for the definition of Explanation of Benefits.

#### **Important - Timely Filing of Non-Network Claims**

All claim forms for non-Network services must be submitted within 180 days after the date of service. Otherwise, the Plan will not pay any Benefits for that Eligible Expense, or Benefits will be reduced, as determined by UnitedHealthcare. This 180-day requirement does not apply if you are legally incapacitated. If your claim relates to an Inpatient Stay, the date of service is the date your Inpatient Stay ends.

### **Claim Denials and Appeals**

#### ***If Your Claim is Denied***

If a claim for Benefits is denied in part or in whole, you may call UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card before requesting a formal appeal. If UnitedHealthcare cannot resolve the issue to your satisfaction over the phone, you have the right to file a formal appeal as described below.

### ***How to Appeal a Denied Claim***

If you wish to appeal a denied pre-service request for Benefits, post-service claim or a rescission of coverage as described below, you or your authorized representative must submit your appeal in writing within 180 days of receiving the adverse benefit determination. You do not need to submit urgent care appeals in writing. This communication should include:

- The patient's name and ID number as shown on the ID card.
- The provider's name.
- The date of medical service.
- The reason you disagree with the denial.
- Any documentation or other written information to support your request.

You or your authorized representative may send a written request for an appeal to:

UnitedHealthcare - Appeals  
P.O. Box 30432  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84130-0432

For urgent care requests for Benefits that have been denied, you or your provider can call UnitedHealthcare at the toll-free number on your ID card to request an appeal.

#### **Types of claims**

The timing of the claims appeal process is based on the type of claim you are appealing. If you wish to appeal a claim, it helps to understand whether it is an:

- Urgent care request for Benefits.
- Pre-service request for Benefits.
- Post-service claim.
- Concurrent claim.

### ***Urgent Appeals that Require Immediate Action***

Your appeal may require immediate action if a delay in treatment could significantly increase the risk to your health, or the ability to regain maximum function, or cause severe pain. If your situation is urgent, your review will be conducted as quickly as possible. If you believe your situation is urgent, you may request an expedited review, and, if applicable, file an external review at the same time. For help call the Claims Administrator at the number listed on your health plan ID card. Generally, an urgent situation is when your life or health may be in serious jeopardy. Or when, in the opinion of your doctor, you may be experiencing severe pain that cannot be adequately controlled while you wait for a decision on your claim or appeal.

### ***Review of an Appeal***

UnitedHealthcare will conduct a full and fair review of your appeal. The appeal may be reviewed by:

- An appropriate individual(s) who did not make the initial benefit determination.
- A health care professional with appropriate expertise who was not consulted during the initial benefit determination process.

Once the review is complete, if UnitedHealthcare upholds the denial, you will receive a written explanation of the reasons and facts relating to the denial.

**Note:** Upon written request and free of charge, any Covered Persons may examine documents relevant to their claim and/or appeals and submit opinions and comments. UnitedHealthcare will review all claims in accordance with the rules established by the U.S. Department of Labor.

### ***Filing a Second Appeal***

Your Plan offers two levels of appeal. If you are not satisfied with the first level appeal decision, you have the right to request a second level appeal from UnitedHealthcare within 60 days from receipt of the first level appeal determination.

**Note:** Upon written request and free of charge, any Covered Persons may examine their claim and/or appeals file(s). Covered Persons may also submit evidence, opinions and comments as part of the internal claims review process. UnitedHealthcare will review all claims in accordance with the rules established by the *U.S. Department of Labor*. Any Covered Person will be automatically provided, free of charge, and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notice of final internal adverse benefit determination is required, with: (i) any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon or generated by the Plan in connection with the claim; and, (ii) a reasonable opportunity for any Covered Person to respond to such new evidence or rationale.

### **External Review Program**

If, after exhausting your internal appeals, you are not satisfied with the determination made by UnitedHealthcare, or if UnitedHealthcare fails to respond to your appeal in accordance with applicable regulations regarding timing, you may be entitled to request an external review of UnitedHealthcare's determination. The process is available at no charge to you.

If one of the above conditions is met, you may request an external review of adverse benefit determinations based upon any of the following:

- Clinical reasons.
- The exclusions for Experimental or Investigational Service(s) or Unproven Service(s).
- Rescission of coverage (coverage that was cancelled or discontinued retroactively).
- As otherwise required by applicable law.

You or your representative may request a standard external review by sending a written request to the address set out in the determination letter. You or your representative may request an expedited external review, in urgent situations as detailed below, by calling the number on your ID card or by sending a written request to the address set out in the determination letter. A request must be made within four months after the date you received UnitedHealthcare's decision.

An external review request should include all of the following:

- A specific request for an external review.
- The Covered Person's name, address, and insurance ID number.
- Your designated representative's name and address, when applicable.
- The service that was denied.
- Any new, relevant information that was not provided during the internal appeal.

An external review will be performed by an Independent Review Organization (IRO). UnitedHealthcare has entered into agreements with three or more IROs that have agreed to perform such reviews. There are two types of external reviews available:

- A standard external review.
- An expedited external review.

#### ***Standard External Review***

A standard external review is comprised of all of the following:

- A preliminary review by UnitedHealthcare of the request.
- A referral of the request by UnitedHealthcare to the IRO.
- A decision by the IRO.

Within the applicable timeframe after receipt of the request, UnitedHealthcare will complete a preliminary review to determine whether the individual for whom the request was submitted meets all of the following:

- Is or was covered under the Plan at the time the health care service or procedure that is at issue in the request was provided.
- Has exhausted the applicable internal appeals process.
- Has provided all the information and forms required so that UnitedHealthcare may process the request.

After UnitedHealthcare completes the preliminary review, UnitedHealthcare will issue a notification in writing to you. If the request is eligible for external review, UnitedHealthcare will assign an IRO to conduct such review. UnitedHealthcare will assign requests by either rotating claims assignments among the IROs or by using a random selection process.

The IRO will notify you in writing of the request's eligibility and acceptance for external review, and if necessary, for any additional information needed to conduct the external review. You will generally have to submit the additional information in writing to the IRO within ten business days following the date you receive the IRO's request for the additional information. The IRO is not required to, but may, accept and consider additional information submitted by you after ten business days.

UnitedHealthcare will provide to the assigned IRO the documents and information considered in making UnitedHealthcare's determination. The documents include:

- All relevant medical records.
- All other documents relied upon by UnitedHealthcare.
- All other information or evidence that you or your Physician submitted. If there is any information or evidence you or your Physician wish to submit that was not previously provided, you may include this information with your external review request and UnitedHealthcare will include it with the documents forwarded to the IRO.

In reaching a decision, the IRO will review the claim anew and not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached by UnitedHealthcare. The IRO will provide written notice of its determination (the "Final External Review Decision") within 45 days after it receives the request for the external review (unless they request additional time and you agree). The IRO will deliver the notice of *Final External Review Decision* to you and UnitedHealthcare, and it will include the clinical basis for the determination.

Upon receipt of a *Final External Review Decision* reversing UnitedHealthcare determination, the Plan will immediately provide coverage or payment for the benefit claim at issue in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan, and any applicable law regarding plan remedies. If the *Final External Review Decision* agrees with the Claims Administrator's determination, the Plan will not be obligated to provide Benefits for the health care service or procedure.

### ***Expedited External Review***

An expedited external review is similar to a standard external review. The most significant difference between the two is that the time periods for completing certain portions of the review process are much shorter, and in some instances you may file an expedited external review before completing the internal appeals process.

You may make a written or verbal request for an expedited external review if you receive either of the following:

- An adverse benefit determination of a claim or appeal if the adverse benefit determination involves a medical condition for which the time frame for completion of an expedited internal appeal would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the individual or would jeopardize the individual's ability to regain maximum function and you have filed a request for an expedited internal appeal.
- A final appeal decision, if the determination involves a medical condition where the timeframe for completion of a standard external review would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the individual or would jeopardize the individual's ability to regain maximum function, or if the final appeal decision concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care service, procedure or product for which the individual received emergency services, but has not been discharged from a facility.

Immediately upon receipt of the request, UnitedHealthcare will determine whether the individual meets both of the following:

- Is or was covered under the Plan at the time the health care service or procedure that is at issue in the request was provided.

- Has provided all the information and forms required so that UnitedHealthcare may process the request.

After UnitedHealthcare completes the review, UnitedHealthcare will immediately send a notice in writing to you. Upon a determination that a request is eligible for expedited external review, UnitedHealthcare will assign an IRO in the same manner UnitedHealthcare utilizes to assign standard external reviews to IROs. UnitedHealthcare will provide all necessary documents and information considered in making the adverse benefit determination or final adverse benefit determination to the assigned IRO electronically or by telephone or facsimile or any other available expeditious method. The IRO, to the extent the information or documents are available and the IRO considers them appropriate, must consider the same type of information and documents considered in a standard external review.

In reaching a decision, the IRO will review the claim anew and not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached by UnitedHealthcare. The IRO will provide notice of the final external review decision for an expedited external review as expeditiously as the claimant's medical condition or circumstances require, but in no event more than 72 hours after the IRO receives the request. If the initial notice is not in writing, within 48 hours after the date of providing the initial notice, the assigned IRO will provide written confirmation of the decision to you and to UnitedHealthcare.

You may contact UnitedHealthcare at the toll-free number on your ID card for more information regarding external review rights, or if making a verbal request for an expedited external review.

### ***Timing of Appeals Determinations***

Separate schedules apply to the timing of claims appeals, depending on the type of claim. There are three types of claims:

- Urgent care request for Benefits - a request for Benefits provided in connection with urgent care services.
- Pre-Service request for Benefits - a request for Benefits which the Plan must approve or in which you must notify UnitedHealthcare before non-urgent care is provided.
- Post-Service - a claim for reimbursement of the cost of non-urgent care that has already been provided.

Please note that the decision is based only on whether or not Benefits are available under the Plan for the proposed treatment or procedure.

You may have the right to external review through an *Independent Review Organization (IRO)* upon the completion of the internal appeal process. Instructions regarding any such rights, and how to access those rights, will be provided in the Claims Administrator's decision letter to you.

The tables below describe the time frames which you and UnitedHealthcare are required to follow.

<b>Urgent Care Request for Benefits*</b>	
<b>Type of Request for Benefits or Appeal</b>	<b>Timing</b>
If your request for Benefits is incomplete, UnitedHealthcare must notify you within:	<b>24 hours</b>
You must then provide completed request for Benefits to UnitedHealthcare within:	<b>48 hours</b> after receiving notice of additional information required
UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the benefit determination within:	<b>72 hours</b>
If UnitedHealthcare denies your request for Benefits, you must appeal an adverse benefit determination no later than:	<b>180 days</b> after receiving the adverse benefit determination
UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the appeal decision within:	<b>72 hours</b> after receiving the appeal

\*You do not need to submit urgent care appeals in writing. You should call UnitedHealthcare as soon as possible to appeal an urgent care request for Benefits.

<b>Pre-Service Request for Benefits*</b>	
<b>Type of Request for Benefits or Appeal</b>	<b>Timing</b>
If your request for Benefits is filed improperly, UnitedHealthcare must notify you within:	<b>5 days</b>
If your request for Benefits is incomplete, UnitedHealthcare must notify you within:	<b>15 days</b>
You must then provide completed request for Benefits information to UnitedHealthcare within:	<b>45 days</b>
UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the benefit determination:	
■ if the initial request for Benefits is complete, within:	<b>15 days</b>
■ after receiving the completed request for Benefits (if the initial request for Benefits is incomplete), within:	<b>15 days</b>
You must appeal an adverse benefit determination no later than:	<b>180 days</b> after receiving the adverse benefit determination
UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the first level appeal decision within:	<b>15 days</b> after receiving the first level appeal

<b>Pre-Service Request for Benefits*</b>	
<b>Type of Request for Benefits or Appeal</b>	<b>Timing</b>
You must appeal the first level appeal (file a second level appeal) within:	<b>60 days</b> after receiving the first level appeal decision
UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the second level appeal decision within:	<b>15 days</b> after receiving the second level appeal

\*UnitedHealthcare may require a one-time extension for the initial claim determination, of no more than 15 days, only if more time is needed due to circumstances beyond control of the Plan.

<b>Post-Service Claims</b>	
<b>Type of Claim or Appeal</b>	<b>Timing</b>
If your claim is incomplete, UnitedHealthcare must notify you within:	<b>30 days</b>
You must then provide completed claim information to UnitedHealthcare within:	<b>45 days</b>
UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the benefit determination:	
■ if the initial claim is complete, within:	<b>30 days</b>
■ after receiving the completed claim (if the initial claim is incomplete), within:	<b>30 days</b>
You must appeal an adverse benefit determination no later than:	<b>180 days</b> after receiving the adverse benefit determination
UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the first level appeal decision within:	<b>30 days</b> after receiving the first level appeal
You must appeal the first level appeal (file a second level appeal) within:	<b>60 days</b> after receiving the first level appeal decision
UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the second level appeal decision within:	<b>30 days</b> after receiving the second level appeal

### **Limitation of Action**

You cannot bring any legal action against Fort Bend Independent School District or the Claims Administrator to recover reimbursement until 90 days after you have properly submitted a request for reimbursement as described in this section and all required reviews of your claim have been completed. If you want to bring a legal action against Fort Bend

Independent School District or the Claims Administrator, you must do so within three years from the expiration of the time period in which a request for reimbursement must be submitted or you lose any rights to bring such an action against Fort Bend Independent School District or the Claims Administrator.

You cannot bring any legal action against Fort Bend Independent School District or the Claims Administrator for any other reason unless you first complete all the steps in the appeal process described in this section. After completing that process, if you want to bring a legal action against Fort Bend Independent School District or the Claims Administrator you must do so within three years of the date you are notified of the final decision on your appeal or you lose any rights to bring such an action against Fort Bend Independent School District or the Claims Administrator.

## SECTION 10 - COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (COB)

### Benefits When You Have Coverage under More than One Plan

This section describes how Benefits under the Plan will be coordinated with those of any other plan that provides benefits to you.

### When Does Coordination of Benefits Apply?

This *Coordination of Benefits (COB)* provision applies to you if you are covered by more than one health benefits plan, including any one of the following:

- Another employer sponsored health benefits plan.
- A medical component of a group long-term care plan, such as skilled nursing care.
- No-fault or traditional "fault" type medical payment benefits or personal injury protection benefits under an auto insurance policy.
- Medical payment benefits under any premises liability or other types of liability coverage.
- Medicare or other governmental health benefit.

If coverage is provided under two or more plans, COB determines which plan is primary and which plan is secondary. The plan considered primary pays its benefits first, without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. Any remaining expenses may be paid under the other plan, which is considered secondary. The Secondary Plan may determine its benefits based on the benefits paid by the Primary Plan. How much this Plan will reimburse you, if anything, will also depend in part on the Allowable Expense. The term, "Allowable Expense," is further explained below.

### What Are the Rules for Determining the Order of Benefit Payments?

#### *Order of Benefit Determination Rules*

The order of benefit determination rules determine whether this Plan is a Primary Plan or Secondary Plan when the person has 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.

The order of benefit determination rules below govern the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits.

- **Primary Plan.** The Plan that pays first is called the Primary Plan. The Primary Plan must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses.
- **Secondary Plan.** 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. Allowable Expense is defined below.

When a person is covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are as follows:

- A. This Plan will always be secondary to medical payment coverage or personal injury protection coverage under any auto liability or no-fault insurance policy.
- B. When you have coverage under two or more medical plans and only one has COB provisions, the plan without COB provisions will pay benefits first.
- C. Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:
  1. **Non-Dependent or Dependent.** The Plan that covers the person other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, former employee under COBRA, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers the person as a dependent is the Secondary Plan. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the Plan covering the person as a dependent; and primary to the Plan covering the person 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 the person as an employee, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Secondary Plan and the other Plan is the Primary Plan.
  2. **Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Coverage Plan.** Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, plans covering a dependent child shall determine the order of benefits as follows:
    - a) For a dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
      - (1) The Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary Plan; or
      - (2) If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that covered the parent longest is the Primary Plan.
    - b) For a dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or are not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
      - (1) 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. If the parent with responsibility has no health care coverage for the dependent child's health care expenses, but that parent's spouse does, that parent's spouse's plan is the Primary Plan. This shall not apply with respect to any plan year during which benefits are paid or provided before the entity has actual knowledge of the court decree provision.
      - (2) 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 subparagraph a) above shall determine the order of benefits.
      - (3) 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 subparagraph a) above shall determine the order of benefits.

