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# **Certificate of Coverage**

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### **What Is the Certificate of Coverage?**

This *Certificate of Coverage (Certificate)* is part of the Policy that is a legal document between UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company and the Group. The *Certificate* describes Covered Health Care Services, subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the Policy. We issue the Policy based on the Group's *Application* and payment of the required Policy Charges.

In addition to this *Certificate*, the Policy includes:

- The *Schedule of Benefits*.
- The Group's *Application*.
- Riders, including the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider*.
- Amendments.

You can review the Policy at the Group's office during regular business hours.

### **Can This Certificate Change?**

We may, from time to time, change this *Certificate* by attaching legal documents called Riders and/or Amendments that may change certain provisions of this *Certificate*. When this happens, we will send you a new *Certificate*, Rider, or Amendment.

### **Other Information You Should Have**

We have the right to change, interpret, withdraw or add Benefits, or to end the Policy, as permitted by law, without your approval.

On its effective date, this *Certificate* replaces and overrules any *Certificate* that we may have previously issued to you. This *Certificate* will in turn be overruled by any *Certificate* we issue to you in the future.

The Policy will take effect on the date shown in the Policy. Coverage under the Policy starts at 12:01 a.m. and ends at 12:00 midnight in the time zone of the Group's location. The Policy will remain in effect as long as the Policy Charges are paid when they are due, subject to Section 4: *When Coverage Ends*.

We are delivering the Policy in Kansas. The Policy is subject to the laws of the state of Kansas and ERISA, unless the Group is not a private plan sponsor subject to ERISA. To the extent that state law applies, Kansas law governs the Policy.

# Introduction to Your Certificate

This *Certificate* and the other Policy documents describe your Benefits, as well as your rights and responsibilities, under the Policy.

## What Are Defined Terms?

Certain capitalized words have special meanings. We have defined these words in *Section 9: Defined Terms*.

When we use the words "we," "us," and "our" in this document, we are referring to UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company.

When we use the words "you" and "your," we are referring to people who are Covered Persons, as that term is defined in *Section 9: Defined Terms*.

## How Do You Use This Document?

Read your entire *Certificate* and any attached Riders and/or Amendments. You may not have all of the information you need by reading just one section. Keep your *Certificate* and *Schedule of Benefits* and any attachments in a safe place for your future reference. You can also get this *Certificate* at [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com).

Review the Benefit limitations of this *Certificate* by reading the attached *Schedule of Benefits* along with *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services* and *Section 2: Exclusions and Limitations*. Read *Section 8: General Legal Provisions* to understand how this *Certificate* and your Benefits work. Call us if you have questions about the limits of the coverage available to you.

If there is a conflict between this *Certificate* and any summaries provided to you by the Group, this *Certificate* controls.

Please be aware that your Physician is not responsible for knowing or communicating your Benefits.

## How Do You Contact Us?

You may visit [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or call Surest Member Services at 866-683-6440. Throughout the document you will find statements that encourage you to contact us for more information.

# Your Responsibilities

## Eligibility, Enrollment, and Required Contributions

Benefits are available to you once you are enrolled for coverage under the Policy. The Group will apply the eligibility rules.

- Your enrollment options, and the corresponding dates that coverage begins, are listed in *Section 3: When Coverage Begins*. To be enrolled and receive Benefits, both of the following apply:
  - Your enrollment must be in accordance with the rules of the Policy issued to your Group, including the eligibility rules.
  - You must qualify as a Subscriber or a Dependent as those terms are defined in *Section 9: Defined Terms*.
- You continue to receive Benefits as long as you continue to qualify as a Subscriber or Dependent as defined in *Section 9: Defined Terms* and meet the eligibility rules noted in the Policy which includes this *Certificate* and the *Group Application*.
- Your Benefits are no longer available as described in *Section 4: When Coverage Ends*.

Your Group may require you to make certain payments to them, in order for you to remain enrolled under the Policy. If you have questions about this, contact your Group.

## Be Aware the Policy Does Not Pay for All Health Care Services

The Policy does not pay for all health care services. Benefits are limited to Covered Health Care Services. The *Schedule of Benefits* will tell you the portion you must pay for Covered Health Care Services.

## Decide What Services You Should Receive

Care decisions are between you and your Physician. We do not make decisions about the kind of care you should or should not receive.

## Choose Your Physician

It is your responsibility to select the health care professionals who will deliver your care. We arrange for Physicians and other health care professionals and facilities to participate in a Network. Please note: Covered Health Care Services that are within the scope of a chiropractor's license may be received from a chiropractor. Our credentialing process confirms public information about the professionals' and facilities' licenses and other credentials, but does not assure the quality of their services. These professionals and facilities are independent practitioners and entities that are solely responsible for the care they deliver.

## Obtain Prior Authorization

Some Covered Health Care Services require prior authorization. Physicians and other health care professionals who participate in a Network are responsible for obtaining prior authorization. However, if you choose to receive Covered Health Care Services from an out-of-Network provider, you are responsible for obtaining prior authorization before you receive the services. For detailed information on the Covered Health Care Services that require prior authorization, please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits*.

## Pay Your Share

You must meet any applicable Co-payment for Covered Health Care Services. These payments are due at the time of service or when billed by the Physician, provider or facility. Any applicable Co-payment amounts are listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

## **Pay the Cost of Excluded Services**

You must pay the cost of all excluded services and items. Review *Section 2: Exclusions and Limitations* to become familiar with the Policy's exclusions.

## **Show Your ID Card**

You should show your ID card every time you request health care services. If you do not show your ID card, the provider may fail to bill the correct entity for the services delivered.

## **File Claims with Complete and Accurate Information**

When you receive Covered Health Care Services from an out-of-Network provider, you are responsible for requesting payment from us. You must file the claim in a format that contains all of the information we require, as described in *Section 5: How to File a Claim*.

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

If you have prior group or group-type coverage that, as required by state law, extends benefits for a particular condition or a disability, we will coordinate payment of Benefits for health care services for that condition or disability with the prior carrier. We will pay Benefits as of the day your coverage begins under the Policy for all other Covered Health Care Services that are not related to the condition or disability for which you have other coverage.

# Our Responsibilities

## Determine Benefits

We make administrative decisions regarding whether the Policy will pay for any portion of the cost of a health care service you intend to receive or have received. Our decisions are for payment purposes only. We do not make decisions about the kind of care you should or should not receive. You and your providers must make those treatment decisions.

We have the final authority to do the following:

- Interpret Benefits and the other terms, limitations and exclusions set out in this *Certificate*, the *Schedule of Benefits* and any Riders and/or Amendments.
- Make factual determinations relating to Benefits.

We may assign this authority to other persons or entities that may provide administrative services for the Policy, such as claims processing. The identity of the service providers and the nature of their services may be changed from time to time as we determine. In order to receive Benefits, you must cooperate with those service providers.

## Pay for Our Portion of the Cost of Covered Health Care Services

We pay Benefits for Covered Health Care Services as described in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services* and in the *Schedule of Benefits*, unless the service is excluded in *Section 2: Exclusions and Limitations*. This means we only pay our portion of the cost of Covered Health Care Services. It also means that not all of the health care services you receive may be paid for (in full or in part) by the Policy.

## Pay Network Providers

It is the responsibility of Network Physicians and facilities to file for payment from us. When you receive Covered Health Care Services from Network providers, you do not have to submit a claim to us.

## Pay for Covered Health Care Services Provided by Out-of-Network Providers

In accordance with any state prompt pay requirements, we pay Benefits after we receive your request for payment that includes all required information. See *Section 5: How to File a Claim*.

## Review and Determine Benefits in Accordance with our Reimbursement Policies

We adjudicate claims consistent with industry standards. We develop our reimbursement policy guidelines, as we determine, generally in accordance with one or more of the following methodologies:

- As shown 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 we accept.

Following evaluation and validation of certain provider billings (e.g., error, abuse and fraud reviews), our reimbursement policies are applied to provider billings. We share our reimbursement policies with Physicians and other providers in our Network through our provider website. Network Physicians and providers may not bill you for the difference between their contract rate (as may be modified by our

reimbursement policies) and the billed charge. However, out-of-Network providers may bill you for any amounts we do not pay, including amounts that are denied because one of our reimbursement policies does not reimburse (in whole or in part) for the service billed. You may get copies of our reimbursement policies for yourself or to share with your out-of-Network Physician or provider by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

## **Offer Health Education Services to You**

We may provide you with access to information about additional services that are available to you, such as disease management programs, health education and patient advocacy. It is solely your decision whether to take part in the programs, but we recommend that you discuss them with your Physician.

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# Section 1: Covered Health Care Services

## When Are Benefits Available for Covered Health Care Services?

Benefits are available only when all of the following are true:

- The health care service, including supplies or Pharmaceutical Products, is only a Covered Health Care Service if it is Medically Necessary. (See definitions of Medically Necessary and Covered Health Care Service in *Section 9: Defined Terms*.)
- You receive Covered Health Care Services while the Policy is in effect.
- You receive Covered Health Care Services prior to the date that any of the individual termination conditions listed in *Section 4: When Coverage Ends* occurs.
- The person who receives Covered Health Care Services is a Covered Person and meets all eligibility rules specified in the Policy which includes this *Certificate* and the *Group Application*.

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 Care Service under the Policy.

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 *Schedule of Benefits*.

This section describes Covered Health Care Services for which Benefits are available. Please refer to the attached *Schedule of Benefits* for details about:

- The amount you must pay for these Covered Health Care Services (including any Co-payment).
- Any limit that applies to these Covered Health Care Services (including visit, day and dollar limits on services).
- Any limit that applies to the portion of the Allowed Amount or the Recognized Amount when applicable you are required to pay in a year (Out-of-Pocket Limit).
- Any responsibility you have for obtaining prior authorization or notifying us.

***Please note that in listing services or examples, when we say, "this includes," it is not our intent to limit the description to that specific list. When we do intend to limit a list of services or examples, we state specifically that the list "is limited to."***

## How Does Your Policy Work?

This Certificate of Coverage is designed to help you make informed choices about your health care, costs, and coverage needs. With the Surest mobile application and the [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) website, you can search for available care, cost, and coverage options in advance from any geographic location to choose the best option for you. You can also call the telephone number on your ID card for assistance with navigating your coverage options.

Your Policy has no deductible or co-insurance; however, Co-payments are required for Covered Health Care Services.

By using the Surest mobile app or the [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) website, you can search not only for a provider, but also by condition. Depending on the type of condition you enter into the search, the results will provide Covered Health Care Services information and other treatment options for you to consider and discuss with your Physician for the type of treatment you are searching for, such as office visits, rehabilitation services, complex imaging, as well as associated costs with each service. Please note that

the Surest mobile app or the [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) website does not currently display other treatment options for every condition.

## **1. Acupuncture Services**

Acupuncture services provided in an office setting for the following conditions:

- Pain therapy.
- Nausea that is related to surgery, Pregnancy or chemotherapy.

Benefits are provided regardless of whether the office is free-standing, located in a clinic or located in a Hospital.

Acupuncture services must be performed by a provider who is either:

- Practicing within the scope of his/her license (if state license is available); or
- Certified by a national accrediting body.

## **2. Ambulance Services**

Emergency ambulance transportation by a licensed ambulance service (either ground or Air Ambulance) to the nearest Hospital where the required Emergency Health Care Services can be performed.

Non-Emergency ambulance transportation by a licensed ambulance service (either ground or Air Ambulance, as we determine appropriate) between facilities only when the transport meets one of the following:

- From an out-of-Network Hospital to the closest Network Hospital when Covered Health Care Services are required.
- To the closest Network Hospital that provides the required Covered Health Care Services that were not available at the original Hospital.
- From a short-term acute care facility to the closest Network long-term acute care facility (LTAC), Network Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, or other Network sub-acute facility where the required Covered Health Care Services can be delivered.

For the purpose of this Benefit the following terms have the following meanings:

- "Long-term acute care facility (LTAC)" means a facility or Hospital that provides care to people with complex medical needs requiring long-term Hospital stay in an acute or critical setting.
- "Short-term acute care facility" means a facility or Hospital that provides care to people with medical needs requiring short-term Hospital stay in an acute or critical setting such as for recovery following a surgery, care following sudden Sickness, Injury, or flare-up of a chronic Sickness.
- "Sub-acute facility" means a facility that provides intermediate care on short-term or long-term basis.

## **3. 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.

## **4. Clinical Trials**

Routine patient care costs incurred while taking part 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 which is likely to cause death unless the course of the disease or condition is interrupted.

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

Benefits are available only when the Covered Person is a qualified individual. For purposes of this section a qualified individual is a participant who meets the following conditions:

The individual is eligible to participate in an approved clinical trial according to the trial protocol with respect to cancer or other life-threatening condition, and

Either:

- (a) the referring health care professional is a Network provider and has concluded that the individual's participation in the clinical trial would be appropriate based upon the individual being eligible for the trial according to the trial protocol; or
- (b) The individual provides medical and scientific information establishing that the individual's participation in the trial would be appropriate based upon the individual being eligible for the trial according to the trial protocol.

Routine patient care costs for qualifying clinical trials include:

- Covered Health Care Services for which Benefits are typically provided absent a clinical trial.
- Covered Health Care Services required solely for the following:
  - The provision of the Experimental or Investigational Service(s) or item.
  - The clinically appropriate monitoring of the effects of the service or item, or
  - The prevention of complications.
- Covered Health Care Services needed for reasonable and necessary care arising from the receipt of an Experimental or Investigational Service(s) or item.

Routine costs for clinical trials do not include:

- The Experimental or Investigational Service(s) or item. The only exceptions to this are:
  - Certain *Category B* devices.
  - Certain promising interventions for patients with terminal illnesses.
  - Other items and services that meet specified criteria in accordance with our medical and drug policies.
- Items and services provided solely to meet data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient.
- A service that clearly does not meet widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis.
- Items and services provided by the research sponsors free of charge for any person taking part 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. It takes place in relation to the prevention, detection or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition. It 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.
- The *Department of Veterans Affairs*, the *Department of Defense* or the *Department of Energy* if the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review. The peer review system 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*.
  - ♦ 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 takes place 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. It must have been approved by all relevant institutional review boards (*IRBs*) before you are enrolled in the trial. We may, at any time, request documentation about the trial.
- The subject or purpose of the trial must be the evaluation of an item or service that meets the definition of a Covered Health Care Service and is not otherwise excluded under the Policy.

## 5. Dental Services - Accident and Medical

### *Accident Only*

Dental services when all of the following are true:

- Treatment is needed because of accidental damage.
- You receive dental services from a dentist acting within the scope of their license.
- The dental damage is severe enough that first contact with a Physician or dentist happened within 72 hours of the accident. (You may request this time period be longer if 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 happens as a result of normal activities of daily living or extraordinary use of the teeth is not considered an accidental Injury. Benefits are not available for repairs to teeth that are damaged as a result of such activities.

Dental services to repair damage caused by accidental Injury must follow these time-frames:

- Treatment is started within three 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 Policy, unless extenuating circumstances exist (such as prolonged hospitalization or the presence of fixation wires from fracture care).
- Treatment must be 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 Policy.

Benefits for treatment of accidental Injury are limited to the following:

- Emergency exam.
- 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.
- Replacement of lost teeth due to Injury with implant, dentures or bridges.

*Medical Only*

Dental care (oral exam, 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 Policy, limited to:

- Transplant preparation.
- Prior to the initiation of immunosuppressive drugs.
- The direct treatment of acute traumatic Injury, cancer or cleft palate.

Services for general anesthesia and associated Hospital or Alternate Facility charges, when the dentist and Physician determine that services are necessary for a Covered Person who: a) is a child under age five, b) is severely disabled, or c) has a medical condition, unrelated to the dental procedure that requires hospitalization or anesthesia for dental treatment.

*Oral Surgery*

Removal of impacted teeth.

## 6. Diabetes Services

### Diabetes Self-Management and Training/Diabetic Eye Exams/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 health care professionals.

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

### Diabetic Self-Management Items

Insulin pumps and supplies and continuous glucose monitors for the management and treatment of diabetes, based upon your medical needs. An insulin pump is subject to all the conditions of coverage stated under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies except an insulin pump is not subject to the limits stated under Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics and Supplies*. Benefits for blood glucose meters including continuous glucose monitors, insulin syringes with needles, blood glucose and urine test strips, ketone test strips and tablets and lancets and lancet devices are described under the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider*.

## 7. Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies

Benefits are provided for DME, external prosthetic devices, and certain orthotics and supplies. If more than one item can meet your functional needs, Benefits are available only for the item that meets the minimum specifications for your needs. If you purchase an item that exceeds these minimum

specifications, we will pay only the amount that we would have paid for the item that meets the minimum specifications, and you will be responsible for paying any difference in cost.

#### *DME and Supplies*

Examples of DME and supplies include:

- Equipment to help mobility, such as a standard wheelchair.
- A standard Hospital-type bed.
- Oxygen and the rental of equipment to administer oxygen (including tubing, connectors and masks).
- Negative pressure wound therapy pumps (wound vacuums).
- Mechanical equipment needed for the treatment of long term or sudden respiratory failure (except that air-conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, air purifiers and filters and personal comfort items are excluded from coverage).
- Burn garments.
- Insulin pumps and all related needed supplies as described under *Diabetes Services*.
- External cochlear devices and systems. Benefits for cochlear implantation are provided under the applicable medical/surgical Benefit categories in this *Certificate*.

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

#### *Prosthetic Devices*

External prosthetic devices that replace a limb or a body part, limited to:

- Artificial arms, legs, feet and hands.
- Artificial face, eyes, ears and nose.
- Scalp/cranial hair prostheses (wigs) for scalp/head wound, burns, Injury, and alopecia areata, cancer, and undergoing chemotherapy or radiation therapy.

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

#### *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 Care Service.

We will decide if the equipment should be purchased or rented. If the equipment is rented, the Co-payment may be split over the rental period, at which point the item may be purchased.

Benefits are available for repairs and replacement, except as described in *Section 2: Exclusions and Limitations*, under *Medical Supplies and Equipment* and under *Devices, Appliances and Prosthetics*.

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

DME, orthotics, prosthetic devices and supplies are assigned to tiers. To determine the tiers to which DME, orthotics, prosthetic devices, and supplies are assigned, visit [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or call the telephone number on your ID card. This list is subject to periodic review and modification (generally quarterly, but not more than six times per year).

## **8. Emergency Health Care Services - Outpatient**

Services that are required to stabilize or begin treatment in an Emergency. Emergency Health Care Services must be received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility.

Benefits include the facility charge, supplies and all professional services required to stabilize your condition and/or begin treatment. This includes placement in an observation bed to monitor your condition (rather than being admitted to a Hospital for an Inpatient Stay).

## **9. Enteral Nutrition**

Benefits are provided for specialized enteral formulas administered either orally or by tube feeding as the primary source of nutrition, for certain conditions under the direction of a Physician.

## **10. Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility**

Benefits are available for fertility preservation for medical reasons that cause irreversible infertility such as chemotherapy, radiation treatment, and bilateral oophorectomy due to cancer. Services include the following procedures, when provided by or under the care or supervision of a Physician:

- Collection of sperm.
- Cryo-preservation of sperm.
- Ovarian stimulation, retrieval of eggs and fertilization.
- Oocyte cryo-preservation.
- Embryo cryo-preservation.

Benefits for medications related to the treatment of fertility preservation are provided as described under your *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider* or under *Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient* in this section.

Benefits are not available for elective fertility preservation.

Benefits are not available for embryo transfer.

Benefits are not available for long-term storage costs (greater than one year).

## **11. Gender Dysphoria**

Benefits for the treatment of gender dysphoria provided by or under the direction of a Physician.

For the purpose of this Benefit, "gender dysphoria" is a disorder characterized by the specific diagnostic criteria classified in the current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* published by the *American Psychiatric Association*.

## **12. Habilitative Services**

For purposes of this Benefit, "habilitative services" means Skilled Care services that are part of a prescribed plan of treatment to help a person with a disabling condition to learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. We will decide 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 disabling condition are not considered habilitative services.

Habilitative services are limited to:

- Physical therapy.
- Occupational therapy.
- Spinal Manipulative Services.
- Speech therapy.
- Post-cochlear implant aural therapy.

- Cognitive therapy.

Benefits are provided for rehabilitative services for both inpatient services and outpatient therapy when you have a disabling condition when both of the following conditions are met:

- Treatment is administered by any of the following:
  - Licensed speech-language pathologist.
  - Licensed audiologist.
  - Licensed occupational therapist.
  - Licensed physical therapist.
  - Physician.
- Treatment must be proven and not Experimental or Investigational.

The following are not rehabilitative services:

- Custodial Care.
- Respite care.
- Day care.
- Therapeutic recreation.
- Educational/Vocational training.
- Residential Treatment.
- A service or treatment plan that does not help you meet functional goals.
- Services solely educational in nature.
- Educational services otherwise paid under state or federal law.

We may require the following be provided:

- Medical records.
- Other necessary data to allow us to prove that medical treatment is needed.

When the treating provider expects that continued treatment is or will be required to allow you to achieve progress, we may request additional medical records.

Habiliative services provided in your home are provided as described under *Home Health Care*.

Benefits for DME and prosthetic devices, when used as a part of habiliative services, are described under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies*.

### **13. Hearing Aids**

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). These are electronic amplifying devices designed to bring sound more effectively into the ear. These consist 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 associated fitting charges and testing.

Benefits do not include bone anchored hearing aids. Bone anchored hearing aids are a Covered Health Care Service for which Benefits are available under the applicable medical/surgical Covered Health Care Services categories in this *Certificate*. They are only available if you have either of the following:

- Craniofacial anomalies whose abnormal or absent ear canals prevent the use of a wearable hearing aid.
- Hearing loss severe enough that it would not be remedied by a wearable hearing aid.

Benefits are also provided for certain *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* approved over-the-counter hearing aids.

Benefits for over-the-counter hearing aids do not require any of the following:

- A medical exam.
- A fitting by a licensed audiologist, hearing aid dispenser, otolaryngologist, or other authorized provider.
- A written prescription or other order.

As required by the *FDA*, Benefits for over-the-counter hearing aids are limited to Covered Persons age 18 and older who have mild to moderate hearing loss.

## **14. Home Health Care**

Services received from a Home Health Agency that are all of the following:

- Ordered by a Physician.
- Provided in your home by a registered nurse, or provided by either a home health aide or licensed practical nurse and supervised by a registered nurse.
- Provided on a part-time, Intermittent Care schedule.
- Provided when Skilled Care is required.

We will determine if Benefits are available by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management.

## **15. Hospice Care**

Hospice care that is recommended by a Physician. Hospice care is an integrated program that provides comfort and support services for the terminally ill. It includes the following:

- Physical, psychological, social, spiritual and respite care for the terminally ill person.
- Short-term grief counseling for immediate family members while you are receiving hospice care.

Benefits are available when you receive hospice care from a licensed hospice agency.

You can visit [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or call the telephone number on your ID card for information about our guidelines for hospice care.

## **16. Hospital - Inpatient Stay**

Services and supplies provided during an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital.

Benefits are available for:

- Supplies and Physician services received during the Inpatient Stay.
- Room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

## **17. Lab, X-Ray, and Diagnostic - Outpatient**

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

- Lab and radiology/X-ray.

- Mammography.

Benefits include Physician services, the facility charge, and the charge for supplies and equipment.

- Genetic Testing ordered by a Physician which results in available medical treatment options following Genetic Counseling. Limited to Genetic Testing for the following:
  - Cancer susceptibility.
  - Hereditary diseases.
  - Unspecified molecular pathology.
  - Fetal aneuploidy.
- Presumptive Drug Tests and Definitive Drug Tests.

Benefits also include:

- Prostate cancer screening, including prostate specific antigen blood tests and digital rectal examinations.
- Pap smears and mammograms. Pap smears and mammograms may be performed at a mobile facility certified by the federal health care financing administration and performed by *American Cancer Society* guidelines.
- Preventive screenings included in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the *Health Resources and Services Administration* are described under *Preventive Care Services*.

Lab, X-ray and diagnostic services for preventive care are described under *Preventive Care Services*.

CT scans, PET scans, MRI, MRA, nuclear medicine and major diagnostic services are described under *Major Diagnostic and Imaging - Outpatient*.

Please refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* for how cost shares (Co-payment) apply, when services are provided in a Physician's office.

## **18. Major Diagnostic and Imaging - Outpatient**

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

Benefits include Physician services, the facility charge, and the charge for supplies and equipment.

Please refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* for how cost shares (Co-payment) apply, when services are provided in a Physician's office.

## **19. Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services**

The Mental Illness/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Delegate (the Delegate) administers Benefits for Mental Illness and 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 Care Services, you can contact the Delegate at the telephone number on your ID card.

Mental Illness Services include those received on an inpatient or outpatient basis in a Hospital, an Alternate Facility, or either in-person in a provider's office or through telehealth services. 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.
- E-Visit.
- Biofeedback.

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.
- Mental Illness 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 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.

This section describes only the behavioral component of treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Medical treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder is a Covered Health Care Service for which Benefits are available under the applicable medical Covered Health Care Services categories in this *Certificate*.

## **20. Palliative Care**

Palliative care for Covered Persons with a new or established diagnosis of progressive debilitating Sickness.

Covered Health Care Services for hospice care provided by a licensed hospice agency are described under *Hospice Care*.

## **21. Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient**

Certain Pharmaceutical Products for Covered Health Care Services administered on an outpatient basis in a Hospital, Alternate Facility, Physician's office, or in your home.

Benefits are provided for Pharmaceutical Products and the administration of the Pharmaceutical Products which, due to their traits (as determined by us), are administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional. Benefits for medication normally available by a prescription or order or refill are provided as described under your *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider*.

If you require certain Pharmaceutical Products, including specialty Pharmaceutical Products, we may direct you to a Designated Dispensing Entity. Such Designated 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 get your Pharmaceutical Product from a Designated Dispensing Entity, Network Benefits are not available for that Pharmaceutical Product.

Certain Pharmaceutical Products are subject to step therapy requirements. This means that in order to receive Benefits for such Pharmaceutical Products, you must use a different Pharmaceutical Product and/or prescription drug product(s) for which Benefits are provided as described under the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider* first. You may find out whether a particular Pharmaceutical Product is subject to step therapy requirements by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

To find out which Pharmaceutical Products are covered visit [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or call the telephone number on your ID card.

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

Services provided at home, in-person in a Physician's office, or through telehealth services for the diagnosis and treatment of a Sickness or Injury. Benefits are provided regardless of whether the Physician's office is freestanding, located in a clinic or located in a Hospital.

Covered Health Care Services include medical education services that are provided in a Physician's office by appropriately licensed or registered health care professionals when both of the following are true:

- Education is required for a disease in which patient self-management is a part of treatment.
- There is a lack of knowledge regarding the disease which requires the help of a trained health professional.

Covered Health Care Services include Genetic Counseling.

Benefits include:

- Primary Care Physician and Specialist Physician office visits.
- Convenience Care Clinic (retail) visits.
- Allergy injections.
- E-Visit.
- Ancillary providers which include anesthesiologists, pathologists, radiologists, and emergency room physicians.
- Biofeedback.

Covered Health Care Services for preventive care provided in a Physician's office are described under *Preventive Care Services*.

## **23. Pregnancy - Maternity Services**

Benefits for Pregnancy include all maternity-related medical services for prenatal care, postnatal care, delivery and any related complications.

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 Care Services include related tests and treatment.

We will pay Benefits for an Inpatient Stay of at least:

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

If the mother agrees, the attending provider may discharge the mother and/or the newborn child earlier than these minimum time frames.

Benefits for Pregnancy include delivery and obstetrical expenses of the birth mother incurred at birth for a child who is adopted within 90 days of birth by the Subscriber.

## **24. Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) and Related Services**

Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) performed to identify and to prevent genetic medical conditions from being passed onto offspring. To be eligible for Benefits the following must be met:

- PGT must be ordered by a Physician after Genetic Counseling.
- The genetic medical condition, if passed onto offspring, would result in significant health problems or severe disability and be caused by a single gene (detectable by PGT-M) or structural changes of a parents' chromosome (detectable by PGT-SR).
- Benefits are limited to PGT for the specific genetic disorder and the following related services when provided by or under the supervision of a Physician:
  - Ovulation induction (or controlled ovarian stimulation).
  - Egg retrieval, fertilization and embryo culture.
  - Embryo biopsy.
  - Embryo transfer.
  - Cryo-preservation and short-term embryo storage (less than one year).

Benefits are not available for long-term storage costs (greater than one year).