(4) If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:

- a) The Plan covering the Custodial Parent.
- b) The Plan covering the Custodial Parent's spouse.
- c) The Plan covering the non-Custodial Parent.
- d) The Plan covering the non-Custodial Parent's spouse.

For purpose of this section, 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.

- c) For a dependent child covered under more than one plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the order of benefits shall be determined, as applicable, under subparagraph a) or b) above as if those individuals were parents of the child.
- d) (i) For a dependent child who has coverage under either or both parents' plans and also has his or her own coverage as a dependent under a spouse's plan, the rule in paragraph (5) applies.  
 (ii) In the event the dependent child's coverage under the spouse's plan began on the same date as the dependent child's coverage under either or both parents' plans, the order of benefits shall be determined by applying the birthday rule in subparagraph (a) to the dependent child's parent(s) and the dependent's spouse.

- 3. **Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee.** The Plan that covers a person as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired is the Primary Plan. The same would hold true if a person is a dependent of an active employee and that same person is 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 the rule labeled C.1 can determine the order of benefits.
- 4. **COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If a person whose coverage is provided pursuant to COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another Plan, the Plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering the person 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 the rule labeled C.1 can determine the order of benefits.
- 5. **Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage.** The Plan that covered the person the longer period of time is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covered the person the shorter period of time is the Secondary Plan.
- 6. If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the Allowable Expenses shall 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.

### **How Are Benefits Paid When This Plan is Secondary?**

If this Plan is secondary, it determines the amount it will pay for a Covered Health Service by following the steps below.

- The Plan determines the amount it would have paid based on the Allowable expense.
- The Plan pays the entire difference between the Allowable Expense and the amount paid by the Primary Plan, as long as this amount is not more than the Plan would have paid had it been the only plan involved.

You will be responsible for any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible payments as part of the COB payment. The maximum combined payment you may receive from all plans cannot exceed 100% of the Allowable Expense.

### **How is the Allowable Expense Determined when this Plan is Secondary?**

#### ***Determining the Allowable Expense If this Plan is Secondary***

What is an Allowable Expense? For purposes of COB, an Allowable Expense is a health care expense that meets the definition of a Covered Health Services under this Plan.

When the provider is a Network provider for both the Primary Plan and this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the Primary Plan's network rate. When the provider is a network provider for the Primary Plan and a non-Network provider for this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the Primary Plan's network rate. When the provider is a non-Network provider for the Primary Plan and a Network provider for this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the reasonable and customary charges allowed by the Primary Plan. When the provider is a non-Network provider for both the Primary Plan and this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the greater of the two Plans' reasonable and customary charges. If this plan is secondary to Medicare, please also refer to the discussion in the section below, titled "Determining the Allowable Expense When this Plan is Secondary to Medicare".

### **What is Different When You Qualify for Medicare?**

#### ***Determining Which Plan is Primary When You Qualify for Medicare***

As permitted by law, this Plan will pay Benefits second to Medicare when you become eligible for Medicare, even if you don't elect it. There are, however, Medicare-eligible individuals for whom the Plan pays Benefits first and Medicare pays benefits second:

- Employees with active current employment status age 65 or older and their Spouses age 65 or older (however, domestic partners are excluded as provided by Medicare).
- Individuals with end-stage renal disease, for a limited period of time.
- Disabled individuals under age 65 with current employment status and their Dependents under age 65.

***Determining the Allowable Expense When this Plan is Secondary to Medicare***

If this Plan is secondary to Medicare, the Medicare approved amount is the Allowable Expense, as long as the provider accepts reimbursement directly from Medicare. If the provider accepts reimbursement directly from Medicare, the Medicare approved amount is the charge that Medicare has determined that it will recognize and which it reports on an "explanation of Medicare benefits" issued by Medicare (the "EOMB") for a given service. Medicare typically reimburses such providers a percentage of its approved charge – often 80%.

If the provider does not accept assignment of your Medicare benefits, the Medicare limiting charge (the most a provider can charge you if they don't accept Medicare – typically 115% of the Medicare approved amount) will be the Allowable Expense. Medicare payments, combined with Plan Benefits, will not exceed 100% of the Allowable Expense.

If you are eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicare, and this Plan is secondary to Medicare, or if you have enrolled in Medicare but choose to obtain services from an Opt-out provider or one that does not participate in the Medicare program or a provider who does not accept assignment of Medicare benefits, Benefits will be paid on a secondary basis under this Plan and will be determined as if you timely enrolled in Medicare and obtained services from a Medicare participating provider.

When calculating the Plan's Benefits in these situations, and when Medicare does not issue an EOMB, for administrative convenience the Claims Administrator will use Medicare's Allowable Expense or Medicare's limiting charge for covered services as the Allowable Expense for both the Plan and Medicare.

**Medicare Crossover Program**

The Plan offers a Medicare Crossover program for Medicare Part A and Part B and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) claims. Under this program, you no longer have to file a separate claim with the Plan to receive secondary benefits for these expenses. Your Dependent will also have this automated Crossover, as long as he or she is eligible for Medicare and this Plan is your only secondary medical coverage.

Once the Medicare Part A and Part B and DME carriers have reimbursed your health care provider, the Medicare carrier will electronically submit the necessary information to the Claims Administrator to process the balance of your claim under the provisions of this Plan.

You can verify that the automated crossover took place when your copy of the explanation of Medicare benefits (EOMB) states your claim has been forwarded to your secondary carrier.

This crossover process does not apply to expenses that Medicare does not cover. You must continue to file claims for these expenses.

For information about enrollment or if you have questions about the program, call the telephone number listed on your ID card.

## **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. The Claims Administrator may get the facts needed 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 Claims Administrator does not need to tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under this Plan must give the Claims Administrator any facts needed to apply those rules and determine benefits payable. If you do not provide the Claims Administrator the information needed to apply these rules and determine the Benefits payable, your claim for Benefits will be denied.

## **Does This Plan Have the Right of Recovery?**

### ***Overpayment and Underpayment of Benefits***

If you are covered under more than one medical plan, there is a possibility that the other plan will pay a benefit that the Plan should have paid. If this occurs, the Plan may pay the other plan the amount owed.

If the Plan pays you more than it owes under this COB provision, you should pay the excess back promptly. Otherwise, the Plan Sponsor may recover the amount in the form of salary, wages, or benefits payable under any Plan Sponsor-funded benefit plans, including this Plan. The Plan Sponsor also reserves the right to recover any overpayment by legal action or offset payments on future Eligible Expenses.

If the Plan overpays a health care provider, the Claims Administrator reserves the right to recover the excess amount from the provider pursuant to Refund of Overpayments, below.

### ***Refund of Overpayments***

If the Plan pays for Benefits for expenses incurred on account of a Covered Person, that Covered Person or any other person or organization that was paid, must make a refund to the Plan if:

- The Plan's obligation to pay Benefits was contingent on the expenses incurred being legally owed and paid by you, but all or some of the expenses were not paid by you or did not legally have to be paid by you.
- All or some of the payment the Plan made exceeded the Benefits under the Plan.
- All or some of the payment was made in error.

The amount that must be refunded equals the amount the Plan paid in excess of the amount that should have been paid under the Plan. If the refund is due from another person or organization, you agree to help the Plan get the refund when requested.

If the refund is due from you and you do not promptly refund the full amount owed, the Plan may recover the overpayment by reallocating the overpaid amount to pay, in whole or in part, future Benefits for you that are payable under the Plan. If the refund is due from a person or organization other than you, the Plan may recover the overpayment by

reallocating the overpaid amount to pay, in whole or in part, (i) future Benefits that are payable in connection with services provided to other Covered Persons under the Plan; or (ii) future Benefits that are payment in connection with services provided to persons under other plans for which the Claims Administrator processes payments, pursuant to a transaction in which the Plan's overpayment recovery rights are assigned to such other plans in exchange for such plans' remittance of the amount of the reallocated payment. The reallocated payment amount will either:

- equal the amount of the required refund, or
- if less than the full amount of the required refund, will be deducted from the amount of refund owed to the Plan.

The Plan may have other rights in addition to the right to reallocate overpaid amounts and other enumerated rights, including the right to commence a legal action.

## SECTION 11 - SUBROGATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

The Plan has a right to subrogation and reimbursement. References to “you” or “your” in this Subrogation and Reimbursement section shall include you, your estate and your heirs and beneficiaries unless otherwise stated.

Subrogation applies when the plan has paid Benefits on your behalf for a Sickness or Injury for which any third party is alleged to be responsible. The right to subrogation means that the Plan is substituted to and shall succeed to any and all legal claims that you may be entitled to pursue against any third party for the Benefits that the Plan has paid that are related to the Sickness or Injury for which a third party is considered responsible.

### **Subrogation - Example**

Suppose you are injured in a car accident that is not your fault, and you receive Benefits under the Plan to treat your injuries. Under subrogation, the Plan has the right to take legal action in your name against the driver who caused the accident and that driver's insurance carrier to recover the cost of those Benefits.

The right to reimbursement means that if it is alleged that any third party caused or is responsible for a Sickness or Injury for which you receive a settlement, judgment, or other recovery from any third party, you must use those proceeds to fully return to the Plan 100% of any Benefits you received for that Sickness or Injury. The right of reimbursement shall apply to any Benefits received at any time until the rights are extinguished, resolved or waived in writing.

### **Reimbursement - Example**

Suppose you are injured in a boating accident that is not your fault, and you receive Benefits under the Plan as a result of your injuries. In addition, you receive a settlement in a court proceeding from the individual who caused the accident. You must use the settlement funds to return to the plan 100% of any Benefits you received to treat your injuries.

The following persons and entities are considered third parties:

- A person or entity alleged to have caused you to suffer a Sickness, Injury or damages, or who is legally responsible for the Sickness, Injury or damages.
- Any insurer or other indemnifier of any person or entity alleged to have caused or who caused the Sickness, Injury or damages.
- The Plan Sponsor in a workers' compensation case or other matter alleging liability.
- Any person or entity who is or may be obligated to provide benefits or payments to you, including benefits or payments for underinsured or uninsured motorist protection, no-fault or traditional auto insurance, medical payment coverage (auto, homeowners or otherwise), workers' compensation coverage, other insurance carriers or third party administrators.
- Any person or entity against whom you may have any claim for professional and/or legal malpractice arising out of or connected to a Sickness or Injury you allege or could have alleged where the responsibility of any third party.

- Any person or entity that is liable for payment to you on any equitable or legal liability theory.

You agree as follows:

- You will cooperate with the Plan in protecting its legal and equitable rights to subrogation and reimbursement in a timely manner, including, but not limited to:
  - Notifying the Plan, in writing, of any potential legal claim(s) you may have against any third party for acts which caused Benefits to be paid or become payable;
  - Providing any relevant information requested by the Plan.
  - Signing and/or delivering such documents as the Plan or its agents reasonably request to secure the subrogation and reimbursement claim.
  - Responding to requests for information about any accident or injuries;
  - Making court appearances.
  - Obtaining the Plan's consent or its agents' consent before releasing any party from liability or payment of medical expenses.
  - Complying with the terms of this section.

Your failure to cooperate with the Plan is considered a breach of contract. As such, the Plan has the right to terminate your Benefits, deny future Benefits, take legal action against you, and/or set off from any future Benefits the value of Benefits the Plan has paid relating to any Sickness or Injury alleged to have been caused or caused by any third party to the extent not recovered by the Plan due to you or your representative not cooperating with the Plan. If the Plan incurs attorneys' fees and costs in order to collect third party settlement funds held by you or your representative, the Plan has the right to recover those fees and costs from you. You will also be required to pay interest on any amounts you hold which should have been returned to the Plan.

- The Plan has a first priority right to receive payment on any claim against a third party before you receive payment from that third party. Further, the Plan's first priority right to payment is superior to any and all claims, debts or liens asserted by any medical providers, including but not limited to hospitals or emergency treatment facilities, that assert a right to payment from funds payable from or recovered from an allegedly responsible third party and/or insurance carrier.
- The Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights apply to full and partial settlements, judgments, or other recoveries paid or payable to you or your representative, your estate, your heirs and beneficiaries, no matter how those proceeds are captioned or characterized. Payments include, but are not limited to, economic, non-economic, pecuniary, consortium and punitive damages. The Plan is not required to help you to pursue your claim for damages or personal injuries and no amount of associated costs, including attorneys' fees, shall be deducted from the Plan's recovery without the Plan's express written consent. No so-called "Fund Doctrine" or "Common Fund Doctrine" or "Attorney's Fund Doctrine" shall defeat this right.
- Regardless of whether you have been fully compensated or made whole, the Plan may collect from you the proceeds of any full or partial recovery that you or your legal representative obtain, whether in the form of a settlement (either before or after any determination of liability) or judgment, no matter how those proceeds are captioned or characterized. Proceeds from which the Plan may collect include, but are not limited to,

economic, non-economic, and punitive damages. No "collateral source" rule, any "Made-Whole Doctrine" or "Make-Whole Doctrine," claim of unjust enrichment, nor any other equitable limitation shall limit the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights.

- Benefits paid by the Plan may also be considered to be Benefits advanced.
- If you receive any payment from any party as a result of Sickness or Injury, and the Plan alleges some or all of those funds are due and owed to the Plan, you and/or your representative shall hold those funds in trust, either in a separate bank account in your name or in your representative's trust account.
- By participating in and accepting Benefits from the Plan, you agree that (i) any amounts recovered by you from any third party shall constitute Plan assets to the extent of the amount of Plan Benefits provided on behalf of the Covered Person, (ii) you and your representative shall be fiduciaries of the Plan (within the meaning of ERISA) with respect to such amounts, and (iii) you shall be liable for and agree to pay any costs and fees (including reasonable attorney fees) incurred by the Plan to enforce its reimbursement rights.
- The Plan's rights to recovery will not be reduced due to your own negligence.
- By participating in and accepting Benefits from the Plan, you agree to assign to the Plan any Benefits, claims or rights of recovery you have under any automobile policy - including no-fault Benefits, PIP Benefits and/or medical payment Benefits - other coverage or against any third party, to the full extent of the Benefits the Plan has paid for the Sickness or Injury. By agreeing to provide this assignment in exchange for participating in and accepting Benefits, you acknowledge and recognize the Plan's right to assert, pursue and recover on any such claim, whether or not you choose to pursue the claim, and you agree to this assignment voluntarily.
- The Plan may, at its option, take necessary and appropriate action to preserve its rights under these provisions, including but not limited to, providing or exchanging medical payment information with an insurer, the insurer's legal representative or other third party; filing an ERISA reimbursement lawsuit to recover the full amount of medical Benefits you receive for the Sickness or Injury out of any settlement, judgment or other recovery from any third party considered responsible and filing suit in your name or your estate's name, which does not obligate the Plan in any way to pay you part of any recovery the Plan might obtain. Any ERISA reimbursement lawsuit stemming from a refusal to refund Benefits as required under the terms of the Plan is governed by a six-year statute of limitations.
- You may not accept any settlement that does not fully reimburse the Plan, without its written approval.
- The Plan has the authority and discretion to resolve all disputes regarding the interpretation of the language stated herein.
- In the case of your death, giving rise to any wrongful death or survival claim, the provisions of this section apply to your estate, the personal representative of your estate, and your heirs or beneficiaries. In the case of your death the Plan's right of reimbursement and right of subrogation shall apply if a claim can be brought on behalf of you or your estate that can include a claim for past medical expenses or damages. The

obligation to reimburse the Plan is not extinguished by a release of claims or settlement agreement of any kind.