## **25. Preventive Care Services**

Preventive care services provided on an outpatient basis at a Physician's office, an Alternate Facility or a Hospital 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*, including immunizations for Enrolled Dependent children from birth to age six. Immunizations for Enrolled Dependent children from birth to age six include:
  - Five doses of vaccine against diphtheria.
  - Pertussis.
  - Tetanus.
  - Four doses (at least) of vaccine against polio and Haemophilus B (Hib).
  - Three doses of vaccine against Hepatitis B.
  - Two doses of vaccine against measles, mumps and rubella.
  - One dose of vaccine against varicella, and such other vaccines and dosages as may be prescribed by the secretary of health and environment.
- With respect to infants, children and adolescents, evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the *Health Resources and Services Administration*.
- With respect to women, such additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the *Health Resources and Services Administration*.

Benefits defined under the *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)* requirement include one breast pump per Pregnancy in conjunction with childbirth. Breast pumps must be ordered by or provided by a Physician. You can find more information on how to access Benefits

for breast pumps by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.

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

- Which pump is the most cost effective.
- Whether the pump should be purchased or rented (and the duration of any rental).
- Timing of purchase or rental.

## **26. Reconstructive Procedures**

Reconstructive procedures when the primary purpose of the procedure is either of the following:

- Treatment of a medical condition.
- Improvement or restoration of physiologic function.

Reconstructive procedures include surgery or other procedures which are related to an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly. The primary result of the procedure is not a changed or improved physical appearance.

Cosmetic Procedures are excluded from coverage. Procedures that correct an anatomical Congenital Anomaly without improving or restoring physiologic function are considered Cosmetic Procedures. The fact that you 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.

Please note that Benefits for reconstructive procedures include breast reconstruction following a mastectomy, and reconstruction of the non-affected breast to achieve symmetry. Other services required by the *Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998*, including breast prostheses and treatment of complications, such as lymphedemas during all stages of a mastectomy, are provided in the same manner and at the same level as those for any other Covered Health Care Service. You can call the telephone number on your ID card for more information about Benefits for mastectomy-related services.

## **27. Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and Spinal Manipulative Services**

Short-term outpatient rehabilitation services limited to:

- Physical therapy.
- Occupational therapy.
- Spinal Manipulative Services.
- Speech therapy.
- Pulmonary rehabilitation therapy.
- Cardiac rehabilitation therapy.
- Post-cochlear implant aural therapy.
- Cognitive rehabilitation therapy.

Rehabilitation services must be performed by a Physician or by a licensed therapy provider. Benefits include rehabilitation services provided in a Physician's office or on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility. Rehabilitative services provided in your home are provided as described under *Home Health Care*.

Benefits can be denied or shortened when either of the following applies:

- You are not progressing in goal-directed rehabilitation services.

- Rehabilitation goals have previously been met.

Benefits are not available for maintenance/preventive treatment.

For outpatient rehabilitative services for speech therapy, we will pay Benefits 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.

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

Diagnostic and therapeutic scopic procedures and related services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital, Alternate Facility, or in a Physician's office.

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

- Colonoscopy.
- Sigmoidoscopy.
- Diagnostic endoscopy.

Please note that Benefits do not include surgical scopic procedures, which are for the purpose of performing surgery. Benefits for surgical scopic procedures are described under *Surgery - Outpatient*.

Benefits include Physician services, the facility charge, and the charge for supplies and equipment.

Benefits that apply to certain preventive screenings are described under *Preventive Care Services*.

Please refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* for how cost shares (Co-payment) apply, when services are provided in a Physician's office.

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

Services and supplies provided during an Inpatient Stay in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility. Benefits are available for:

- Supplies and Physician services received during the Inpatient Stay.
- Room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Please note that Benefits are available only if both of the following are true:

- If the first confinement in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility was or will be a cost effective option to an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital.
- You will receive Skilled Care services that are not primarily Custodial Care.

We will determine if Benefits are available by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management.

Benefits can be denied or shortened when either of the following applies:

- You are not progressing in goal-directed rehabilitation services.
- Discharge rehabilitation goals have previously been met.

## **30. Surgery - Outpatient**

Surgery and related services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital, Alternate Facility, in a Physician's office, or Convenience Care Clinic.

Benefits include certain scopic procedures, minor office procedures and complex office procedures.

Benefits include Physician services, the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment.

Please refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* for how cost shares (Co-payment) apply, when services are provided in a Physician's office.

## **31. Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services and Orthognathic Surgery**

Services for the evaluation and treatment of TMJ and associated muscles.

Diagnosis: Exam, radiographs and applicable imaging studies and consultation.

Non-surgical treatment including:

- Clinical exams.
- Oral appliances (orthotic splints).
- Arthrocentesis.
- Trigger-point injections.

Benefits are provided for surgical treatment if the following criteria are met:

- There is radiographic evidence of joint abnormality.
- Non-surgical treatment has not resolved the symptoms.
- Pain or dysfunction is moderate or severe.

Benefits for surgical services include:

- Arthrocentesis.
- Arthroscopy.
- Arthroplasty.
- Arthrotomy.
- Open or closed reduction of dislocations.

Benefits for surgical services also include *FDA* -approved TMJ prosthetic replacements when all other treatment has failed.

Benefits are also provided for orthognathic surgery.

## **32. Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient**

Therapeutic treatments received at home (dialysis) or on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office, including:

- Actinotherapy.
- Apheresis.
- Dialysis (both hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis).
- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy.
- Intravenous chemotherapy.
- Radiation oncology.
- Blood transfusions.
- Non-oral radiopharmaceutical therapy.
- Oral radiopharmaceutical therapy.

Covered Health Care Services include medical education services that are provided on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility by appropriately licensed or registered health care professionals when both of the following are true:

- Education is required for a disease in which patient self-management is a part of treatment.
- There is a lack of knowledge regarding the disease which requires the help of a trained health professional.

Benefits include Physician fees, the facility charge and the charge for related supplies and equipment.

Please refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* for how cost shares (Co-payment) apply, when services are provided in a Physician's office.

### **33. 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 Care 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 intestine.
- Pancreas.
- Small intestine.
- Cornea.

Donor costs related to transplantation are Covered Health Care Services and are payable through the organ recipient's coverage under the Policy, limited to donor:

- Identification.
- Evaluation.
- Organ removal.
- Direct follow-up care.

You can call the telephone number on your ID card for information about our specific guidelines regarding Benefits for transplant services.

### **34. Urgent Care Center Services**

Covered Health Care Services received at an Urgent Care Center. When services to treat urgent health care needs are provided in a Physician's office, Benefits are available as described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury*.

### **35. Virtual Care Services**

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

Network Benefits are available only when services are delivered through a Designated Virtual Network Provider. You can find a Designated Virtual Network Provider by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

Benefits are available for the following:

- Primary care, which is general and non-emergency care, delivered through live video, audio only technology, or through federally compliant secure messaging applications with, or supervised by, a Primary Care Physician.
- Specialty care, delivered through live video or audio only technology, or through federally compliant secure messaging applications with, or supervised by, a Specialist.
- Urgent on-demand health care delivered through live video, audio only technology, or through federally compliant secure messaging applications for treatment of acute but non-emergency needs.

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

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

## **36. Vision Exams**

Routine vision exams received from a health care provider in the provider's office or outpatient facility. Routine vision exams include refraction to find vision impairment.

Benefits for eye exams required for the diagnosis and treatment of a Sickness or Injury are provided under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury*.

## **Additional Benefits Required By Kansas Law**

### **37. Osteoporosis Services**

Services for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of osteoporosis for Covered Persons with a condition or medical history for which bone mass measurement is medically indicated.

### **38. Telemedicine Services**

Benefits include telemedicine services for applicable Covered Health Care Services. Benefits are also provided for Remote Physiologic Monitoring. Telemedicine may be used to establish a valid provider-patient relationship. Services provided by telemedicine and telehealth are subject to the same terms and conditions of the Contract as any service provided in-person.

You may find additional information regarding telemedicine services at [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com)

For the purpose of this Benefit, "telemedicine," including telehealth, means the delivery of Covered Health Care Services or consultations while the Covered Person is at an originating site and the health care provider is at a distant site. Telemedicine shall be provided by means of real-time two-way interactive audio, visual, or audio-visual communications, including the application of secure video conferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or support health-care delivery, that facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education and care management of a Covered Person's health care.

Telemedicine does not include communication between:

- Health care providers that consist solely of a telephone voice-only conversation, email or facsimile transmission; or
- A Physician and a Covered Person that consists solely of an email or facsimile transmission.

Telemedicine services do not include virtual care services provided by a Designated Virtual Network Provider for which Benefits are provided as described under *Virtual Care Services*.

## Section 2: Exclusions and Limitations

### How Do We Use Headings in this Section?

To help you find exclusions, we use headings (for example *A. Alternative Treatments* below). The headings group services, treatments, items, or supplies that fall into a similar category. Exclusions appear under the headings. A heading does not create, define, change, limit or expand an exclusion. All exclusions in this section apply to you.

### We Do Not Pay Benefits for Exclusions

We will not pay Benefits for any of the services, treatments, items or supplies described in this section, even if either of the following is true:

- It is recommended or prescribed by a Physician.
- It is the only available treatment for your condition.

The services, treatments, items or supplies listed in this section are not Covered Health Care Services, except as may be specifically provided for in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services* or through a Rider to the Policy.

### Where Are Benefit Limitations Shown?

When Benefits are limited within any of the Covered Health Care Service categories described in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*, those limits are stated in the corresponding Covered Health Care Service category in the *Schedule of Benefits*. Limits may also apply to some Covered Health Care Services that fall under more than one Covered Health Care Service category. When this occurs, those limits are also stated in the *Schedule of Benefits* table. Please review all limits carefully, as we 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 we say, "this includes," it is not our intent to limit the description to that specific list. When we do intend to limit a list of services or examples, we state specifically that the list "is limited to."***

#### A. Alternative Treatments

1. Health care services ordered by or rendered by providers or para-professionals unlicensed by the appropriate regulatory agency.
2. Acupressure.
3. Aromatherapy.
4. Hypnotism.
5. Massage therapy that is not physical therapy or prescribed by a licensed provider as a component of multi-modality rehabilitation treatment plan.
6. Rolfing.
7. Wilderness, adventure, camping, outdoor, or other similar programs.
8. Vocational therapy.
9. Homeopathic or naturopathic medicine, including dietary supplements.
10. Holistic medicine and services, including dietary supplements.
11. Art therapy, music therapy, dance therapy, animal-assisted therapy and other forms of alternative treatment as defined by the *National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)* of the *National Institutes of Health*. This exclusion does not apply to Spinal Manipulative Services and

non-manipulative osteopathic care for which Benefits are provided as described in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.

## **B. Dental**

1. Dental care (which includes dental X-rays, supplies and appliances and all related expenses, including hospitalizations and anesthesia), except as described under *Dental Services - Anesthesia and Facility Charges* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.

This exclusion does not apply to dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Services - Accident and Medical* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*, or to oral surgical services as described under *Oral Surgical Services* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.

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 tooth decay or cavities 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:

- Removal, restoration and replacement of teeth.
- Medical or surgical treatments of dental conditions.
- 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 and Medical* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*, or to oral surgical services as described under *Oral Surgical Services* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.

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 and Medical* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*, or to oral surgical services as described under *Oral Surgical Services* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.
4. Dental braces (orthodontics).
5. Treatment of congenitally missing, malpositioned or supernumerary teeth, even if part of a Congenital Anomaly.

## **C. Devices, Appliances and Prosthetics**

1. Devices used as safety items or to help performance in sports-related activities.
2. Orthotic appliances that straighten or re-shape a body part. Examples include foot orthotics and some types of braces, including over-the-counter orthotic braces. This exclusion does not apply to cranial molding helmets and cranial banding that meet clinical criteria. This exclusion does not apply to braces for which Benefits are provided as described under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.
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. Devices and computers to help 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 (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.
5. Communication aids or devices; equipment to create, replace or augment communication abilities including speech processors, receivers, and communication boards; or computer or electronic assisted communication.
6. Oral appliances for snoring.
7. Repair or replacement of prosthetic devices due to misuse, malicious damage or gross neglect or to replace lost or stolen items.
8. Diagnostic or monitoring equipment purchased for home use, unless otherwise described as a Covered Health Care Service.
9. Powered and non-powered exoskeleton devices.
10. Over-the-counter continuous glucose monitors.

## **D. Drugs**

1. Prescription drug products for outpatient use that are filled by a prescription order or refill.
2. Self-administered or self-infused medications. This exclusion does not apply to medications which, due to their traits (as determined by us), must typically be administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional in an outpatient setting. This exclusion does not apply to certain hemophilia treatment centers that are contracted with a specific hemophilia treatment center fee schedule that allows medications used to treat bleeding disorders to be dispensed directly to Covered Persons for self-administration.
3. 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 used while in the Physician's office.
4. Over-the-counter drugs and treatments.
5. Growth hormone therapy.
6. Certain New Pharmaceutical Products and/or new dosage forms until the date as determined by us or our 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 in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.
7. 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 or prescription drug product as described in the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider*. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year.
8. 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 or prescription drug product as described in the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider*. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year.
9. Benefits for Pharmaceutical Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which exceeds the supply limit.

10. 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 or prescription drug product as described in the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider*. 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.
11. Certain Pharmaceutical Products for which there are therapeutically equivalent (having essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile) alternatives available to another Pharmaceutical Product or prescription drug product as described in the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider*, unless otherwise required by law or approved by us. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year.
12. Certain Pharmaceutical Products that have not been prescribed by a Specialist.
13. Compounded drugs that contain certain bulk chemicals. Compounded drugs that are available as a similar commercially available Pharmaceutical Product.

## **E. Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services**

Experimental or Investigational 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 a drug that has been prescribed for the treatment of cancer but has not been approved by the *FDA* for the treatment of cancer if, the drug is recognized for the treatment of cancer in one of the standard reference compendia or in substantially accepted peer-reviewed medical literature. Upon our request, your Physician must submit documentation supporting the use of the drug for the treatment of cancer.

There are no Benefits for any drug that the *FDA* has determined its use to be contraindicated. Additionally, there are no Benefits for any drug that is not approved for any indication by the *FDA*.

This exclusion does not apply to Covered Health Care Services provided during a clinical trial for which Benefits are provided as described under *Clinical Trials* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.

## **F. Foot Care**

1. Routine foot care. Examples include:
  - Cutting or removal of corns and calluses.
  - Nail trimming, nail cutting, or nail debridement.
  - Hygienic and preventive maintenance foot care including cleaning and soaking the feet and applying skin creams in order to maintain skin tone.
2. Treatment of flat feet.
3. Treatment of subluxation of the foot.
4. Shoes. This exclusion does not apply to therapeutic, custom-molded shoes when prescribed by a Physician.
5. Shoe orthotics. This exclusion does not apply to therapeutic shoe orthotics when prescribed by a Physician.

6. Shoe inserts.
7. Arch supports.

## **G. Gender Dysphoria**

1. Cosmetic Procedures, including the following:
  - Abdominoplasty.
  - Blepharoplasty.
  - Body contouring, such as lipoplasty.
  - Brow lift.
  - Calf implants.
  - Cheek, chin, and nose implants.
  - Injection of fillers or neurotoxins.
  - Face lift, forehead lift, or neck tightening.
  - Facial bone remodeling for facial feminizations.
  - Hair removal, except as part of a genital reconstruction procedure by a Physician for the treatment of gender dysphoria.
  - Hair transplantation.
  - Lip augmentation.
  - Lip reduction.
  - Liposuction.
  - Mastopexy.
  - Pectoral implants for chest masculinization.
  - Rhinoplasty.
  - Skin resurfacing.

## **H. Medical Supplies and Equipment**

1. Prescribed or non-prescribed medical supplies and disposable supplies. Examples include:
  - Ace bandages.
  - Gauze and dressings.
  - Bandages and tape.
  - Antiseptics.
  - Diapers and incontinence supplies.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- Disposable supplies necessary for the effective use of DME or prosthetic devices for which Benefits are provided as described under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*. 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 1: Covered Health Care Services*.

2. Tubings and masks except when used with DME as described under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.
3. Prescribed or non-prescribed publicly available devices, software applications and/or monitors that can be used for non-medical purposes.
4. Repair or replacement of DME or orthotics due to misuse, malicious damage or gross neglect or to replace lost or stolen items.
5. Over-the-counter medical equipment or supplies such as saturation monitors, prophylactic knee braces and bath chairs that can be purchased without a prescription even if a prescription has been ordered.

## **I. Nutrition**

1. Individual and group nutritional counseling, including non-specific disease nutritional education such as general good eating habits, calorie control or dietary preferences. This exclusion does not apply to preventive care for which Benefits are provided under the *United States Preventive Services Task Force* requirement. This exclusion also does not apply to medical or behavioral/mental health related nutritional education services that are provided as part of treatment for a disease by appropriately licensed or registered health care professionals when both of the following are true:
  - Nutritional education is required for a disease in which patient self-management is a part of treatment.
  - There is a lack of knowledge regarding the disease which requires the help of a trained health professional.
1. Food of any kind, infant formula, standard milk-based formula, and donor breast milk. This exclusion does not apply to specialized enteral formula for which Benefits are provided as described under *Enteral Nutrition* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.
2. 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.

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

1. Television.
2. Telephone.
3. Beauty/barber service.
4. Guest service.
5. Supplies, equipment and similar incidental services and supplies for personal comfort. Examples include:
  - Air conditioners, air purifiers and filters and dehumidifiers.
  - Batteries and battery chargers.
  - 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.
  - Home modifications such as elevators, handrails and ramps.
  - Hot and cold compresses.

- Hot tubs.
- Humidifiers.
- Jacuzzis.
- Mattresses.
- Medical alert systems.
- Motorized beds.
- Music devices.
- Personal computers.
- Pillows.
- Power-operated vehicles.
- Radios.
- Saunas.
- Stair lifts and stair glides.
- Strollers.
- Safety equipment.
- Treadmills.
- Vehicle modifications such as van lifts.
- Video players.
- Whirlpools.

## **K. Physical Appearance**

1. Cosmetic Procedures. See the definition in *Section 9: Defined Terms*. Examples include:
  - Pharmacological regimens, nutritional procedures or treatments.
  - Scar or tattoo removal or revision procedures (such as salabrasion, chemosurgery and other such skin abrasion procedures).
  - Skin abrasion procedures performed as a treatment for acne.
  - Liposuction or removal of fat deposits considered undesirable, including fat accumulation under the male breast and nipple.
  - Treatment for skin wrinkles or any treatment to improve the appearance of the skin.
  - Treatment for spider veins.
  - Hair removal or replacement by any means, except for hair removal as part of genital reconstruction prescribed by a Physician for the treatment of gender dysphoria.
  - Treatments for hair loss.
  - Varicose vein treatment of the lower extremities.
2. Replacement of an existing breast implant if the earlier breast implant was performed as a Cosmetic Procedure. Note: Replacement of an existing breast implant is considered reconstructive if the first breast implant followed mastectomy. See *Reconstructive Procedures* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.
3. Treatment of benign gynecomastia (abnormal breast enlargement in males).

4. Physical conditioning programs such as athletic training, body-building, exercise, fitness, flexibility, health club memberships and programs, and spa treatments.
5. Weight loss programs whether or not they are under medical supervision. Weight loss programs for medical reasons are also excluded.
6. Scalp/cranial hair prostheses (wigs) except for Covered Persons with scalp/head wound, burns, Injuries, alopecia areata, cancer, and undergoing chemotherapy or radiation therapy.

## **L. Procedures and Treatments**

1. Removal of hanging skin on any part of the body. Examples include plastic surgery procedures called abdominoplasty and brachioplasty.
2. Medical and surgical treatment for snoring, except when provided as a part of treatment for documented obstructive sleep apnea.
3. Rehabilitation services and Spinal Manipulative Services to improve general physical conditions that are provided to reduce potential risk factors, where improvement is not expected, including routine, long-term or maintenance/preventive treatment.
4. Rehabilitation services for speech therapy except as required for treatment of a speech impairment or speech dysfunction that results from Injury, stroke, cancer, or Congenital Anomaly.
5. Habilitative services for maintenance/preventive treatment.
6. Physiological treatments and procedures that result in the same therapeutic effects when performed on the same body region during the same visit or office encounter.
7. 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.
8. Upper and lower jawbone surgery and jaw alignment. This exclusion does not apply to reconstructive jaw surgery when there is a facial skeletal abnormality and associated functional medical impairment. This exclusion does not apply to surgery for which Benefits are provided as described under *Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services and Orthognathic Surgery* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.
9. Surgical and non-surgical treatment of obesity.
10. Stand-alone multi-disciplinary tobacco cessation programs. These are programs that usually include health care providers specializing in tobacco cessation and may include a psychologist, social worker or other licensed or certified professionals. The programs usually include intensive psychological support, behavior modification techniques and medications to control cravings. This exclusion does not apply to tobacco use screening and counseling as provided under *Tobacco Cessation Services* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.
11. Breast reduction surgery that is determined to be a Cosmetic Procedure. This exclusion does not apply to breast reduction surgery which we determine is requested to treat a physiologic functional impairment or to coverage required by the *Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998* for which Benefits are described under *Reconstructive Procedures* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*. This exclusion does not apply to breast reduction surgery for treatment of gender dysphoria.
12. *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) serologic testing.
13. Intracellular micronutrient testing.
14. Chelation therapy, except to treat heavy metal poisoning.
15. Cellular and Gene Therapy services not received from a Designated Provider.

## **M. Providers**

1. Services performed by a provider who is a family member by birth or marriage. Examples include a spouse, brother, sister, parent or child. This includes any service the provider may perform on himself or herself.
2. Services performed by a provider with your same legal address.
3. Services ordered or delivered by a Christian Science practitioner.
4. Service performed by an unlicensed provider or a provider who is operating outside of the scope of his/her license.
5. Services provided at a Freestanding Facility or diagnostic Hospital-based Facility without an order written by a Physician or other provider. Services which are self-directed to a Freestanding Facility or diagnostic Hospital-based Facility. Services ordered by a Physician or other provider who is an employee or representative of a Freestanding Facility or diagnostic Hospital-based Facility, when that Physician or other provider:
  - Has not been involved in your medical care prior to ordering the service, or
  - Is not involved in your medical care after the service is received.

This exclusion does not apply to mammography.

## **N. Reproduction**

1. Health care services and related expenses for infertility treatments, including assisted reproductive technology, regardless of the reason for the treatment. This exclusion does not apply to Benefits as described under *Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility* and *Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) and Related Services* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.
2. The following services related to a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate:
  - All costs related to reproductive techniques including:
    - ◆ Assisted reproductive technology.
    - ◆ Artificial insemination.
    - ◆ Intrauterine insemination.
    - ◆ Obtaining and transferring embryo(s).
    - ◆ Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) and related services.
  - Health care services including:
    - ◆ Inpatient or outpatient prenatal care and/or preventive care.
    - ◆ Screenings and/or diagnostic testing.
    - ◆ Delivery and post-natal care.
3. Costs of donor eggs and donor sperm.

The exclusion for the health care services listed above does not apply when the Gestational Carrier or Surrogate is a Covered Person.

- All fees including:
  - ◆ Screening, hiring and compensation of a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate including surrogacy agency fees.
  - ◆ Surrogate insurance premiums.
  - ◆ Travel or transportation fees.

3. Costs of donor eggs and donor sperm.

4. Storage and retrieval of all reproductive materials. Examples include eggs, sperm, testicular tissue and ovarian tissue. This exclusion does not apply to short-term storage (less than one year) and retrieval of reproductive materials for which Benefits are provided as described under *Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility and Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) and Related Services* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.
5. The reversal of voluntary sterilization.
6. Elective fertility preservation.
7. In vitro fertilization regardless of the reason for treatment. This exclusion does not apply to in vitro fertilization for which Benefits are provided as described under *Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) and Related Services* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.

## **O. Services Provided under another Plan**

1. Health care services for when other coverage is required by federal, state or local law to be bought or provided through other arrangements. Examples include coverage required by workers' compensation, or similar legislation.

If coverage under workers' compensation or similar legislation is optional for you because you could elect it, or could have it elected for you, Benefits will not be paid for any Injury, Sickness or Mental Illness that would have been covered under workers' compensation or similar legislation had that coverage been elected.

No Benefits are payable for accidental bodily injuries arising out of a motor vehicle accident to the extent such benefits are payable under any medical expense payment provision (by whatever terminology used including such Benefits mandated by law) of any automobile Policy.

2. 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.
3. Health care services for treatment of military service-related disabilities, when you are legally entitled to other coverage and facilities are reasonably available to you.
4. Health care services during active military duty.

## **P. Transplants**

1. Health care services for organ and tissue transplants, except those described under *Transplantation Services* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.
2. Health care services connected with the removal of an organ or tissue from you for purposes of a transplant to another person. (Donor costs that are directly related to organ removal are payable for a transplant through the organ recipient's Benefits under the Policy.)
3. Health care services for transplants involving animal organs.
4. Transplant services not received from a Designated Provider. This exclusion does not apply to cornea transplants.

## **Q. Travel**

1. Health care services provided in a foreign country, unless required as Emergency Health Care Services.
2. Travel or transportation expenses, even though prescribed by a Physician. Some travel expenses related to Covered Health Care Services received from a Designated Provider or other Network provider may be paid back as determined by us. This exclusion does not apply to ambulance transportation for which Benefits are provided as described under *Ambulance Services* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.

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

1. Multi-disciplinary pain management programs provided on an inpatient basis for sharp, sudden pain or for worsened long term pain.
2. Custodial Care or maintenance care.
3. Domiciliary care.
4. Private Duty Nursing.
5. Respite care. This exclusion does not apply to respite care for which Benefits are provided as described under *Hospice Care* in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services*.
6. Rest cures.
7. Services of personal care aides.
8. Independent living services.
9. Assisted living services.
10. 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 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*.
11. 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).
12. Transitional Living services (including recovery residences).

## **S. Vision and Hearing**

1. Cost and fitting charge for eyeglasses and contact lenses. This exclusion does not apply to eyeglasses and contacts required due to cataract surgery or aphakia for which Benefits are provided as described in Section 1: *Covered Health Care Services* under *Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies*.
2. Implantable lenses used only to fix a refractive error (such as *Intacs* corneal implants), artificial retinal devices, or retinal implants.
3. Eye exercise or vision therapy.
4. Surgery that is intended to allow you to see better without glasses or other vision correction. Examples include radial keratotomy, laser and other refractive eye surgery (e.g. Lasik).
5. Bone anchored hearing aids except when either of the following applies:
  - You have craniofacial anomalies whose abnormal or absent ear canals prevent the use of a wearable hearing aid.
  - You have hearing loss of sufficient severity that it would not be remedied enough by a wearable hearing aid.

More than one bone anchored hearing aid per Covered Person who meets the above coverage criteria during the entire period of time you are enrolled under the Policy.

Repairs and/or replacement for a bone anchored hearing aid when you meet the above coverage criteria, other than for malfunctions.

## **T. All Other Exclusions**

1. Health care services and supplies that do not meet the definition of a Covered Health Care Service. Covered Health Care Services are those health services, including services, supplies, or Pharmaceutical Products, which we determine to be all of the following:

- 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 Care Service in this *Certificate* under *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services* and in the *Schedule of Benefits*.
- Not otherwise excluded in this *Certificate* under *Section 2: Exclusions and Limitations*.

2. Physical, psychiatric or psychological exams, testing, all forms of vaccinations and immunizations or treatments that are otherwise covered under the Policy when:
  - Required only for school, sports or camp, travel, career or employment, insurance, marriage or adoption, or as the result of incarceration.
  - Related to judicial or administrative proceedings or orders. This exclusion does not apply to services that are determined to be Medically Necessary.
  - Conducted for purposes of medical research. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Health Care Services provided during a clinical trial for which Benefits are provided as described under *Clinical Trials* in *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*.
  - Required to get or maintain a license of any type.
3. Health care services received as a result of war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared or caused during service in the armed forces of any country. This exclusion does not apply if you are a civilian injured or otherwise affected by war, any act of war, or terrorism in non-war zones.
4. Health care services received after the date your coverage under the Policy ends. This applies to all health care services, even if the health care service is required to treat a medical condition that started before the date your coverage under the Policy ended except if you are confined in a Hospital on the date your coverage under the Policy ends. If you are confined in a Hospital on the date your coverage under the Policy ends, your coverage will be extended to the date of discharge or to a maximum of 31 days, whichever is earlier.
5. Health care services when you have no legal responsibility to pay, or when a charge would not ordinarily be made in the absence of coverage under the Policy.
6. In the event an out-of-Network provider waives, does not pursue, or fails to collect Co-payments or other amount owed for a particular health care service, no Benefits are provided for the health care service when the Co-payments are waived.
7. Charges in excess of the Allowed Amount, when applicable, or in excess of any specified limitation.
8. Long term (more than 30 days) storage. Examples include cryopreservation of tissue, blood and blood products.
9. Autopsy, except when the autopsy is done at our request, and other coroner services and transportation services for a corpse.
10. Foreign language and sign language interpretation services offered by or required to be provided by a Network or out-of-Network provider.
11. Health care services related to a non-Covered Health Care Service: When a service is not a Covered Health Care Service, all services related to that non-Covered Health Care Service are also excluded. This exclusion does not apply to services we would otherwise determine to be Covered Health Care Services if the service treats complications that arise from the non-Covered Health Care 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.

12. Charges for:
  - Missed appointments.
  - Completion of claims forms.
  - Record processing.
13. Over-the-counter self-administered home diagnostic tests, including HIV and Pregnancy tests.
14. Retail genetic tests direct to consumer.
15. Health care services from an out-of-Network provider for non-emergent, sub-acute inpatient, or outpatient services at any of the following non-Hospital facilities: Alternate Facility, Freestanding Facility, Residential Treatment Facility, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, and Skilled Nursing Facility received outside of the Covered Person's state of residence. For the purpose of this exclusion the "state of residence" is the state where the Covered Person is a legal resident, plus any geographically bordering adjacent state or, for a Covered Person who is a student, the state where they attend school during the school year.

This exclusion does not apply in the case of an Emergency or when there is no Network provider who is reasonably accessible or available to provide Covered Health Care Services.

## Section 3: When Coverage Begins

### How Do You Enroll?

Eligible Persons must complete an enrollment form given to them by the Group. The Group will submit the completed forms to us, along with any required Premium. We will not provide Benefits for health care services that you receive before your effective date of coverage.

### What If You Are Hospitalized When Your Coverage Begins?

We will pay Benefits for Covered Health Care Services when all of the following apply:

- You are an inpatient in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility on the day your coverage begins.
- You receive Covered Health Care Services on or after your first day of coverage related to that Inpatient Stay.
- You receive Covered Health Care Services in accordance with the terms of the Policy.

These Benefits are subject to your previous carrier's obligations under state law or contract.

You should notify us of your hospitalization within 48 hours of the day your coverage begins, or as soon as reasonably possible. For plans that have a Network Benefit level, Network Benefits are available only if you receive Covered Health Care Services from Network providers.

### Who Is Eligible for Coverage?

Eligibility for enrollment is administered by the Group consistent with the Policy which includes this *Certificate and Group Application* to the extent allowable by state law.

Please note that no employee or member of the Group who meets the eligibility requirements shall be excluded from enrolling for coverage unless the Subscriber or Member chooses not to enroll themselves or their Dependents.

### Eligible Person

Eligible Person usually refers to an employee or member of the Group who meets the eligibility rules. When an Eligible Person enrolls, we refer to that person as a Subscriber. For a complete definition of Eligible Person, Group and Subscriber, see *Section 9: Defined Terms*.

Eligible Persons must live within the United States.

If both spouses are Eligible Persons of the Group, each may enroll as a Subscriber or be covered as an Enrolled Dependent of the other, but not both.

### Dependent

Dependent generally refers to the Subscriber's spouse and children. When a Dependent enrolls, we refer to that person as an Enrolled Dependent. For a complete definition of Dependent and Enrolled Dependent, see *Section 9: Defined Terms*.

Dependents of an Eligible Person may not enroll unless the Eligible Person is also covered under the Policy.

If both parents of a Dependent child are enrolled as a Subscriber, only one parent may enroll the child as a Dependent.

### When Do You Enroll and When Does Coverage Begin?

Except as described below, Eligible Persons may not enroll themselves or their Dependents.

## **Initial Enrollment Period**

When the Group purchases coverage under the Policy from us, the Initial Enrollment Period is the first period of time when Eligible Persons can enroll themselves and their Dependents.

Coverage begins on the date shown in the Policy. We must receive the completed enrollment form and any required Premium within 31 days of the date the Eligible Person becomes eligible.

Please note that an Initial Enrollment Period shall be a period of at least 31 days and shall begin on your initial date of eligibility.

## **Open Enrollment Period**

The Group sets the Open Enrollment Period. During the Open Enrollment Period, Eligible Persons can enroll themselves and their Dependents.

Coverage begins on the date identified by the Group. We must receive the completed enrollment form and any required Premium within 31 days of the date the Eligible Person becomes eligible.

## **New Eligible Persons**

Coverage for a new Eligible Person and his or her Dependents begins on the date agreed to by the Group in accordance with the eligibility rules. We must receive the completed enrollment form and any required Premium within 31 days of the date the new Eligible Person first becomes eligible.

## **Adding New Dependents**

Subscribers may enroll Dependents who join their family because of any of the following events:

- Birth.
- Legal adoption.
- Placement for adoption.
- Marriage.
- Legal guardianship.
- Court or administrative order.
- Registering a Domestic Partner.

Coverage for the Dependent begins on the date of the event. We must receive the completed enrollment form and any required Premium within 31 days of the event.

In the event of a birth, legal adoption or placement for adoption of a child, coverage begins on the date of birth, legal adoption or placement for adoption and will continue for 31 days. To continue coverage past the initial 31 days, a completed enrollment form is required if there is additional Premium due or if the Subscriber had single coverage only.

## **Special Enrollment Period**

An Eligible Person and/or Dependent may also be able to enroll during a special enrollment period. A special enrollment period is not available to an Eligible Person and his or her Dependents if coverage under a UnitedHealthCare Insurance Company prior plan ended for cause, or because premiums were not paid on a timely basis.

An Eligible Person and/or Dependent does not need to elect COBRA continuation coverage to preserve special enrollment rights. Special enrollment is available to an Eligible Person and/or Dependent even if COBRA is not elected.

A special enrollment period applies to an Eligible Person and any Dependents when one of the following events occurs:

- Birth.
- Legal adoption.
- Placement for adoption.
- Marriage.
- Registering a Domestic Partner.

A special enrollment period also applies for an Eligible Person and/or Dependent who did not enroll during the Initial Enrollment Period or Open Enrollment Period if any of the following are true:

- The Eligible Person previously declined coverage under the Policy, but the Eligible Person and/or Dependent becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under *Medicaid* or *Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*. Coverage will begin only if we receive the completed enrollment form and any required Premium within 60 days of the date of determination of subsidy eligibility.
- The Eligible Person and/or Dependent had existing health coverage under another plan at the time they had an opportunity to enroll during the Initial Enrollment Period or Open Enrollment Period and coverage under the prior plan ended because of any of the following:
  - Loss of eligibility (including legal separation, divorce or death).
  - The employer stopped paying the contributions. This is true even if the Eligible Person and/or Dependent continues to receive coverage under the prior plan and to pay the amounts previously paid by the employer.
  - In the case of COBRA continuation coverage, the coverage ended.
  - The Eligible Person and/or Dependent no longer resides, lives or works in an HMO service area if no other benefit option is available.
  - The plan no longer offers benefits to a class of individuals that includes the Eligible Person and/or Dependent.
  - The Eligible Person and/or Dependent loses eligibility under *Medicaid* or *Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*. Coverage will begin only if we receive the completed enrollment form and any required Premium within 60 days of the date coverage ended.

When an event takes place (for example, a birth, marriage or determination of eligibility for state subsidy), coverage begins on the date of the event. We must receive the completed enrollment form and any required Premium within 31 days of the event unless otherwise noted above.

For an Eligible Person and/or Dependent who did not enroll during the Initial Enrollment Period or Open Enrollment Period because they had existing health coverage under another plan, coverage begins on the day following the day coverage under the prior plan ends. Except as otherwise noted above, coverage will begin only if we receive the completed enrollment form and any required Premium within 31 days of the date coverage under the prior plan ended.

## Section 4: When Coverage Ends

### General Information about When Coverage Ends

As permitted by law, we may end the Policy and/or all similar benefit plans at any time for the reasons explained in the Policy.

Your right to Benefits automatically ends on the date that coverage ends, even if you are otherwise receiving medical treatment on that date. If you are hospitalized on the date that coverage ends, Benefits for the hospitalization will be extended until you are discharged or for a maximum of 31 days from the date that coverage ended, whichever is earlier. Coverage under any subsequent replacement policy will provide coverage on a primary basis to the prior carrier. Please note that this does not affect coverage that is extended under *Extended Coverage for Total Disability* below.

When your coverage ends, we will still pay claims for Covered Health Care Services that you received before the date your coverage ended. However, once your coverage ends, we will not pay claims for any health care services received after that date (even if the medical condition that is being treated occurred before the date your coverage ended), except if you are hospitalized on the date coverage ends as described above. Please note that this does not affect coverage that is extended under *Extended Coverage for Total Disability* below.

Unless otherwise stated, an Enrolled Dependent's coverage ends on the date the Subscriber's coverage ends.

Please note that if you are subject to the *Extended Coverage for Total Disability* provision later in this section, entitlement to Benefits ends as described in that section.

### What Events End Your Coverage?

Coverage ends on the earliest of the dates specified below:

- **The Entire Policy Ends**

Your coverage ends on the date the Policy ends. In this event, the Group is responsible for notifying you that your coverage has ended.

- **You Are No Longer Eligible**

Your coverage ends on the last day of the calendar month in which you are no longer eligible to be a Subscriber or Enrolled Dependent. Please refer to *Section 9: Defined Terms* for definitions of the terms "Eligible Person," "Subscriber," "Dependent" and "Enrolled Dependent."

- **We Receive Notice to End Coverage**

The Group is responsible for providing the required notice to us to end your coverage. Your coverage ends on the last day of the calendar month in which we receive the required notice from the Group to end your coverage, or on the date requested in the notice, if later.

- **Subscriber Retires or Is Pensioned**

The Group is responsible for providing the required notice to us to end your coverage. Your coverage ends the last day of the calendar month in which the Subscriber is retired or receiving benefits under the Group's pension or retirement plan.

This provision applies unless there is specific coverage classification for retired or pensioned persons in the Group's *Application*, and only if the Subscriber continues to meet any applicable eligibility rules. The Group can provide you with specific information about what coverage is available for retirees.

## **Fraud or Intentional Misrepresentation of a Material Fact**

We will provide at least 30 days advance required notice to the Subscriber that coverage will end on the date we identify in the notice because you committed an act, practice, or omission that constituted fraud, or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact. Examples include knowingly providing incorrect information relating to another person's eligibility or status as a Dependent. You may appeal this decision during the notice period. The notice will contain information on how to appeal the decision.

If we find that you have performed an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud, or have made an intentional misrepresentation of material fact we have the right to demand that you pay back all Benefits we paid to you, or paid in your name, during the time you were incorrectly covered under the Policy.

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

Coverage for an unmarried Enrolled Dependent child who is disabled will not end just because the child has reached a certain age. We will extend the coverage for that child beyond this age if both of the following are true:

- The Enrolled Dependent child is not able to support him/herself because of mental, developmental, or physical disability.
- The Enrolled Dependent child depends mainly on the Subscriber for support.

Coverage will continue as long as the Enrolled Dependent child is medically certified as disabled and dependent unless coverage otherwise ends in accordance with the terms of the Policy.

We may require you to furnish us with reasonable proof of the disability and financial dependence within 31 days of the date coverage would have ended because the child reached a certain age. Examples of reasonable proof may include medical certification from a Physician, social security documentation identifying proof of disability, or the Subscriber's most recent federal income tax return that verifies the Enrolled Dependent is in fact a Dependent of the Subscriber. Before we agree to this extension of coverage for the child, we may require that a Physician we choose examine the child. We will pay for that exam.

We may continue to ask you for proof that the child continues to be disabled and dependent. Such proof might include medical exams at our expense. We will not ask for this information more than once a year.

If you do not provide proof of the child's disability and dependency within 31 days of our request as described above, coverage for that child will end.

## **Extended Coverage for Total Disability**

Coverage when you are Totally Disabled on the date the entire Policy ends will not end automatically. We will extend the coverage, only for treatment of the condition causing the Total Disability. Benefits will be paid until the earlier of either of the following:

- The Total Disability ends.
- Three months from the date coverage would have ended when the entire Policy ends.

## **Continuation of Coverage and Conversion**

If your coverage ends under the Policy, you may have the right to elect continuation coverage (coverage that continues on in some form) in accordance with federal or state law.

Continuation coverage under COBRA (the federal *Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act*) is available only to Groups that are subject to the terms of COBRA. Contact your plan administrator to find out if your Group is subject to the provisions of COBRA.

If you chose continuation coverage under a prior plan which was then replaced by coverage under the Policy, continuation coverage will end as scheduled under the prior plan or in accordance with federal or state law, whichever is earlier.

We are not the Group's designated "plan administrator" as that term is used in federal law, and we do not assume any responsibilities of a "plan administrator" according to federal law.

We are not obligated to provide continuation coverage to you if the Group or its plan administrator fails to perform its responsibilities under federal law. Examples of the responsibilities of the Group or its plan administrator are:

- Notifying you in a timely manner of the right to elect continuation coverage.
- Notifying us in a timely manner of your election of continuation coverage.

## **Qualifying Events for Continuation Coverage under State Law**

Coverage must have ended due to one of the following qualifying events:

- Termination of the Subscriber from employment with the Group for any reason except gross misconduct.
- Termination of coverage due to loss of eligibility as a Subscriber or an Enrolled Dependent.

## **Notification Requirements and Election Period for Continuation Coverage under State Law**

The Group will provide you with written notification of the right to continuation coverage within 30 days of when coverage ends under the Policy. You must elect continuation coverage within 31 days of receiving this notification. You should get an election form from the Group or the employer and, once election is made, forward all monthly Premiums for payment to us.

## **Terminating Events for Continuation Coverage under State Law**

Continuation coverage under the Policy will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- 18 months from the date your continuation began.
- The date coverage ends for failure to make timely payment of the Premium.
- The date coverage ends because you violate a material condition of the Policy.
- The date coverage is or could be obtained under any other group health plan.
- The date the Policy ends.

## **Conversion**

If your coverage ends for one of the reasons described below, you may apply for conversion coverage without furnishing evidence of insurability.

Reasons for termination:

- The Subscriber is retired or pensioned.
- You cease to be eligible as a Subscriber or Enrolled Dependent.
- Continuation coverage ends.
- The entire Policy ends and is not replaced.

Application and payment of the first Premium must be made within 31 days after coverage ends under the Policy. Conversion coverage will be issued in accordance with the terms and conditions in effect at the time of application. Conversion coverage may be substantially different from coverage provided under the Policy.

## Section 5: How to File a Claim

### How Are Covered Health Care Services from Network Providers Paid?

We pay Network providers directly for your Covered Health Care Services. If a Network provider bills you for any Covered Health Care Service, call the telephone number on your ID card. However, you are required to pay any required Co-payments to a Network provider.

### How Are Covered Health Care Services from an Out-of-Network Provider Paid?

When you receive Covered Health Care Services from an out-of-Network provider, you are responsible for requesting payment from us. You must file the claim in a format that contains all of the information we require, as described below.

You should submit a request for payment of Benefits within 90 days after the date of service. If you don't provide this information to us within one year of the date of service, Benefits for that health care service will be denied or reduced, as determined by us. This time limit 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.

#### Required Information

When you request payment of Benefits from us, you must provide us with all of the following information:

- The Subscriber's name and address.
- The patient's name and age.
- The number stated on your ID card.
- The name, address, tax identification number, NPI number and license number, if available, of the provider of the service(s).
- The name and address of any ordering Physician.
- A diagnosis from the Physician.
- An itemized bill from your provider that includes the *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) codes or a description of each charge.
- The date the Injury or Sickness began.
- A statement indicating either that you are, or you are not, enrolled for coverage under any other health plan or program. If you are enrolled for other coverage, you must include the name of the other carrier(s).
- Proof of payment may be requested to substantiate your claim but is not required upon initial submission.

It is not necessary to include a claim form. If you would like to use a claim form, call us at the telephone number stated on your ID card and a claim form will be sent to you. If you do not receive the claim form within 15 calendar days of your request, send in the proof of loss with the information stated above.

The above information should be filed with us at the address on your ID card.

When filing a claim for Outpatient Prescription Drug Benefits, your claim should be submitted by mail to:

Optum Rx  
PO Box 650629  
Dallas, TX 75265-0629

## **Payment of Benefits**

Allowed Amounts due to an out-of-Network provider for Covered Health Care Services that are subject to the *No Surprises Act* of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act* (P.L. 116-260), are paid directly to the provider.

Payment of Benefits under the Policy shall be in cash or cash equivalents, or in a form of other consideration that we determine to be adequate. Where Benefits are payable directly to a provider, such adequate consideration includes the forgiveness in whole or in part of the amount the provider owes us, or to other plans for which we make payments where we have taken an assignment of the other plans' recovery rights for value.

## **Time of Payment of Claims**

We will pay Benefits promptly after we receive a request for payment for a written proof of loss that includes all required information.

## **Section 6: Questions, Complaints and Appeals**

To resolve a question, complaint, or appeal, just follow these steps:

### **What if You Have a Question?**

Call the telephone number shown on your ID card. Representatives are available to take your call during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

### **What if You Have a Complaint?**

Call the telephone number shown on your ID card. Representatives are available to take your call during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

If you would rather send your complaint to us in writing, the representative can provide you with the address.

If the representative cannot resolve the issue over the phone, he/she can help you prepare and submit a written complaint. We will notify you of our decision regarding your complaint within 60 days of receiving it.

### **How Do You Appeal a Claim Decision?**

#### **Post-service Claims**

Post-service claims are claims filed for payment of Benefits after medical care has been received.

#### **Pre-service Requests for Benefits**

Pre-service requests for Benefits are requests that require prior authorization or benefit confirmation prior to receiving medical care.

#### **How to Request an Appeal**

If you disagree with a pre-service request for Benefits determination, post-service claim determination or a rescission of coverage determination, you can contact us in writing to request an appeal.

Your request for an appeal should include:

- The patient's name and the identification number from the ID card.
- The date(s) of medical service(s).
- The provider's name.
- The reason you believe the claim should be paid.
- Any documentation or other written information to support your request for claim payment.

Your first appeal request must be submitted to us within 180 days after you receive the denial of a pre-service request for Benefits or the claim denial.

#### **Appeal Process**

A qualified individual who was not involved in the decision being appealed will be chosen to decide the appeal. If your appeal is related to clinical matters, the review will be done in consultation with a health care professional with expertise in the field, who was not involved in the prior determination. We may consult with, or ask medical experts to take part in the appeal process. You consent to this referral and the sharing of needed medical claim information. Upon request and free of charge, you have the right to reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records and other information related to your claim for Benefits. Medical release authorizations will only be valid if they do not extend beyond 24 months. If any new or additional evidence is relied upon or generated by us during the determination of the appeal, we

will provide it to you free of charge and in advance of the due date of the response to the adverse benefit determination.

## Appeals Determinations

### Pre-service Requests for Benefits and Post-service Claim Appeals

For procedures related to urgent requests for Benefits, see *Urgent Appeals that Require Immediate Action* below.

You will be provided written or electronic notification of the decision on your appeal as follows:

- For appeals of pre-service requests for Benefits as defined above, the appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 30 days from receipt of a request for appeal of a denied request for Benefits.
- For appeals of post-service claims as defined above, the appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 60 days from receipt of a request for appeal of a denied claim.

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

You may have the right to external review through an *External Review Organization (ERO)* upon the completion of the internal appeal process. If we have failed to strictly adhere to all internal appeal procedure requirements as prescribed by state or federal law, you shall be deemed to have exhausted the internal claims and appeal process regardless whether we assert substantial compliance with the appeal procedure or any error we committed was minimal. Instructions regarding any such rights, and how to access those rights, will be provided in our decision letter to you.

### Urgent Appeals that Require Immediate Action

Your appeal may require urgent action if a delay in treatment could increase the risk to your health, or the ability to regain maximum function, or cause severe pain. In these urgent situations:

- The appeal does not need to be submitted in writing. You or your Physician should call us as soon as possible.
- We will provide you with a written or electronic determination within 72 hours following receipt of your request for review of the determination, or as expeditiously as your medical condition or circumstances require.
- If we need more information from your Physician to make a decision, we will notify you of the decision by the end of the next business day following receipt of the required information.

The appeal process for urgent situations does not apply to prescheduled treatments, therapies or surgeries.

### External Review Program

If, after exhausting your internal appeals, you are not satisfied with the determination made by us, or if we fail to respond to your appeal in accordance with applicable regulations regarding timing, you may file for an external review with the Kansas Insurance Commissioner within 120 days of receipt of a final adverse decision. You can reach the Kansas Insurance Department at the following address and phone numbers:

Kansas Insurance Department

1300 SW Arrowhead Road

Topeka, KS 66604

<https://insurance.kansas.gov/complaint/>

Consumer Division 800-432-2484 (in Kansas only); or 785-296-7829 (out-of-state callers).

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 *Kansas Insurance Commissioner* at the address above. You or your representative may request an expedited external review, in urgent situations as defined below, by calling the telephone number on your ID card or by sending a written request to the *Kansas Insurance Commissioner*. A request must be made within four months after the date you received our decision.

An external review request should include all of the following:

- A specific request for an external review.
- Your 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 *External Review Organization (ERO)*. The *Kansas Insurance Department* has entered into agreements with three or more *EROs* 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 includes all of the following:

- A preliminary review by the *Kansas Insurance Commissioner*.
- A referral of the request by the *Kansas Insurance Commissioner* to the *ERO*.
- A decision by the *ERO*.

Within 10 business days after receiving the written request for external review and all necessary information, a preliminary determination shall be completed by the *Kansas Insurance Commissioner*. The *Commissioner* shall notify you, your treating Physician, your representative, and us in writing if the request is complete and has been accepted; if the request is not complete; or if the request for external review is not accepted.

Preliminary determination by the *Commissioner* shall be made to determine whether the individual for whom the request was submitted meets the following:

- Is or was covered under the Policy at the time the health care service or procedure that is at issue in the request was provided or, in the case of a retrospective review, was covered at the time the health care service was provided.
- The health care service that is the subject for the adverse decision reasonably appears to be a Covered Health Care Service.
- Has exhausted the applicable internal appeals process.

- Has provided all the information and forms required by the Commissioner that are necessary to process the request.

If the request for external review is accepted, the *Kansas Insurance Commissioner* will assign an *ERO* to conduct such review. The Commissioner shall notify you, your treating Physician, your representative, and us in writing that the request has been accepted for external review and provide the name, address, and telephone number of the *ERO* who has been assigned to conduct the external review. If the request for external review is not complete, you or your representative shall be informed by the Commissioner of the information or materials needed to make the request complete. If the request for external review is not accepted, the Commissioner shall notify you, your treating Physician, your representative, and us in writing of the reasons for its noncompliance.

You may submit in writing to the *ERO* within seven business days following the date of receipt of the notice additional information that the *ERO* will consider when conducting the external review. The *ERO* shall review all the information and documents received and any other information submitted in writing by you or your representative.

Failure by us to provide documents and information within five business days shall not delay the conduct of the external review.

We will provide to the assigned *ERO* the documents and information considered in making our determination. The documents include:

- All relevant medical records.
- All other documents relied upon by us.
- 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. We will include it with the documents forwarded to the *ERO*.

In reaching a decision, the *ERO* will review the claim as new and not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached by us. The *ERO* will provide written notice of its determination (the “Final External Review Decision”) within 30 business days after it receives the request for the external review (unless they request additional time and you agree). The *ERO* will deliver the notice of *Final External Review Decision* to you, or your representative, us, and the *Commissioner*, and it will include the clinical basis for the determination.

If we receive a *Final External Review Decision* reversing our determination, we will provide coverage or payment for the Benefit claim at issue according to the terms and conditions of the Policy, and any applicable law regarding plan remedies. If the *Final External Review Decision* agrees with our determination, we will not be obligated to provide Benefits for the health care service or procedure.

The decision of the *ERO* shall be binding on you and us, except decisions of the *ERO* may be reviewed directly by the district court at the request of either you or us. The review by the district court shall be *de novo*.

## **Expedited External Review**

An expedited external review is similar to a standard external review. The main difference between the two is that the time periods for completing certain portions of the review process are much shorter for the expedited external review, 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, separately or at the same time you have filed a request for an expedited internal appeal, if you receive either of the following:

- An adverse benefit determination of a claim or appeal that involves a medical condition for which the time frame for completion of an expedited internal appeal would either jeopardize:
  - The life or health of the individual.

- The individual's ability to regain maximum function.

In addition, you must have filed a request for an expedited internal appeal.

- A final appeal decision, that either:
  - Involves a medical condition where the timeframe for completion of a standard external review would either jeopardize the life or health of the individual or jeopardize the individual's ability to regain maximum function.
  - Concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care service, procedure or product for which the individual received emergency care services, but has not been discharged from a facility.

Immediately upon receipt of the request, a preliminary determination shall be completed by the Kansas Insurance Commissioner to determine the following:

- You are or were covered under the Policy at the time the health care service or procedure that is at issue in the request was provided.
- The health care service that is the subject for the adverse decision reasonably appears to be a Covered Health Care Service.

Upon a determination that a request is eligible for expedited external review, the *Kansas Insurance Commissioner* will assign an *ERO* in the same manner we utilized to assign standard external reviews to *EROs*. The *Commissioner* shall notify you, your treating Physician, and us of the name, address, and telephone number of the *ERO* assigned to conduct the expedited external review. We will provide all required documents and information we used in making the adverse benefit determination or final adverse benefit determination to the assigned *ERO* electronically or by telephone or facsimile or any other available method in a timely manner. The *ERO*, to the extent the information or documents are available and the *ERO* considers them appropriate, must consider the same type of information and documents considered in a standard external review.

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

The decision of the *ERO* shall be binding on you and us, except decisions of the *ERO* may be reviewed directly by the district court at the request of either you or us. The review by the district court shall be *de novo*.

You may call us at the telephone number on your ID card for more information regarding external review rights, or if making a verbal request for an expedited external review.

## Section 7: Coordination of Benefits

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

This section describes how Benefits under the Policy will be coordinated with those of any other plan that provides benefits to you. The language in this section is from model laws drafted by the *National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)* and represents standard industry practice for coordinating benefits.

### When Does Coordination of Benefits Apply?

This *Coordination of Benefits (COB)* provision applies when a person has health care coverage under more than one Plan. Plan is defined below.

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.

### Definitions

For purposes of this section, terms are defined as follows:

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

1. Plan includes: group and non-group insurance contracts, health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts, closed panel plans or other forms of group or group-type coverage (whether insured or uninsured); medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts; and Medicare or any other federal governmental plan, as permitted by law Medicare or any other federal governmental plan, as permitted by law; non-group insurance contracts issued on or after January 1, 2014; and nongroup coverage through closed panel plans issued on or after January 1, 2014.
2. Plan does not include: hospital indemnity coverage insurance or other fixed indemnity coverage; accident only coverage; specified disease or specified accident coverage; limited benefit health coverage, as defined by state law; school accident type coverage; benefits for non-medical components of long-term care policies; Medicare supplement policies; Medicaid policies; or coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law.

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

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

C. **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.

D. **Allowable Expense.** Allowable Expense is a health care expense, including deductibles, co-insurance and co-payments, that is covered at least in part by any Plan covering the person. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any Plan covering the person is not an Allowable Expense. In addition, any expense that a provider by law or according to contractual agreement is prohibited from charging a Covered Person is not an Allowable Expense.

The following are examples of expenses or services that are not Allowable Expenses:

1. The difference between the cost of a semi-private hospital room and a private room is not an Allowable Expense unless one of the Plans provides coverage for private hospital room expenses.
2. If a person is covered by two or more Plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an Allowable Expense.
3. If a person is covered by two (2) or more plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, or if one plan calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees and another plan provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, any amount in excess of the highest of the fees is not an allowable expense.
4. If a person is covered by one Plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's payment arrangement shall be the Allowable Expense for all Plans. However, if the provider has contracted with the Secondary Plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the Primary Plan's payment arrangement and if the provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment shall be the Allowable Expense used by the Secondary Plan to determine its benefits.
5. The amount of any benefit reduction by the Primary Plan because a Covered Person has failed to comply with the Plan provisions is not an Allowable Expense. Examples of these types of plan provisions include second surgical opinions, precertification of admissions and preferred provider arrangements.

E. **Closed Panel Plan.** Closed Panel Plan is a Plan that provides health care benefits to Covered Persons primarily in the form of services through a panel of providers that have contracted with or are employed by the Plan, and that excludes benefits for services provided by other providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.

F. **Custodial Parent.** 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.

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

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

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

B. (1.) Except as provided in Paragraph B (2.), a Plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with K.A.R. 40-4-34 is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying plan is primary.

(2.) Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage shall be in excess of any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. These types of situations include major medical coverages that are superimposed over base plan hospital and surgical benefits and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a Closed Panel Plan to provide out-of-network benefits.

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

D. 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, member, 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, member, 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.

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 D.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 D.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.

## **Effect on the Benefits of This Plan**

A. When This Plan is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans are not more than the total Allowable Expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the Secondary Plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage and apply that calculated amount to any Allowable Expense under its Plan that is unpaid by the Primary Plan. The Secondary Plan may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the Primary Plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans for the claim do not exceed the total Allowable Expense for that claim. In addition, the Secondary Plan shall credit to its plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other health care coverage.