- No allocation of damages, settlement funds or any other recovery, by you, your estate, the personal representative of your estate, your heirs, your beneficiaries or any other person or party, shall be valid if it does not reimburse the Plan for 100% of its interest unless the Plan provides written consent to the allocation.
- The provisions of this section apply to the parents, guardian, or other representative of a Dependent child who incurs a Sickness or Injury caused by a third party. If a parent or guardian may bring a claim for damages arising out of a minor's Sickness or Injury, the terms of this subrogation and reimbursement clause shall apply to that claim.
- If a third party causes or is alleged to have caused you to suffer a Sickness or Injury while you are covered under this Plan, the provisions of this section continue to apply, even after you are no longer covered.
- In the event that you do not abide by the terms of the Plan pertaining to reimbursement, the Plan may terminate Benefits to you, your dependents or the employee, deny future Benefits, take legal action against you, and/or set off from any future Benefits the value of Benefits the Plan has paid relating to any Sickness or Injury alleged to have been caused or caused by any third party to the extent not recovered by the Plan due to your failure to abide by the terms of the Plan. If the Plan incurs attorneys' fees and costs in order to collect third party settlement funds held by you or your representative, the Plan has the right to recover those fees and costs from you. You will also be required to pay interest on any amounts you hold which should have been returned to the Plan.
- The Plan and all Administrators administering the terms and conditions of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights have such powers and duties as are necessary to discharge its duties and functions, including the exercise of its discretionary authority to (1) construe and enforce the terms of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights and (2) make determinations with respect to the subrogation amounts and reimbursements owed to the Plan.

### **Right of Recovery**

The Plan also has the right to recover Benefits it has paid on you or your Dependent's behalf that were:

- Made in error.
- Due to a mistake in fact.
- Advanced during the time period of meeting the calendar year Deductible.
- Advanced during the time period of meeting the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for the calendar year.

Benefits paid because you or your Dependent misrepresented facts are also subject to recovery.

If the Plan provides a Benefit for you or your Dependent that exceeds the amount that should have been paid, the Plan will:

- Require that the overpayment be returned when requested.
- Reduce a future benefit payment for you or your Dependent by the amount of the overpayment.

If the Plan provides an advancement of Benefits to you or your Dependent during the time period of meeting the Deductible and/or meeting the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for the calendar year, the Plan will send you or your Dependent a monthly statement identifying the amount you owe with payment instructions. The Plan has the right to recover Benefits it has advanced by:

- Submitting a reminder letter to you or a covered Dependent that details any outstanding balance owed to the Plan.
- Conducting courtesy calls to you or a covered Dependent to discuss any outstanding balance owed to the Plan.

## SECTION 12 - WHEN COVERAGE ENDS

**What this section includes:**

- Circumstances that cause coverage to end.
- How to continue coverage after it ends.

Your entitlement to Benefits automatically ends on the date that coverage ends, even if you are hospitalized or are otherwise receiving medical treatment on that date.

When your coverage ends, Fort Bend Independent School District will still pay claims for Covered Health Services that you received before your coverage ended. However, once your coverage ends, Benefits are not provided for health services that you receive after coverage ended, even if the underlying medical condition occurred before your coverage ended.

Your coverage under the Plan will end on the earliest of:

- The last day of the month in which your employment with the Company ends.
- The date the Plan ends.
- The last day of the month you stop making the required contributions.
- The last day of the month you are no longer eligible.
- The last day of the month UnitedHealthcare receives written notice from Fort Bend Independent School District to end your coverage, or the date requested in the notice, if later.
- The last day of the month you retire or are pensioned under the Plan, unless specific coverage is available for retired or pensioned persons and you are eligible for that coverage.

Coverage for your eligible Dependents will end on the earliest of:

- The date your coverage ends.
- The last day of the month you stop making the required contributions.
- The last day of the month UnitedHealthcare receives written notice from Fort Bend Independent School District to end your coverage, or the date requested in the notice, if later.
- The last day of the month your Dependents no longer qualify as Dependents under this Plan.

### ***Other Events Ending Your Coverage***

The Plan will provide at least thirty days' prior written notice to you that your coverage will end on the date identified in the notice if you commit an act, practice, or omission that constituted fraud, or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact including, but not limited to, knowingly providing incorrect information relating to another person's eligibility or status as a Dependent. You may appeal this decision during the 30-day notice period. The notice will contain information on how to pursue your appeal.

**Note:** If UnitedHealthcare and Fort Bend Independent School District find that you have performed an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud, or have made an intentional misrepresentation of material fact Fort Bend Independent School District has the right to demand that you pay back all Benefits Fort Bend Independent School District paid to you, or paid in your name, during the time you were incorrectly covered under the Plan.

### **Coverage for a Disabled Child**

If an unmarried enrolled Dependent child with a mental or physical disability reaches an age when coverage would otherwise end, the Plan will continue to cover the child, as long as:

- The child is unable to be self-supporting due to a mental or physical handicap or disability.
- The child depends mainly on you for support.
- You provide to Fort Bend Independent School District proof of the child's incapacity and dependency within 31 days of the date coverage would have otherwise ended because the child reached a certain age.
- You provide proof, upon Fort Bend Independent School District's request, that the child continues to meet these conditions.

The proof might include medical examinations at Fort Bend Independent School District's expense. However, you will not be asked for this information more than once a year. If you do not supply such proof within 31 days, the Plan will no longer pay Benefits for that child.

Coverage will continue, as long as the enrolled Dependent is incapacitated and dependent upon you, unless coverage is otherwise terminated in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

### **Continuing Coverage Through COBRA**

If you lose your Plan coverage, you may have the right to extend it under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.

Continuation coverage under COBRA is available only to Plans that are subject to the terms of COBRA. You can contact your Plan Administrator to determine if Fort Bend Independent School District is subject to the provisions of COBRA.

#### ***Continuation Coverage under Federal Law (COBRA)***

Much of the language in this section comes from the federal law that governs continuation coverage. You should call your Plan Administrator if you have questions about your right to continue coverage.

In order to be eligible for continuation coverage under federal law, you must meet the definition of a "Qualified Beneficiary". A Qualified Beneficiary is any of the following persons who were covered under the Plan on the day before a qualifying event:

- A Participant.

- A Participant's enrolled Dependent, including with respect to the Participant's children, a child born to or placed for adoption with the Participant during a period of continuation coverage under federal law.
- A Participant's former Spouse.

***Qualifying Events for Continuation Coverage under COBRA***

The following table outlines situations in which you may elect to continue coverage under COBRA for yourself and your Dependents, and the maximum length of time you can receive continued coverage. These situations are considered qualifying events.

If Coverage Ends Because of the Following Qualifying Events:	You May Elect COBRA:		
	For Yourself	For Your Spouse	For Your Child(ren)
Your work hours are reduced	18 months	18 months	18 months
Your employment terminates for any reason (other than gross misconduct)	18 months	18 months	18 months
You or your family member become eligible for Social Security disability benefits at any time within the first 60 days of losing coverage <sup>1</sup>	29 months	29 months	29 months
You die	N/A	36 months	36 months
You divorce (or legally separate)	N/A	36 months	36 months
Your child is no longer an eligible family member (e.g., reaches the maximum age limit)	N/A	N/A	36 months
You become entitled to Medicare	N/A	See table below	See table below
Fort Bend Independent School District files for bankruptcy under Title 11, United States Code. <sup>2</sup>	36 months	36 months <sup>3</sup>	36 months <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Subject to the following conditions: (i) notice of the disability must be provided within the latest of 60 days after a). the determination of the disability, b). the date of the qualifying event, c). the date the Qualified Beneficiary would lose coverage under the Plan, and in no event later than the end of the first 18 months; (ii) the Qualified Beneficiary must agree to pay any increase in the required premium for the additional 11 months over the original 18 months; and (iii) if the Qualified Beneficiary entitled to the 11 months of coverage has non-disabled family members who are also Qualified Beneficiaries, then those non-disabled Qualified Beneficiaries are also entitled to the additional 11 months of continuation coverage. Notice of any final determination that the Qualified

Beneficiary is no longer disabled must be provided within 30 days of such determination. Thereafter, continuation coverage may be terminated on the first day of the month that begins more than 30 days after the date of that determination.

<sup>2</sup>This is a qualifying event for any retired Participant and his or her enrolled Dependents if there is a substantial elimination of coverage within one year before or after the date the bankruptcy was filed.

<sup>3</sup>From the date of the Participant's death if the Participant dies during the continuation coverage.

***How Your Medicare Eligibility Affects Dependent COBRA Coverage***

The table below outlines how your Dependents' COBRA coverage is impacted if you become entitled to Medicare.

If Dependent Coverage Ends When:	You May Elect COBRA Dependent Coverage For Up To:
You become entitled to Medicare and don't experience any additional qualifying events	18 months
You become entitled to Medicare, after which you experience a second qualifying event* before the initial 18-month period expires	36 months
You experience a qualifying event*, after which you become entitled to Medicare before the initial 18-month period expires; and, if absent this initial qualifying event, your Medicare entitlement would have resulted in loss of Dependent coverage under the Plan	36 months

\* Your work hours are reduced or your employment is terminated for reasons other than gross misconduct.

***Getting Started***

You will be notified by mail if you become eligible for COBRA coverage as a result of a reduction in work hours or termination of employment. The notification will give you instructions for electing COBRA coverage, and advise you of the monthly cost. Your monthly cost is the full cost, including both Participant and Employer costs, plus a 2% administrative fee or other cost as permitted by law.

You will have up to 60 days from the date you receive notification or 60 days from the date your coverage ends to elect COBRA coverage, whichever is later. You will then have an additional 45 days to pay the cost of your COBRA coverage, retroactive to the date your Plan coverage ended.

During the 60-day election period, the Plan will, only in response to a request from a provider, inform that provider of your right to elect COBRA coverage, retroactive to the date your COBRA eligibility began.

While you are a participant in the medical Plan under COBRA, you have the right to change your coverage election:

- During Open Enrollment.
- Following a change in family status, as described under *Changing Your Coverage* in Section 2, *Introduction*.

***Notification Requirements***

If your covered Dependents lose coverage due to divorce, legal separation, or loss of Dependent status, you or your Dependents must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days of the latest of:

- The date of the divorce, legal separation or an enrolled Dependent's loss of eligibility as an enrolled Dependent.
- The date your enrolled Dependent would lose coverage under the Plan.
- The date on which you or your enrolled Dependent are informed of your obligation to provide notice and the procedures for providing such notice.

You or your Dependents must also notify the Plan Administrator when a qualifying event occurs that will extend continuation coverage.

If you or your Dependents fail to notify the Plan Administrator of these events within the 60 day period, the Plan Administrator is not obligated to provide continued coverage to the affected Qualified Beneficiary. If you are continuing coverage under federal law, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days of the birth or adoption of a child.

Once you have notified the Plan Administrator, you will then be notified by mail of your election rights under COBRA.

***Notification Requirements for Disability Determination***

If you extend your COBRA coverage beyond 18 months because you are eligible for disability benefits from Social Security, you must provide the Fort Bend ISD Benefits Department with notice of the Social Security Administration's determination within 60 days after you receive that determination, and before the end of your initial 18-month continuation period.

The notice requirements will be satisfied by providing written notice to the Plan Administrator at the address stated in Section 16, *Important Administrative Information*. The contents of the notice must be such that the Plan Administrator is able to determine the covered Employee and qualified beneficiary(ies), the qualifying event or disability, and the date on which the qualifying event occurred.

***Trade Act of 2002***

The Trade Act of 2002 amended COBRA to provide for a special second 60-day COBRA election period for certain Participants who have experienced a termination or reduction of hours and who lose group health plan coverage as a result. The special second COBRA election period is available only to a very limited group of individuals: generally, those who

are receiving trade adjustment assistance (TAA) or 'alternative trade adjustment assistance' under a federal law called the Trade Act of 1974. These Participants 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 60 days from the first day of the month when an individual begins receiving TAA (or would be eligible to receive TAA but for the requirement that unemployment benefits be exhausted) and only during the six months immediately after their group health plan coverage ended.

If a Participant qualifies or may qualify for assistance under the Trade Act of 1974, he or she should contact the Plan Administrator for additional information. The Participant must contact the Plan Administrator promptly after qualifying for assistance under the Trade Act of 1974 or the Participant will lose his or her special COBRA rights. COBRA coverage elected during the special second election period is not retroactive to the date that Plan coverage was lost, but begins on the first day of the special second election period.

### **When COBRA Ends**

COBRA coverage will end, before the maximum continuation period, on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date, after electing continuation coverage, that coverage is first obtained under any other group health plan.
- The date, after electing continuation coverage, that you or your covered Dependent first becomes entitled to Medicare;
- The date coverage ends for failure to make the first required premium (premium is not paid within 45 days).
- The date coverage ends for failure to make any other monthly premium (premium is not paid within 30 days of its due date).
- The date the entire Plan ends.
- The date coverage would otherwise terminate under the Plan as described in the beginning of this section.

**Note:** If you selected continuation coverage under a prior plan which was then replaced by coverage under this Plan, continuation coverage will end as scheduled under the prior plan or in accordance with the terminating events listed in this section, whichever is earlier.

### **Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act**

A Participant who is absent from employment for more than 30 days by reason of service in the Uniformed Services may elect to continue Plan coverage for the Participant and the Participant's Dependents in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as amended (USERRA).

The terms "Uniformed Services" or "Military Service" mean the Armed Forces, the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard when engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty training, or full-time National Guard duty, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or national emergency.

If qualified to continue coverage pursuant to the USERRA, Participants may elect to continue coverage under the Plan by notifying the Plan Administrator in advance, and providing payment of any required contribution for the health coverage. This may include the amount the Plan Administrator normally pays on a Participant's behalf. If a Participant's Military Service is for a period of time less than 31 days, the Participant may not be required to pay more than the regular contribution amount, if any, for continuation of health coverage.

A Participant may continue Plan coverage under USERRA for up to the lesser of:

- The 24 month period beginning on the date of the Participant's absence from work.
- The day after the date on which the Participant fails to apply for, or return to, a position of employment.

Regardless of whether a Participant continues health coverage, if the Participant returns to a position of employment, the Participant's health coverage and that of the Participant's eligible Dependents will be reinstated under the Plan. No exclusions or waiting period may be imposed on a Participant or the Participant's eligible Dependents in connection with this reinstatement, unless a Sickness or Injury is determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to have been incurred in, or aggravated during, the performance of military service.

You should call the Plan Administrator if you have questions about your rights to continue health coverage under USERRA.

## SECTION 13 - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### What this section includes:

- Amendments to the Plan.
- Court-ordered Benefits for Dependent children.
- Your relationship with UnitedHealthcare and Fort Bend Independent School District.
- Relationships with providers.
- Interpretation of Benefits.
- Information and records.
- Incentives to providers and you.
- The future of the Plan.
- How to access the official Plan documents.

### Amendments to the Plan

The Plan reserves the right, at its sole discretion and without your approval, to change, interpret, modify, withdraw, add Benefits or terminate the Plan. Plan amendments are effective on the date the Plan specifies.

Any provision of the Plan which, on its effective date, is in conflict with the requirements of federal statutes or regulation, or applicable state law provisions not otherwise preempted by ERISA (of the jurisdiction in which the Plan is delivered) is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statutes and regulations.

Any change or amendment to or termination of the Plan, its benefits or its terms and conditions, in whole or in part, shall be made solely in a written amendment (in the case of a change or amendment) or in a written resolution (in the case of a termination), whether prospective or retroactive, to the Plan, in accordance with the procedures established by us. Covered Persons will receive notice of any material modification to the Plan. No one has the authority to make any oral modification to the SPD.

### Qualified Medical Child Support Orders (QMCSOs)

A qualified medical child support order (QMCSO) is a judgment, decree or order issued by a court or appropriate state agency that requires a child to be covered for medical benefits. Generally, a QMCSO is issued as part of a paternity, divorce, or other child support settlement.

If the Plan receives a medical child support order for your child that instructs the Plan to cover the child, the Plan Administrator will review it to determine if it meets the requirements for a QMCSO. If it determines that it does, your child will be enrolled in the Plan as your Dependent, and the Plan will be required to pay Benefits as directed by the order.

You may obtain, without charge, a copy of the procedures governing QMCSOs from the Plan Administrator.

**Note:** A National Medical Support Notice will be recognized as a QMCSO if it meets the requirements of a QMCSO.

### **Your Relationship with UnitedHealthcare and Fort Bend Independent School District**

In order to make choices about your health care coverage and treatment, Fort Bend Independent School District believes that it is important for you to understand how UnitedHealthcare interacts with the Plan Sponsor's benefit Plan and how it may affect you. UnitedHealthcare helps administer the Plan Sponsor's benefit plan in which you are enrolled. UnitedHealthcare does not provide medical services or make treatment decisions. This means:

- UnitedHealthcare communicates to you decisions about whether the Plan will cover or pay for the health care that you may receive (the Plan pays for Covered Health Services, which are more fully described in this SPD).
- The Plan may not pay for all treatments you or your Physician may believe are necessary. If the Plan does not pay, you will be responsible for the cost.

Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare may use individually identifiable information about you to identify for you (and you alone) procedures, products or services that you may find valuable. Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare will use individually identifiable information about you as permitted or required by law, including in operations and in research. Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare will use de-identified data for commercial purposes including research.

### **Relationship with Providers**

The Claims Administrator has agreements in place that govern the relationships between it and Fort Bend Independent School District and Network providers, some of which are affiliated providers. Network providers enter into agreements with the Claims Administrator to provide Covered Health Services to Covered Persons.

Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare do not provide health care services or supplies, nor do they practice medicine. Instead, Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare arrange for health care providers to participate in a Network and administer payment of Benefits. Network providers are independent practitioners who run their own offices and facilities. UnitedHealthcare's credentialing process confirms public information about the providers' licenses and other credentials, but does not assure the quality of the services provided. They are not Fort Bend Independent School District's employees nor are they employees of UnitedHealthcare, Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare are not responsible for any act or omission of any provider.

UnitedHealthcare is not considered to be an employer of the Plan Administrator for any purpose with respect to the administration or provision of benefits under this Plan.

Fort Bend Independent School District is solely responsible for:

- Enrollment and classification changes (including classification changes resulting in your enrollment or the termination of your coverage).
- The timely payment of the service fee to UnitedHealthcare.
- The funding of Benefits on a timely basis.
- Notifying you of the termination or modifications to the Plan.

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### **Interpretation of Benefits**

Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare have the sole and exclusive discretion to do all of the following:

- Interpret Benefits under the Plan.
- Interpret the other terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Plan, including this SPD, the Schedule of Benefits and any Addendums, SMMs and/or Amendments.
- Make factual determinations related to the Plan and its Benefits.

Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare may delegate this discretionary authority to other persons or entities including Claims Administrator's affiliates that may provide services in regard to the administration of the Plan. The identity of the service providers and the nature of their services may be changed from time to time in Plan Sponsor's and the Claims Administrator's discretion. In order to receive Benefits, you must cooperate with those service providers.

In certain circumstances, for purposes of overall cost savings or efficiency, Fort Bend Independent School District may, in its discretion, offer Benefits for services that would otherwise not be Covered Health Services. The fact that Fort Bend Independent School District does so in any particular case shall not in any way be deemed to require Fort Bend Independent School District to do so in other similar cases.

### **Review and Determine Benefits in Accordance with UnitedHealthcare Reimbursement Policies**

UnitedHealthcare adjudicates claims consistent with industry standards. UnitedHealthcare develops its reimbursement policy guidelines, in its sole discretion, generally in accordance with one or more of the following methodologies:

- As indicated in the most recent edition of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), a publication of the American Medical Association, and/or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- As reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.
- As used for Medicare.
- As determined by medical staff and outside medical consultants pursuant to other appropriate sources or determinations that UnitedHealthcare accepts.

Following evaluation and validation of certain provider billings (e.g., error, abuse and fraud reviews), UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies are applied to provider billings. UnitedHealthcare shares its reimbursement policies with Physicians and other providers in UnitedHealthcare's Network through UnitedHealthcare's provider website. Network Physicians and providers may not bill you for the difference between their contract rate (as may be modified by UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies) and the billed charge. However, non-Network providers are not subject to this prohibition, and may bill you for any amounts the Plan does not pay, including amounts that are denied because one of UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies does not reimburse (in whole or in part) for the service billed. You may obtain copies of UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies for yourself or to share with your non-Network Physician or provider by going to [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.

UnitedHealthcare may apply a reimbursement methodology established by *OptumInsight* and/or a third party vendor, which is based on *CMS* coding principles, to determine appropriate reimbursement levels for Emergency Health Services. The methodology is usually based on elements reflecting the patient complexity, direct costs, and indirect costs of an Emergency Health Service. If the methodology(ies) currently in use become no longer available, UnitedHealthcare will use a comparable methodology(ies). UnitedHealthcare and

*OptumInsight* are related companies through common ownership by *UnitedHealth Group*. Refer to UnitedHealthcare's website at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) for information regarding the vendor that provides the applicable methodology.

### **Information and Records**

Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare may use your individually identifiable health information to administer the Plan and pay claims, to identify procedures, products, or services that you may find valuable, and as otherwise permitted or required by law. Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare may request additional information from you to decide your claim for Benefits. Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare will keep this information confidential. Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare may also use your de-identified data for commercial purposes, including research, as permitted by law.

By accepting Benefits under the Plan, you authorize and direct any person or institution that has provided services to you to furnish Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare with all information or copies of records relating to the services provided to you, including provider billing and provider payment records. Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare have the right to request this information at any reasonable time. This applies to all Covered Persons, including enrolled Dependents whether or not they have signed the Participant's enrollment form. Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare agree that such information and records will be considered confidential.

Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare have the right to release any and all records concerning health care services which are necessary to implement and administer the terms of the Plan, for appropriate medical review or quality assessment, or as Fort Bend Independent School District is required to do by law or regulation. During and after the term of the Plan, Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare and its related entities may use and transfer the information gathered under the Plan in a de-identified format for commercial purposes, including research and analytic purposes.

For complete listings of your medical records or billing statements Fort Bend Independent School District recommends that you contact your health care provider. Providers may charge you reasonable fees to cover their costs for providing records or completing requested forms.

If you request medical forms or records from UnitedHealthcare, they also may charge you reasonable fees to cover costs for completing the forms or providing the records.

In some cases, Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare will designate other persons or entities to request records or information from or related to you, and to release those records as necessary. UnitedHealthcare's designees have the same rights to this information as does the Plan Administrator.

## Incentives to Providers

Network providers may be provided financial incentives by UnitedHealthcare to promote the delivery of health care in a cost efficient and effective manner. These financial incentives are not intended to affect your access to health care.

Examples of financial incentives for Network providers are:

- Bonuses for performance based on factors that may include quality, member satisfaction, and/or cost-effectiveness.
- A practice called capitation which is when a group of Network providers receives a monthly payment from UnitedHealthcare for each Covered Person who selects a Network provider within the group to perform or coordinate certain health services. The Network providers receive this monthly payment regardless of whether the cost of providing or arranging to provide the Covered Person's health care is less than or more than the payment.
- Bundled payments - certain Network providers receive a bundled payment for a group of Covered Health Services for a particular procedure or medical condition. The applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance will be calculated based on the provider type that received the bundled payment. The Network providers receive these bundled payments regardless of whether the cost of providing or arranging to provide the Covered Person's health care is less than or more than the payment. If you receive follow-up services related to a procedure where a bundled payment is made, an additional Copayment and/or Coinsurance may not be required if such follow-up services are included in the bundled payment. You may receive some Covered Health Services that are not considered part of the inclusive bundled payment and those Covered Health Services would be subject to the applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance as described in your *Schedule of Benefits*.

The Claims Administrator uses various payment methods to pay specific Network providers. From time to time, the payment method may change. If you have questions about whether your Network provider's contract with the Claims Administrator includes any financial incentives, the Claims Administrator encourages you to discuss those questions with your provider. You may also call the Claims Administrator at the telephone number on your ID card. The Claims Administrator can advise whether your Network provider is paid by any financial incentive, including those listed above.

## Incentives to You

Sometimes you may be offered coupons or other incentives to encourage you to participate in various wellness programs or certain disease management programs, surveys, discount programs, administrative programs, and/or programs to seek care in a more cost effective setting and/or from Designated Providers. In some instances, these programs may be offered in combination with a non-UnitedHealthcare entity. The decision about whether or not to participate is yours alone but Fort Bend Independent School District recommends that you discuss participating in such programs with your Physician. These incentives are not Benefits and do not alter or affect your Benefits. You may call the number on your ID card if you have any questions.

## **Rebates and Other Payments**

Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare may receive rebates for certain drugs that are administered to you in a Physician's office, or at a Hospital or Alternate Facility. This includes rebates for those drugs that are administered to you before you meet your Annual Deductible. Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare may pass a portion of these rebates on to you. When rebates are passed on to you, they may be taken into account in determining your Coinsurance.

## **Workers' Compensation Not Affected**

Benefits provided under the Plan do not substitute for and do not affect any requirements for coverage by workers' compensation insurance.

## **Future of the Plan**

Although the Company expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, it reserves the right to discontinue, alter or modify the Plan in whole or in part, at any time and for any reason, at its sole determination.

The Company's decision to terminate or amend a Plan may be due to changes in federal or state laws governing employee benefits, the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code or any other reason. A plan change may transfer plan assets and debts to another plan or split a plan into two or more parts. If the Company does change or terminate a plan, it may decide to set up a different plan providing similar or different benefits.

If this Plan is terminated, Covered Persons will not have the right to any other Benefits from the Plan, other than for those claims incurred prior to the date of termination, or as otherwise provided under the Plan. In addition, if the Plan is amended, Covered Persons may be subject to altered coverage and Benefits.

The amount and form of any final benefit you receive will depend on any Plan document or contract provisions affecting the Plan and Company decisions. After all Benefits have been paid and other requirements of the law have been met, certain remaining Plan assets will be turned over to the Company and others as may be required by any applicable law.

## **Plan Document**

This Summary Plan Description (SPD) represents an overview of your Benefits. In the event there is a discrepancy between the SPD and the official plan document, the plan document will govern. A copy of the plan document is available for your inspection during regular business hours in the office of the Plan Administrator. You (or your personal representative) may obtain a copy of this document by written request to the Plan Administrator, for a nominal charge.

## **Medicare Eligibility**

Benefits under the Plan are not intended to supplement any coverage provided by Medicare. Nevertheless, in some circumstances Covered Persons who are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare may also be enrolled under the Plan.

If you are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare, please read the following information carefully.

If you are eligible for Medicare on a primary basis (Medicare pays before Benefits under the Plan), you should enroll in and maintain coverage under both Medicare Part A and Part B. If you don't enroll and maintain that coverage, and if the Plan is the secondary payer as described in Section 10, *Coordination of Benefits*, the Plan will pay Benefits under the Plan as if you were covered under both Medicare Part A and Part B. As a result, you will be responsible for the costs that Medicare would have paid and you will incur a larger out-of-pocket cost.

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C) plan on a primary basis (Medicare pays before Benefits under the Plan), you should follow all rules of that plan that require you to seek services from that plan's participating providers. When the Plan is the secondary payer, the Plan will pay any Benefits available to you under the Plan as if you had followed all rules of the Medicare Advantage plan. You will be responsible for any additional costs or reduced Benefits that result from your failure to follow these rules, and you will incur a larger out-of-pocket cost.

## SECTION 14 - GLOSSARY

**What this section includes:**

Definitions of terms used throughout this SPD.

Many of the terms used throughout this SPD may be unfamiliar to you or have a specific meaning with regard to the way the Plan is administered and how Benefits are paid. This section defines terms used throughout this SPD, but it does not describe the Benefits provided by the Plan.

**Addendum** - any attached written description of additional or revised provisions to the Plan. The benefits and exclusions of this SPD and any amendments thereto shall apply to the Addendum except that in the case of any conflict between the Addendum and SPD and/or Amendments to the SPD, the Addendum shall be controlling.

**Air Ambulance** – medical transport by rotary wing Air Ambulance or fixed wing Air Ambulance helicopter or airplane as defined in *42 CFR 414.605*.

**Alternate Facility** - a health care facility that is not a Hospital and that provides one or more of the following services on an outpatient basis, as permitted by law:

- Surgical services.
- Emergency Health Services.
- Rehabilitative, laboratory, diagnostic or therapeutic services.

An Alternate Facility may also provide Mental Health Services or Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services on an outpatient basis or inpatient basis (for example a Residential Treatment facility).

**Amendment** - any attached written description of additional or alternative provisions to the Plan. Amendments are effective only when distributed by the Plan Sponsor or the Plan Administrator. Amendments are subject to all conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Plan, except for those that the amendment is specifically changing.

**Ancillary Services** – items and services provided by non-Network Physicians at a Network facility that are any of the following:

- Related to emergency medicine, anesthesiology, pathology, radiology, and neonatology;
- Provided by assistant surgeons, hospitalists, and intensivists;
- Diagnostic services, including radiology and laboratory services, unless such items and services are excluded from the definition of Ancillary Services as determined by the Secretary;
- Provided by such other specialty practitioners as determined by the Secretary; and
- Provided by a non-Network Physician when no other Network Physician is available.

**Annual Deductible (or Deductible)** - the amount you must pay for Covered Health Services in a calendar year before the Plan will begin paying Benefits in that calendar year. The Deductible is shown in the first table in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*.

**Autism Spectrum Disorders** - a condition marked by enduring problems communicating and interacting with others, along with restricted and repetitive behavior, interests or activities, and as listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* section on *Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* published by the *American Psychiatric Association*.

**Benefits** - Plan payments for Covered Health Services, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and any Addendums and/or Amendments.

**Cancer Resource Services (CRS)** - a program administered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates made available to you by Fort Bend Independent School District. The CRS program provides:

- Specialized consulting services, on a limited basis, to Participants and enrolled Dependents with cancer.
- Access to cancer centers with expertise in treating the most rare or complex cancers.
- Education to help patients understand their cancer and make informed decisions about their care and course of treatment.

**Cellular Therapy** - administration of living whole cells into a patient for the treatment of disease.

**CHD** - see Congenital Heart Disease (CHD).

**Claims Administrator** - UnitedHealthcare (also known as United Healthcare Services, Inc.) and its affiliates, who provide certain claim administration services for the Plan.

**Clinical Trial** - a scientific study designed to identify new health services that improve health outcomes. In a Clinical Trial, two or more treatments are compared to each other and the patient is not allowed to choose which treatment will be received.

**COBRA** - see Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA).

**Coinsurance** - the charge, stated as a percentage of Eligible Expenses or the Recognized Amount when applicable, that you are required to pay for certain Covered Health Services as described in Section 3, *How the Plan Works*

**Company** - Fort Bend Independent School District.

- **Complications of Pregnancy** – a condition suffered by a Dependent child that requires medical treatment before or after Pregnancy ends.

**Congenital Anomaly** - a physical developmental defect that is present at birth and is identified within the first twelve months of birth.

**Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)** - any structural heart problem or abnormality that has been present since birth. Congenital heart defects may:

- Be passed from a parent to a child (inherited).
- Develop in the fetus of a woman who has an infection or is exposed to radiation or other toxic substances during her Pregnancy.
- Have no known cause.

**Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA)** - a federal law that requires employers to offer continued health insurance coverage to certain employees and their dependents whose group health insurance has been terminated.

**Cosmetic Procedures** - procedures or services that change or improve appearance without significantly improving physiological function, as determined by the Claims Administrator.

**Cost-Effective** - the least expensive equipment that performs the necessary function. This term applies to Durable Medical Equipment and prosthetic devices.

**Covered Health Services** - those health services, including services, supplies or Pharmaceutical Products, which the Claims Administrator determines to be:

- Provided for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating a Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, condition, disease or its symptoms.
- Medically Necessary.
- Described as a Covered Health Service in this SPD under Section 5, *Plan Highlights* and 6, *Additional Coverage Details* and Section 15, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.
- Provided to a Covered Person who meets the Plan's eligibility requirements, as described under *Eligibility* in Section 2, *Introduction*.
- Not otherwise excluded in this SPD under Section 8, *Exclusions* or Section 15, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.

**Covered Person** - either the Participant or an enrolled Dependent, but this term applies only while the person is enrolled and eligible for Benefits under the Plan. References to "you" and "your" throughout this SPD are references to a Covered Person.

**CRS** - see Cancer Resource Services (CRS).

**Custodial Care** - services that are any of the following:

- Non-health-related services, such as assistance in activities of daily living (examples include feeding, dressing, bathing, transferring and ambulating).
- Health-related services that are provided for the primary purpose of meeting the personal needs of the patient or maintaining a level of function (even if the specific services are considered to be skilled services), as opposed to improving that function to an extent that might allow for a more Independent existence.

- Services that do not require continued administration by trained medical personnel in order to be delivered safely and effectively.

**Deductible** - see Annual Deductible.

**Definitive Drug Test** - test to identify specific medications, illicit substances and metabolites and is qualitative or quantitative to identify possible use or non-use of a drug.

**Dependent** - an individual who meets the eligibility requirements specified in the Plan, as described under *Eligibility* in Section 2, *Introduction*. A Dependent does not include anyone who is also enrolled as a Participant. No one can be a Dependent of more than one Participant.