B. If a Covered Person is enrolled in two or more Closed Panel Plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel provider, benefits are not payable by one Closed Panel Plan, COB shall not apply between that Plan and other Closed Panel Plans.

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

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans. We may get the facts we need from, or give them to, other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans covering the person claiming benefits.

We need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under This Plan must give us any facts we need to apply those rules and determine benefits payable. If you do not provide us the information we need to apply these rules and determine the Benefits payable, your claim for Benefits will be denied.

## **Payments Made**

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

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

If the amount of the payments we made is more than we should have paid under this COB provision, we may recover the excess from one or more of the persons we have paid or for whom we have paid; or any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for you. The "amount of the payments made" includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

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

If This Plan is secondary to Medicare, then Benefits payable under This Plan will be based on Medicare's reduced benefits.

## Section 8: General Legal Provisions

### What Is Your Relationship with Us?

It is important for you to understand our role with respect to the Group's Policy and how it may affect you. We help finance or administer the Group's Policy in which you are enrolled. We do not provide medical services or make treatment decisions. This means:

- We communicate to you decisions about whether the Group's Policy will cover or pay for the health care that you may receive. The Policy pays for Covered Health Care Services, which are more fully described in this *Certificate*.
- The Policy may not pay for all treatments you or your Physician may believe are needed. If the Policy does not pay, you will be responsible for the cost.

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

Please refer to our *Notice of Privacy Practices* for details.

### What Is Our Relationship with Providers and Groups?

We have agreements in place that govern the relationship between us, our Groups and Network providers, some of which are affiliated providers. Network providers enter into agreements with us to provide Covered Health Care Services to Covered Persons.

We do not provide health care services or supplies, or practice medicine. We arrange for health care providers to participate in a Network and we pay Benefits. Network providers are independent practitioners who run their own offices and facilities. Our credentialing process confirms public information about the providers' licenses and other credentials. It does not assure the quality of the services provided. We are not responsible for any act or omission of any provider.

We are not considered to be an employer for any purpose with respect to the administration or provision of benefits under the Group's Policy. We are not responsible for fulfilling any duties or obligations of an employer with respect to the Group's Policy.

The Group is solely responsible for all of the following:

- Enrollment and classification changes (including classification changes resulting in your enrollment or the termination of your coverage).
- The timely payment of the Policy Charge to us.
- Notifying you of when the Policy ends.

When the Group purchases the Policy to provide coverage under a benefit plan governed by the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act* ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §1001 et seq., we are not the plan administrator or named fiduciary of the benefit plan, as those terms are used in ERISA. If you have questions about your welfare benefit plan, you should contact the Group. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, contact the nearest area office of the *Employee Benefits Security Administration, U. S. Department of Labor*.

### What Is Your Relationship with Providers and Groups?

The relationship between you and any provider is that of provider and patient.

You are responsible for all of the following:

- Choosing your own provider.

- Paying, directly to your provider, any amount identified as a member responsibility, including Co-payments and any amount that exceeds the Allowed Amount, when applicable.
- Paying, directly to your provider, the cost of any non-Covered Health Care Service.
- Deciding if any provider treating you is right for you. This includes Network providers you choose and providers that they refer.
- Deciding with your provider what care you should receive.

Your provider is solely responsible for the quality of the services provided to you.

The relationship between you and the Group is that of employer and employee, Dependent or other classification as defined in the Policy.

## **Notice**

When we provide written notice regarding administration of the Policy to an authorized representative of the Group, that notice is deemed notice to all affected Subscribers and their Enrolled Dependents. The Group is responsible for giving notice to you.

## **Statements by Group or Subscriber**

All statements made by the Group or by a Subscriber shall, in the absence of fraud, be deemed representations and not warranties. We will not use any statement made by the Group to void the Policy after it has been in force for two years unless it is a fraudulent statement.

## **Do We Pay Incentives to Providers?**

We pay Network providers through various types of contractual arrangements. Some of these arrangements may include financial incentives 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.
- Capitation - a group of Network providers receives a monthly payment from us for each Covered Person who selects a Network provider within the group to perform or coordinate certain health care 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 Care Services for a particular procedure or medical condition. Your Co-payment 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 Co-payment may not be required if such follow-up services are included in the bundled payment. You may receive some Covered Health Care Services that are not considered part of the inclusive bundled payment and those Covered Health Care Services would be subject to the applicable Co-payment as described in your *Schedule of Benefits*.

We use 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 us includes any financial incentives, we encourage you to discuss those questions with your provider. You may also call us at the telephone number on your ID card. We can advise whether your Network provider is paid by any financial incentive, including those listed above.

## **Are Incentives Available to You?**

Sometimes we may offer coupons, enhanced Benefits, or other incentives to encourage you to take part in various programs, including wellness programs, 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 take part in a program is yours alone. However, we recommend that you discuss taking part in such programs with your Physician. You can visit [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or call the telephone number on your ID card if you have any questions.

## **Do We Receive Rebates and Other Payments?**

We may receive rebates for certain drugs that are administered to you in your home or in a Physician's office, or at a Hospital or Alternate Facility. As determined by us, we may pass a portion of these rebates on to you. When rebates are passed onto you, they may be taken into account in determining your Co-payment.

## **Who Interprets Benefits and Other Provisions under the Policy?**

We have the final authority to do all of the following:

- Interpret Benefits under the Policy.
- Interpret the other terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions set out in the Policy, including this *Certificate*, the *Schedule of Benefits* and any Riders and/or Amendments.
- Make factual determinations related to the Policy and its Benefits.

We may assign this authority to other persons or entities that provide services in regard to the administration of the Policy.

In certain circumstances, for purposes of overall cost savings or efficiency, we may offer Benefits for services that would otherwise not be Covered Health Care Services. The fact that we do so in any particular case shall not in any way be deemed to require us to do so in other similar cases.

## **Who Provides Administrative Services?**

We provide administrative services or, as we determine, we may arrange for various persons or entities to provide administrative services, such as claims processing. The identity of the service providers and the nature of the services they provide may be changed from time to time as we determine. We are not required to give you prior notice of any such change, nor are we required to obtain your approval. You must cooperate with those persons or entities in the performance of their responsibilities.

## **Amendments to the Policy**

To the extent permitted by law, we have the right, as we determine and without your approval, to change, interpret, withdraw or add Benefits or end the Policy.

Any provision of the Policy which, on its effective date, is in conflict with the requirements of state or federal statutes or regulations (of the jurisdiction in which the Policy is delivered) is amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statutes and regulations.

No other change may be made to the Policy unless it is made by an Amendment or Rider which has been signed by one of our officers and consistent with applicable notice requirements. All of the following conditions apply:

- Amendments and Riders to the Policy are effective upon the Group's next anniversary date, except as otherwise permitted by law.
- No agent has the authority to change the Policy or to waive any of its provisions.

- No one has authority to make any oral changes or amendments to the Policy.

## How Do We Use Information and Records?

We may use your individually identifiable health information as follows:

- To administer the Policy and pay claims.
- To identify procedures, products, or services that you may find valuable.
- As otherwise permitted or required by law.

We may request additional information from you to decide your claim for Benefits. We will keep this information confidential. We may also use de-identified data for commercial purposes, including research, as permitted by law. More detail about how we may use or disclose your information is found in our *Notice of Privacy Practices*.

By accepting Benefits under the Policy, you authorize and direct any person or institution that has provided services to you to furnish us with all information or copies of records relating to the services provided to you, including provider billing and provider payment records. Medical release authorizations will only be valid if they do not extend beyond 24 months. We 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 Subscriber's enrollment form. We agree that such information and records will be considered confidential.

We have the right to release records concerning health care services when any of the following apply:

- Needed to put in place and administer the terms of the Policy.
- Needed for medical review or quality assessment.
- Required by law or regulation.

During and after the term of the Policy, we and our related entities may use and transfer the information gathered under the Policy in a de-identified format for commercial purposes, including research and analytic purposes. Please refer to our *Notice of Privacy Practices*.

For complete listings of your medical records or billing statements you may 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 us, we also may charge you reasonable fees to cover costs for completing the forms or providing the records.

In some cases, as permitted by law, we will designate other persons or entities to request records or information from or related to you, and to release those records as needed. Our designees have the same rights to this information as we have.

**Please note: Neither the U.S. brokers that handled this insurance nor the insurers that have underwritten this insurance will disclose nonpublic personal information concerning the buyer to non-affiliates of the brokers or insurers except as permitted by law.**

## Do We Require Examination of Covered Persons?

In the event of a question or dispute regarding your right to Benefits, we may require that a Network Physician of our choice examine you at our expense.

## **Is Workers' Compensation Affected?**

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

## **When Do We Receive Refunds of Overpayments?**

We have the right to correct Benefit payments that have been made in error. Providers and/or you have the responsibility to return any overpayments to us. We have the responsibility to make additional payments if any underpayments have been made.

Please note that we shall not request a refund or offset against a claim more than 18 months after the claim is paid, except in cases of fraud or misrepresentation by the provider.

## **Is There a Limitation of Action?**

We suggest that you complete all the steps in the appeal process described in *Section 6: Questions, Complaints and Appeals* before bringing any legal action against us to recover reimbursement. Legal action cannot be brought before 60 days from the date written proof of loss has been provided. If you want to bring a legal action against us, you must do so within five years of the date we notified you of our final decision on your appeal or you lose any rights to bring such an action against us.

## **What Is the Entire Policy?**

The Policy, this *Certificate*, the *Schedule of Benefits*, the Group's *Application* and any Riders and/or Amendments, make up the entire Policy that is issued to the Group.

## Section 9: Defined Terms

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

**Allowed Amounts** - for Covered Health Care Services, incurred while the Policy is in effect, Allowed Amounts are determined by us or determined as required by law as shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. Fee data is updated a minimum of every six months.

Allowed Amounts are determined by us or our designee in accordance with our reimbursement policy guidelines or as required by law. We develop these guidelines, as we determine, after review of all provider billings generally in accordance with one or more of the following methodologies:

- As shown 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 we accept.

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

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

It may also provide Mental Illness or Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services on an outpatient or inpatient basis.

**Amendment** - any attached written description of added or changed provisions to the Policy. It is effective only when signed by us. It is subject to all conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Policy, except for those that are specifically amended.

**Ancillary Services** - items and services provided by out-of-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 an out-of-Network Physician when no other Network Physician is available.

**Autism Spectrum Disorder** - a condition marked by enduring problems communicating and interacting with others, along with restricted and repetitive behavior, interests or activities. Autism Spectrum Disorder includes conditions formerly referred to as autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified, Rett's disorder and childhood disintegrative disorder.

**Benefits** - your right to payment for Covered Health Care Services that are available under the Policy.

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

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

**Convenience Care Clinic** - a category of walk-in clinic located in retail stores, supermarkets and pharmacies that treat uncomplicated minor Sickness and provide preventive care services.

**Co-payment** - the charge, stated as a set dollar amount, that you are required to pay for Covered Health Care Services.

Please note that for Covered Health Care Services, you are responsible for paying the lesser of the following:

- The Co-payment.
- The Allowed Amount or the Recognized Amount when applicable.

**Cosmetic Procedures** - procedures or services that change or improve appearance without significantly improving physiological function.

**Covered Health Care Service(s)** - health care services, including supplies or Pharmaceutical Products, which we determine to be all of the following:

- 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 Care Service in this *Certificate* under *Section 1: Covered Health Care Services* and in the *Schedule of Benefits*.
- Not excluded in this *Certificate* under *Section 2: Exclusions and Limitations*.

**Covered Person** - the Subscriber or a Dependent, but this term applies only while the person is enrolled under the Policy. We use "you" and "your" in this *Certificate* to refer to a Covered Person.

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

- Non health-related services such as help with daily living activities. Examples include eating, dressing, bathing, transferring and ambulating.
- Health-related services that can safely and effectively be performed by trained non-medical personnel and are provided for the primary purpose of meeting the personal needs of the patient or maintaining a level of function, as opposed to improving that function to an extent that might allow for a more independent existence.

**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** - the Subscriber's legal spouse (including a common law spouse) or a child of the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse. All references to the spouse of a Subscriber shall include a Domestic Partner, except for the purpose of coordinating Benefits with Medicare. As described in *Section 3: When Coverage Begins*, eligibility for enrollment and qualification as a Dependent is administered by the Group consistent with the eligibility rules noted in the Policy which includes this *Certificate* and the *Group Application*. The term "child" includes:

- A natural child.
- A stepchild.
- A legally adopted child.
- A child placed in foster care.
- A child placed for adoption.
- A child for whom legal guardianship has been awarded to the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse.

- A child for whom health care coverage is required through a *Qualified Medical Child Support Order* or other court or administrative order. The Group is responsible for determining if an order meets the criteria of a *Qualified Medical Child Support Order*.

The following conditions apply:

- A Dependent includes a child listed above under age 26.
- A child is no longer eligible as a Dependent on the last day of the month during which the child reaches age 26 except as provided in *Section 4: When Coverage Ends* under *Coverage for a Disabled Dependent Child*.

A child who meets the requirements set forth above ceases to be eligible as a Dependent on the last day of the month during which the child reaches age 26.

The Subscriber must reimburse us for any Benefits paid during a time a child did not satisfy these conditions.

A Dependent does not include anyone who is also enrolled as a Subscriber. No one can be a Dependent of more than one Subscriber.

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

**Designated Provider** - a provider and/or facility that has entered into an agreement with us, or with an organization contracting on our behalf, to provide Covered Health Care Service for the treatment of specific diseases or conditions.

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 visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

**Designated Virtual Network Provider** - a provider or facility that has entered into an agreement with us, or with an organization contracting on our behalf, to deliver Covered Health Care Services through live audio with video technology or audio only, and/or through federally compliant secure messaging applications.

**Domestic Partner** - a person of the opposite or same sex with whom the Subscriber has a Domestic Partnership.

**Domestic Partnership** - a relationship between a Subscriber and one other person of the opposite or same sex. All of the following requirements apply to both persons. They must:

- Not be related by blood or a degree of closeness that is prohibited by law in the state of residence.
- Not be currently married to, or a Domestic Partner of, another person under either statutory or common law.
- Share the same permanent residence and the common necessities of life.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be mentally able to consent to contract.
- They must be financially interdependent and they have furnished documents to support at least two of the following conditions of such financial interdependence:
  - They have a single dedicated relationship of at least 6 months.
  - They have joint ownership of a residence.
  - They have at least two of the following:

- ◆ A joint ownership of an automobile.
- ◆ A joint checking, bank or investment account.
- ◆ A joint credit account.
- ◆ A lease for a residence identifying both partners as tenants.
- ◆ A will and/or life insurance policies which designates the other as primary beneficiary.

The Subscriber and Domestic Partner must jointly sign the required affidavit of Domestic Partnership.

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

- 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 DME.
- Not of use to a person in the absence of a disease or disability.
- Serves a medical purpose for the treatment of a Sickness or Injury.
- Primarily used within the home.

**Eligible Person** - an employee of the Group or other person connected to the Group who meets the eligibility rules in accordance with the Policy which includes this *Certificate* and the *Group Application*. An Eligible Person must live within the United States.

**Emergency** - the sudden, and at the time, unexpected onset of a health condition that requires immediate medical attention, where failure to provide medical attention would result in a serious impairment to bodily functions, serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part or would place a person's health in serious jeopardy; a medical condition where the time frame for completion of a standard external review would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the person or would jeopardize the person's ability to regain maximum function; or a medical condition for which coverage has been denied based on a determination that the recommended or requested health care service or treatment is experimental or investigational, if the person's treating Physician certifies, in writing, that the recommended or requested health care services or treatment for the medical condition would be significantly less effective if not promptly initiated.

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

- An appropriate medical screening exam (as required under section *1867 of the Social Security Act* 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, and
- Such further medical exam 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* 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 Care Services include items and services otherwise covered under the Policy when provided by an out-of-Network provider or facility (regardless of the department of the Hospital in which the items and services are provided) after the patient is stabilized and as part of outpatient observation, or an Inpatient Stay or outpatient stay that is connected to the original Emergency, unless each of 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 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.

**Enrolled Dependent** - a Dependent who is properly enrolled under the Policy.

**E-Visit** - services provided by a Physician without face to face interaction through electronic (including telephonic) communication through an online portal or telephone. Examples are emails, texts, or patient portal message.

**Essential Health Benefits** - Benefits that are described in The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) include: ambulatory patient services; emergency services; hospitalization; maternity and newborn care; mental health, substance-related and addictive disorders, including behavioral health treatment; prescription drugs; rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; pediatric care, including oral and vision care.

**Experimental or Investigational Service(s)** - medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, mental illness, substance-related and addictive disorders or other health care services, technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies, medications or devices that, at the time we make 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 identified as appropriate for 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 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 1: Covered Health Care Services*.

- We may, as we determine, consider an otherwise Experimental or Investigational Service to be a Covered Health Care Service for that Sickness or condition if:
  - You are not a participant in a qualifying clinical trial, as described under *Clinical Trials in Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*; and
  - You have a Sickness or condition that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment.

Prior to such a consideration, we 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.

**Freestanding Facility** - an outpatient, diagnostic or ambulatory center or independent laboratory which performs services and submits claims separately from a Hospital.

**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 Care 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 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 Gestational Carrier does not provide the egg and is therefore not biologically related to the child.

**Group** - the employer, or other defined or otherwise legally established group, to whom the Policy is issued.

**Home Health Agency** - a program or organization authorized by law to provide health care services in the home.

**Hospital** - an institution that is operated as required by law and that meets both of the following:

- It is mainly engaged in providing inpatient health care services, for the short term care and treatment of injured or sick persons. Care is provided through medical, diagnostic and surgical facilities, by or under the supervision of a staff of Physicians.
- It has 24-hour nursing services.

A Hospital is not mainly a place for rest, Custodial Care or care of the aged. It is not a nursing home, convalescent home or similar institution.

**Hospital-based Facility** - an outpatient facility that performs services and submits claims as part of a Hospital.

**Iatrogenic Infertility** - an impairment of fertility by surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, or other medical treatment affecting reproductive organs or processes.

**Independent Freestanding Emergency Department** - a health care facility that:

- Is geographically separate and distinct and licensed separately from a Hospital under applicable state law; and
- Provides Emergency Health Care Services.

**Initial Enrollment Period** - the first period of time, no less than 31 days from the date of the Eligible Person's initial eligibility, when Eligible Persons may enroll themselves and their Dependents under the Policy.

**Injury** - damage to the body, including all related conditions and symptoms.

**Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility** - any of the following that provides inpatient rehabilitation health care services (including physical therapy, occupational therapy and/or speech therapy), as authorized by law:

- A long term acute rehabilitation center,
- A Hospital, or
- A special unit of a Hospital designated as an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility.

**Inpatient Stay** - a continuous stay that follows formal admission to a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility.

**Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT)** - outpatient Mental Illness 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. The most common IBT is *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)*.

**Intensive Outpatient Program(s)** - a structured outpatient treatment program

- For Mental Illness 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 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 certain circumstances when the need for more care is finite and predictable.

**Level 1 Procedure** - category of minor procedures typically performed in an outpatient office setting.

**Level 2 Procedure** - category of minor surgeries and procedures or services typically performed in an outpatient Hospital setting.

**Level 3 Procedure** - category of major surgeries and procedures typically performed in an outpatient or inpatient Hospital setting.

**Level 4 Procedure** - category of major surgeries typically performed in an inpatient Hospital setting.

**Level 5 Procedure** - category of more complex major surgeries typically performed in an inpatient Hospital setting.

**Medically Necessary** - health care services that are all of the following as determined by us or our designee:

- In accordance with *Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice*.
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, service 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), service site 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. We have 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 determined by us.

We develop and maintain clinical policies that describe the *Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* scientific evidence, prevailing medical standards and clinical guidelines supporting our determinations regarding specific services.

**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 Illness 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 Care Service.

**Mental Illness/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Delegate** - the organization or individual, designated by us, that provides or arranges Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services.

**Mental Illness** - those mental health or psychiatric diagnostic categories 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 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 Care 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 us or with our affiliate to participate in our Network. This does not include those providers who have agreed to discount their charges for Covered Health Care Services. Our affiliates are those entities affiliated with us through common ownership or control with us or with our ultimate corporate parent, including direct and indirect subsidiaries.

A provider may enter into an agreement to provide only certain Covered Health Care Services, but not all Covered Health Care Services, or to be a Network provider for only some of our products. In this case, the provider will be a Network provider for the Covered Health Care Services and products included in the participation agreement and an out-of-Network provider for other Covered Health Care Services and products. The participation status of providers will change from time to time.

**Network Benefits** - the description of how Benefits are paid for Covered Health Care Services provided by Network providers. The *Schedule of Benefits* will tell you if your plan offers Network Benefits and 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 as determined by us or our designee, which is based on when the Pharmaceutical Product is reviewed and when utilization management strategies are implemented.
- December 31st of the following calendar year.

**Open Enrollment Period** - a period of time, after the Initial Enrollment Period, when Eligible Persons may enroll themselves and Dependents under the Policy. The Group sets the period of time that is the Open Enrollment Period.

**Out-of-Network Benefits** - the description of how Benefits are paid for Covered Health Care Services provided by out-of-Network providers. The *Schedule of Benefits* will tell you if your plan offers Out-of-Network Benefits and how Out-of-Network Benefits apply.

**Out-of-Pocket Limit** - the maximum amount you pay every year. The *Schedule of Benefits* will tell you how the Out-of-Pocket Limit applies.

**Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient** - a structured ambulatory program. The program may be freestanding or Hospital-based and provides services for at least 20 hours per week.

**Pharmaceutical Product(s)** - *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* -approved prescription medications or products administered in connection with a Covered Health Care 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, social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, anesthesiologists, pathologists, radiologists, Emergency room Physicians 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 we describe a provider as a Physician does not mean that Benefits for services from that provider are available to you under the Policy.

**Policy** - the entire agreement issued to the Group that includes all of the following:

- *Group Policy.*
- *Certificate.*
- *Schedule of Benefits.*
- *Group Application.*
- *Riders.*
- *Amendments.*

These documents make up the entire agreement that is issued to the Group.

**Policy Charge** - the sum of the Premiums for all Covered Persons enrolled under the Policy.

**Pregnancy** - includes all of the following:

- Prenatal care.
- Postnatal care.
- Childbirth.
- Any complications associated with Pregnancy.

**Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT)** - a test performed to analyze the DNA from oocytes or embryos for human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing or for determining genetic abnormalities. These include:

- PGT-M: For monogenic disorder (formerly single-gene PGD).
- PGT-SR: For structural rearrangements (formerly chromosomal PGD).

**Premium** - the periodic fee required for each Subscriber and each Enrolled Dependent, in accordance with the terms of the Policy.

**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 Care 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 home setting when any of the following are true:

- Services exceed the scope of Intermittent Care in the home.
- 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 home-care basis, whether the service is skilled or non-skilled independent nursing.
- 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.

**Recognized Amount** - the amount which the Co-payment and any applicable deductible is based on for the below Covered Health Care Services when provided by out-of-Network providers:

- Out-of-Network Emergency Health Care Services.
- Non-Emergency Covered Health Care Services received at certain Network facilities by out-of-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 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 one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:

- 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 an out-of-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 Care Services that use the Recognized Amount to determine your cost sharing may be higher or lower than if cost sharing for these Covered Health Care Services were determined based upon an Allowed Amount.**

**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 care 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** - treatment in a facility established and operated as required by law, which provides Mental Illness or Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services. It must meet all of the following requirements:

- Provides a program of treatment under the active participation and direction of a Physician.
- 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.

A Residential Treatment facility that qualifies as a Hospital is considered a Hospital.

**Rider** - any attached written description of additional Covered Health Care Services not described in this *Certificate*. Covered Health Care Services provided by a Rider may be subject to payment of additional Premiums. (Note that Benefits for Outpatient Prescription Drugs, while presented in Rider format, are not subject to payment of additional Premiums and are included in the overall Premium for Benefits under the Policy.) Riders are effective only when signed by us and are subject to all conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Policy except for those that are specifically amended in the Rider.

**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 Care Service, the difference in cost between a Semi-private Room and a private room is a Benefit only when a private room is Medically Necessary, or when a Semi-private Room is not available.

**Sickness** - physical illness, disease or Pregnancy. The term Sickness as used in this *Certificate* includes Mental Illness or substance-related and addictive disorders.

**Skilled Care** - skilled nursing, skilled teaching, skilled habilitation and skilled rehabilitation services when all of the following are true:

- Must be 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.
- Ordered by a Physician.
- Not delivered for the purpose of helping with activities of daily living, including dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair.
- Requires clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively.
- Not Custodial Care, which can safely and effectively be performed by trained non-medical personnel.

**Skilled Nursing Facility** - a Hospital or nursing facility that is licensed and operated as required by law.

**Specialist** - 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.

**Spinal Manipulative Services (adjustment)** - a form of care provided by chiropractors and osteopaths for diagnosed muscle, nerve and joint problems. Body parts are moved either by hands or by a small instrument to:

- Restore or improve motion.

- Reduce pain.
- Increase function.

**Subscriber** - an Eligible Person who is properly enrolled under the Policy. The Subscriber is the person (who is not a Dependent) on whose behalf the Policy is issued to the Group.

**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 Care 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.

**Telehealth/Telemedicine** - The delivery of healthcare services or consultations while the patient is at an originating site and the healthcare provider is at a distant site. Telemedicine shall be provided by means of real-time two-way interactive audio, visual, or audio-visual communications, including the application of secure video conferencing or store-and-forward technology to provide or support healthcare delivery, that facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education and care management of a patient's healthcare. "Telemedicine" does not include communication between:

- Healthcare providers that consist solely of a telephone voice-only conversation, email or facsimile transmission; or
- A physician and a patient that consist solely of an email or facsimile transmission.

**Total Disability or Totally Disabled** - a Subscriber's inability to perform all of the substantial and material duties of his or her regular employment or occupation; and a Dependent's inability to perform the normal activities of a person of like age and sex.

**Transitional Living** - Mental Illness Services and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services provided through facilities, group homes and supervised apartments which provide 24-hour supervision, including those defined in the *American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)* criteria, and are either:

- Sober living arrangements such as drug-free housing or alcohol/drug halfway houses. They provide stable and safe housing, an alcohol/drug-free environment and support for recovery. They may be used as an addition to ambulatory treatment when it doesn't offer the intensity and structure needed to help you with recovery.
- Supervised living arrangements which are residences such as facilities, group homes and supervised apartments. They provide stable and safe housing and the opportunity to learn how to manage activities of daily living. They may be used as an addition to treatment when it doesn't offer the intensity and structure needed to help you with recovery. Please note: these living arrangements are also known as supportive housing (including recovery residences).

**Unproven Service(s)** - 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 behavioral 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 observational studies in the prevailing published peer-reviewed medical literature.

- Well-designed systemic 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.

We have a process by which we compile and review clinical evidence with respect to certain health care services. From time to time, we issue 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 [benefits.surest.com](https://benefits.surest.com) and [liveandworkwell.com](https://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) we may, as we determine, consider an otherwise Unproven Service to be a Covered Health Care Service for that Sickness or condition. Prior to such a consideration, we 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 Center** - an entity that provides Covered Health Care Services that are required to prevent serious deterioration of your health. These services are required as a result of an unforeseen Sickness, Injury, or the onset of sudden or severe symptoms.

# Section 10: Consolidated Appropriations Act Summary

The Policy complies with the applicable provisions of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act (the "Act") (P.L. 116-260)*.

## No Surprises Act

### Balance Billing

Under the Act, the *No Surprises Act* prohibits balance billing by out-of-Network providers in the following instances:

- When Ancillary Services are received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from out-of-Network Physicians.
- When non-Ancillary Services are received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from out-of-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 in the Act.
- When Emergency Health Care Services are provided by an out-of-Network provider.
- When Air Ambulance services are provided by an out-of-Network provider.

In these instances, the out-of-Network provider may not bill you for amounts in excess of your applicable Co-payment (cost share). Your cost share will be provided at the same level as if provided by a Network provider and is determined based on the Recognized Amount.

For the purpose of this Summary, "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 described in section *1833(i)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

### Determination of Our Payment to the Out-of-Network Provider:

When Covered Health Care Services are received from out-of-Network providers for the instances as described above, Allowed Amounts, which are used to determine our payment to out-of-Network providers, are 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 us or the amount subsequently agreed to by the out-of-Network provider and us.
- The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

### Continuity of Care

The Act provides that if you are currently receiving treatment for Covered Health Care Services from a provider whose network status changes from Network to out-of-Network during such treatment due to termination (non-renewal or expiration) of the provider's contract, you may be eligible to request continued care from your current provider under the same terms and conditions that would have applied prior to termination of the provider's contract 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.

## **Provider Directories**

The Act provides that if you receive a Covered Health Care Service from an out-of-Network provider and were informed incorrectly by us prior to receipt of the Covered Health Care Service that the provider was a Network provider, either through our database, our provider directory, or in our response to your request for such information (via telephone, electronic, web-based or internet-based means), you may be eligible for cost sharing that would be no greater than if the service had been provided from a Network provider.