**Designated Dispensing Entity** - a pharmacy, provider, or facility that has entered into an agreement with the Claims Administrator, or with an organization contracting on the Claims Administrator's behalf, to provide Pharmaceutical Products for the treatment of specified diseases or conditions. Not all Network pharmacies, providers, or facilities are Designated Dispensing Entities.

**Designated Network Benefits** – for Benefit plans that have a Designated Network Benefit level, this is the description of how Benefits are paid for the Covered Health Services provided by a Physician or other provider that has been identified as a Designated Provider. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights*, to determine whether or not your Benefit plan offers Designated Network Benefits and for details about how Designated Network Benefits apply.

**Designated Provider - a provider and/or facility that:**

- Has entered into an agreement with the Claims Administrator, or with an organization contracting on the Claims Administrator's behalf, to provide Covered Health Services for the treatment of specific diseases or conditions; or
- The Claims Administrator has identified through the Claims Administrator's designation programs as a Designated Provider. Such designation may apply to specific treatments, conditions and/or procedures.

A Designated Provider may or may not be located within your geographic area. Not all Network Hospitals or Network Physicians are Designated Providers.

You can find out if your provider is a Designated Provider by contacting the Claims Administrator at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or the telephone number on your ID card.

**Designated Virtual Network Provider** – a provider or facility that has entered into an agreement with the Claims Administrator, or with an organization contracting on the Claims Administrator's behalf, to deliver Covered Health Care Services through live audio with video technology or audio only.

**DME** - see Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

**Domiciliary Care** – living arrangements designed to meet the needs of people who cannot live independently but do not require Skilled Nursing Facility services.

**Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** - medical equipment that is all of the following:

- Is used to serve a medical purpose with respect to treatment of a Sickness, Injury or their symptoms.
- Is not disposable.
- Is generally not useful to a person in the absence of a Sickness, Injury or their symptoms.
- Can withstand repeated use.
- Is not implantable within the body.
- Is appropriate for use, and is primarily used, within the home.

**Eligible Expenses** – for Covered Health Services, incurred while the Plan is in effect, Eligible Expenses are determined by the Claims Administrator or as required by law as detailed in Section 3, *How the Plan Works*.

Eligible Expenses are determined in accordance with UnitedHealthcare’s reimbursement policy guidelines or as required by law. UnitedHealthcare develops the reimbursement policy guidelines, in its discretion, following evaluation and validation of all provider billings generally in accordance with one or more of the following methodologies:

- As indicated in the most recent edition of the *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)*, a publication of the *American Medical Association*, and/or the *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)*.
- As reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.
- As used for Medicare.
- As determined by medical staff and outside medical consultants pursuant to other appropriate source or determination that UnitedHealthcare accepts.

**Emergency** - a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) so that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in any of the following:

- Placing the health of the Covered Person (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy.
- Serious impairment to bodily functions.
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

**Emergency Health Services** - with respect to an Emergency:

- An appropriate medical screening examination (as required under section 1867 of the *Social Security Act*, 42 U.S.C. 1395dd or as would be required under such section if such section applied to an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department) that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital, or an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, as applicable, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such Emergency.

- Such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital or an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, as applicable, as are required under section 1867 of the *Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395dd(e)(3))*, or as would be required under such section if such section applied to an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, to stabilize the patient (regardless of the department of the Hospital in which such further exam or treatment is provided). For the purpose of this definition, “to stabilize” has the meaning as given such term in section 1867(e)(3) of the *Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395dd(e)(3))*.
- Emergency Health Services include items and services otherwise covered under the Plan when provided by a non-Network provider or facility (regardless of the department of the Hospital in which the items are services are provided) after the patient is stabilized and as part of outpatient observation, or as a part of an Inpatient Stay or outpatient stay that is connected to the original Emergency unless the following conditions are met:
  - a. The attending Emergency Physician or treating provider determines the patient is able to travel using nonmedical transportation or non-Emergency medical transportation to an available Network provider or facility located within a reasonable distance taking into consideration the patient's medical condition.
  - b. The provider furnishing the additional items and services satisfies notice and consent criteria in accordance with applicable law.
  - c. The patient is in such a condition, as determined by the Secretary, to receive information as stated in b) above and to provide informed consent in accordance with applicable law.
  - d. The provider or facility satisfies any additional requirements or prohibitions as may be imposed by state law.
  - e. Any other conditions as specified by the Secretary.

The above conditions do not apply to unforeseen or urgent medical needs that arise at the time the service is provided regardless of whether notice and consent criteria has been satisfied.

**Employer** - Fort Bend Independent School District.

**EOB** - see Explanation of Benefits (EOB).

**Experimental or Investigational Services** - medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, mental health, substance-related and addictive disorders or other health care services, technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies, medications, or devices that, at the time the Claims Administrator makes a determination regarding coverage in a particular case, are determined to be any of the following:

- Not approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* to be lawfully marketed for the proposed use and not as appropriate for the proposed use in any of the following:
  - *AHFS Drug Information (AHFS DI)* under therapeutic uses section;

- *Elsevier Gold Standard's Clinical Pharmacology* under the indications section;
  - *DRUGDEX System by Micromedex* under the therapeutic uses section and has a strength recommendation rating of class I, class IIa, or class IIb; or
  - *National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)* drugs and biologics compendium category of evidence 1, 2A, or 2B.
- Subject to review and approval by any institutional review board for the proposed use (Devices which are *FDA* approved under the *Humanitarian Use Device* exemption are not considered to be Experimental or Investigational.)
  - The subject of an ongoing Clinical Trial that meets the definition of a Phase I, II or III Clinical Trial set forth in the *FDA* regulations, regardless of whether the trial is actually subject to *FDA* oversight.
  - Only obtainable, with regard to outcomes for the given indication, within research settings.

Exceptions:

- Clinical Trials for which Benefits are available as described under *Clinical Trials* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
- If you are not a participant in a qualifying Clinical Trial as described under Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*, and have a Sickness or condition that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment, the Claims Administrator may, at their discretion, consider an otherwise Experimental or Investigational Service to be a Covered Health Service for that Sickness or condition. Prior to such consideration, the Claims Administrator must determine that, although unproven, the service has significant potential as an effective treatment for that Sickness or condition.

**Explanation of Benefits (EOB)** - a statement provided by UnitedHealthcare to you, your Physician, or another health care professional that explains:

- The Benefits provided (if any).
- The allowable reimbursement amounts.
- Deductibles.
- Coinsurance.
- Any other reductions taken.
- The net amount paid by the Plan.
- The reason(s) why the service or supply was not covered by the Plan.

**Gene Therapy** - therapeutic delivery of nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) into a patient's cells as a drug to treat a disease.

**Genetic Counseling** - counseling by a qualified clinician that includes:

- Identifying your potential risks for suspected genetic disorders;

- An individualized discussion about the benefits, risks and limitations of Genetic Testing to help you make informed decisions about Genetic Testing; and
- Interpretation of the Genetic Testing results in order to guide health decisions.

Certified genetic counselors, medical geneticists and physicians with a professional society's certification that they have completed advanced training in genetics are considered qualified clinicians when Covered Health Services for Genetic Testing require Genetic Counseling.

**Genetic Testing** - exam of blood or other tissue for changes in genes (DNA or RNA) that may indicate an increased risk for developing a specific disease or disorder, or provide information to guide the selection of treatment of certain diseases, including cancer.

**Gestational Carrier** - a Gestational Carrier is a female who becomes pregnant by having a fertilized egg (embryo) implanted in her uterus for the purpose of carrying the fetus to term for another person. The carrier does not provide the egg and is therefore not biologically (genetically) related to the child.

**Health Statement(s)** - a single, integrated statement that summarizes EOB information by providing detailed content on account balances and claim activity.

**Home Health Agency** - a program or organization authorized by law to provide health care services in the home.

**Hospital** - an institution, operated as required by law, which is:

- Primarily engaged in providing health services, on an inpatient basis, for the acute care and treatment of sick or injured individuals. Care is provided through medical, mental health, substance-related and addictive disorders, diagnostic and surgical facilities, by or under the supervision of a staff of Physicians.
- Has 24 hour nursing services.

A Hospital is not primarily a place for rest, Custodial Care or care of the aged and is not a Skilled Nursing Facility, convalescent home or similar institution.

**Hospital-based Facility** - an outpatient facility that performs services and submits claims as part of a Hospital.

**Independent Freestanding Emergency Department** – a health care facility that:

- Is geographically separate and distinct and licensed separately from a Hospital under applicable law; and
- Provides Emergency Health Services.

**Injury** - bodily damage other than Sickness, including all related conditions and recurrent symptoms.

**Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility** - a long term acute rehabilitation center, a Hospital (or a special unit of a Hospital designated as an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility) that provides

rehabilitation services (including physical therapy, occupational therapy and/or speech therapy) on an inpatient basis, as authorized by law.

**Inpatient Stay** - an uninterrupted confinement, following formal admission to a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility.

**Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT)** – outpatient behavioral/educational services that aim to reinforce adaptive behaviors, reduce maladaptive behaviors and improve the mastery of functional age appropriate skills in people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Examples include *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)*, *The Denver Model*, and *Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)*.

**Intensive Outpatient Program(s)** - a structured outpatient treatment program.

- For Mental Health Services, the program may be freestanding or Hospital-based and provides services for at least three hours per day, two or more days per week.
- For Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services, the program provides nine to nineteen hours per week of structured programming for adults and six to nineteen hours for adolescents, consisting primarily of counseling and education about addiction related and mental health problems.

**Intermittent Care** - skilled nursing care that is provided or needed either:

- Fewer than seven days each week.
- Fewer than eight hours each day for periods of 21 days or less.

Exceptions may be made in special circumstances when the need for additional care is finite and predictable.

**Kidney Resource Services (KRS)** - a program administered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates made available to you by Fort Bend Independent School District. The KRS program provides:

- Specialized consulting services to Participants and enrolled Dependents with ESRD or chronic kidney disease.
- Access to dialysis centers with expertise in treating kidney disease.
- Guidance for the patient on the prescribed plan of care.

**Manipulative Treatment** - the therapeutic application of chiropractic and/or manipulative treatment with or without ancillary physiologic treatment and/or rehabilitative methods rendered to restore/improve motion, reduce pain and improve function in the management of an identifiable neuromusculoskeletal condition.

**Medicaid** - a federal program administered and operated individually by participating state and territorial governments that provides medical benefits to eligible low-income people needing health care. The federal and state governments share the program's costs.

**Medically Necessary** - health care services that are all of the following as determined by the Claims Administrator or its designee, within the Claims Administrator's sole discretion. The services must be:

- In accordance with Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice.
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for your Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, disease or its symptoms.
- Not mainly for your convenience or that of your doctor or other health care provider.
- Not more costly than an alternative drug, service(s) or supply that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of your Sickness, Injury, disease or symptoms.

*Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* are standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, relying primarily on controlled clinical trials, or, if not available, observational studies from more than one institution that suggest a causal relationship between the service or treatment and health outcomes.

If no credible scientific evidence is available, then standards that are based on Physician specialty society recommendations or professional standards of care may be considered. The Claims Administrator reserves the right to consult expert opinion in determining whether health care services are Medically Necessary. The decision to apply Physician specialty society recommendations, the choice of expert and the determination of when to use any such expert opinion, shall be within the Claims Administrator's sole discretion.

The Claims Administrator develops and maintains clinical policies that describe the *Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* scientific evidence, prevailing medical standards and clinical guidelines supporting its determinations regarding specific services. These clinical policies (as developed by the Claims Administrator and revised from time to time), are available to Covered Persons on [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling the number on your ID card, and to Physicians and other health care professionals on [www.UHCprovider.com](http://www.UHCprovider.com).

**Medicare** - Parts A, B, C and D of the insurance program established by Title XVIII, United States Social Security Act, as amended by 42 U.S.C. Sections 1394, et seq. and as later amended.

**Mental Health Services** - services for the diagnosis and treatment of those mental health or psychiatric categories that are listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* published by the *American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a condition is listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* published by the *American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment for the condition is a Covered Health Service.

**Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Delegate** – the organization or individual designated by Fort Bend Independent School District who

provides or arranges Mental Health Services and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services.

**Mental Illness** – those mental health or psychiatric diagnostic categories listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* section on *Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* published by the *American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a condition is listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* section on *Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* published by the *American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment for the condition is a Covered Health Service.

**Network** - when used to describe a provider of health care services, this means a provider that has a participation agreement in effect (either directly or indirectly) with UnitedHealthcare or with UnitedHealthcare’s affiliate to participate in UnitedHealthcare’s Network. This does not include those providers who have agreed to discount their charges for Covered Health Services. UnitedHealthcare's affiliates are those entities affiliated with UnitedHealthcare through common ownership or control with UnitedHealthcare or with UnitedHealthcare’s ultimate corporate parent, including direct and indirect subsidiaries.

A provider may enter into an agreement to provide only certain Covered Health Services, but not all Covered Health Services, or to be a Network provider for only some of t UnitedHealthcare's products. In this case, the provider will be a Network provider for the Covered Health Services and products included in the participation agreement and a non-Network provider for other Covered Health Services and products. The participation status of providers will change from time to time.

**Network Benefits** - for Benefit Plans that have a Network Benefit level, this is the description of how Benefits are paid for Covered Health Services provided by Network providers. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights* to determine whether or not your Benefit plan offers Network Benefits and Section 3, *How the Plan Works*, for details about how Network Benefits apply.

**New Pharmaceutical Product** - a Pharmaceutical Product or new dosage form of a previously approved Pharmaceutical Product. It applies to the period of time starting on the date the Pharmaceutical Product or new dosage form is approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* and ends on the earlier of the following dates.

- The date it is reviewed.
- December 31st of the following calendar year.

**Non-Network Benefits** - for Benefit Plans that have a Non-Network Benefit level, this is the description of how Benefits are paid for Covered Health Services provided by non-Network providers. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights* to determine whether or not your Benefit plan offers Non-Network Benefits and Section 3, *How the Plan Works*, for details about how Non-Network Benefits apply.

**Open Enrollment** - the period of time, determined by Fort Bend Independent School District, during which eligible Participants may enroll themselves and their Dependents

under the Plan. Fort Bend Independent School District determines the period of time that is the Open Enrollment period.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum** - the maximum amount you pay every calendar year. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights* for the Out-of-Pocket Maximum amount. See Section 3, *How the Plan Works* for a description of how the Out-of-Pocket Maximum works.

**Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient** - a structured ambulatory program that may be a free-standing or Hospital-based program and that provides services for at least 20 hours per week.

**Participant** - a full-time Participant of the Employer who meets the eligibility requirements specified in the Plan, as described under *Eligibility* in Section 2, *Introduction*. A Participant must live and/or work in the United States.

**Personal Health Support** - programs provided by the Claims Administrator that focus on prevention, education, and closing the gaps in care designed to encourage an efficient system of care for you and your covered Dependents.

**Personal Health Support Nurse** - the primary nurse that UnitedHealthcare may assign to you if you have a chronic or complex health condition. If a Personal Health Support Nurse is assigned to you, this nurse will call you to assess your progress and provide you with information and education.

**Pharmaceutical Product(s)** - U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved prescription pharmaceutical products administered in connection with a Covered Health Service by a Physician.

**Physician** - any *Doctor of Medicine* or *Doctor of Osteopathy* who is properly licensed and qualified by law.

Please note: Any podiatrist, dentist, psychologist, chiropractor, optometrist or other provider who acts within the scope of his or her license will be considered on the same basis as a Physician. The fact that a provider is described as a Physician does not mean that Benefits for services from that provider are available to you under the Plan.

**Plan** - The Fort Bend Independent School District Medical Plan.

**Plan Administrator** - Fort Bend Independent School District or its designee.

**Plan Sponsor** - Fort Bend Independent School District. Address: 16431 Lexington Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77479.

**Pregnancy** - includes all of the following: prenatal care, postnatal care, childbirth, and any complications associated with the above.

**Presumptive Drug Test** - test to determine the presence or absence of drugs or a drug class in which the results are indicated as negative or positive result.

**Primary Physician** - a Physician who has a majority of his or her practice in general pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, family practice or general medicine.