# **Surest Choice Plus**

## **UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company**

### **Schedule of Benefits**

#### **How Do You Access Benefits?**

**Network Benefits** apply to Covered Health Care Services that are provided by a Network Physician or other Network provider.

**Out-of-Network Benefits** apply to Covered Health Care Services that are provided by an out-of-Network Physician or other out-of-Network provider, or Covered Health Care Services that are provided at an out-of-Network facility.

Emergency Health Care Services provided by an out-of-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Allowed Amounts* as described at the end of this *Schedule of Benefits*.

Covered Health Care Services provided at certain Network facilities by an out-of-Network Physician, when not Emergency Health Care Services, will be reimbursed as set forth under *Allowed Amounts* as described at the end of this *Schedule of Benefits*. For these Covered Health Care 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.

Ground and Air Ambulance transport provided by an out-of-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Allowed Amounts* as described at the end of this *Schedule of Benefits*.

You must show your identification card (ID card) every time you request health care services from a Network provider. If you do not show your ID card, Network providers have no way of knowing that you are enrolled under a UnitedHealthcare Policy. As a result, they may bill you for the entire cost of the services you receive.

**Additional information about the network of providers and how your Benefits may be affected appears at the end of this *Schedule of Benefits*.**

If there is a conflict between this *Schedule of Benefits* and any summaries provided to you by the Group, this *Schedule of Benefits* will control.

#### **Does Prior Authorization Apply?**

We require prior authorization for certain Covered Health Care Services. Network providers are responsible for obtaining prior authorization before they provide these services to you.

We recommend that you confirm with us that all Covered Health Care Services have been prior authorized as required. Before receiving these services from a Network provider, you may want to call us 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 do not prior authorize as required. You can call us at the telephone number on your ID card.

**When you choose to receive certain Covered Health Care Services from out-of-Network providers, you are responsible for obtaining required prior authorization or pre-admission notification before you receive these services. Note that your obligation to obtain prior authorization is also applicable when an out-of-Network provider intends to admit you to a Network facility or to an out-of-Network facility or refers you to other Network or out-of-Network providers. Note: This does not include Emergency admissions if you are admitted prior to stabilization and for continued care**

**post stabilization related to an Emergency admission. 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. Services for which you are required to obtain prior authorization are shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* table within each Covered Health Care Service category.**

**To obtain prior authorization, call the telephone number on your ID card.** This call starts the utilization review process.

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.

**Please note that prior authorization timelines apply. Refer to the applicable Benefit description in the *Schedule of Benefits* table to find out how far in advance you must obtain prior authorization.**

For Covered Health Care Services that do not require you to obtain prior authorization, when you choose to receive services from out-of-Network providers, we urge you to confirm with us that the services you plan to receive are Covered Health Care Services. That's because in some instances, certain procedures may not be Medically Necessary or may not otherwise meet the definition of a Covered Health Care Service, and therefore are excluded. In other instances, the same procedure may meet the definition of Covered Health Care Services. By calling before you receive treatment, you can check to see if the service is subject to limitations or exclusions.

If you request a coverage determination at the time prior authorization is provided, the determination will be made based on the services you report you will be receiving. If the reported services differ from those received, our final coverage determination will be changed to account for those differences, and we will only pay Benefits based on the services delivered to you.

If you choose to receive a service that has been determined not to be a Medically Necessary Covered Health Care Service, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

## **Care Management**

When you seek prior authorization as required, we will work with you to put in place 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.

## **Special Note Regarding Medicare**

If you are enrolled in Medicare on a primary basis (Medicare pays before we pay Benefits under the Policy), the prior authorization requirements do not apply to you. Since Medicare is the primary payer, we will pay as secondary payer as described in *Section 7: Coordination of Benefits*. You are not required to obtain authorization before receiving Covered Health Care Services.

## What Will You Pay for Covered Health Care Services?

Benefits for Covered Health Care Services are described in the tables below.

Out-of-Pocket Limits are calculated on a Policy year basis.

When Benefit limits apply, the limit stated refers to any combination of Network Benefits and Out-of-Network Benefits unless otherwise specifically stated.

Benefit limits are calculated on a Policy year basis unless otherwise specifically stated.

Payment Term And Description	Amounts
<b>Out-of-Pocket Limit</b>	
The maximum you pay per year for Co-payments. Once you reach the Out-of-Pocket Limit, Benefits are payable at 100% of Allowed Amounts during the rest of that year. The Out-of-Pocket Limit applies to Covered Health Care Services under the Policy as indicated in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> , including Covered Health Care Services provided under the <i>Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider</i> .  Details about the way in which Allowed Amounts are determined appear at the end of the <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> table.  The Out-of-Pocket Limit does not include any of the following and, once the Out-of-Pocket Limit has been reached, you still will be required to pay the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any charges for non-Covered Health Care Services.</li><li>• The amount you are required to pay if you do not obtain prior authorization as required.</li><li>• Charges that exceed Allowed Amounts.</li></ul> <b>Coupons:</b> We may not permit certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate to apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.  Any amount that you pay for Covered Health Care Services that is applied to the Network Out-of-Pocket Limit will also be applied to the out-of-Network Out-of-Pocket Limit. Any amount you pay for Covered Health Care Services that is applied to the out-of-Network Out-of-Pocket Limit will not be applied to the Network Out-of-Pocket Limit.	<b>Network</b> \$6,500 per Covered Person.  <b>Out-of-Network</b> \$13,000 per Covered Person. \$13,000 per Covered Person, not to exceed \$26,000 for all Covered Persons in a family.
<b>Co-payment</b>	
Co-payment is the amount you pay (calculated as a set dollar amount) each time you receive Covered Health Care Services. Co-payments are shown as the amount is listed on the following pages next to the description for each Covered Health Care Service.  Please note that for Covered Health Care Services, you are responsible for paying the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The applicable Co-payment.</li><li>• The Allowed Amount or the Recognized Amount, when applicable.</li></ul> Details about the way in which Allowed Amounts are determined appear at the end of the <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> table.	

Payment Term And Description	Amounts
In the Benefits table below, some Co-payments are listed as a range. Providers are assigned Co-payments within the range based on treatment outcomes and cost information that identifies Network providers that provide cost-efficient care.	
For Benefits listed with a Co-payment range or with a Co-payment maximum, you should visit <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> , check the Surest app, or call the telephone number on your ID card for current provider specific Co-payment information.	

**When Benefit limits apply, the limit refers to any combination of Network Benefits and Out-of-Network Benefits unless otherwise specifically stated.**

Amounts which you are required to pay as shown below in the *Schedule of Benefits* are based on Allowed Amounts or, for specific Covered Health Care Services as described in the definition of Recognized Amount in the *Certificate*, Recognized Amounts. The *Allowed Amounts* provision near the end of this *Schedule of Benefits* will tell you when you are responsible for amounts that exceed the Allowed Amount.

\*Co-payments in the table below marked with an asterisk indicate a Co-payment range. For these Covered Health Care Services, providers are assigned Co-payments within the range based on analysis of treatment outcomes and cost information that identify Network providers that provide cost-efficient care.

\*\*Co-payments in the table below marked with two asterisks indicate the maximum Co-payment you will pay for that benefit category. For these Covered Health Care Services, the Co-payment will depend on the type of service you receive but will never be greater than the Co-payment listed.

Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
<b>1. Acupuncture Services</b>		
Limited to 60 treatments per year.	<b>Network</b> \$60 per visit	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> \$165 per visit	Yes
<b>2. Ambulance Services</b>		

#### Prior Authorization Requirement

In most cases, we will initiate and direct non-Emergency ambulance transportation.

For Out-of-Network Benefits, if you are requesting non-Emergency Air Ambulance services (including any affiliated non-Emergency ground ambulance transport in conjunction with non-Emergency Air Ambulance transport), you must obtain authorization as soon as possible before transport. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

<b>Emergency Ambulance</b> Allowed Amounts for ground and Air Ambulance transport provided by an out-of-Network provider will be determined as described below under <i>Allowed Amounts</i> in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	<b>Network</b> <i>Ground Ambulance</i> \$500 per transport <i>Air Ambulance</i> \$500 per transport	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> <i>Ground Ambulance</i> \$500 per transport <i>Air Ambulance</i>	Yes

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	Same as Network	Same as Network
<b>Non-Emergency Ambulance</b> Ground or Air Ambulance, as we determine appropriate.  Allowed Amounts for Air Ambulance transport provided by an out-of-Network provider will be determined as described below under <i>Allowed Amounts</i> in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	<b>Network</b> <i>Ground Ambulance</i> \$500 per transport  <i>Air Ambulance</i> \$500 per transport	Yes  Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> <i>Ground Ambulance</i> \$500 per transport  <i>Air Ambulance</i> Same as Network	Yes  Same as Network
<b>3. Cellular and Gene Therapy</b>		
For Network Benefits, Cellular or Gene Therapy services must be received from a Designated Provider.	<b>Network</b> \$2,750 per visit	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> Out-of-Network Benefits are not available.	Out-of-Network Benefits are not available.
<b>4. Clinical Trials</b>		

#### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
participation in a clinical trial arises. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.		
Depending upon the Covered Health Care Service, Benefit limits are the same as those stated under the specific Benefit category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	<p><b>Network</b></p> <p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i>.</p>	
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i>.</p>	

## 5. Dental Services - Accident and Medical

	<p><b>Network</b></p> <p><i>Oral Surgery</i> \$800 per visit</p> <p><i>All Other Services</i></p> <p><i>Inpatient</i> \$2,750 per Inpatient Stay</p> <p><i>Outpatient Hospital</i> * \$200 to \$1,000 per visit</p> <p><i>Outpatient Office Visit</i> * \$25 to \$130 per visit</p>	Yes
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p><i>Oral Surgery</i> \$1,365 per visit</p>	

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<i>All Other Services</i> <i>Inpatient</i> \$8,250 per Inpatient Stay <i>Outpatient Hospital</i> \$3,000 per visit <i>Outpatient Office Visit</i> \$215 per visit	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes
<b>6. Diabetes Services</b>		

#### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization before obtaining any DME for the management and treatment of diabetes. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

<b>Diabetes Self-Management and Training/Diabetic Eye Exams/Foot Care</b>	<b>Network</b> * \$25 to \$130 per visit	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> \$215 per visit	Yes
<b>Diabetes Self-Management Items</b> Benefits for diabetes equipment that meets the definition of DME are not subject to the limit stated under <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</i> , <i>Orthotics</i> , <i>Prosthetic Devices</i> , and	<b>Network</b> Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits for diabetes self-management items will be the same as those stated under <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</i> , <i>Orthotics</i> , <i>Prosthetic Devices</i> , and <i>Supplies</i> and in the <i>Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider</i> .	

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
Supplies.		
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits for diabetes self-management items will be the same as those stated under <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> and in the <i>Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider</i>.</p>	
<b>7. Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</b>		

#### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization before obtaining any DME, prosthetic devices, or orthotic. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

To determine the tiers to which DME, orthotics, prosthetic devices, and supplies are assigned, visit <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or call the telephone number on your ID card.	<b>Network</b>	
	<i>Tier 1</i>	Yes
	None	
	<i>Tier 2</i>	Yes
	\$20 per item	
	<i>Tier 3</i>	Yes
Scalp/cranial hair prosthesis (wigs) are limited to one per year.	\$40 per item	
	<i>Tier 4</i>	Yes
Cataract surgery or aphakia is limited to one eyeglasses frame and one pair of lenses, or one pair of contact lenses, or one year supply of disposable contact lenses.	\$60 per item	
	<i>Tier 5</i>	Yes
	\$80 per item	
Note: Returning home with	<i>Tier 6</i>	Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
Durable Medical Equipment, such as crutches, after an appointment with a health care provider or from an outpatient procedure or Inpatient Stay, may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to.	\$100 per item <i>Tier 7</i> \$150 per item <i>Tier 8</i> \$200 per item <i>Tier 9</i> \$250 per item <i>Tier 10</i> \$350 per item <i>Tier 11</i> \$500 per item <i>Tier 12</i> \$1,000 per item	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes
	<b><i>Out-of-Network</i></b> <i>Tier 1</i> \$20 per item <i>Tier 2</i> \$40 per item <i>Tier 3</i> \$80 per item <i>Tier 4</i> \$120 per item <i>Tier 5</i> \$160 per item	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<i>Tier 6</i> \$200 per item	Yes
	<i>Tier 7</i> \$300 per item	Yes
	<i>Tier 8</i> \$400 per item	Yes
	<i>Tier 9</i> \$500 per item	Yes
	<i>Tier 10</i> \$700 per item	Yes
	<i>Tier 11</i> \$1,000 per item	Yes
	<i>Tier 12</i> \$2,000 per item	Yes

#### 8. Emergency Health Care Services - Outpatient

<b>Note:</b> If you are confined in an out-of-Network Hospital after you receive outpatient Emergency Health Care Services, you must notify us within one business day or on the same day of admission if reasonably possible. We 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 out-of-Network Hospital after the date	<b>Network</b> \$850 per visit	Yes
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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
<p>we decide a transfer is medically appropriate, Network Benefits will not be provided. Out-of-Network Benefits may be available if the continued stay is determined to be a Covered Health Care Service.</p> <p>If you are admitted as an inpatient to a Hospital directly from the Emergency room, the Benefits provided as described under <i>Hospital - Inpatient Stay</i> will apply. You will not have to pay the Emergency Health Care Services Co-payment.</p> <p>Allowed Amounts for Emergency Health Care Services provided by an out-of-Network provider will be determined as described below under <i>Allowed Amounts</i> in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i>.</p> <p>Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as crutches, after an Emergency room visit may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i>.</p>		
	<b>Out-of-Network</b>	

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	Same as Network	Same as Network
<b>9. Enteral Nutrition</b>		
In addition to the Co-payment stated under the DME section, you will also be responsible for the Co-payment stated under the <i>Home Health Care</i> Benefit if you also receive services from a Home Health Agency.	<p><b>Network</b></p> <p>Same as <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetics, Devices, and Supplies</i>.</p> <p>To determine the tiers to which specialized enteral formulas are assigned, visit <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or call the telephone number on your ID card.</p>	
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p>Same as <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetics, Devices, and Supplies</i>.</p> <p>To determine the tiers to which specialized enteral formulas are assigned, visit <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or call the telephone number on your ID card.</p>	
<b>10. Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility</b>		
<b>Prior Authorization Requirement</b>		
<p>For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization as soon as possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.</p>		
Limited to \$20,000 per Covered Person during the entire period of time he or she is enrolled for coverage under the Policy. This Benefit limit will be the same as, and combined with, those stated under <i>Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) and Related</i>	<p><b>Network</b></p> <p><i>In Vitro Fertilization</i> \$500</p> <p><i>Cryopreservation</i> \$500</p> <p><i>Egg Retrieval</i></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
Services. Benefits are further limited to one cycle of fertility preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility per Covered Person during the entire period of time he or she is enrolled for coverage under the Policy.	\$1,500 <i>Embryo Storage</i> \$100	Yes  Yes
	<b><i>Out-of-Network</i></b> <i>In Vitro Fertilization</i> \$1,000 <i>Cryopreservation</i> \$1,000 <i>Egg Retrieval</i> \$3,000 <i>Embryo Storage</i> \$200	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes
<b>11. Gender Dysphoria</b>		

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement for Surgical Treatment**

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of surgery arises. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

In addition, for Out-of-Network Benefits, you must contact us 24 hours before admission for an Inpatient Stay.

**It is important that you notify us as soon as the possibility of surgery arises. Your notification allows the opportunity for us to provide you with additional information and services that may be available to you and are designed to achieve the best outcomes for you.**

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#### **Prior Authorization Requirement for Non-Surgical Treatment**

Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, any applicable prior authorization requirements will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this *Schedule of Benefits*.

	<p><b>Network</b></p> <p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> and in the <i>Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider</i>.</p>
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> and in the <i>Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider</i>.</p>

#### **12. Habilitative Services**

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits for a scheduled admission, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission, or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

In addition, for Out-of-Network Benefits, you must contact us 24 hours before admission for scheduled admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

<p>Inpatient services limited per year as follows:</p> <p>Limit will be the same as, and combined with, those stated under <i>Skilled Nursing Facility/Inpatient Rehabilitation</i></p>	<p><b>Network</b></p> <p><i>Inpatient</i></p> <p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i>.</p>
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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
Services.		
Outpatient therapies:		
• Spinal Manipulative Services.	<i>Outpatient Spinal Manipulative Services.</i> \$30 per visit	Yes
• Physical therapy.	<i>Occupational Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i>	
• Occupational therapy.	\$15 per visit	Yes
• Speech therapy.	<i>Occupational Therapy for All Other Conditions</i>	
• Post-cochlear implant aural therapy.	\$15 to \$115 per visit	Yes
• Cognitive therapy.		
For the above outpatient therapies:		
• Limits will be the same as, and combined with, those stated under <i>Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and Spinal Manipulative Services.</i>	<i>Physical Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i> \$15 per visit	Yes
	<i>Physical Therapy for All Other Conditions</i>	
	\$15 to \$90 per visit	Yes
	<i>Speech Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i> \$15 per visit	Yes
	<i>Speech Therapy for All Other Conditions</i>	
	\$15 to \$115 per visit	Yes
Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as a walker, following rehabilitative services may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this	<i>Post-cochlear Implant Aural Therapy</i>	

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
<i>Schedule of Benefits.</i>	<p>*\$25 to \$165 per visit</p> <p><i>Cognitive Therapy</i></p> <p>*\$15 to \$115 per visit</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
	<p><b><i>Out-of-Network</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Inpatient</i></b></p> <p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i>.</p>	
	<p><b><i>Outpatient</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Spinal Manipulative Services</i></b></p> <p>\$75 per visit</p> <p><b><i>Occupational Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i></b></p> <p>\$45 per visit</p> <p><b><i>Occupational Therapy for All Other Conditions</i></b></p> <p>\$175 per visit</p> <p><b><i>Physical Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i></b></p> <p>\$45 per visit</p> <p><b><i>Physical Therapy for All Other Conditions</i></b></p> <p>\$215 per visit</p> <p><b><i>Speech Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and</i></b></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<i>Addictive Disorders</i> \$45 per visit	Yes
	<i>Speech Therapy for All Other Conditions</i> \$175 per visit	Yes
	<i>Post-cochlear Implant Aural Therapy</i> \$215 per visit	Yes
	<i>Cognitive Therapy</i> \$175 per visit	Yes
<b>13. Hearing Aids</b>		
Limited to \$5,000 every 36 months.	<b>Network</b> <i>Monaural Hearing Aids</i> \$250	Yes
	<i>Binaural Hearing Aids</i> \$500	Yes
	<i>Over-the-counter Hearing Aids</i> \$100	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> <i>Monaural Hearing Aids</i> \$500	Yes
	<i>Binaural Hearing Aids</i> \$1,000	Yes
	<i>Over-the-counter Hearing Aids</i> \$200	Yes
<b>14. Home Health Care</b>		

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
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#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before receiving services or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

<p><i>Rehabilitative/Habilitative Services provided in the home by other than a Home Health Agency</i></p> <p>Limit will be the same as, and combined with, those stated under <i>Habilitative Services and Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and Spinal Manipulative Services</i>.</p> <p><i>All Other Services</i></p> <p>Limited to 120 visits per year. One visit equals up to four hours of skilled care services.</p> <p>Visit limits above do not include any service which is billed only for the administration of intravenous infusion.</p> <p>In addition to the Co-payment stated in this section, you will also be responsible for the Co-payment stated under the <i>Enteral Nutrition</i> Benefit for enteral formulas and low protein modified food products.</p>	<p><b>Network</b></p> <p><i>Rehabilitative/Habilitative Services provided in the Home</i></p> <p>\$70 per visit</p> <p><i>Home Health Care Visit for Enteral Feeding</i></p> <p>\$70 per visit</p> <p><i>Home Health Care Visit for All Other Services</i></p> <p>\$70 per visit</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p><i>Rehabilitative/Habilitative</i></p>	

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<i>Services provided in the Home</i> \$210 per visit	Yes
	<i>Home Health Care Visit for Enteral Feeding</i> \$210 per visit	Yes
	<i>Home Health Care Visit for All Other Services</i> \$210 per visit	Yes
<b>15. Hospice Care</b>		

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission for an Inpatient Stay in a hospice facility or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

In addition, for Out-of-Network Benefits, you must contact us within 24 hours of admission for an Inpatient Stay in a hospice facility.

	<b>Network</b> <i>Home Visit</i> \$70 per visit  <i>Inpatient</i> \$2,750 per Inpatient Stay	Yes  Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> <i>Home Visit</i> \$210 per visit  <i>Inpatient</i> \$8,250 per Inpatient Stay	Yes  Yes
<b>16. Hospital - Inpatient Stay</b>		

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#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits for a scheduled admission, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission, or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions. This does not include Emergency admissions when a patient is admitted prior to stabilization and for continued care post-stabilization related to the Emergency admission. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

In addition, for Out-of-Network Benefits, you must contact us 24 hours before admission for scheduled admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions. This does not include Emergency admissions when a patient is admitted prior to stabilization and for continued care post-stabilization related to the Emergency admission.

Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as crutches, following an inpatient Hospital admission may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	<b>Network</b> <i>Level 3 Procedure</i> *\$350 to \$3,500 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
	<i>Level 4 Procedure</i> *\$450 to \$3,500 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
	<i>Level 5 Procedure</i> *\$1,600 to \$3,500 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
	<i>All Other Inpatient Stays</i> \$2,750 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> <i>Level 3 Procedure</i> **\$10,000 per visit	Yes
	<i>Level 4 Procedure</i> **\$10,000 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
	<i>Level 5 Procedure</i> **\$10,000 per visit	Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<i>All Other Inpatient Stays</i> \$8,250 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
<b>17. Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostic - Outpatient</b>		

#### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Out-of-Network Benefits for Genetic Testing, including BRCA testing and sleep studies, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before scheduled services are received. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

<b>Lab Testing - Outpatient</b>	<b>Network</b> <i>Genetic Testing, other than BRCA</i> \$190 per visit <i>Allergy Testing</i> \$170 per visit <i>All Other Lab Testing, including BRCA</i> None per visit	Yes Yes Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> <i>Genetic Testing, other than BRCA</i> \$570 per visit <i>Allergy Testing</i> \$510 per visit <i>All Other Lab Testing, including BRCA</i> None per visit	Yes Yes Yes
<b>X-Ray and Diagnostic</b>	<b>Network</b>	

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
<b>Ultrasound - Outpatient</b>	None per visit	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> None per visit	Yes
<b>All Other Diagnostic Testing - Outpatient</b>  If more than one type of diagnostic testing is performed, such as an EKG exercise stress test and an electroencephalogram (EEG), on the same date of service, more than one Co-payment may apply.	<b>Network</b> <i>Sleep Study - Home</i> \$120 per visit  <i>Sleep Study - Facility</i> * \$125 to \$850 per visit  <i>Non-Cardiac Angiography, Arthrography, and Myelography</i> * \$250 to \$1,300 per visit  <i>Coronary Calcium Score (Heart Scan)</i> * \$25 to \$170 per visit  <i>All Other Diagnostic Testing - Outpatient</i> * \$25 to \$900 per visit	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> <i>Sleep Study - Home</i> \$340 per visit  <i>Sleep Study - Facility</i> \$1,100 per visit  <i>Non-Cardiac Angiography, Arthrography, and Myelography</i> \$2,400 per visit  <i>Coronary Calcium Score (Heart Scan)</i> \$260 per visit	Yes Yes Yes Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<i>All Other Diagnostic Testing - Outpatient</i> **\$2,700 per visit	Yes
<b>18. Major Diagnostic and Imaging - Outpatient</b>		

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits for CT, PET scans, MRI, MRA, angiography, and nuclear medicine, including nuclear cardiology, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before scheduled services are received or, for non-scheduled services, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

<p>If imaging is performed on multiple areas of the body, such as the lumbar spine and the cervical spine, on the same date of service, more than one Co-payment may apply.</p> <p>If more than one type of imaging is performed, such as an MRI and CT scan, on the same date of service, more than one Co-payment may apply.</p>	<b>Network</b> *\$150 to \$1,050 per visit None for a breast MRI	Yes Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> **\$1,650 per visit	Yes
<b>19. Mental Health Care and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services</b>		

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits for a scheduled admission for Mental Health Care and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services (including an admission for services at a Residential Treatment

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facility), you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission, or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

In addition, for Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization before the following services are received: Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient; Intensive Behavioral Therapy, including *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)* psychological testing and transcranial magnetic stimulation.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

<b>Network</b> <i>Inpatient Hospital</i> \$2,750 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
<i>Residential Treatment</i> \$2,000 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
<i>Outpatient</i> <i>Office Visit - In-Person</i> \$25 per visit	Yes
<i>Office Visit - Telehealth</i> \$25 per visit	Yes
<i>Biofeedback</i> \$25 per visit	Yes
<i>Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)</i> \$25 per visit	Yes
<i>E-Visit/Telephone Visit</i> \$25 per visit	Yes
<i>Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Medication Management</i> \$20 per visit	Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<i>Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient</i> \$170 per visit <i>Electroconvulsive Therapy</i> \$170 per visit <i>Intensive Outpatient Programs</i> \$90 per visit <i>Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program</i> \$170 per visit <i>Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) Therapy</i> \$150 per visit <i>All Other Outpatient Services</i> \$170 per visit	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
	<i>Out-of-Network</i> <i>Inpatient Hospital</i> \$8,250 per Inpatient Stay <i>Residential Treatment</i> \$6,000 per Inpatient Stay <i>Outpatient</i> <i>Office Visit - In-Person</i> \$195 per visit <i>Office Visit - Telehealth</i> \$195 per visit <i>Biofeedback</i> \$195 per visit <i>Applied Behavioral Analysis</i>	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

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	<i>(ABA)</i> \$195 per visit	Yes
	<i>E-Visit/Telephone Visit</i> \$215 per visit	Yes
	<i>Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Medication Therapy</i> \$60 per visit	Yes
	<i>Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment/High Intensity Outpatient</i> \$510 per visit	Yes
	<i>Electroconvulsive Therapy</i> \$510 per visit	Yes
	<i>Intensive Outpatient Programs</i> \$270 per visit	Yes
	<i>Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program</i> \$510 per visit	Yes
	<i>Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) Therapy</i> \$305 per visit	Yes
	<i>All Other Outpatient Services</i> \$510 per visit	Yes

## 20. Palliative Care

Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as a walker, following palliative care may result in an	<b>Network</b> Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health
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additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	

## 21. Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient

### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before scheduled intravenous infusions are received or, for non-scheduled services, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before certain Pharmaceutical Products are received, or for non-scheduled services, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid. You may find out whether a particular Pharmaceutical Product requires prior authorization by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

	<b>Network</b> * \$50 to \$3,100 per visit	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> ** \$9,300 per visit	Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
<b>22. Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury</b>		
<p>Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as crutches, following an office visit may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i>.</p> <p>In addition to the Co-payment stated in this section, a Co-payment for following services also apply when the Covered Health Care Service is performed in a Physician's office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lab, radiology/X-rays and other diagnostic services described under <i>Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostic - Outpatient</i>.</li> <li>• Major diagnostic and nuclear medicine described under <i>Major Diagnostic and Imaging - Outpatient</i>.</li> <li>• Outpatient Pharmaceutical Products described under</li> </ul>	<p><b>Network</b></p> <p><i>Primary Care</i></p> <p><i>Physician/Specialist</i></p> <p><i>Office Visit - In-Person</i></p> <p>*\$25 to \$130 per visit</p> <p><i>Telehealth Visit</i></p> <p>*\$25 to \$130 per visit</p> <p><i>Visit in the Home</i></p> <p>\$50 per visit</p> <p><i>Convenience Care/Retail</i></p> <p>\$35 per visit</p> <p><i>Allergy Injections</i></p> <p>None per visit</p> <p><i>Biofeedback</i></p> <p>\$60 per visit</p> <p><i>E-Visit/Telephone Visit</i></p> <p>\$25 per visit</p> <p><i>Anticoagulant Management</i></p> <p>\$20 per visit</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>

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<p><i>Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic and therapeutic scopic procedures described under <i>Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic.</i></li> <li>• Certain outpatient surgery procedures described under <i>Surgery - Outpatient.</i></li> <li>• Certain outpatient therapeutic procedures described under <i>Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> When a test is performed or a sample is drawn in the Physician's office, lab, radiology/X-ray, or other diagnostic analysis or testing whether performed in or out of the Physician's office will apply additional cost sharing as described above.</p>		
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p><i>Primary Care</i></p> <p><i>Physician/Specialist</i></p> <p><i>Office Visit In-Person</i></p> <p>\$215 per visit</p> <p><i>Telehealth Visit</i></p>	Yes

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	\$215 per visit <i>Visit in the Home</i> \$150 per visit <i>Convenience Care/Retail</i> \$65 per visit <i>Allergy Injections</i> \$195 per visit <i>Biofeedback</i> \$180 per visit <i>E-Visit/Telephone Visit</i> \$215 per visit <i>Anticoagulant Management</i> \$60 per visit	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
<b>23. Pregnancy - Maternity Services</b>		

#### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization as soon as reasonably possible if the Inpatient Stay for the mother and/or the newborn will be more than 48 hours for the mother and newborn child following a normal vaginal delivery, or more than 96 hours for the mother and newborn child following a cesarean section delivery. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

**It is important that you notify us regarding your Pregnancy. Your notification will open the opportunity to become enrolled in prenatal programs that are designed to achieve the best outcomes for you and your baby.**

Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as a fetal monitor, following an office visit or inpatient	<b>Network</b> <i>Routine Prenatal and Postnatal Care</i> None per visit	Yes
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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
admission may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	<p><i>Amniocentesis</i> \$700 per test</p> <p><i>Chorionic Villus Sampling (CVS)</i> \$650 per test</p> <p><i>Home Birth</i> \$1,200 per delivery</p> <p><i>Inpatient Delivery</i> * \$1,300 to \$2,750 per Inpatient Stay, except that if a newborn stays in the Hospital longer than the mother, an additional Co-payment will apply for the newborn Inpatient Stay.</p>	Yes Yes Yes Yes
	<p><i>All Other Services</i> Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i>.</p>	
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b> <i>Routine Prenatal and Postnatal Care</i> ** \$195 per visit</p> <p><i>Amniocentesis</i> \$2,100 per test</p> <p><i>Chorionic Villus Sampling (CVS)</i> \$1,950 per test</p> <p><i>Home Birth</i> \$3,600 per delivery</p> <p><i>Inpatient Delivery</i> \$8,250 per Inpatient Stay, except that if a newborn stays in</p>	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	the Hospital longer than the mother, an additional Co-payment will apply for the newborn Inpatient Stay.	
	<i>All Other Services</i> Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	

#### 24. Preimplantation Testing (PGT) and Related Services

##### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization as soon as possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

Benefit limits for related services will be the same as, and combined with, those stated under <i>Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility</i> . This limit does not include Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) for the specific genetic disorder.  Benefits for related services are limited to one Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) procedure during the entire period of time a Covered Person is enrolled under the Policy. This limit does not include Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) for the specific genetic disorder.	<b>Network</b> \$500 per visit	Yes
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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> \$1,000 per visit	Yes
<b>25. Preventive Care Services</b>		
<b>Physician office services</b> You are not required to pay any Co-payments for immunizations from Enrolled Dependent children from birth to age six.	<b>Network</b> None	No
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> \$195 per visit	Yes
<b>Lab, X-ray or other preventive tests</b>	<b>Network</b> None	No
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> None	Yes
<b>Breast pumps</b>	<b>Network</b> None	No
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> Benefits will be the same as stated under <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	

#### **26. Reconstructive Procedures**

##### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before a scheduled reconstructive procedure is performed or, for non-scheduled procedures, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
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responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

In addition, for Out-of-Network Benefits, you must contact us 24 hours before admission for scheduled inpatient admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled inpatient admissions.

Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as a walker, following a reconstructive procedure may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	<b>Network</b> Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .

## 27. Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and SpinalManipulativeServices

Limited per year as follows:	<b>Network</b> <i>Spinal Manipulative Services</i> \$30 per visit	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 visits of physical therapy.</li> <li>60 visits of occupational therapy and cognitive rehabilitation therapy combined.</li> <li>60 Spinal Manipulative</li> </ul>	<i>Occupational Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i> \$15 per visit	Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
Services. • 60 visits of speech therapy. • 30 visits of post-cochlear implant aural therapy .	<i>Occupational Therapy for All Other Conditions</i> *\$15 to \$115 per visit <i>Physical Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i> \$15 per visit <i>Physical Therapy for All Other Conditions</i> *\$15 to \$90 per visit <i>Speech Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i> \$15 per visit <i>Speech Therapy for All Other Conditions</i> *\$15 to \$115 per visit <i>Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapy</i> \$100 per visit <i>Cardiac Rehabilitation Therapy</i> \$70 per visit <i>Post-cochlear Implant Aural Therapy</i> *\$25 to \$165 per visit <i>Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy</i>	Yes
Visits limits above for Spinal Manipulative Services physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy do not apply for the treatment of Mental Illness or substance-related and addictive disorders.		Yes
Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as a walker, following rehabilitation therapy may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .		Yes
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	*\$15 to \$115 per visit	Yes
	<i>Out-of-Network</i> <i>Spinal Manipulative Services</i> \$75 per visit  <i>Occupational Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i> \$45 per visit  <i>Occupational Therapy for All Other Conditions</i> \$175 per visit  <i>Physical Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i> \$45 per visit  <i>Physical Therapy for All Other Conditions</i> \$215 per visit  <i>Speech Therapy for the Treatment of Mental Illness and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders</i> \$45 per visit  <i>Speech Therapy for All Other Conditions</i> \$175 per visit	Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<i>Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapy</i> \$300 per visit	Yes
	<i>Cardiac Rehabilitation Therapy</i> \$210 per visit	Yes
	<i>Post-cochlear Implant Aural Therapy</i> \$215 per visit	Yes
	<i>Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy</i> \$175 per visit	Yes

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

##### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before scheduled services are received or, for non-scheduled services, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

	<b>Network</b> <i>Level 1 Procedure</i> * \$40 to \$3,250 per visit	Yes
	<i>Level 2 Procedure</i> * \$100 to \$3,450 per visit	Yes
	<i>Level 3 Procedure</i> * \$350 to \$3,500 per visit	Yes
	<i>All Other Procedures</i> * \$200 to \$1,000 per visit	Yes

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	*None to \$1,650 for a diagnostic colonoscopy	Yes
	<i>Out-of-Network</i> <i>Level 1 Procedure</i> **\$9,750 per visit	Yes
	<i>Level 2 Procedure</i> **\$10,000 per visit	Yes
	<i>Level 3 Procedure</i> **\$10,000 per visit	Yes
	<i>All Other Procedures</i> \$3,000 per visit	Yes

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

##### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits for a scheduled admission, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission, or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

In addition, for Out-of-Network Benefits, you must contact us 24 hours before admission for scheduled admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

Limited to:	<b>Network</b> <i>Skilled Nursing Facility</i> \$2,000 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
• 120 days per year in a Skilled Nursing Facility.	<i>Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility</i> \$2,000 per Inpatient Stay	Yes
• Covered Health Care Services in an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility are not subject to an annual		

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limit. Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as a walker, following an admission may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .		
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> <i>Skilled Nursing Facility</i> \$6,000 per Inpatient Stay <i>Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility</i> \$6,000 per Inpatient Stay	Yes Yes
<b>30. Surgery - Outpatient</b>		

#### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Out-of-Network Benefits for all outpatient surgeries, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before scheduled services are received or, for non-scheduled services, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as crutches, following an outpatient surgery may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-	<b>Network</b> <i>Level 1 Procedure</i> *\$40 to \$3,250 per visit <i>Level 2 Procedure</i>	Yes
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payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	<p>*\$100 to \$3,450 per visit  <i>Level 3 Procedure</i>  *\$350 to \$3,500 per visit  <i>All Other Procedures</i>  *\$200 to \$1,000 per visit</p>	Yes Yes Yes
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b>  <i>Level 1 Procedure</i>  **\$9,750 per visit  <i>Level 2 Procedure</i>  **\$10,000 per visit  <i>Level 3 Procedure</i>  **\$10,000 per visit  <i>All Other Procedures</i>  \$3,000 per visit</p>	Yes Yes Yes Yes
<b>31. Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services and Orthognathic Surgery</b>		

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before TMJ or orthognathic surgery services are performed during an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

In addition, for Out-of-Network Benefits, you must contact us 24 hours before admission for scheduled inpatient admissions.

Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as an oral appliance, following orthognathic surgery	<b>Network</b> <i>Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Surgery</i>	
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may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	<p>\$700 per Inpatient Stay</p> <p><i>Orthognathic Surgery</i></p> <p>\$3,250 per Inpatient Stay</p> <p><i>Outpatient Office Visit</i></p> <p>*\$25 to \$130 per visit</p> <p><i>Outpatient Hospital</i></p> <p>*\$200 to \$1,000 per visit</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p><i>Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Surgery</i></p> <p>\$2,100 per Inpatient Stay</p> <p><i>Orthognathic Surgery</i></p> <p>\$9,750 per Inpatient Stay</p> <p><i>Outpatient Office Visit</i></p> <p>\$215 per visit</p> <p><i>Outpatient Hospital</i></p> <p>\$3,000 per visit</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
<b>32. Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient</b>		

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization for all outpatient therapeutic services five business days before scheduled services are received or, for non-scheduled services, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible. Services that require prior authorization: apheresis, dialysis, chemotherapy, IV infusion, radiation oncology, intensity modulated radiation therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy and MR-guided focused ultrasound. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

	<b>Network</b>	
	<i>Dialysis - Home</i>	

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Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
	<p>\$90 per visit</p> <p><i>Dialysis - All Other Settings</i></p> <p>*\$75 to \$450 per visit</p> <p><i>Chemotherapy</i></p> <p>*\$45 to \$620 per visit</p> <p><i>Therapeutic Treatments - All Other (including Radiation Oncology)</i></p> <p>*\$20 to \$2,800 per visit</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p><i>Dialysis - Home</i></p> <p>\$270 per visit</p> <p><i>Dialysis - All Other Settings</i></p> <p>\$1,350 per visit</p> <p><i>Chemotherapy</i></p> <p>**\$1,860 per visit</p> <p><i>Therapeutic Treatments - All Other (including Radiation Oncology)</i></p> <p>**\$8,400 per visit</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
<b>33. Transplantation Services</b>		

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Out-of-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of a transplant arises (and before the time a pre-transplantation evaluation is performed at a transplant center). If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

In addition, for Out-of-Network Benefits, you must contact us 24 hours before admission for scheduled

**When Benefit limits apply, the limit refers to any combination of Network Benefits and Out-of-Network Benefits unless otherwise specifically stated.**

Amounts which you are required to pay as shown below in the *Schedule of Benefits* are based on Allowed Amounts or, for specific Covered Health Care Services as described in the definition of Recognized Amount in the Certificate, Recognized Amounts. The *Allowed Amounts* provision near the end of this *Schedule of Benefits* will tell you when you are responsible for amounts that exceed the Allowed Amount.

\*Co-payments in the table below marked with an asterisk indicate a Co-payment range. For these Covered Health Care Services, providers are assigned Co-payments within the range based on analysis of treatment outcomes and cost information that identify Network providers that provide cost-efficient care.

\*\*Co-payments in the table below marked with two asterisks indicate the maximum Co-payment you will pay for that benefit category. For these Covered Health Care Services, the Co-payment will depend on the type of service you receive but will never be greater than the Co-payment listed.

Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.		
For Network Benefits, transplantation services must be received from a Designated Provider. We do not require that cornea transplants be received from a Designated Provider in order for you to receive Network Benefits.	<b>Network</b> <i>Solid Organ Transplant</i> \$2,750 per visit  <i>Bone Marrow Transplant</i> \$2,750 per visit  <i>Corneal Transplant</i> \$2,750 per visit  <i>CAR-T Therapy</i> \$2,750 per visit	Yes Yes Yes Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> Out-of-Network Benefits are not available.	Out-of-Network Benefits are not available.

#### 34. Urgent Care Center Services

Note: Returning home with Durable Medical Equipment, such as a crutches, following an urgent care visit may result in an additional Co-payment. Co-payments will be dependent on the tier the item is assigned to. Refer to the <i>Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics, Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies</i> category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	<b>Network</b> \$80 per visit	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> \$200 per visit	Yes

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Amounts which you are required to pay as shown below in the *Schedule of Benefits* are based on Allowed Amounts or, for specific Covered Health Care Services as described in the definition of Recognized Amount in the Certificate, Recognized Amounts. The *Allowed Amounts* provision near the end of this *Schedule of Benefits* will tell you when you are responsible for amounts that exceed the Allowed Amount.

\*Co-payments in the table below marked with an asterisk indicate a Co-payment range. For these Covered Health Care Services, providers are assigned Co-payments within the range based on analysis of treatment outcomes and cost information that identify Network providers that provide cost-efficient care.

\*\*Co-payments in the table below marked with two asterisks indicate the maximum Co-payment you will pay for that benefit category. For these Covered Health Care Services, the Co-payment will depend on the type of service you receive but will never be greater than the Co-payment listed.

Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
<b>35. Virtual Care Services</b>		
Network Benefits are available only when services are delivered through a Designated Virtual Network Provider. You can find a Designated Virtual Network Provider by visiting <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or calling the telephone number on your ID card.	<b>Network</b> \$90	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> **\$340 per visit	Yes
<b>36. Vision Exams</b>		
Limited to 1 exam every year.	<b>Network</b> None per visit	Yes
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> \$215 per visit	Yes
<b>Additional Benefits Required By Kansas Law</b>		
<b>37. Osteoporosis Services</b>		
	<b>Network</b> Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .	
	<b>Out-of-Network</b> Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health	

**When Benefit limits apply, the limit refers to any combination of Network Benefits and Out-of-Network Benefits unless otherwise specifically stated.**

Amounts which you are required to pay as shown below in the *Schedule of Benefits* are based on Allowed Amounts or, for specific Covered Health Care Services as described in the definition of Recognized Amount in the Certificate, Recognized Amounts. The *Allowed Amounts* provision near the end of this *Schedule of Benefits* will tell you when you are responsible for amounts that exceed the Allowed Amount.

\*Co-payments in the table below marked with an asterisk indicate a Co-payment range. For these Covered Health Care Services, providers are assigned Co-payments within the range based on analysis of treatment outcomes and cost information that identify Network providers that provide cost-efficient care.

\*\*Co-payments in the table below marked with two asterisks indicate the maximum Co-payment you will pay for that benefit category. For these Covered Health Care Services, the Co-payment will depend on the type of service you receive but will never be greater than the Co-payment listed.

Covered Health Care Service	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?	Does the Amount You Pay Apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit?
		Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .
<b>38. Telemedicine Services</b>		
		<b>Network</b> Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .
		<b>Out-of-Network</b> Depending upon where the Covered Health Care Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Care Service category in this <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .

## Allowed Amounts

Allowed Amounts are the amount we determine that we will pay for Benefits.

- For Network Benefits for Covered Health Care Services provided by a Network provider, except for your cost sharing obligations, you are not responsible for any difference between Allowed Amounts and the amount the provider bills.
- For Out-of-Network Benefits, except as described below, you are responsible for paying, directly to the out-of-Network provider, any difference between the amount the provider bills you and the amount we will pay for Allowed Amounts.
  - For Covered Health Care Services that are **Ancillary Services received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from out-of-Network Physicians**, you are not responsible, and the out-of-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Co-payment which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the Certificate.
  - For Covered Health Care Services that are **non-Ancillary Services received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from out-of-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 out-of-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Co-payment which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the Certificate.

- For Covered Health Care Services that are ***Emergency Health Care Services provided by an out-of-Network provider***, you are not responsible, and the out-of-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Co-payment which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the *Certificate*.
- For Covered Health Care Services that are ***Air Ambulance services provided by an out-of-Network provider***, you are not responsible, and the out-of-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Co-payment 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 *Certificate*.

Allowed Amounts are determined in accordance with our reimbursement policy guidelines or as required by law, as described in the *Certificate*.

## Network Benefits

Allowed Amounts are based on the following:

- When Covered Health Care Services are received from a Network provider, Allowed Amounts are our contracted fee(s) with that provider.
- When Covered Health Care Services are received from an out-of-Network provider as arranged by us, including when there is no Network provider who is reasonably accessible or available to provide Covered Health Care Services, Allowed Amounts are an amount negotiated by us or an amount permitted by law. Please contact us if you are billed for amounts in excess of your applicable Co-payment. We will not pay excessive charges or amounts you are not legally obligated to pay.

## Out-of-Network Benefits

When Covered Health Care Services are received from an out-of-Network provider, as described below, Allowed Amounts are determined as follows:

- For non-Emergency Covered Health Care Services received at certain Network facilities from out-of-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 Allowed Amount 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 us or the amount subsequently agreed to by the out-of-Network provider and us.
  - 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 an out-of-Network Physician may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Co-payment which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the *Certificate*.

- **For Emergency Health Care Services provided by an out-of-Network provider**, the Allowed Amount 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 us or the amount subsequently agreed to by the out-of-Network provider and us.
  - The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You are not responsible, and an out-of-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Co-payment which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the *Certificate*.

- **For Air Ambulance transportation provided by an out-of-Network provider**, the Allowed Amount 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 us or the amount subsequently agreed to by the out-of-Network provider and us.
  - The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You are not responsible, and an out-of-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Co-payment 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 *Certificate*.

- **For Emergency ground ambulance transportation provided by an out-of-Network provider**, the Allowed Amount, which includes mileage, is a rate agreed upon by the out-of-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:** Out-of-Network providers may bill you for any difference between the provider's billed charges and the Allowed Amount described here.

**When Covered Health Care Services are received from an out-of-Network provider, except as described above, Allowed Amounts are determined based on either of the following:**

- Negotiated rates agreed to by the out-of-Network provider and either us or one of our vendors, affiliates or subcontractors.
- If rates have not been negotiated, then one of the following amounts:
  - Allowed Amounts are determined based on 100% of the published rates allowed by the *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)* for Medicare for the same or similar service within the geographic market, with the exception of the following:
    - ◆ 50% of CMS for the same or similar freestanding laboratory service.
    - ◆ 45% of CMS for the same or similar Durable Medical Equipment from a freestanding supplier, or CMS competitive bid rates.
    - ◆ 70% of CMS for the same or similar physical therapy service from a freestanding provider.
  - When a rate is not published by CMS for the service, we use an available gap methodology to determine a rate for the service as follows:
    - ◆ For services other than Pharmaceutical Products, we use a gap methodology established by *OptumInsight* and/or a third-party vendor that uses a relative value

scale or the amount typically accepted by a provider for the same or similar service. The relative value scale may be based on the difficulty, time, work, risk, location and resources of the service. If the relative value scale(s) currently in use become no longer available, we will use a comparable scale(s). We and *OptumInsight* are related companies through common ownership by *UnitedHealth Group*.

- ◆ For Pharmaceutical Products, we use gap methodologies that are similar to the pricing methodology used by CMS, and produce fees based on published acquisition costs or average wholesale price for the pharmaceuticals. These methodologies are currently created by *RJ Health Systems*, *Thomson Reuters* (published in its *Red Book*), or *UnitedHealthcare* based on an internally developed pharmaceutical pricing resource.
- ◆ When a rate for a laboratory service is not published by CMS for the service and gap methodology does not apply to the service, the rate is based on the average amount negotiated with similar Network providers for the same or similar service.
- ◆ When a rate for all other services is not published by CMS for the service and a gap methodology does not apply to the service, the Allowed Amount is based on 20% of the provider's billed charge.

We update the CMS published rate data on a regular basis when updated data from CMS becomes available. These updates are typically put in place within 30 to 90 days after CMS updates its data.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Out-of-Network providers may bill you for any difference between the provider's billed charges and the Allowed Amount described here. This includes non-Ancillary Services when notice and consent is satisfied as described under section 2799B-2(d) of the *Public Health Service Act*.

## Provider Network

We arrange for health care providers to take part in a Network. Network providers are independent practitioners. They are not our employees. It is your responsibility to choose your provider.

Our 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 visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card. A directory of providers is available by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card to request a copy. If you receive a Covered Health Care Service from an out-of-Network provider and were informed incorrectly by us prior to receipt of the Covered Health Care Service that the provider was a Network provider, either through our database, our provider directory, or in our response to your request for such information (via telephone, electronic, web-based or internet-based means), you may be eligible for cost sharing (Co-payment) that would be no greater than if the service had been provided from a Network provider.

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 you are currently seeing a Network provider and that provider leaves the Network or is otherwise not available to you, you must choose another Network provider to get Network Benefits. However, if you are currently receiving treatment for Covered Health Care Services from a provider whose network status changes from Network to out-of-Network during such treatment due to termination (non-renewal or expiration) of the provider's contract, you may be eligible to request continued care from your current provider under the same terms and conditions that would have applied prior to termination of the provider's contract 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 using an out-of-Network Physician or health care facility, you may be eligible to receive transition of care. 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 to find out if you are eligible for transition of care Benefits, please call the telephone number on your ID card.

Do not assume that a Network provider's agreement includes all Covered Health Care Services. Some Network providers contract with us to provide only certain Covered Health Care Services, but not all Covered Health Care Services. Some Network providers choose to be a Network provider for only some of our products. For assistance visit [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or call the telephone number on your ID card.

## **Designated Providers**

If you have a medical condition that we believe needs special services, we may direct you to a Designated Provider chosen by us. If you require certain complex Covered Health Care Services for which expertise is limited, we 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 Care Services from a Designated Provider, we may reimburse certain travel expenses.

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

You or your Network Physician must notify us of special service needs (such as transplants or cancer treatment) that might warrant referral to a Designated Provider. If you do not notify us in advance, and if you receive services from an out-of-Network facility (regardless of whether it is a Designated Provider) or other out-of-Network provider, Network Benefits will not be paid. Out-of-Network Benefits may be available if the special needs services you receive are Covered Health Care Services for which Benefits are provided under the Policy.

## **Health Care Services from Out-of-Network Providers Paid as Network Benefits**

If specific Covered Health Care Services are not available from a Network provider, you may be eligible for Network Benefits when Covered Health Care Services are received from out-of-Network providers. In this situation, your Network Physician will notify us and, if we confirm that care is not available from a Network provider, we will work with you and your Network Physician to coordinate care through an out-of-Network provider.

## **Limitations on Selection of Providers**

If we determine that you are using health care services in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your selection of Network providers may be limited. If this happens, we may require you to select a single Network Physician to provide and coordinate all future Covered Health Care Services.

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

If you do not use the selected Network Physician, Covered Health Care Services will be paid as Out-of-Network Benefits.

# **Outpatient Prescription Drug**

## **UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company**

### **Schedule of Benefits**

#### **When Are Benefits Available for Prescription Drug Products?**

Benefits are available for Prescription Drug Products at a Network Pharmacy and are subject to Co-payments that vary depending on which of the tiers of the Prescription Drug List the Prescription Drug Product is placed.

Benefits for Prescription Drug Products are available when the Prescription Drug Product meets the definition of a Covered Health Care Service or is prescribed to prevent conception.

#### **Benefits for Oral Chemotherapeutic Agents**

Oral chemotherapeutic agent Prescription Drug Products will be provided at a level no less favorable than chemotherapeutic agents are provided under *Pharmaceutical Products – Outpatient* in your Certificate of Coverage, regardless of tier placement.

#### **What Happens When a Brand-name Drug Becomes Available as a Generic?**

If a Generic becomes available for a Brand-name Prescription Drug Product, the tier placement of the Brand-name Prescription Drug Product may change. Therefore, your Co-payment may change and an Ancillary Charge may apply, or you will no longer have Benefits for that particular Brand-name Prescription Drug Product.

#### **What Happens When a Biosimilar Product Becomes Available for a Reference Product?**

If a biosimilar becomes available for a reference product (a biological Prescription Drug Product), the tier placement of the reference product may change. Therefore, your Co-payment may change and an Ancillary Charge may apply, or you will no longer have Benefits for that particular reference product.

#### **How Do Supply Limits Apply?**

Benefits for Prescription Drug Products are subject to the supply limits that are stated in the "Description and Supply Limits" column of the Benefit Information table. For a single Co-payment, you may receive a Prescription Drug Product up to the stated supply limit.

Note: Some products are subject to additional supply limits based on criteria that we have developed. Supply limits are subject, from time to time, to our review and change. This may limit the amount dispensed per Prescription Order or Refill and/or the amount dispensed per month's supply, or may require that a minimum amount be dispensed.

You may find out whether a Prescription Drug Product has a supply limit for dispensing by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

#### **Do Prior Authorization Requirements Apply?**

Before certain Prescription Drug Products are dispensed to you, your Physician, your pharmacist or you are required to obtain prior authorization from us or our designee. The reason for obtaining prior

authorization from us is to determine whether the Prescription Drug Product, in accordance with our approved guidelines, is each of the following:

- It meets the definition of a Covered Health Care Service.
- It is not an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service.

We may also require you to obtain prior authorization from us or our designee so we can determine whether the Prescription Drug Product, in accordance with our approved guidelines, was prescribed by a Specialist.

### **Network Pharmacy Prior Authorization**

When Prescription Drug Products are dispensed at a Network Pharmacy, the prescribing provider, the pharmacist, or you are responsible for obtaining prior authorization from us.

If you do not obtain prior authorization from us before the Prescription Drug Product is dispensed, you may pay more for that Prescription Order or Refill. The Prescription Drug Products requiring prior authorization are subject, from time to time, to our review and change. There may be certain Prescription Drug Products that require you to notify us directly rather than your Physician or pharmacist. You may find out whether a particular Prescription Drug Product requires prior authorization by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

If you do not obtain prior authorization from us before the Prescription Drug Product is dispensed, you can ask us to consider reimbursement after you receive the Prescription Drug Product. You will be required to pay for the Prescription Drug Product at the pharmacy. You may seek reimbursement from us as described in the *Certificate of Coverage (Certificate)* in Section 5: *How to File a Claim*.

When you submit a claim on this basis, you may pay more because you did not obtain prior authorization from us before the Prescription Drug Product was dispensed. The amount you are reimbursed will be based on the Prescription Drug Charge, less the required Co-payment, and Ancillary Charge. Benefits may not be available for the Prescription Drug Product after we review the documentation provided and we determine that the Prescription Drug Product is not a Covered Health Care Service or it is an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service.

We may also require prior authorization for certain programs which may have specific requirements for participation and/or activation of an enhanced level of Benefits related to such programs. You may access information on available programs and any applicable prior authorization, participation or activation requirements related to such programs by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

### **Does Step Therapy Apply?**

Certain Prescription Drug Products for which Benefits are described under this Prescription Drug Rider are subject to step therapy requirements. In order to receive Benefits for such Prescription Drug Products you must use a different Prescription Drug Product(s) or Pharmaceutical Product(s) for which Benefits are provided as described under the *Certificate* first.

You may find out whether a Prescription Drug Product is subject to step therapy requirements by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

### **What Do You Pay?**

You are responsible for paying the applicable Co-payment described in the Benefit Information table in addition to any Ancillary Charge. You are not responsible for paying a Co-payment for PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medications. You are not responsible for paying a Co-payment for Prescription Drug Products on the List of Zero Cost Share Medications.

An Ancillary Charge may apply when a covered Prescription Drug Product is dispensed at your request and there is another drug that is Chemically Equivalent.

The amount you pay for any of the following under this Rider will not be included in calculating any Out-of-Pocket Limit stated in your *Certificate*:

- Ancillary Charges.
- Certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate.
- Any non-covered drug product. You are responsible for paying 100% of the cost (the amount the pharmacy charges you) for any non-covered drug product. Our contracted rates (our Prescription Drug Charge) will not be available to you.