**Private Duty Nursing** - nursing care that is provided to a patient on a one-to-one basis by licensed nurses in an inpatient or a home setting when any of the following are true:

- No skilled services are identified.
- Skilled nursing resources are available in the facility.
- The skilled care can be provided by a Home Health Agency on a per visit basis for a specific purpose.
- The service is provided to a Covered Person by an Independent nurse who is hired directly by the Covered Person or his/her family. This includes nursing services provided on an inpatient or a home-care basis, whether the service is skilled or non-skilled independent nursing.

**Recognized Amount** – the amount which Copayment, Coinsurance and applicable deductible, is based on for the below Covered Health Services when provided by non-Network providers.

- Non-Network Emergency Health Services.
- Non-Emergency Covered Health Services received at certain Network facilities by non-Network Physicians, when such services are either Ancillary Services, or non-Ancillary Services that have not satisfied the notice and consent criteria of section 2799B-2(d) of the *Public Health Service Act*. For the purpose of this provision, "certain Network facilities" are limited to a hospital (as defined in 1861(e) of the *Social Security Act*), a hospital outpatient department, a critical access hospital (as defined in 1861(mm)(1) of the *Social Security Act*), an ambulatory surgical center as described in section 1833(i)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

The amount is based on either:

- 1) An *All Payer Model Agreement* if adopted,
- 2) State law, or
- 3) The lesser of the qualifying payment amount as determined under applicable law or the amount billed by the provider or facility.

The Recognized Amount for Air Ambulance services provided by a non-Network provider will be calculated based on the lesser of the qualifying payment amount as determined under applicable law or the amount billed by the Air Ambulance service provider.

**Note: Covered Health Services that use the Recognized Amount to determine your cost sharing may be higher or lower than if cost sharing for these Covered Health Services were determined based upon an Eligible Expense.**

**Reconstructive Procedure** - a procedure performed to address a physical impairment where the expected outcome is restored or improved function. The primary purpose of a Reconstructive Procedure is either to treat a medical condition or to improve or restore

physiologic function. Reconstructive Procedures include surgery or other procedures which are associated with an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly. The primary result of the procedure is not changed or improved physical appearance. The fact that a person may suffer psychologically as a result of the impairment does not classify surgery or any other procedure done to relieve the impairment as a Reconstructive Procedure.

**Remote Physiologic Monitoring** — the automatic collection and electronic transmission of patient physiologic data that are analyzed and used by a licensed Physician or other qualified health care professional to develop and manage a plan of treatment related to a chronic and/or acute health illness or condition. The plan of treatment will provide milestones for which progress will be tracked by one or more Remote Physiologic Monitoring devices. Remote Physiologic Monitoring must be ordered by a licensed Physician or other qualified health professional who has examined the patient and with whom the patient has an established, documented, and ongoing relationship. Remote Physiologic Monitoring may not be used while the patient is inpatient at a Hospital or other facility. Use of multiple devices must be coordinated by one Physician.

**Residential Treatment** – A program of Mental Health Services or Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services that meets all of the following requirements:

- It is established and operated in accordance with applicable state law for Residential Treatment programs.
- It provides a program of treatment under the active participation and direction of a Physician.
- It offers organized treatment services that feature a planned and structured regimen of care in a 24-hour setting and provides at least the following basic services;
  - Room and board.
  - Evaluation and diagnosis.
  - Counseling.
  - Referral and orientation to specialized community resources.

**Residential Treatment Facility**- a Hospital or facility, licensed and operated as required by law, that provides Residential Treatment.

**Secretary** – as that term is applied in the *No Surprises Act* of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-260)*.

**Semi-private Room** - a room with two or more beds. When an Inpatient Stay in a Semi-private Room is a Covered Health Service, the difference in cost between a Semi-private Room and a private room is a benefit only when a private room is necessary in terms of generally accepted medical practice, or when a Semi-private Room is not available.

**Sickness** - physical illness, disease or Pregnancy. The term Sickness as used in this SPD includes Mental Illness or substance-related and addictive disorders.

**Skilled Care** - skilled nursing, teaching, and rehabilitation services when:

- They are delivered or supervised by licensed technical or professional medical personnel in order to obtain the specified medical outcome and provide for the safety of the patient.
- A Physician orders them.
- They are not delivered for the purpose of assisting with activities of daily living, including dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair.
- They require clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively.
- They are not Custodial Care, as defined in this section.

**Skilled Nursing Facility** - a nursing facility that is licensed and operated as required by law. A Skilled Nursing Facility that is part of a Hospital is considered a Skilled Nursing Facility for purposes of the Plan.

**Specialty Pharmaceutical Product** - Pharmaceutical Products that are generally high cost biotechnology drugs used to treat patients with certain illnesses.

**Specialist Physician** - a Physician who has a majority of his or her practice in areas other than general pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, family practice or general medicine.

**Spouse** - an individual to whom you are legally married or your common law spouse.

**Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services** - services for the diagnosis and treatment of alcoholism and substance-related and addictive disorders that are listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* published by the *American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a disorder is listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* published by the *American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment of the disorder is a Covered Health Service.

**Surrogate** - a female who becomes pregnant usually by artificial insemination or transfer of a fertilized egg (embryo) for the purpose of carrying the fetus for another person. The surrogate provides the egg and is therefore biologically (genetically) related to the child.

**Telehealth/Telemedicine** - live, interactive audio with visual transmissions of a Physician-patient encounter from one site to another using telecommunications technology. The site may be a *CMS* defined originating facility or another location such as a Covered Person's home or place of work. Telehealth/Telemedicine does not include virtual care services provided by a Designated Virtual Network Provider.

**Transitional Living** - Mental Health Services and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services that are provided through facilities, group homes and supervised apartments that provide 24-hour supervision, including those defined in the *American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria*, that are either:

- Sober living arrangements such as drug-free housing or alcohol/drug halfway houses. These are transitional, supervised living arrangements that provide stable and safe housing, an alcohol/drug-free environment and support for recovery. A sober living arrangement may be utilized as an adjunct to ambulatory treatment when treatment doesn't offer the intensity and structure needed to assist the Covered Person with recovery.
- Supervised living arrangements which are residences such as facilities, group homes and supervised apartments that provide stable and safe housing and the opportunity to learn how to manage activities of daily living. Supervised living arrangements may be utilized as an adjunct to treatment when treatment doesn't offer the intensity and structure needed to assist the Covered Person with recovery. Please note: these living arrangements are also known as supportive housing (including recovery residences).

**UnitedHealth Premium® Program** - a program that identifies Network Physicians or facilities that have been designated as a UnitedHealth Premium® Program Physician or facility for certain medical conditions.

To be designated as a UnitedHealth Premium® provider, Physicians and facilities must meet program criteria. The fact that a Physician or facility is a Network Physician or facility does not mean that it is a UnitedHealth Premium® Program Physician or facility.

**Unproven Services** - health services, including medications and devices, regardless of *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* approval, that are not determined to be effective for treatment of the medical or behavior health condition or not determined to have a beneficial effect on health outcomes due to insufficient and inadequate clinical evidence from well-designed randomized controlled trials or cohort studies in the prevailing published peer-reviewed medical literature.

- Well-designed system reviews (with or without meta-analyses) of multiple well-designed randomized controlled trials.
- Individual well-designed randomized controlled trials.
- Well-designed observational studies with one or more concurrent comparison group(s) including cohort studies, case control studies cross-sectional studies, and systematic reviews (with or without meta-analyses) of such studies.

UnitedHealthcare has a process by which it compiles and reviews clinical evidence with respect to certain health services. From time to time, UnitedHealthcare issues medical and drug policies that describe the clinical evidence available with respect to specific health care services. These medical and drug policies are subject to change without prior notice. You can view these policies at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) and [liveandworkwell.com](http://liveandworkwell.com).

Please note:

- If you have a life-threatening Sickness or condition (one that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment) the Claims Administrator may, at its discretion, consider an otherwise Unproven Service to be a Covered Health Service for that Sickness or condition. Prior to such a consideration, the Claims Administrator must

first establish that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that, even though unproven, the service has significant potential as an effective treatment for that Sickness or condition.

**Urgent Care** - care that requires prompt attention to avoid adverse consequences, but does not pose an immediate threat to a person's life. Urgent care is usually delivered in a walk-in setting and without an appointment. Urgent care facilities are a location, distinct from a hospital emergency department, an office or a clinic. The purpose is to diagnose and treat illness or injury for unscheduled, ambulatory patients seeking immediate medical attention

**Urgent Care Center** - an entity that provides Covered Health Services that are required to prevent serious deterioration of your health, and that are required as a result of an unforeseen Sickness, Injury, or the onset of acute or severe symptoms.

## SECTION 15 - IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**What this section includes:**  
Plan administrative information.

This section includes information on the administration of the medical Plan. While you may not need this information for your day-to-day participation, it is information you may find important.

### *Additional Plan Description*

**Claims Administrator:** The company which provides certain administrative services for the Plan Benefits described in this Summary Plan Description.

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The Claims Administrator shall not be deemed or construed as an employer for any purpose with respect to the administration or provision of benefits under the Plan Sponsor's Plan. The Claims Administrator shall not be responsible for fulfilling any duties or obligations of an employer with respect to the Plan Sponsor's Plan.

**Type of Administration of the Plan:** The Plan Sponsor provides certain administrative services in connection with its Plan. The Plan Sponsor may, from time to time in its sole discretion, contract with outside parties to arrange for the provision of other administrative services including arrangement of access to a Network Provider; claims processing services, including coordination of benefits and subrogation; utilization management and complaint resolution assistance. This external administrator is referred to as the Claims Administrator. For Benefits as described in this Summary Plan Description, the Plan Sponsor also has selected a provider network established by UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company . The named fiduciary of Plan is Fort Bend Independent School District, the Plan Sponsor.

The Plan Sponsor retains all fiduciary responsibilities with respect to the Plan except to the extent the Plan Sponsor has delegated or allocated to other persons or entities one or more fiduciary responsibility with respect to the Plan.

## **ATTACHMENT I - HEALTH CARE REFORM NOTICES**

### **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA")**

#### *Patient Protection Notices*

The Claims Administrator generally allows the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the Claims Administrator's network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact the Claims Administrator at the number on your ID card.

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

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

## **ATTACHMENT II - LEGAL NOTICES**

### **Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998**

As required by the *Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998*, the Plan provides Benefits under the Plan for mastectomy, including reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy (including lymphedema).

If you are receiving Benefits in connection with a mastectomy, Benefits are also provided for the following Covered Health Services, as you determine appropriate with your attending Physician:

- 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.

The amount you must pay for such Covered Health Services (including any Annual Deductible) are the same as are required for any other Covered Health Service. Limitations on Benefits are the same as for any other Covered Health Service.

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

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

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

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

### **A note regarding UHC's position on Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA):**

UnitedHealthcare is committed to genetic privacy and to compliance with state and federal laws that impose restrictions on the use of genetic information by group health plans and insurance companies.

## ATTACHMENT III– HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT

**What this attachment includes:**

- About Health Savings Accounts.
- Who is eligible and how to enroll.
- Contributions.
- Additional medical expense coverage available with your Health Savings Account.
- Using the HSA for Non-Qualified Expenses.
- Rolling over funds in your HSA.

### Introduction

This attachment to the Summary Plan Description (SPD) describes some key features of the Health Savings Account (HSA) that you could establish to complement the Choice HSA, which is a high deductible medical plan. In particular, and except as otherwise indicated, this attachment will address the Health Savings Account, and not the high deductible health plan that is associated with the "HSA".

Fort Bend Independent School District has entered into an agreement with Fort Bend Independent School District, 16431 Lexington Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77479, ("UnitedHealthcare") under which UnitedHealthcare will provide certain administrative services to the Plan.

UnitedHealthcare does not insure the benefits described in this attachment. Further, note that it is the Plan's intention to comply with *Department of Labor* guidance set forth in Field Assistance Bulletin No. 2004-1, which specifies that an HSA is not an ERISA plan if certain requirements are satisfied.

The HSA described in this section is not an arrangement that is established and maintained by Fort Bend Independent School District. Rather, the HSA is established and maintained by the HSA trustee. However, for administrative convenience, a description of the HSA is provided in this section.

### About Health Savings Accounts

You gain choice and control over your health care decisions and expenditures when you establish your HSA to complement the high deductible medical plan described in the SPD.

An HSA is an account funded by you, your employer, or any other person on your behalf. The HSA can help you to cover, on a tax free basis, medical plan expenses that require you to pay out-of-pocket, such as Deductibles or Coinsurance. It may even be used to pay for, among other things, certain medical expenses not covered under the medical plan design. Amounts may be distributed from the HSA to pay non-medical expenses, however, these amounts are subject to income tax and may be subject to 20 % penalty.

You have three tools you can use to meet your health care needs:

- Choice HSA, a high deductible medical plan which is discussed in your Summary Plan Description.
- An HSA you establish.
- Health information, tools and support.

Benefits available under your medical plan are described in your medical plan Summary Plan Description (SPD).

**What is an HSA?**

An HSA is a tax-advantaged account Employees can use to pay for qualified health expenses they or their eligible dependents incur, while covered under a high deductible medical plan. HSA contributions:

- Accumulate over time with interest or investment earnings.
- Are portable after employment.
- Can be used to pay for qualified health expenses tax-free or for non-health expenses on a taxable basis.

**Who Is Eligible And How To Enroll**

Eligibility to participate in the Health Savings Account is described in the SPD for your high deductible medical plan. You must be covered under a high deductible medical plan in order to participate in the HSA. In addition, you:

- Must not be covered by any high deductible medical plan considered non-qualified by the IRS. (This does not include coverage under an ancillary plan such as vision or dental, or any other permitted insurance as defined by the IRS.)
- Must not participate in a full health care Flexible Spending Account (FSA).
- Must not be entitled to Benefits under Medicare (i.e., enrolled in Medicare).
- Must not be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

**Contributions**

Contributions to your HSA can be made by you, by your employer or by any other individual. All funds placed into your HSA are owned and controlled by you, subject to any reasonable administrative restrictions imposed by the trustee.

Contributions can be made to your HSA beginning on the first day of the month you are enrolled in the Health Savings Account until the earlier of (i) the date on which you file taxes for that year; or (ii) the date on which the contributions reach the contribution maximum.

Note that if coverage under a qualified high deductible health plan terminates, no further contributions may be made to the HSA.

The contribution maximum is the single and family limits set by federal regulations. Individuals between the ages of 55 and Medicare entitlement age may contribute additional

funds monthly to their HSA up to the maximum allowed by federal regulations. The maximum limits set by federal regulations may be found on the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

If you enroll in your HSA within the year (not on January 1) you will still be allowed to contribute the maximum amount set by federal regulations. However, you must remain enrolled in a high deductible health plan and HSA until the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> month from your initial enrollment or you will be subject to tax implications and an additional tax of 10%.

*Note:* Amounts that exceed the contribution maximum are not tax-deductible and will be subject to an excise tax unless withdrawn as an "excess contribution" prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

### **Reimbursable Expenses**

The funds in your HSA will be available to help you pay your or your eligible dependents' out-of-pocket costs under the medical plan, including Annual Deductibles and Coinsurance. You may also use your HSA funds to pay for medical care that is not covered under the medical plan design but is considered a deductible medical expense for federal income tax purposes under Section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. Such expenses are "qualified health expenses". Please see the description of *Additional Medical Expense Coverage Available With Your Health Savings Account* below, for additional information. HSA funds used for such purposes are not subject to income or excise taxes.

"Qualified health expenses" only include the medical expenses of you and your eligible dependents, meaning your Spouse and any other family members whom you are allowed to file as dependents on your federal tax return, as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

HSA funds may also be used to pay for non-qualified health expenses but will generally be subject to income tax and a 20% additional tax unless an exception applies (i.e., your death, your disability, or your attainment of age 65).

### **Additional Medical Expense Coverage Available with Your Health Savings Account**

A complete description of, and a definitive and current list of what constitutes eligible medical expenses, is available in IRS Publication 502 which is available from any regional IRS office or IRS website.

If you receive any additional medical services and you have funds in your HSA, you may use the funds in your HSA to pay for the medical expenses. If you choose not to use your HSA funds to pay for any Section 213(d) expenses that are not Covered Health Services, you will still be required to pay the provider for services.