## Payment Information

Payment Term and Description	Amounts
<p><b>Co-payment</b></p> <p>Co-payment for a Prescription Drug Product at a Network Pharmacy is a specific dollar amount. Your Co-payment is determined by the Prescription Drug List (PDL) Management Committee's tier placement of a Prescription Drug Product. We may cover multiple Prescription Drug Products for a single Co-payment if the combination of these multiple products provides a therapeutic treatment regimen that is supported by available clinical evidence. You may determine whether a therapeutic treatment regimen qualifies for a single Co-payment by visiting <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or calling the telephone number on your ID card. Your Co-payment may be reduced when you participate in certain programs which may have specific requirements for participation of an enhanced level of Benefits associated with such programs. You may access information on these programs and any applicable prior authorization, participation or activation requirements associated with such programs by visiting <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or calling the telephone number on your ID card. Your Co-payment for insulin will not exceed the amount allowed by applicable law.</p> <p><b>Special Programs:</b> We may have certain programs in which you may receive a reduced or increased Co-payment based on your condition and/or actions such as adherence/compliance to medication or treatment regimens, and/or participation in health management programs, a reward may be provided. You may access information on these programs by visiting <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or calling the telephone number on your ID card.</p> <p><b>Variable Co-payment Program:</b> Certain coupons from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate may reduce the costs of your Specialty Prescription Drug Products. Your Co-payment may vary when you use a coupon. Contact <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or the telephone number on your ID card for an available list of Specialty Prescription Drug Products and the applicable Co-payment.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The tier status of a Prescription Drug</p>	<p>For Prescription Drug Products at a retail Network Pharmacy, you are responsible for paying the lowest of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicable Co-payment.</li> <li>• The Network Pharmacy's Usual and Customary Charge for the Prescription Drug Product.</li> <li>• The Prescription Drug Charge for that Prescription Drug Product.</li> </ul> <p>For Prescription Drug Products from a mail order Network Pharmacy, you are responsible for paying the lower of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicable Co-payment.</li> <li>• The Prescription Drug Charge for that Prescription Drug Product.</li> </ul> <p>See the Co-payments stated in the <i>Benefit Information</i> table for amounts.</p> <p>You are not responsible for paying a Co-payment for PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medications.</p> <p>You are not responsible for paying a Co-payment for Prescription Drug Products on the List of Zero Cost Share Medications.</p>

Payment Term and Description	Amounts
<p>Product can change from time to time. These changes generally happen quarterly but no more than six times per calendar year, based on the PDL Management Committee's tiering decisions. When that happens, you may pay more or less for a Prescription Drug Product, depending on its tier placement. Please visit <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or call the telephone number on your ID card for the most up-to-date tier status.</p> <p><b>Prescription Drug Products Prescribed by a Specialist:</b> You may receive a reduced or increased Co-payment based on whether the Prescription Drug Product was prescribed by a Specialist. You may access information on which Prescription Drug Products are subject to a reduced or increased Co-payment by contacting us at <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or the telephone number on your ID card.</p> <p><b>Coupons:</b> We may not permit you to use certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate to reduce your Co-payment.</p>	

## Benefit Information

**The amounts you are required to pay as shown below in the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits* are based on the Prescription Drug Charge.**

Description and Supply Limits	What Is the Co-payment You Pay?
<p><b>Specialty Prescription Drug Products</b></p> <p>The following supply limits apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As written by the provider, up to a consecutive 31-day supply of a Specialty Prescription Drug Product, unless adjusted based on the drug manufacturer's packaging size, or based on supply limits, or as allowed under the Smart Fill Program.</li> </ul> <p>When a Specialty Prescription Drug Product is packaged or designed to deliver in a manner that provides more than a consecutive 31-day supply, the Co-payment that applies will reflect the number of days dispensed or days the drug will be delivered.</p> <p>If a Specialty Prescription Drug Product is provided for less than or more than a 31-day supply, the Co-payment that applies will reflect the number of days</p>	<p>Your Co-payment is determined by the PDL Management Committee's tier placement of the Specialty Prescription Drug Product. All Specialty Prescription Drug Products on the Prescription Drug List are placed on Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3. Please visit <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or call the telephone number on your ID card to find out tier placement.</p>
	<p>For a Tier 1 Specialty Prescription Drug Product: \$20 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 2 Specialty Prescription Drug Product: \$200 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 3 Specialty Prescription Drug Product: \$500 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p>

**The amounts you are required to pay as shown below in the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits* are based on the Prescription Drug Charge.**

<b>Description and Supply Limits</b>	<b>What Is the Co-payment You Pay?</b>
<p>dispensed.</p> <p>Supply limits apply to Specialty Prescription Drug Products obtained at a Network Pharmacy or a Designated Pharmacy.</p>	
<p><b>Prescription Drugs from a Retail Network Pharmacy</b></p>	
<p>The following supply limits apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As written by the provider, up to a consecutive 31-day supply of a Prescription Drug Product, unless adjusted based on the drug manufacturer's packaging size, or based on supply limits.</li> <li>A one-cycle supply of a contraceptive. You may obtain up to three cycles at one time if you pay a Co-payment for each cycle supplied.</li> </ul> <p>When a Prescription Drug Product is packaged or designed to deliver in a manner that provides more than a consecutive 31-day supply, the Co-payment that applies will reflect the number of days dispensed or days the drug will be delivered.</p> <p>If a retail Network Pharmacy has agreed to accept the same payment terms as a mail order Network Pharmacy, you may obtain up to a consecutive 90-day supply of a Prescription Drug Product from the retail Network Pharmacy for the same Copayment stated under <i>Prescription Drug Products from a Mail Order Network Pharmacy</i>. The retail Network pharmacist must contact us prior to dispensing this expanded supply of a Prescription Order or Refill.</p>	<p>Your Co-payment is determined by the PDL Management Committee's tier placement of the Prescription Drug Product. All Prescription Drug Products on the Prescription Drug List are placed on Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3. Please visit <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or call the telephone number on your ID card to find out tier status.</p> <p>For a Tier 1 Prescription Drug Product: \$20 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 2 Prescription Drug Product: \$90 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 3 Prescription Drug Product: \$150 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p>
<p><b>Prescription Drug Products from a Mail Order Network Pharmacy or a Retail Network Pharmacy</b></p>	
<p>The following supply limits apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As written by the provider, up to a consecutive 90-day supply of a Prescription Drug Product, unless adjusted based on the drug manufacturer's packaging size, or based on supply limits. These supply limits do not apply to Specialty Prescription Drug Products. Specialty Prescription Drug Products from a mail order Network</li> </ul>	<p>Your Co-payment is determined by the PDL Management Committee's tier placement the Prescription Drug Product. All Prescription Drug Products on the Prescription Drug List are placed on Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3. Please visit <a href="http://benefits.surest.com">benefits.surest.com</a> or call the telephone number on your ID card to find out tier status.</p> <p>For up to a 31-day supply at a mail order Network</p>

**The amounts you are required to pay as shown below in the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits* are based on the Prescription Drug Charge.**

<b>Description and Supply Limits</b>	<b>What Is the Co-payment You Pay?</b>
<p>Pharmacy or a retail Network Pharmacy are subject to the supply limits stated above under the heading <i>Specialty Prescription Drug Products</i>.</p> <p>To maximize your Benefit, ask your Physician to write your Prescription Order or Refill for a 90-day supply, with refills when appropriate. You will be charged a Co-payment based on the day supply dispensed for any Prescription Orders or Refills sent to the mail order Network Pharmacy or a retail Network Pharmacy. Be sure your Physician writes your Prescription Order or Refill for a 90-day supply, not a 30-day supply with three refills.</p>	<p>Pharmacy, you pay:</p> <p>For a Tier 1 Prescription Drug Product: \$20 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 2 Prescription Drug Product: \$90 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 3 Prescription Drug Product: \$150 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For up to a 60-day supply at a mail order Network Pharmacy or a retail Network Pharmacy, you pay:</p> <p>For a Tier 1 Prescription Drug Product: \$40 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 2 Prescription Drug Product: \$180 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 3 Prescription Drug Product: \$300 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For up to a 90-day supply at a mail order Network Pharmacy or a retail Network Pharmacy, you pay:</p> <p>For a Tier 1 Prescription Drug Product: \$50 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 2 Prescription Drug Product: \$225 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p> <p>For a Tier 3 Prescription Drug Product: \$375 per Prescription Order or Refill.</p>

# **Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider**

## **UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company**

This Rider to the Policy is issued to the Group and provides Benefits for Prescription Drug Products.

Because this Rider is part of a legal document, we want to give you information about the document that will help you understand it. Certain capitalized words have special meanings. We have defined these words in either the *Certificate of Coverage (Certificate)* in *Section 9: Defined Terms* or in this Rider in *Section 3: Defined Terms*.

When we use the words "we," "us," and "our" in this document, we are referring to UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company. When we use the words "you" and "your" we are referring to people who are Covered Persons, as the term is defined in the *Certificate* in *Section 9: Defined Terms*.

NOTE: The Coordination of Benefits provision in the *Certificate* in *Section 7: Coordination of Benefits* does not apply to Prescription Drug Products covered through this Rider. Prescription Drug Product Benefits will not be coordinated with those of any other health coverage plan.

UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company



Robert Hunter, President

# Introduction

## Coverage Policies and Guidelines

Our Prescription Drug List (PDL) Management Committee makes tier placement changes on our behalf. The PDL Management Committee places FDA-approved Prescription Drug Product into tiers by considering a number of factors including clinical and economic factors. Clinical factors may include review of the place in therapy or use as compared to other similar product or services, site of care, relative safety or effectiveness of the Prescription Drug Product, as well as if certain supply limits or prior authorization requirements should apply. Economic factors may include the Prescription Drug Product's total cost including any rebates and evaluations of the cost effectiveness of the Prescription Drug Product.

Some Prescription Drug Products are more cost effective for treating specific conditions as compared to others; therefore, a Prescription Drug Product may be placed on multiple tiers according to the condition for which the Prescription Drug Product was prescribed to treat, or according to whether it was prescribed by a Specialist.

We may, from time to time, change the placement of a Prescription Drug Product among the tiers. These changes generally will happen quarterly, but no more than six times per calendar year. These changes may happen without prior notice to you.

When considering a Prescription Drug Product for tier placement, the PDL Management Committee reviews clinical and economic factors regarding Covered Persons as a general population. Whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is appropriate for you is a determination that is made by you and your prescribing Physician.

NOTE: The tier placement of a Prescription Drug Product may change, from time to time, based on the process described above. As a result of such changes, you may be required to pay more or less for that Prescription Drug Product. Please visit [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or call the telephone number on your ID card for the most up-to-date tier placement.

## Identification Card (ID Card) - Network Pharmacy

You must either show your Surest ID card at the time you obtain your Prescription Drug Product at a Network Pharmacy or you must provide the Network Pharmacy with identifying information that can be verified by us during regular business hours.

If you don't show your Surest ID card or provide verifiable information at a Network Pharmacy, you must pay the Usual and Customary Charge for the Prescription Drug Product at the pharmacy.

You may seek reimbursement from us as described in the *Certificate in Section 5: How to File a Claim*. When you submit a claim on this basis, you may pay more because you did not verify your eligibility when the Prescription Drug Product was dispensed. The amount you are reimbursed will be based on the Prescription Drug Charge, less the required Co-payment and Ancillary Charge.

Submit your claim to:

Optum Rx  
PO Box 650629  
Dallas, TX 75265-0629

## Designated Pharmacies

If you require certain Prescription Drug Products, including, but not limited to, Specialty Prescription Drug Products, we may direct you to a Designated Pharmacy with whom we have an arrangement to provide those Prescription Drug Products.

If you are directed to a Designated Pharmacy and you choose not to obtain your Prescription Drug Product from a Designated Pharmacy, no Benefit will be paid for that Prescription Drug Product.

#### *Smart Fill Program - Split Fill*

Certain Specialty Prescription Drug Products may be dispensed by the Designated Pharmacy in 15-day supplies up to 90 days and at a pro-rated Co-payment. You will receive a 15-day supply of their Specialty Prescription Drug Product to find out if you will tolerate the Specialty Prescription Drug Product prior to purchasing a full supply. The Designated Pharmacy will contact you each time prior to dispensing the 15-day supply to confirm if you are tolerating the Specialty Prescription Drug Product. You may find a list of Specialty Prescription Drug Products included in the *Smart Fill Program*, by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

### **When Do We Limit Selection of Pharmacies?**

If we determine that you may be using Prescription Drug Products in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your choice of Network Pharmacies may be limited. If this happens, we may require you to choose one Network Pharmacy that will provide and coordinate all future pharmacy services. Benefits will be paid only if you use the chosen Network Pharmacy. If you don't make a choice within 31 days of the date we notify you, we will choose a Network Pharmacy for you.

### **Rebates and Other Payments**

We may receive rebates for certain drugs included on the Prescription Drug List. As determined by us, we 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 Co-payment.

We, and a number of our affiliated entities, conduct business with pharmaceutical manufacturers separate and apart from this *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider*. Such business may include, but is not limited to, data collection, consulting, educational grants and research. Amounts received from pharmaceutical manufacturers pursuant to such arrangements are not related to this *Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider*. We are not required to pass on to you, and do not pass on to you, such amounts.

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

At various times, we may send mailings or provide other communications to you, your Physician, or your pharmacy that communicate a variety of messages, including information about Prescription and non-prescription Drug Products. These communications may include offers that enable you, as you determine, to purchase the described product at a discount. In some instances, non-UnitedHealthcare entities may support and/or provide content for these communications and offers. Only you and your Physician can determine whether a change in your Prescription and/or non-prescription Drug regimen is appropriate for your medical condition.

### **Variable Co-payment Program**

Certain Prescription Drug Products, including Specialty Prescription Drug Products are eligible for coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or affiliates that may reduce the cost for your Prescription Drug Product. We may help you determine whether your Prescription Drug Product is eligible for this reduction. If you redeem a coupon from a pharmaceutical manufacturer or affiliate, your Co-payment may vary. Please contact [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or the telephone number on your ID card for an available list of Prescription Drug Products. If you choose not to participate, you will pay the Co-payment as described in the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits*.

The amount of the coupon will not count toward any applicable out-of-pocket limits.

### **Special Programs**

We 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 taking part in health

management programs, a reward may be provided. You may access information on these programs by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

## **Maintenance Medication Program**

If you require certain Maintenance Medications, we may direct you to the mail order Network Pharmacy to obtain those Maintenance Medications.

## **Prescription Drug Products Prescribed by a Specialist**

You may receive an enhanced or reduced Benefit, or no Benefit, based on whether the Prescription Drug Product was prescribed by a Specialist. You may access information on which Prescription Drug Products are subject to Benefit enhancement, reduction or no Benefit by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

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## **Section 1: Benefits for Prescription Drug Products**

Benefits are available for Prescription Drug Products at a Network Pharmacy and are subject to Co-payments and other payments that vary depending on which of the tiers of the Prescription Drug List the Prescription Drug Product is placed. Refer to the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits* for applicable Co-payments.

Benefits for Prescription Drug Products are available when the Prescription Drug Product meets the definition of a Covered Health Care Service or is prescribed to prevent conception.

### **Specialty Prescription Drug Products**

Benefits are provided for Specialty Prescription Drug Products.

If you require Specialty Prescription Drug Products, we may direct you to a Designated Pharmacy with whom we have an arrangement to provide those Specialty Prescription Drug Products.

If you are directed to a Designated Pharmacy and you choose not to obtain your Specialty Prescription Drug Product from a Designated Pharmacy, no Benefit will be paid for that Specialty Prescription Drug Product.

Please see *Section 3: Defined Terms* for a full description of Specialty Prescription Drug Product and Designated Pharmacy.

The *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits* will tell you how Specialty Prescription Drug Product supply limits apply.

### **Prescription Drugs from a Retail Network Pharmacy**

Benefits are provided for Prescription Drug Products dispensed by a retail Network Pharmacy.

The *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits* will tell you how retail Network Pharmacy supply limits apply.

### **Prescription Drug Products from a Mail Order Network Pharmacy**

Benefits are provided for certain Prescription Drug Products dispensed by a mail order Network Pharmacy.

The *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits* will tell you how mail order Network Pharmacy supply limits apply.

Please visit [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or call the telephone number on your ID card to find out if Benefits are provided for your Prescription Drug Product and for information on how to obtain your Prescription Drug Product through a mail order Network Pharmacy.

## Section 2: Exclusions

Exclusions from coverage listed in the *Certificate* also apply to this Rider. In addition, the exclusions listed below apply.

When an exclusion applies to only certain Prescription Drug Products, you can visit [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or call the telephone number on your ID card for information on which Prescription Drug Products are excluded.

1. Outpatient Prescription Drug Products obtained from an out-of-Network Pharmacy
2. Coverage for Prescription Drug Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which exceeds the supply limit.
3. Coverage for Prescription Drug Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which is less than the minimum supply limit.
4. Prescription Drug Products dispensed outside the United States, except as required for Emergency treatment.
5. Drugs which are prescribed, dispensed or intended for use during an Inpatient Stay.
6. Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services and medications; medications used for experimental treatments for specific diseases and/or dosage regimens determined by us to be experimental, investigational or unproven.

This exclusion does not apply to a Prescription Drug Product that has been prescribed for the treatment of cancer but has not been approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* for the treatment of cancer if, the Prescription Drug Product is recognized for the treatment of cancer in one of the standard reference compendia or in substantially accepted peer-reviewed medical literature. Upon our request, your Physician must submit documentation supporting the use of the Prescription Drug Product for the treatment of cancer.

There are no Benefits for any Prescription Drug Product which the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* has determined its use to be contraindicated. Additionally, there are no Benefits for any Prescription Drug Product that is not approved for any indication by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration*.

7. Prescription Drug Products furnished by the local, state or federal government. Any Prescription Drug Product to the extent payment or benefits are provided or available from the local, state or federal government (for example, Medicare) whether or not payment or benefits are received, except as otherwise provided by law.
8. Prescription Drug Products for any condition, Injury, Sickness or Mental Illness arising out of, or in the course of, employment for which benefits are available under any workers' compensation law or other similar laws, whether or not a claim for such benefits is made or payment or benefits are received.
9. A Pharmaceutical Product for which Benefits are provided in your *Certificate*. This includes certain forms of vaccines/immunizations. This exclusion does not apply to Depo Provera and other injectable drugs used for contraception.
10. Any product dispensed for the purpose of appetite suppression or weight loss.
11. Durable Medical Equipment, including certain insulin pumps and related supplies for the management and treatment of diabetes, for which Benefits are provided in your *Certificate*. Prescribed and non-prescribed outpatient supplies. This does not apply to diabetic supplies and inhaler spacers specifically stated as covered.
12. General vitamins, except the following, which require a Prescription Order or Refill:
  - Prenatal vitamins.
  - Vitamins with fluoride.

- Single entity vitamins.

13. Certain Prescription Drug Products that are repackaged, relabeled, or packaged as a unit dose(s).
14. Prescription Drug Products, including New Prescription Drug Products or new dosage forms, that we determine do not meet the definition of a Covered Health Care Service.
15. Prescription Drug Products as a replacement for a previously dispensed Prescription Drug Product that was lost, stolen, broken or destroyed.
16. Prescription Drug Products when prescribed to treat infertility. This exclusion does not apply to Prescription Drug Products prescribed to treat Iatrogenic Infertility and Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) as described in the *Certificate*.
17. Certain Prescription Drug Products for tobacco cessation.
18. Compounded drugs that do not contain at least one ingredient that has been approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* and requires a Prescription Order or Refill. Compounded drugs that contain a non- *FDA* approved bulk chemical. Compounded drugs that are available as a similar commercially available Prescription Drug Product. (Compounded drugs that contain at least one ingredient that requires a Prescription Order or Refill are placed on Tier 3.)
19. The following over-the-counter drugs and products:
  - Drugs or products available over-the-counter that do not require a Prescription Order or Refill by federal or state law before being dispensed, unless we have designated the over-the-counter drug or product as eligible for coverage as if it were a Prescription Drug Product and it is obtained with a Prescription Order or Refill from a Physician.
  - Over-the-counter continuous glucose monitors; and

The following Prescription Drug Products with over-the-counter alternatives:

- Prescription Drug Products that are available in over-the-counter form or made up of components that are available in over-the-counter form or equivalent. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year.
- Certain Prescription Drug Products that we have determined are Therapeutically Equivalent to an over-the-counter drug or supplement. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year.

We may decide at any time to reinstate Benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision.

20. Certain New Prescription Drug Products and/or new dosage forms until the date they are reviewed and placed on a tier by our PDL Management Committee.
21. Growth hormone for children with familial short stature (short stature based upon heredity and not caused by a diagnosed medical condition).
22. Any product for which the primary use is a source of nutrition, nutritional supplements, or dietary management of disease, and prescription medical food products even when used for the treatment of Sickness or Injury.
23. A Prescription Drug Product that contains (an) active ingredient(s) available in and Therapeutically Equivalent to another covered Prescription Drug Product or Pharmaceutical Product as described in the *Certificate*. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year. We may decide at any time to reinstate Benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision.
24. A Prescription Drug Product that contains (an) active ingredient(s) which is (are) a modified version of and Therapeutically Equivalent to another covered Prescription Drug Product or Pharmaceutical Product as described in the *Certificate*. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a

calendar year. We may decide at any time to reinstate Benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision.

25. Certain Prescription Drug Products for which there are Therapeutically Equivalent alternatives to another Prescription Drug Product or Pharmaceutical Product as described in the *Certificate* available, unless otherwise required by law or approved by us. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year. We may decide at any time to reinstate Benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision.
26. Certain Prescription Drug Products that have not been prescribed by a Specialist.
27. A Prescription Drug Product that contains marijuana, including medical marijuana.
28. Dental products, including but not limited to prescription fluoride topicals.
29. A Prescription Drug Product with either:
  - An approved biosimilar.
  - A biosimilar and Therapeutically Equivalent to another covered Prescription Drug Product or Pharmaceutical Product as described in the *Certificate*.

For the purpose of this exclusion a "biosimilar" is a biological Prescription Drug Product approved based on both of the following:

- It is highly similar to a reference product (a biological Prescription Drug Product).
- It has no clinically meaningful differences in terms of safety and effectiveness from the reference product.

Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year. We may decide at any time to reinstate Benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision.

30. Diagnostic kits and products, including associated services.
31. Publicly available software applications and/or monitors that may be available with or without a Prescription Order or Refill.
32. Certain Prescription Drug Products that are FDA approved as a package with a device or application, including smart package sensors and/or embedded drug sensors. This exclusion does not apply to a device or application that assists you with the administration of a Prescription Drug Product.

## Section 3: Defined Terms

**Ancillary Charge** - a charge, in addition to the Co-payment, that you must pay when a covered Prescription Drug Product is dispensed at your request, when a Chemically Equivalent Prescription Drug Product is available.

For Prescription Drug Products from Network Pharmacies, the Ancillary Charge is the difference between:

- The Prescription Drug Charge for the Prescription Drug Product.
- The Prescription Drug Charge for the Chemically Equivalent Prescription Drug Product.

**Brand-name** - a Prescription Drug Product: (1) which is manufactured and marketed under a trademark or name by a specific drug manufacturer; or (2) that we identify as a Brand-name product, based on available data resources. This includes data sources such as Medi-Span, that classify drugs as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a "brand name" by the manufacturer, pharmacy, or your Physician will be classified as Brand-name by us.

**Chemically Equivalent** - when Prescription Drug Products contain the same active ingredient.

**Designated Pharmacy** - a pharmacy that has entered into an agreement with us or with an organization contracting on our behalf, to provide specific Prescription Drug Products. This includes Specialty Prescription Drug Products. Not all Network Pharmacies are Designated Pharmacies.

**Generic** - a Prescription Drug Product: (1) that is Chemically Equivalent to a Brand-name drug; or (2) that we identify as a Generic product based on available data resources. This includes data sources such as Medi-Span, that classify drugs as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a "generic" by the manufacturer, pharmacy or your Physician will be classified as a Generic by us.

**List of Zero Cost Share Medications** - a list that identifies certain Prescription Drug Products on the Prescription Drug List that are available at zero cost share (no cost to you) when obtained from a retail Network Pharmacy. Certain Prescription Drug Products on the List of Zero Cost Share Medications may be available at a mail order Network Pharmacy. You may find the List of Zero Cost Share Medications by contacting us at [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or the telephone number on your ID card.

**Maintenance Medication** - a Prescription Drug Product expected to be used for six months or more to treat or prevent a chronic condition. You may find out if a Prescription Drug Product is a Maintenance Medication by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

**Maximum Allowable Amount** - the maximum amount that should be paid for covered Prescription Drug Products in a Therapeutic Class. This amount is subject to our review and change from time to time and varies by Therapeutic Class.

**Network Pharmacy** - a pharmacy that has:

- Entered into an agreement with us or an organization contracting on our behalf to provide Prescription Drug Products to Covered Persons.
- Agreed to accept specified reimbursement rates for dispensing Prescription Drug Products.
- Been designated by us as a Network Pharmacy.

**New Prescription Drug Product** - a Prescription Drug Product or new dosage form of a previously approved Prescription Drug Product, for the period of time starting on the date the Prescription Drug Product or new dosage form is approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

- The date it is placed on a tier by our PDL Management Committee.
- December 31st of the following calendar year.

**Non-Preferred Retail Network Pharmacy** - a retail pharmacy that we identify as a non-preferred pharmacy within the Network.

**PPACA** - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

**PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medications** - the medications that are obtained at a Network Pharmacy with a Prescription Order or Refill from a Physician and that are payable at 100% of the Prescription Drug Charge (without application of any Co-payment,) as required by applicable law under any of the following:

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

You may find out if a drug is a PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medication as well as information on access to coverage of Medically Necessary alternatives by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

**Preferred Retail Network Pharmacy** - a retail pharmacy that we identify as a preferred pharmacy within the Network.

**Prescription Drug Charge** - the rate we have agreed to pay our Network Pharmacies for a Prescription Drug Product dispensed at a Network Pharmacy. The rate includes any applicable dispensing fee and sales tax.

**Prescription Drug List** - a list that places into tiers medications or products that have been approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)*. This list is subject to our review and change from time to time. You may find out to which tier a particular Prescription Drug Product has been placed by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card for the most up-to-date tier placement.

**Prescription Drug List (PDL) Management Committee** - the committee that we designate for placing Prescription Drug Products into specific tiers.

**Prescription Drug Product** - a medication or product that has been approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* and that can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only according to a Prescription Order or Refill. A Prescription Drug Product includes a medication that is generally appropriate for self-administration or administration by a non-skilled caregiver. For the purpose of Benefits under the Policy, this definition includes:

- Psychotherapeutic drugs.
- Inhalers (with spacers).
- Insulin.
- Certain vaccines/immunizations administered at a Network Pharmacy.
- Certain injectable medications administered at a Network Pharmacy.
- The following diabetic supplies:
  - standard insulin syringes with needles;
  - blood-testing strips - glucose;
  - urine-testing strips - glucose;
  - ketone-testing strips and tablets;

- lancets and lancet devices; and
- glucose meters, including continuous glucose monitors.

**Prescription Order or Refill** - the directive to dispense a Prescription Drug Product issued by a duly licensed health care provider whose scope of practice allows issuing such a directive.

**Specialty Prescription Drug Product** - Prescription Drug Products that are generally high cost, self-administered biotechnology drugs used to treat patients with certain illnesses. Specialty Prescription Drug Products include certain drugs for fertility preservation and Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) for which Benefits are described in the *Certificate under Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility and Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) and Related Services in Section 1: Covered Health Care Services*. You may access a complete list of Specialty Prescription Drug Products by visiting [benefits.surest.com](http://benefits.surest.com) or calling the telephone number on your ID card.

**Therapeutic Class** - a group or category of Prescription Drug Products with similar uses and/or actions.

**Therapeutically Equivalent** - when Prescription Drug Products or Pharmaceutical Products as described in the *Certificate* have essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile.

**Usual and Customary Charge** - the usual fee that a pharmacy charges individuals for a Prescription Drug Product without reference to reimbursement to the pharmacy by third parties. This fee includes any applicable dispensing fee and sales tax.

## **Section 4: Your Right to Request an Exception for Contraceptives**

In accordance with PPACA requirements, an exception process may apply to certain Prescription Drug Products prescribed for contraception if your Physician determines that a Prescription Drug Product alternative to a PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medication is Medically Necessary for you.

An expedited medication exception request may be available if the time needed to complete a standard exception request could significantly increase the risk to your health or ability to regain maximum function.

If a request for an exception is approved by us, Benefits provided for the Prescription Drug Product will be treated the same as a PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medication.

For more information please visit [www.uhcprovider.com](http://www.uhcprovider.com) under the following path: *Resources\_Drug Lists and Pharmacy\_Additional Resources\_Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act \$0 Cost-Share Preventive Medications Exemption Requests (Commercial Members)*.

# **Real Appeal Rider**

## **UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company**

This Rider to the Policy provides Benefits for virtual obesity counseling services for eligible Covered Persons through Real Appeal. There are no Co-payments you must meet or pay for when receiving these services.

### **Real Appeal**

Real Appeal 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 Care Services will be individualized and may include 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 Care Services, you may contact us through [www.realappeal.com](http://www.realappeal.com), <https://member.realappeal.com> or at the number shown on your ID card.

UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company



Robert Hunter, President

## Language Assistance Services

**ATTENTION:** Free language assistance services and free communications in other formats, such as large print, are available to you. Call 1-866-633-2446. (TTY: 711).

**ማኅበርኛ:- አማርኛ (Amharic)** የሚደንብ ክሮን: ፭፻፭፻፭ አገልግሎቶች እና ፭፻፭፻፭ አንድ ትልቅ አገልግሎቶች እና ሰው ትርፍ ሰው የሚደንብ ክሮን የሚደንብ ክሮን: ፩ 1-866-633-2446 ይደመና::

**لاحظة:** إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية (Arabic)، ستتوفر لك خدمات المساعدة اللغوية المجانية والمراسلات المجانية بتنسيقات أخرى، مثل الطباعة بأحرف كبيرة. اتصل بالرقم 2446-633-1-866.

**দেখুন:** আপনি যদি বাংলায় (Bengali-Bangala) কথা বলেন, তাহলে বিনামূলে ভাষা সহায়তা পরিষেবা এবং বড় মুদ্রণের মতো, অন্যান্য ফরম্যাটে বিনামূলে যোগাযোগগুলি, আপনার জন্য উপলব্ধ 1-866-633-2446-এ কল করুন।

**ចំណាំ: ប្រសិទ្ធភាពខ្មែរខ្លួន (Cambodian-Mon-Khmer)**  
សេរាជំនួយភាសាសាស្ត្រកិច្ច និងការទំនាក់ទំនងភាសាកិច្ចខ្មែរខ្លួនប្រចាំឆ្នាំ ១-866-633-2446।

**ATENSHUN:** Gare kapetal **Faluwasch (Carolinian)**, ye toore paliuwal kapetal Faluwasch lane sew me sew format, tapil lane fateofat, bwe bwale toor kapetal. Ko yegili 1-866-633-2446.