The monies paid for these additional medical expenses will not count toward your Annual Deductible or Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

## Using the HSA for Non-Qualified Expenses

You have the option of using funds in your HSA to pay for non-qualified health expenses. A non-qualified health expense is generally one which is not a deductible medical expense under Section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Any funds used from your HSA to pay for non-qualified expenses will be subject to income tax and a 20% additional tax unless an exception applies (i.e., your death, your disability, or your attainment of age 65).

In general, you may not use your HSA to pay for other health insurance without incurring a tax. You may use your HSA to pay for COBRA premiums and Medicare premiums.

## Rollover Feature

If you do not use all of the funds in your HSA during the calendar year, the balance remaining in your HSA will roll-over. If your employment terminates for any reason, the funds in your HSA will continue to be owned and controlled by you, whether or not you elect COBRA coverage for the accompanying high deductible health plan, as described in your medical plan SPD.

If you choose to transfer the HSA funds from one account to another eligible account, you must do so within 60 days from the date that HSA funds are distributed to you to avoid paying taxes on the funds. If you elect COBRA, the HSA funds will be available to assist you in paying your out-of-pocket costs under the medical plan and COBRA premiums while COBRA coverage is in effect.

### **Important**

Be sure to keep your receipts and medical records. If these records verify that you paid qualified health expenses using your HSA, you can deduct these expenses from your taxable income when filing your tax return. However, if you cannot demonstrate that you used your HSA to pay qualified health expenses, you may need to report the distribution as taxable income on your tax return. Fort Bend Independent School District and UnitedHealthcare will not verify that distributions from your HSA are for qualified health expenses. Consult your tax advisor to determine how your HSA affects your unique tax situation.

The IRS may request receipts during a tax audit. Fort Bend Independent School District and the Claims Administrator are not responsible or liable for the misuse by Employees of HSA funds by, or for the use by Employees of HSA funds for non-qualified health expenses.

## Additional Information About the HSA

It is important for you to know the amount in your HSA account prior to withdrawing funds. You should not withdraw funds that will exceed the available balance.

Upon request from a health care professional, UnitedHealthcare and/or the financial institution holding your HSA funds may provide the health care professional with information regarding the balance in your HSA. At no time will UnitedHealthcare provide the actual dollar amount in your HSA, but they may confirm that there are funds sufficient

to cover an obligation owed by you to that health care professional. If you do not want this information disclosed, you must notify the Claims Administrator and the financial institution in writing.

You can obtain additional information on your HSA online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). You may also contact your tax advisor. Please note that additional rules may apply to a Dependent's intent to opening an HSA.

## ATTACHMENT IV – NONDISCRIMINATION

When the Plan uses the words "Claims Administrator" in this Attachment, it is a reference to United HealthCare Services, Inc., on behalf of itself and its affiliated companies.

The Claims Administrator on behalf of itself and its affiliated companies complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity). UnitedHealthcare does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

The Claims Administrator provides free aids and services to help you communicate with us, such as:

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

We also provide reasonable modifications for persons with disabilities.

If you need these services, please call the toll-free member number on your health plan ID card, TTY 711 or the Plan Sponsor.

If you believe that the Claims Administrator has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can send a complaint to the Civil Rights Coordinator identified below.

<b>Claims Administrator Civil Rights Coordinator</b>
<b>United HealthCare Services, Inc. Civil Rights Coordinator</b> UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance P.O. Box 30608 Salt Lake City, UT 84130 The toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, TTY 711 UHC_Civil_Rights@UHC.com

If you need help filing a complaint, the Civil Rights Coordinator identified above is available to help you.

You can also file a complaint directly with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights.

Online <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

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

Phone: Toll-free 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Mail: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201

This notice is available at: <https://www.uhc.com/legal/nondiscrimination-and-language-assistance-notices>.



Language	Translated Taglines
11. Chinese	您有權利免費以您的母語得到幫助和訊息。洽詢一位翻譯員，請撥打您健保計劃會員卡上的免付費會員電話號碼，再按 0。聽力語言殘障服務專線 711
12. Choctaw	Chim anumpa ya, apela micha nana aiimma yvt nan aivlli keyu ho ish isha hinla kvt chim aivlhpesa. Tosholi ya asilhha chi hokmvt chi achukmaka holisso kallo iskitini ya tvli aianumpuli holhtena ya ibai achvffa yvt peh pila ho ish i paya cha 0 ombetipa. TTY 711
13. Cushite-Oromo	Kaffaltii male afaan keessaniin odeeffannoofi deeggarsa argachuuf mirga ni qabdu. Turjumaana gaafachuufis sarara bilbilaa kan bilisaa waraqaa eenyummaa karoorra fayyaa keerratti tarreefame bilbiluun, 0 tuqi. TTY 711
14. Dutch	U heeft het recht om hulp en informatie in uw taal te krijgen zonder kosten. Om een tolk aan te vragen, bel ons gratis nummer die u op uw ziekteverzekeringskaart treft, druk op 0. TTY 711
15. French	Vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement de l'aide et des renseignements dans votre langue. Pour demander à parler à un interprète, appelez le numéro de téléphone sans frais figurant sur votre carte d'affilié du régime de soins de santé et appuyez sur la touche 0. ATS 711.
16. French Creole-Haitian Creole	Ou gen dwa pou jwenn èd ak enfòmasyon nan lang natifnatal ou gratis. Pou mande yon entèprèt, rele nimewo gratis manm lan ki endike sou kat ID plan sante ou, peze 0. TTY 711
17. German	Sie haben das Recht, kostenlose Hilfe und Informationen in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Um einen Dolmetscher anzufordern, rufen Sie die gebührenfreie Nummer auf Ihrer Krankenversicherungskarte an und drücken Sie die 0. TTY 711
18. Greek	Έχετε το δικαίωμα να λάβετε βοήθεια και πληροφορίες στη γλώσσα σας χωρίς χρέωση. Για να ζητήσετε διερμηνέα, καλέστε το δωρεάν αριθμό τηλεφώνου που βρίσκεται στην κάρτα μέλους ασφάλισης, πατήστε 0. TTY 711
19. Gujarati	તમને વિના મૂલ્યે મદદ અને તમારી ભાષામાં માહિતી મેળવવાનો અધિકાર છે. દુભાષિયા માટે વિનંતી કરવા, તમારા હેલ્થ પ્લાન ID કાર્ડ પરની સૂચીમાં આપેલ ટોલ-ફ્રી મેમ્બર ફોન નંબર ઉપર કોલ કરો, 0 દબાવો. TTY 711
20. Hawaiian	He pono ke kōkua ‘ana aku iā ‘oe ma ka maopopo ‘ana o kēia ‘ike ma loko o kāu ‘ōlelo pono‘ī me ka uku ‘ole ‘ana. E kama‘ilio ‘oe me kekahi kanaka unuhi, e kāhea i ka helu kelepona kāki ‘ole ma kou kāleka olakino, a e kaomi i ka helu 0. TTY 711.
21. Hindi	आप के पास अपनी भाषा में सहायता एवं जानकारी निःशुल्क प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। दुभाषिए के लिए अनुरोध करने के लिए,

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22. Hmong	Koj muaj cai tau kev pab thiab tau cov ntaub ntawv sau ua koj hom lus pub dawb. Yog xav tau ib tug neeg txhais, hu tus xov tooj rau tswv cuab hu dawb uas sau muaj nyob ntawm koj daim yuaj them nqi kho mob, nias 0. TTY 711.
23. Ibo	Inwere ikike inweta enyemaka nakwa ìmùta asùsù gị n'efu n'akwughị ùgwọ. Maka ìkpọturù onye nsùgharị okwu, kpọọ akara ekwentị nke dị nàkwùkwọ njirimara gị nke emere maka ahụike gị, pịa 0. TTY 711.
24. Ilocano	Adda karbengam nga makaala ti tulong ken impormasyon iti pagsasaom nga libre. Tapno agdawat iti maysa nga agipatarus, tumawag iti toll-free nga numero ti telepono nga para kadagiti kameng nga nakalista ayan ti ID card mo para ti plano ti salun-at, ipindut ti 0. TTY 711
25. Indonesian	Anda berhak untuk mendapatkan bantuan dan informasi dalam bahasa Anda tanpa dikenakan biaya. Untuk meminta bantuan penerjemah, hubungi nomor telepon anggota, bebas pulsa, yang tercantum pada kartu ID rencana kesehatan Anda, tekan 0. TTY 711
26. Italian	Hai il diritto di ottenere aiuto e informazioni nella tua lingua gratuitamente. Per richiedere un interprete, chiama il numero telefonico verde indicato sulla tua tessera identificativa del piano sanitario e premi lo 0. Dispositivi per non udenti/TTY: 711
27. Japanese	ご希望の言語でサポートを受けたり、情報を入手したりすることができます。料金はかかりません。通訳をご希望の場合は、医療プランのIDカードに記載されているメンバー用のフリーダイヤルまでお電話の上、0を押してください。TTY専用番号は711です。
28. Karen	နအိၣ်ဒီးတၢ်ခွဲးတၢ်ယၢ်လၢနကဒီးန့ၣ်တၢ်တၢ်ဖၢတၢ်ဒီးတၢ်ဂၢၢ်တၢ်ကိၣ်လၢနကိၣ်ဒၣ်န့ၣ်လၢတၢ်လိၣ်ဟ့ၣ်အပူၤတၢ်န့ၣ်လီၤလၢတၢ်ကယုၣ်ပုၤကတၢၢ်ကိၣ်တၢ်တၢ်အကီၢ်ကိၣ်တၢ်လိၣ်တဲမိအကိၣ်လၢကရၢမိအတၢ်လိၣ်ဟ့ၣ်အပူၤလၢအအိၣ်လၢနတၢ်အိၣ်ဆူၣ်အိၣ်ခူၣ်အတၢ်ရံၣ်တၢ်ကိၣ်အကးအလိၣ်ဒီးဆိၣ်လီၤနီၢ်ဂံၢ် 0 တတၢ်.TTY 711
29. Korean	귀하는 도움과 정보를 귀하의 언어로 비용 부담없이 얻을 수 있는 권리가 있습니다. 통역사를 요청하기 위해서는 귀하의 플랜 ID카드에 기재된 무료 회원 전화번호로 전화하여 0번을 누르십시오. TTY 711
30. Kru- Bassa	Ni gwe kunde I bat mahola ni mawin u hop nan nipehmes be to dolla. Yu kwel ni Kobol mahop seblana, soho ni sebel numba I ni tehe mu I ticket I docta I nan, bep 0. TTY 711
31. Kurdish-Sorani	مافه‌ی ئه‌مه‌ت هه‌یه‌ که‌ بێهه‌رامه‌یه‌، یاره‌مه‌تی و زانیاری بێهه‌سته‌ به‌ زمانه‌ی خۆت وهرگریت. بۆ داواکردنی وهرگیرتیکی زاره‌مکی، په‌یه‌هه‌ندی بکه‌ به‌ ژماره‌ ته‌له‌فۆنی نووسراو له‌ئاو ئای دی کارتی په‌یناسه‌یی پلانی ته‌ندروستی خۆت و پاشان 0 داگره‌ . TTY 711

Language	Translated Taglines
32. Laotian	ທ່ານມີສິດທີ່ຈະໄດ້ຮັບການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອແລະຂໍ້ມູນຂ່າວສານທີ່ເປັນພາສາຂອງທ່ານບໍ່ມີຄ່າໃຊ້ຈ່າຍ. ເພື່ອຂໍຮ້ອງນາຍພາສາ, ໂທຟຣີຫາຫມາຍເລກໂທລະສັບສໍາລັບສະມາຊິກທີ່ໄດ້ລະບຸໄວ້ໃນບັດສະມາຊິກຂອງທ່ານ, ກົດເລກ 0. TTY 711
33. Marathi	आपल्याला आपल्या भाषेत विनामूल्य मदत आणि माहिती मिळण्याचा अधिकार आहे. दूभाषकास विनंती करण्यासाठी आपल्या आरोग्य योजना ओळखपत्रावरील सूचीबद्ध केलेल्या सदस्यास विनामूल्य फोन नंबरवर संपर्क करण्यासाठी दाबा 0. TTY 711
34. Marshallese	Eor am̧ maroñ ñan bok jipañ im mejele ilo kajin eo am̧ ilo ejjeļok wōñāān. Ñan kajjitōk ñan juon ri-ukok, kūrļok nōm̧ba eo eṃōj an jeje ilo kaat in ID in karōk in ājmour eo am̧, jiped 0. TTY 711
35. Micronesian-Pohnpeian	Komw ahneki manaman unsek komwi en alehdi sawas oh mengihtik ni pein omwi tungoal lokaia ni soh isepe. Pwen peki sawas en soun kawehweh, eker delepwohn nempe ong towehkan me soh isepe me ntingihdi ni pein omwi doaropwe me pid koasoandi en kehl, padik 0. TTY 711.
36. Navajo	T'áá jíík'eh doo bááq̣h 'alínígóó bee baa hane'ígíí t'áá ni nizaád bee níká'e'eyeego bee ná'ahoot'i'. 'Ata' halne'í ła yínikeedgo, ninaaltsoos nit[ 'iz7 'ats'77s bee baa'ahay1 bee n44hoczyn7g77 bik11' b44sh bee hane'7 t'11 j77k'eh bee hane'7 bik1'7g77 bich'8' hodíilnih dóó 0 bíł 'adidíilchíł. TTY 711
37. Nepali	तपाईंले आफ्नो भाषामा निःशुल्क सहयोग र जानकारी प्राप्त गर्ने अधिकार तपाईंसँग छ। अनुवादक प्राप्त गरीपाऊँ भनी अनुरोध गर्न, तपाईंको स्वास्थ्य योजना परिचय कार्डमा सूचीकृत टोल-फ्री सदस्य फोन नम्बरमा सम्पर्क गर्नुहोस्, 0 थिच्नुहोस्। TTY 711
38. Nilotic-Dinka	Yin nōŋ lōŋ bē yi kuōny nē wērēyic de thōŋ du ābac ke cin wēu tāāue ke piny. Ācān bā ran yē kōc ger thok thiēc, ke yin cōl nāmba yene yup abac de ran tōŋ ye kōc wāār thok tō nē ID kat duōn de pānakim yic, thāny 0 yic. TTY 711.
39. Norwegian	<b>Du har rett til å få gratis hjelp og informasjon på ditt eget språk. For å be om en tolk, ring gratisnummeret for medlemmer som er oppført på helsekortet ditt og trykk 0. TTY 711</b>
40. Pennsylvania Dutch	Du hoscht die Recht fer Hilf unn Information in deine Schprooch griege, fer nix. Wann du en Iwwersetzer hawwe willscht, kannscht du die frei Telefon Nummer uff dei Gesundheit Blann ID Kaarde yuuse, dricke 0. <b>TTY 711</b>
41. Persian-Farsi	شما حق دارید که کمک و اطلاعات به زبان خود را به طور رایگان دریافت نمایید. برای درخواست مترجم شفاهی با شماره تلفن رایگان قید شده در کارت شناسایی برنامه بهداشتی خود تماس حاصل نموده و 0 را فشار دهید. TTY 711

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42. Punjabi	ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮੁਫਤ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਦੁਆਰਾ ਲਈ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਹੈਲਥ ਪਲਾਨ ਆਈਡੀ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਟਾਲ ਫ੍ਰੀ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਟੀਟੀਵਾਈ 711 ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ, 0 ਦੱਬੋ।
43. Polish	Masz prawo do uzyskania bezpłatnej informacji i pomocy we własnym języku. Po usługi tłumacza zadzwoń pod bezpłatny numer umieszczony na karcie identyfikacyjnej planu medycznego i wciśnij 0. TTY 711
44. Portuguese	Você tem o direito de obter ajuda e informação em seu idioma e sem custos. Para solicitar um intérprete, ligue para o número de telefone gratuito que consta no cartão de ID do seu plano de saúde, pressione 0. TTY 711
45. Romanian	Aveți dreptul de a obține gratuit ajutor și informații în limba dumneavoastră. Pentru a cere un interpret, sunați la numărul de telefon gratuit care se găsește pe cardul dumneavoastră de sănătate, apăsați pe tasta 0. TTY 711
46. Russian	Вы имеете право на бесплатное получение помощи и информации на вашем языке. Чтобы подать запрос переводчика позвоните по бесплатному номеру телефона, указанному на обратной стороне вашей идентификационной карты и нажмите 0. Линия TTY 711
47. Samoan-Fa'asamoa	E iai lou āiā tatau e maua atu ai se fesoasoani ma fa'amatalaga i lau gagana e aunoa ma se totogi. Ina ia fa'atalosagaina se tagata fa'aliliu, vili i le telefoni mo sui e le totogia o loo lisi atu i lau peleni i lau pepa ID mo le soifua maloloina, oomi le 0. TTY 711.
48. Serbo-Croatian	Imate pravo da besplatno dobijete pomoć i informacije na Vašem jeziku. Da biste zatražili prevodioca, nazovite besplatni broj naveden na iskaznici Vašeg zdravstvenog osiguranja i pritisnite 0. TTY 711.
49. Spanish	Tiene derecho a recibir ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo. Para solicitar un intérprete, llame al número de teléfono gratuito para miembros que se encuentra en su tarjeta de identificación del plan de salud y presione 0. TTY 711
50. Sudanic-Fulfulde	Dum hakke maada mballedaa kadin kebaa habaru nder wolde maada naa maa a yobii. To a yiidi pirtoowo, noddu limngal mo telefol caahu limtaado nder kaatiwol ID maada ngol njamu, nyo”u 0. TTY 711.
51. Swahili	Una haki ya kupata msaada na taarifa kwa lugha yako bila gharama. Kuomba mkalimani, piga nambariya wanachama ya bure iliyoorodheshwa kwenye TAM ya kadi yako ya mpango wa afya, bonyeza 0. TTY 711



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62. Yiddish	<p>איר האט די רעכט צו באקומען הילף און אינפארמאציע אין אייער שפראך פריי פון אפצאל. צו פארלאנגען א דאלמעטשער, רופט דעם טאל פרייע מעמבער טעלעפאן נומער וואס שטייט אויף אייער העלט פלאן ID קארטל, דרוקט 711 TTY .0</p>
63. Yoruba	<p>O ní ẹ̀tọ̀ lati rí iranwọ̀ àti ifitónilétí gbà ní èdè rẹ̀ láisanwó. Láti bá ògbufo kan sọrọ̀, pè sóri nọmbà ẹrọ̀ ibánisọrọ̀ láisanwó ibodè ti a tò sóri kádi idánimọ̀ ti ètò ilera rẹ̀, tẹ̀ '0'. TTY 711</p>

## **ADDENDUM I – REAL APPEAL**

This Addendum to the Plan provides Benefits for virtual obesity counseling services for eligible Covered Persons through Real Appeal. There are no deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance you must meet or pay for when receiving these services.

### ***Real Appeal***

The Plan provides a virtual lifestyle intervention for weight-related conditions to eligible Covered Persons 18 years of age or older. Real Appeal is designed to help those at risk from obesity-related diseases.

This intensive, multi-component behavioral intervention provides 52 weeks of support. This support includes one-on-one coaching with a live virtual coach and online group participation with supporting video content. The experience will be personalized for each individual through an introductory online session.

These Covered Health Services will be individualized and may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Virtual support and self-help tools: Personal one-on-one coaching, group support sessions, educational videos, tailored kits, integrated web platform and mobile applications.
- Education and training materials focused on goal setting, problem-solving skills, barriers and strategies to maintain changes.
- Behavioral change counseling by a specially trained coach for clinical weight loss.

If you would like information regarding these Covered Health Services, you may contact the Claims Administrator through **[www.realappeal.com](http://www.realappeal.com)**, or at the number shown on your ID card.

## **ADDENDUM II – FBISD SPONSORED PROGRAM**

### **CCS Medical Diabetes Wellness Program**

Diabetic supplies are provided as part of the Prevention & Treatment Plan for diabetes and are provided to covered employees and their dependents at no cost to the employee (prescription copay is waived) when received from CCS Medical. Employees and their dependents will be provided with an opportunity to opt into this program. Once enrolled, you will receive a shipment of supplies. These supplies include: cellular glucose meter, diabetic testing strips, control solution, lancets, and lancing device(s). Diabetic supplies not received from CCS Medical are subject to the applicable copay structure and plan limits under the applicable group health plan.

## **ADDENDUM III – FBISD SPONSORED PROGRAM**

### **Maternity Support Program**

After completion of the Maternity Support Program, employees or eligible spouses and dependents will receive an incentive of:

- \$150 if mother signs up in the first trimester
  
- \$75 if mother signs up in the second or third trimester

**ADDENDUM IV – FBISD SPONSORED PROGRAM**

**Rally Well-being Rewards Program**

Fort Bend ISD recognizes the need for employees to make their health and well-being a priority. While we fully support the need for employees to be informed about their personal health, we also recognize the increased need for us to focus on providing more tools and resources to employees during this time that will help with the reduction of undue stress. With that said, employees and spouses enrolled in an FBISD medical plan for 2021 will be exempt from the biometric screening and health rally survey requirement. Typically, this mandatory process results in an annual surcharge if the employee or spouse fails to satisfy these requirements. However, with this decision, you will not be required to complete a biometric screening or health survey for the 2021 benefit plan year (applies to existing and new plan enrollees for the 2021 benefit plan year). This program is being suspended until the 2022 benefit plan year. While the biometric screening and health survey are not a requirement for 2021, we still encourage employees to take care of themselves.

**What does this mean for Fort Bend ISD employees?**

As part of the new Rally Well-being Rewards Program, employees will now be able to earn incentives by completing pre-defined activities that have been integrated with the FBISD Wellness Program. In order to qualify for the incentive, you must be enrolled in one of the FBISD medical plans. You must also complete the assigned task within the 2021 benefit plan year (January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021) in order to receive the incentive.

**When and how do I receive the incentive?**

The entire gift card process is electronic.

**What incentives are employees eligible for?**

<b>Fort Bend ISD Employees</b> Maximum Incentive: \$50 Gift Card Reward (available to employees enrolled in a FBISD medical plan)	
Activity	Incentive
<b>Annual Physical or Preventative Screening</b> Preventative Screening Exams 1) Mammogram 2) Cervical / Well Woman Exam) 3) Colon	\$25
<b>Watch a Video on the Employee Assistance Program ( EAP)</b>	\$10
<b>Complete Health Survey</b>	\$15

Questions? Email us at [Benefits@fortbendisd.com](mailto:Benefits@fortbendisd.com).

**Benefits Offered**

The wellness program is designed to provide wellness benefits which include the Biometric Screenings, Health Risk Assessment, Preventive Care Reminders, and Nurse Coaching.

### ***United Healthcare/Rally Health Survey (HS)***

To access the HA, participants will need to complete the following steps:

- Go to [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) and click on the “Health and Wellness Tab”
- A valid email address is necessary to complete the online assessment
- Follow instructions to complete the consent form and take the health survey
- Answer all questions and submit assessment

### ***Nurse Coaching***

If the employee or spouse is identified as a moderate or high risk participant (based on the health risk assessment responses, screenings, pharmacy claims, or medical claims), they will be contacted for participation in a telephonic coaching program by United Healthcare. Employees and/or spouses who are chosen to participate in the coaching program will be contacted by a Nurse Coach to begin setting goals and managing their current health conditions. The employee and/or spouse will be contacted through a series of phone calls, letters, or emails (upon participant request). Employees and/or Spouses who choose not to respond or opt out of the program with their Nurse Coach will receive the medical plan premium increase associated with not participating in the program. Medical Coverage will remain available to non-participants but the premium increase will apply for the remainder of the plan year.

### ***Appeals Procedure***

Wellness program participants should contact United Healthcare regarding any grievances, appeals, medical waivers or alternative programs. An alternative program or waiver of standard will be made available for any individual whom it is unreasonably difficult or medically inadvisable to meet or attempt to meet the standards under this program. Personal physician recommendations will be accommodated upon request or receipt of recommendation.

### **HIPAA**

The wellness program is subject to HIPAA’s portability and administrative simplification rules, including the nondiscrimination requirements. The nondiscrimination requirements state that a health-contingent reward must not exceed 30% of the cost of coverage, the program must be reasonably designed to promote good health or prevent disease, an annual opportunity to qualify for the reward must be offered, a reasonable alternative standard for obtaining the reward must be available for certain individuals, and the standard (as well as the availability of an alternative standard) must be disclosed. In addition, the wellness program, administered by United Healthcare intends to comply with privacy and security guidelines that meet or exceed the standards set by state and federal law for the privacy and protection of individual health information.

### ***Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information***

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. Although the wellness program and United Healthcare may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace United Healthcare will never disclose any of your personal information either

publicly or to Fort Bend ISD, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual(s) who will receive your personally identifiable health information are a screening consultant and a health coach in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separate from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you immediately.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact LaShonda Walls, Director Payroll and Benefits, (281) 634-1184.

## **ADDENDUM V – FBISD SPONSORED PROGRAM**

**Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, the Health Plan is hereby amended to add the option for Health Plan Covered Persons (“Covered Persons”) to use the Employer Direct Healthcare network (aka “SurgeryPlus”) for certain covered medical procedures offered by the SurgeryPlus Network participating healthcare providers. Members using the SurgeryPlus network under the Medical Plan must meet the criteria and adhere to the process described below.**

### **Surgery Plus Benefit**

SurgeryPlus is a supplemental benefit that helps you plan and pay for certain covered medical procedures. When your doctor recommends surgery for certain listed procedures, you call SurgeryPlus. SurgeryPlus helps you find a board-certified surgeon with an extensive history of quality. They set up your initial consultation and walk you through each step of the planning process. If there aren’t any SurgeryPlus surgeons near you, SurgeryPlus plans and pays for your travel too. SurgeryPlus negotiates all costs before you have surgery, and then coordinates the payment for you. The SurgeryPlus Benefit is offered by Fort Bend ISD, in partnership with Employer Direct Healthcare.

#### **How It Works**

When you use SurgeryPlus, you will receive assistance both planning and paying for covered medical procedures. Your SurgeryPlus Care Coordinator will help you through the entire process. To receive SurgeryPlus benefits:

- You must call a SurgeryPlus Care Coordinator *before* you begin planning your surgery/procedure. Member Care Coordinators are available at 855-200-9513.
- You must agree to supply your medical records and any other pertinent information to the selected SurgeryPlus doctor so he/she may assess:
- The medical necessity of the requested service; and
- Your suitability for the prospective treatment or procedure, including any necessary travel. This assessment is referred to as the Initial Review/Consultation.
- Based on the Initial Review/Consultation, the SurgeryPlus doctor will decide whether to accept your case.
- You must accept and agree to the standard terms of treatment of the SurgeryPlus doctor. Receiving an Initial Review/Consultation does not commit you to proceed with treatment from the SurgeryPlus doctor.

If you are not satisfied with your SurgeryPlus physician or his/her Initial Review/Consultation, you may contact your Care Coordinator and arrange for a second opinion with another SurgeryPlus doctor.

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### **SurgeryPlus Care Coordinators**

SurgeryPlus Care Coordinators are your connection to the SurgeryPlus benefit. They help you find a qualified doctor for your procedure, schedule your procedure appointments, make travel reservations (if travel is required), transfer your medical records, and coordinate all your surgery bills.

Throughout the planning process, you will work with the same Care Coordinator. Your SurgeryPlus Care Coordinator will provide you one-on-one, personalized help each step of the way.

### **SurgeryPlus Travel Benefit**

Your SurgeryPlus benefit will also pay for necessary travel associated with the covered procedure. The specific travel benefit depends on the procedure, the provider, and the distance between the provider and a member's residence. For procedures requiring inpatient admission or overnight recovery, the travel benefit covers the patient and one companion for a limited amount of time. Only travel arrangements made through your Care Coordinator are eligible for coverage under the SurgeryPlus benefit.

### **Payment**

When you use SurgeryPlus, the surgery cost for the Episode of Care<sup>i</sup> (as defined below) is paid as follows:

Example: Fred uses SurgeryPlus to get a pacemaker. His annual deductible is \$2,000. The pacemaker procedure costs \$10,000. Fred pays nothing out of pocket, and Fort Bend ISD pays the entire \$10,000 for the Episode of Care.

\*\*Please note that the SurgeryPlus benefit covers only those services contained in the Episode of Care and terminates upon the Covered Person's discharge from the facility by Provider. Coverage for payment of any medical services rendered *subsequent* to the termination of an Episode of Care shall be the responsibility of the Covered Person and subject to terms and conditions of the Fort Bend ISD Medical Plan. Please see examples Limitations and Disclosures below for more information.

### **Covered Surgeries and Procedures**

You can utilize the SurgeryPlus benefit for the following procedures:

<b>Major Procedures</b>
<b>Orthopedic</b>
Knee Replacement (Partial, Unilateral and Bilateral)
Knee Replacement Revision
Hip Replacement (Partial, Unilateral and Bilateral)
Hip Replacement Revision
Shoulder Replacement (Partial, Unilateral and Bilateral)
Shoulder Replacement Revision
Ankle Replacement
Wrist Replacement
Elbow Replacement
<b>Spine</b>
Laminotomy (Cervical, Lumbar, Thoracic)
Laminectomy (Cervical, Lumbar, Thoracic)
Disc (Cervical, Lumbar, Thoracic)
Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion (ALIF)
Posterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion (PLIF)
360 Fusion
Post Fusion and Decompression
Anterior Cervical Fusion (ACF)
Posterior Cervical Fusion (PCF)
Artificial Disc
Pain Management Procedures (Spine only)
<b>General Surgery</b>
Hysterectomy
Bladder Repair (Anterior or Posterior)
Thyroidectomy
<b>Bariatrics : NOT COVERED</b>
Gastric Bypass: NOT COVERED

Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass: NOT COVERED
Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy: NOT COVERED
<b>Cardiac</b>
Cardiac Valve Surgery
Cardiac Defibrillator Implant
Permanent Pacemaker Implant
Cardiac Pacemaker Device Replacement
<b>Minor Procedures</b>
<b>Outpatient Procedures</b>
Knee Arthroscopy/Meniscus
Shoulder Arthroscopy
Hip Arthroscopy
Ankle Arthroscopy
MCL Repair
ACL Repair
PCL Repair
Bunionectomy
Hammer Toe Repair
Bicep Tendon Repair
Rotator Cuff Repair
Carpal Tunnel Release
Hernia Repair (All Types)
Gallbladder Removal
Ankle Fusion
Wrist Fusion
Elbow Fusion

**Limitations and Disclosures**

SurgeryPlus is a service offered by EmployerDirect that provides non-clinical care coordination for planned medical procedures. EmployerDirect does not itself provide any

medical care, medical advice, or recommendation as to selection of any course of treatment or provider, including EmployerDirect's participating providers.

Certain examinations, tests, treatments or other medical services may be required prior to or following a planned medical procedure with a SurgeryPlus provider. Any medical services performed by anyone other than a SurgeryPlus doctor, including pre-care and post-care, shall be subject to the coverage limits and other terms of Fort Bend ISD's Medical Plan.

Subsequent to an Episode of Care, if a Covered Person needs emergency care for any reason this would be subject to coverage under Fort Bend ISD's Medical Plan. The Episode of Care ends when the Covered Person is discharged from the facility.

**SurgeryPlus Benefit Does Not Cover:**

- Bariatric procedures
- Diagnostic studies and imaging
- Physical therapy
- Durable medical equipment
- Prescriptions
- Lab work
- Pain injections that are not spine related
- Pre-operative labs and testing (Note: Pre-operative labs and testing will be done at your primary care physician's office and will be submitted to your current medical health insurance)
- Complications after the "episode of care"

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this SPD, "Episode of Care" means (i) all services rendered by an EDH Provider and Provider's professional and medical staff, as applicable and (ii) all hospital or facility-related expenses under the Diagnosis Case Code. The Episode of Care begins on the day the Patient first receives services from the Provider related to the Diagnosis Case Code and ends when the Patient is discharged from the hospital or facility to return or travel home. Services and expenses under the Diagnosis Case code commonly included in the Episode of Care are equipment used while in hospital or facility, in-hospital or in-facility medications or biologics and supplies, implants, labs, in-hospital meals, hospital confinement days, pre and post in-hospital or in-facility nursing care and in-hospital physical therapy and follow-up consultations, and any other medically necessary care related to the Diagnosis Case Code rendered prior to discharge. An Episode of Care shall not include (i) diagnostic testing in advance to determine whether a procedure is necessary; (ii) Convenience Expenses; (iii) procedures or care that are not medically necessary and (iv) and Serious Reportable Events (SREs) as defined by the National Quality Forum at <http://www.qualityforum.org/Home.aspx>