**ATENSYON:** Yanggen fifino' hao **CHamoru (Chamorro)**, guaha setbisio siha para hågu ni' fátto, i setbision fino' pat lengguáhi yan fina'uma'espiha gi otro na manera siha taiguíhi i para mana'dångkolo i inemprenta. Ågang 1-866-633-2446.

**請注意：**如果您說**中文 (Chinese - Traditional)**，您可以獲得免費語言協助服務和大字體等其他格式的免費通訊。請致電1-866-633-2446。

**ATTENTION:** Si vous parlez **français (French)**, des services d'assistance linguistique et des communications dans d'autres formats, notamment en gros caractères, sont mis à votre disposition gratuitement. Appelez le 1-866-633-2446.

**ATANSYON:** Si w pale **Kreyòl Ayisyen (French Creole-Haitian Creole)**, gen sèvis lang gratis ak komunikasyon nan lòt fòma ki disponib, tankou sa ki enprime ak gwo lèt yo. Rele 1-866-633-2446.

**ACHTUNG:** Falls Sie **Deutsch (German)** sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose Sprachassistentzdienste und kostenlose Kommunikation in anderen Formaten, wie zum Beispiel große Schrift, zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie 1-866-633-2446 an.

**ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ:** Εάν μιλάτε **Ελληνικά (Greek)**, υπάρχουν διαθέσιμες δωρεάν υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής βοήθειας και δωρεάν επικοινωνία σε άλλες μορφοποιήσεις, όπως μεγάλα γράμματα. Καλέστε 1-866-633-2446.

**ધ્યાન આપો:** જો તમે ગુજરાતી (Gujarati) બોલતા હો તો વિના મૂલ્યે ભાષાકીય મદદૃપ સેવાઓ અને અન્ય ફોર્મેટમાં વિના મૂલ્યે સંચાર, જેમ કે મોટી પ્રિન્ટ, તમારા માટે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. 1-866-633-2446 પર કોલ કરો.

**ધ્યાન દેં:** યદિ આપ **હિન્ડી (Hindi)** બોલતે હોય, તો આપને લિએ મુફ્ત ભાષા સહાયતા સેવાએ ઔર અન્ય પ્રારૂપોમાં મુફ્ત સંચાર, જૈસે કિ બડે પ્રિન્ટ, ઉપલબ્ધ હોયાં। કોલ કરો 1-866-633-2446!

**LUS TSEEM CEEB:** Yog tias koj hais **Lus Hmoob (Hmong)**, muaj cov kev pab cuam txhais lus pub dawb thiab muaj kev sib txuas lus dawb ua lwm hom ntawv, xws li luam ntawv loj rau koj. Hu rau: 1-866-633-2446.

**ATENSIÓN:** No agsasaoka iti **Ilocano (Ilocano)**, magun-odmo dagiti libre a serbisio ti tulong iti pagsasao ken libre a komunikasion iti dadduma a pormat, kas iti dadakkel a letra. Tawagan ti 1-866-633-2446.

**ATTENZIONE:** se parla **italiano (Italian)**, può usufruire di servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti e comunicazioni gratuite in altri formati, come ad esempio la stampa a caratteri grandi. Chiama il numero 1-866-633-2446.

**注意事項：日本語 (Japanese)** を話される場合、無料の言語支援サービスや、拡大文字など他の形式での無料コミュニケーションをご利用いただけます。1-866-633-2446にお電話ください。

**알림 사항:** **한국어(Korean)**를 사용하시는 경우 무료 언어 지원 서비스와 대형 활자체 등 다른 형식으로 된 의사소통 매체를 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-866-633-2446번으로 전화해 주십시오.

**ຫມາຍລາວ:** ຖ້າທ່ານທ່ານວິເຄາະວິເຄາະ (Lao),  
ທ່ານວາມາດໃຈ້ບໍລິການລ່ວມເຫຼືອດ້ານພາວັນທີ ແລະ ການວິວານໃນຫຼຸບແບບອິນເງິນ, ເຊັ່ນ:  
ການຝຶມຕົວທັກນອນຂະໜາດໃຫຍ່. ກະລຸນາໄທໜາ 1-866-633-2446.

**BAA'ÁKONÍNÍZIN:** Diné (Navajo) saad bee yáñílti'go, t'áá jíík'eh saad bee áka'e'eyeed bee áka'anída'wo'í dóó nááná ɬahgo át'éego bee hadadilyaa bee ahxił hane'í, díí nitsaago bee ak'eda'ashchínígíí, náhóló. Kohjj' 1-866-633-2446 hodíilnih.

**ध्यान दिनुहोस्:** तपाईंले नेपाली (Nepali) बोल्नुहुन्छ भने, निःशुल्क भाषा सहायता सेवाहरू र अन्य ढाँचाहरूमा निःशुल्क संचारहरू, जस्तै ठूलो छाप, तपाईंका लागि उपलब्ध छन्। 1-866-633-2446 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

**WICHIDICH:** Wann du Deitsch (Pennsylvania Dutch) schwetszsch, kenne mer dich Schprooch-Hilf un annri Sadde Schreiwas griege, so wie Grooss-Druck (large print), unni as es dich ennich eppes koschde zellt. Call 1-866-633-2446uff.

**توجه:** اگر به زبان فارسی (Persian-Farsi) صحبت می‌کنید، خدمات رایگان کمک زبانی و ارتباطات رایگان در قالب‌های بیگر، مانند جای بزرگ، در دسترس شما هستند. با 1-866-633-2446 تماس بگیرید.

**UWAGA:** Dla osób mówiących po polsku (Polish) dostępne są bezpłatne usługi pomocy językowej i bezpłatne komunikaty w innych formatach, takich jak duży druk. Prosimy zadzwonić pod numer 1-866-633-2446.

**ATENÇÃO:** se você fala português (Portuguese), tem à sua disposição serviços gratuitos de assistência linguística e comunicações gratuitas em outros formatos, como caracteres grandes. Ligue para 1-866-633-2446.

**ਪਿਆਨ ਵਿਚਿ:** ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (Punjabi) ਬੋਲਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਫਾਰਮੈਟਾਂ, ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਵੱਡੇ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟ, ਵਿੱਚ ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਸੰਚਾਰ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ। 1-866-633-2446 ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

**ВНИМАНИЕ!** Если вы говорите на русском языке (Russian), вам доступны бесплатные услуги языковой поддержки и бесплатные материалы в других форматах, например, напечатанные крупным шрифтом. Звоните по номеру 1-866-633-2446.

**FA'AALIGA:** Afai e te tautala i le Faa-Samoa (Samoan-Fa'asamoan), o lo'o avanoa mo oe 'au'aunaga fesoasoani tau gagana e leai se totogi ma feso'ota'iga e leai se totogi i isi faiga, e pei o lomiga e lapopo'a mata'itusi. Vala'au i le 1-866-633-2446.

**FIIRO GAAR AH:** Haddii aad ku hadasho Soomaali (Somali), adeegyada taageerada luqadda bilaashka ah iyo isgaarsiino bilaash ah oo qaabab kale ah, sida far waaweyn, aaya diyaar kuu ah. Wac 1-866-633-2446.

**ATENCIÓN:** Si habla **español (Spanish)**, hay servicios de asistencia de idiomas y comunicaciones en otros formatos como letra grande, sin cargo, a su disposición. Llame al 1-866-633-2446. (TTY 711).

**PAUNAWA:** Kung nagsasalita ka ng **Tagalog (Tagalog)**, may makukuha kang mga libreng serbisyo ng tulong sa wika at libreng komunikasyon sa ibang mga format, tulad ng malalaking print. Tumawag sa 1-866-633-2446.

โปรดทราบ หากคุณพูดภาษาไทย (**Thai**) ได้ คุณสามารถใช้บริการช่วยเหลือด้านภาษาฟรีและการสื่อสารในรูปแบบอื่น ๆ ฟรี เช่น การพิมพ์ด้วยตัวอักษรขนาดใหญ่ โทร 1-866-633-2446

**ЗВЕРНІТЬ УВАГУ!** Якщо ви розмовляєте **українською (Ukrainian)**, ви можете безоплатно користуватися послугами мовної підтримки, а також безоплатно отримувати інформаційні матеріали в інших форматах, як от набрані великим шрифтом. Телефонуйте на номер 1-866-633-2446.

توجه دیں: اگر آپ اردو (**Urdu**) زبان بولتے ہیں تو زبان کی معاون خدمات اور دیگر فارمیٹس میں مواصلات، جس سے بڑے یہ رہت، آپ کے لئے مفت سستیاب ہیں۔ کال کریں 1-866-633-2446

**LƯU Ý:** Nếu quý vị nói **Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)**, quý vị sẽ được cung cấp các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí và các phương tiện trao đổi liên lạc miễn phí ở các định dạng khác, chẳng hạn như bản in chữ lớn. Gọi 1-866-633-2446.

## Notice of Non-Discrimination

We<sup>1</sup> comply with applicable civil rights laws and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity). We do not exclude people or treat them less favorably because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

We provide free aids and services to help you communicate with us. You can ask for interpreters and/or for communications in other languages or formats such as large print. We also provide reasonable modifications for persons with disabilities.

If you need these services, please call 1-866-633-2446 or the toll-free member phone number on your member ID card, TTY/RTT 711.

If you believe that we 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:

Civil Rights Coordinator

UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance

P.O. Box 30608

Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130

[UHC\\_Civil\\_Rights@uhc.com](mailto:UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com)

If you need help filing a complaint, please call 1-866-633-2446 or the toll-free member phone number listed on your member ID card, TTY/RTT 711.

You can also file a complaint with the U.S. Department 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, 1-800-537-7697 (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>

<sup>1</sup>For purposes of this Non-Discrimination Notice ("Notice"), "we" refers to the entities listed in Footnote 2 of the Notice of Privacy Practices and Footnote 3 of the Financial Information Privacy Notice. Please note that not all entities listed are covered by this Notice.

# Important Notices

## Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

As required by the *Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998*, Benefits under the Policy are provided 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 Care 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 Care Services (including Co-payments, Co-insurance and any deductible) are the same as are required for any other Covered Health Care Service. Limitations on Benefits are the same as for any other Covered Health Care 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. For information on prior authorization, contact your issuer.

## Notice of Transition of Care

As required by the *No Surprises Act* of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-260)*, group health plans must provide Benefits for transition of care. If you are currently undergoing a course of treatment with a Physician or health care facility that is out-of-Network under this new plan, 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 to find out if you are eligible for transition of care Benefits, please call the telephone number on your ID card.

## Claims and Appeal Notice

*This Notice is provided to you in order to describe our responsibilities under Federal law for making benefit determinations and your right to appeal adverse benefit determinations. To the extent that state law provides you with more generous timelines or opportunities for appeal, those rights also apply to you. Please refer to your benefit documents for information about your rights under state law.*

### Benefit Determinations

#### Post-service Claims

Post-service claims are those claims that are filed for payment of Benefits after medical care has been received. If your post-service claim is denied, you will receive a written notice from us within 30 days of receipt of the claim, as long as all needed information was provided with the claim. We will notify you within this 30 day period if additional information is needed to process the claim, and may request a one-time extension not longer than 15 days and pend your claim until all information is received.

Once notified of the extension, you then have 45 days to provide this information. If all of the needed information is received within the 45-day time frame, and the claim is denied, we will notify you of the denial within 30 days after the information is received. If you don't provide the needed information within the 45-day period, your claim will be denied.

A denial notice will explain the reason for denial, refer to the part of the plan on which the denial is based, and provide the claim appeal procedures.

If you have prescription drug Benefits and are asked to pay the full cost of a prescription when you fill it at a retail or mail-order pharmacy, and if you believe that it should have been paid under the Policy, you may submit a claim for reimbursement according to the applicable claim filing procedures. If you pay a Co-payment and believe that the amount of the Co-payment was incorrect, you also may submit a claim for reimbursement according to the applicable claim filing procedures. When you have filed a claim, your claim will be treated under the same procedures for post-service group health plan claims as described in this section.

#### Pre-service Requests for Benefits

Pre-service requests for Benefits are those requests that require notification or approval prior to receiving medical care. If you have a pre-service request for Benefits, and it was submitted properly with all needed information, we will send you written notice of the decision from us within 15 days of receipt of the request. If you filed a pre-service request for Benefits improperly, we will notify you of the improper filing and how to correct it within five days after the pre-service request for Benefits was received. If additional information is needed to process the pre-service request, we will notify you of the information needed within 15 days after it was received, and may request a one-time extension not longer than 15 days and pend your request until all information is received. Once notified of the extension you then have 45 days to provide this information. If all of the needed information is received within the 45-day time frame, we will notify you of the determination within 15 days after the information is received. If you don't provide the needed information within the 45-day period, your request for Benefits will be denied. A denial notice will explain the reason for denial, refer to the part of the plan on which the denial is based, and provide the appeal procedures.

If you have prescription drug Benefits and a retail or mail order pharmacy fails to fill a prescription that you have presented, you may file a pre-service health request for Benefits according to the applicable claim filing procedure. When you have filed a request for Benefits, your request will be treated under the same procedures for pre-service group health plan requests for Benefits as described in this section.

#### Urgent Requests for Benefits that Require Immediate Attention

Urgent requests for Benefits are those that require notification or a benefit determination prior to receiving medical care, where a delay in treatment could seriously jeopardize your life or health, or the ability to

regain maximum function or, in the opinion of a Physician with knowledge of your medical condition, could cause severe pain. In these situations, you will receive notice of the benefit determination in writing or electronically within 72 hours after we receive all necessary information, taking into account the seriousness of your condition.

If you filed an urgent request for Benefits improperly, we will notify you of the improper filing and how to correct it within 24 hours after the urgent request was received. If additional information is needed to process the request, we will notify you of the information needed within 24 hours after the request was received. You then have 48 hours to provide the requested information.

You will be notified of a benefit determination no later than 48 hours after:

- Our receipt of the requested information.
- The end of the 48-hour period within which you were to provide the additional information, if the information is not received within that time.

A denial notice will explain the reason for denial, refer to the part of the plan on which the denial is based, and provide the claim appeal procedures.

### **Concurrent Care Claims**

If an on-going course of treatment was previously approved for a specific period of time or number of treatments, and your request to extend the treatment is an urgent request for Benefits as defined above, your request will be decided within 24 hours, provided your request is made at least 24 hours prior to the end of the approved treatment. We will make a determination on your request for the extended treatment within 24 hours from receipt of your request.

If your request for extended treatment is not made at least 24 hours prior to the end of the approved treatment, the request will be treated as an urgent request for Benefits and decided according to the timeframes described above. If an on-going course of treatment was previously approved for a specific period of time or number of treatments, and you request to extend treatment in a non-urgent circumstance, your request will be considered a new request and decided according to post-service or pre-service timeframes, whichever applies.

### **Questions or Concerns about Benefit Determinations**

If you have a question or concern about a benefit determination, you may informally call us at the telephone number on your ID card before requesting a formal appeal. If the representative cannot resolve the issue to your satisfaction over the phone, you may submit your question in writing. However, if you are not satisfied with a benefit determination as described above, you may appeal it as described below, without first informally contacting a representative. If you first informally contact us and later wish to request a formal appeal in writing, you should again contact us and request an appeal. If you request a formal appeal, a representative will provide you with the appropriate address.

If you are appealing an urgent claim denial, please refer to *Urgent Appeals that Require Immediate Action* below and contact us immediately.

### **How Do You Appeal a Claim Decision?**

If you disagree with a pre-service request for Benefits determination or post-service claim determination or a rescission of coverage determination after following the above steps, you can contact us in writing to formally request an appeal.

Your request for an appeal should include:

- The patient's name and the identification number from the ID card.
- The date(s) of medical service(s).
- The provider's name.
- The reason you believe the claim should be paid.

- Any documentation or other written information to support your request for claim payment.

Your first appeal request must be submitted to us within 180 days after you receive the denial of pre-service request for benefits or a claim denial.

## Appeal Process

A qualified individual who was not involved in the decision being appealed will be chosen to decide the appeal. If your appeal is related to clinical matters, the review will be done in consultation with a health care professional with expertise in the field, who was not involved in the prior determination. We may consult with, or ask medical experts to take part in the appeal process. You consent to this referral and the sharing of needed medical claim information. Upon request and free of charge, you have the right to reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other information related to your claim for Benefits. If any new or additional evidence is relied upon or generated by us during the determination of the appeal, we will provide it to you free of charge in advance of the due date of the response to the adverse benefit determination.

## Appeals Determinations

### Pre-service Requests for Benefits and Post-service Claim Appeals

You will be provided written or electronic notification of the decision on your appeal as follows:

- For appeals of pre-service requests for Benefits as shown above, the first level appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 30 days from receipt of a request for appeal of a denied request for Benefits. However, if your state requires two levels of appeal, the first level appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 15 days.

If your state requires a second level appeal, it must be submitted to us within 60 days from receipt of the first level appeal decision. The second level appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 15 days from receipt of a request for review of the first level appeal decision.

- For appeals of post-service claims as shown above, the first level appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 30 days from receipt of a request for appeal of a denied claim. However, if your state requires two levels of appeal, the first level appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 30 days.

If your state requires a second level appeal, it must be submitted to us within 60 days from the receipt of the first level appeal decision. The second level appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 30 days from receipt of a request for review of the first level appeal decision.

For procedures related to urgent requests for Benefits, see *Urgent Appeals that Require Immediate Action* below.

Please note that our decision is based only on whether or not Benefits are available under the Policy for the proposed treatment or procedure. The decision to obtain the proposed treatment or procedure regardless of our decision is between you and your Physician.

### Urgent Appeals that Require Immediate Action

Your appeal may require urgent action if a delay in treatment could increase the risk to your health, or the ability to regain maximum function, or cause severe pain. In these urgent situations:

- The appeal does not need to be submitted in writing. You or your Physician should call us as soon as possible.
- We will provide you with a written or electronic determination within 72 hours following receipt of your request for review of the determination, taking into account the seriousness of your condition.
- If we need more information from your Physician to make a decision, we will notify you of the decision by the end of the next business day following receipt of the required information.

The appeal process for urgent situations does not apply to prescheduled treatments, therapies, or surgeries.

# HEALTH PLAN NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

## MEDICAL INFORMATION PRIVACY NOTICE

*Effective January 1, 2025:*

We<sup>2</sup> are required by law to protect the privacy of your health information. We are also required to provide you this notice, which explains how we may use information about you and when we can give out or "disclose" that information to others. You also have rights regarding your health information that are described in this notice. We are required by law to abide by the terms of this notice that is currently in effect.

The terms "information" or "health information" in this notice include information we maintain that reasonably can be used to identify you and that relates to your physical or mental health care condition, the provision of health care to you, or the payment for such health care. We will comply with the requirements of applicable privacy laws related to notifying you in the event of a breach of your health information.

We have the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice. If we make a material change to our privacy practices, we will provide to you, in our next annual distribution, either a revised notice or information about the material change and how to obtain a revised notice. We will provide you with this information either by direct mail or electronically, in accordance with applicable law. In all cases, if we maintain a website for your particular health plan, we will post the revised notice on your health plan website. We have the right to make any revised or changed notice effective for information we already have and for information that we receive in the future.

UnitedHealth Group collects and maintains oral, written and electronic information to administer our business and to provide products, services and information of importance to our enrollees. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural security safeguards in the handling and maintenance of our enrollees' information, in accordance with applicable state and federal standards, to protect against risks such as loss, destruction or misuse.

### How We Collect, Use, and Disclose Information

We collect, use, and disclose your health information to provide that information:

- To you or someone who has the legal right to act for you (your personal representative) in order to administer your rights as described in this notice.
- To the *Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services*, if necessary, to confirm we are meeting our privacy obligations.

We **may** collect, use, and disclose health information for your treatment, to pay for your health care and to operate our business. For example, we may collect, use, and disclose your health information:

- **For Payment** of premiums owed to us, to determine your health care coverage, and to process claims for health care services you receive, including for coordination of other benefits you may have. For example, we may tell a doctor whether you are eligible for coverage for certain medical procedures and what percentage of the bill may be covered.
- **For Treatment**, including to aid in your treatment or the coordination of your care. For example, we share information with other doctors to help them provide medical care to you.
- **For Health Care Operations** as necessary to operate and manage our business activities related to providing and managing your health care coverage. For example, we might talk to your physician

to suggest a disease management or wellness program that could help improve your health or we may analyze data to determine how we can improve our services. We may also de-identify health information in accordance with applicable laws.

- **To Provide You Information on Health-Related Programs or Products** such as alternative medical treatments and programs or about health-related products and services, subject to limits imposed by law.
- **For Plan Sponsor**, if your coverage is through an employer sponsored group health plan. We may share summary health information and enrollment and disenrollment information with the plan sponsor. We also may share other health information with the plan sponsor for plan administration purposes if the plan sponsor agrees to special restrictions on its use and disclosure of the information in accordance with federal law.
- **For Underwriting Purposes**; however, we will not use or disclose your genetic information for such purposes. For example, we may use some health information in risk rating and pricing such as age and gender, as permitted by state and federal regulations. However, we do not use race, ethnicity, language, gender identity, or sexual orientation information in our underwriting process, or for denial of services, coverage, and benefits.
- **For Reminders**, we may collect, use, and disclose health information to send you reminders about your benefits or care, such as appointment reminders with providers who provide medical care to you.
- **For Communications to You** about treatment, payment or health care operation messages using telephone numbers or email addresses you provide to us.

**We may** collect, use, and disclose your health information for the following purposes under limited circumstances and subject to certain requirements:

- **As Required by Law** to follow the laws that apply to us.
- **To Persons Involved with Your Care** or who help pay for your care, such as a family member, when you are incapacitated or in an emergency, or when you agree or fail to object when given the opportunity. If you are unavailable or unable to object, we will use our best judgment to decide if the disclosure is in your best interest. Special rules apply regarding when we may disclose health information about a deceased individual to family members and others. We may disclose health information to any persons involved, prior to the death, in the care or payment for care of a deceased individual, unless we are aware that doing so would be inconsistent with a preference previously expressed by the deceased.
- **For Public Health Activities** such as reporting or preventing disease outbreaks to a public health authority. We may also disclose your information to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or persons under the jurisdiction of the FDA for purposes related to safety or quality issues, adverse events or to facilitate drug recalls.
- **For Reporting Victims of Abuse, Neglect or Domestic Violence** to government authorities that are authorized by law to receive such information, including a social service or protective service agency.
- **For Health Oversight Activities** to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law, such as licensure, governmental audits and fraud and abuse investigations.
- **For Judicial or Administrative Proceedings** such as in response to a court order, search warrant or subpoena.
- **For Law Enforcement Purposes** to a law enforcement official for purposes such as providing limited information to locate a missing person or report a crime.
- **To Avoid a Serious Threat to Health or Safety** to you, another person, or the public, by, for example, disclosing information to public health agencies or law enforcement authorities, or in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

- **For Specialized Government Functions** such as military and veteran activities, national security and intelligence activities, and the protective services for the President and others.
- **For Workers' Compensation** as authorized by, or to the extent necessary to comply with, state workers compensation laws that govern job-related injuries or illness.
- **For Research Purposes** such as research related to the review of certain treatments or the prevention of disease or disability, if the research study meets federal privacy law requirements, or for certain activities related to preparing a research study.
- **To Provide Information Regarding Decedents** to a coroner or medical examiner to identify a deceased person, determine a cause of death, or as authorized by law. We may also use and disclose information to funeral directors as needed to carry out their duties.
- **For Organ Donation Purposes** to entities that handle procurement, banking or transplantation of organs, eyes or tissue to facilitate donation and transplantation.
- **To Correctional Institutions or Law Enforcement Officials** if you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, but only if needed (1) for the institution to provide you with health care; (2) to protect your health and safety or the health and safety of others; or (3) for the safety and security of the correctional institution.
- **To Business Associates** that perform functions on our behalf or provide us with services if the information is needed for such functions or services. Our business associates are required, under contract with us, and according to federal law, to protect the privacy of your information.
- **Additional Restrictions on Use and Disclosure.** Some federal and state laws may require special privacy protections that restrict the use and disclosure of certain sensitive health information. Such laws may protect the following types of information:
  1. Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder
  2. Biometric Information
  3. Child or Adult Abuse or Neglect, including Sexual Assault
  4. Communicable Diseases
  5. Genetic Information
  6. HIV/AIDS
  7. Mental Health
  8. Minors' Information
  9. Prescriptions
  10. Reproductive or Sexual Health
  11. Sexually Transmitted Diseases

We will follow the more stringent law, where it applies to us.

Except for uses and disclosures described in this notice, we will use and disclose your health information only with a written authorization from you. This includes, except for limited circumstances allowed by federal privacy law, not using or disclosing psychotherapy notes about you, selling your health information to others, or using or disclosing your health information for certain marketing communications, without your written authorization. Once you give us authorization to use or disclose your health information, you may take back or "revoke" your written authorization at any time in writing, except if we have already acted based on your authorization. For more information on how to revoke your authorization, call the phone number listed on your health plan ID card.

## What Are Your Rights

The following are your rights with respect to your health information:

- **You have the right to ask to restrict** our uses or disclosures of your information for treatment, payment, or health care operations. You also have the right to ask to restrict disclosures of your information to family members or to others who are involved in your health care or payment for your health care. We may also have policies on dependent access that authorize your dependents to request certain restrictions. Any request for restrictions must be made in writing. **Please note that while we will try to honor your request and will permit requests consistent with our policies, we are not required to agree to any request for a restriction.**
- **You have the right to ask to receive confidential communications** of information in a different manner or at a different place (for example, by sending information to a P.O. Box instead of your home address). We will accommodate reasonable requests in accordance with applicable state and federal law. In certain circumstances, we will accept your verbal request to receive confidential communications, however; we may also require you to confirm your request in writing. In addition, any requests to change or cancel a previous confidential communication request must be made in writing. Mail your request to the address listed below.
- **You have the right to request to see and get a copy** of certain health information we maintain about you such as claims and case or medical management records. If we maintain your health information electronically, you have the right to request that we send a copy of your health information in an electronic format to you. In some cases, you may receive a summary of this health information. You must make a written request to inspect and copy your health information. Mail your request to the address listed below. In certain limited circumstances, we may deny your request to inspect and copy your health information. If we deny your request, you may have the right to have the denial reviewed. We may charge a reasonable fee for any copies.
- **You have the right to ask to amend** certain health information we maintain about you such as claims and case or medical management records, if you believe the health information about you is wrong or incomplete. Your request must be in writing and provide the reasons for the requested amendment. Mail your request to the address listed below. We will respond to your request in the timeframe required under applicable law. In certain circumstances, we may deny your request. If we deny your request, you may have a statement of your disagreement added to your health information.
- **You have the right to request an accounting** of certain disclosures of your information made by us during the six years prior to your request. This accounting will not include disclosures of information made: (i) for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes; (ii) to you or according to your authorization; (iii) to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials; and (iv) other disclosures for which federal law does not require us to provide an accounting.
- **You have the right to a paper copy of this notice.** You may ask for a copy of this notice at any time. Even if you have agreed to receive this notice electronically, you are still entitled to a paper copy of this notice. You also may get a copy of this notice on your health plan website.
- **In certain states, you may have the right to request that we delete** your personal information. Depending on your state of residence, you may have the right to request the deletion of your personal information. We will respond to your request in the timeframe required under applicable law. If we are unable to honor your request, we will notify you of our decision. If we deny your request, you have the right to submit to us a written statement of the reasons for your disagreement with our assessment of the disputed information and what you consider to be the correct information. We will make your statement accessible to parties reviewing the information in dispute.

## Exercising Your Rights

- **Contacting your Health Plan.** If you have any questions about this notice or want information about how to exercise your rights, please call the toll-free member phone number on your health plan ID card or you may call us at 1-866-633-2446 or TTY 711.
- **Submitting a Written Request.** To exercise any of your rights described above. Mail your written requests to us at the following address:

UnitedHealthcare

*Customer Service - Privacy Unit*

PO Box 740815

Atlanta, GA 30374-0815

- **Filing a Complaint or Grievance.** If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint or grievance with us at the address listed above.

**You may also notify the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services of your complaint.** We will not take any action against you for filing a complaint.

<sup>2</sup>This Health Plan Notice of Privacy Practices applies to the following health plans that are affiliated with UnitedHealth Group: ACN Group of California, Inc.; All Savers Insurance Company; All Savers Life Insurance Company of California; AmeriChoice of New Jersey, Inc.; Arizona Physicians IPA, Inc.; Care Improvement Plus of Texas Insurance Company; Care Improvement Plus South Central Insurance Company; Care Improvement Plus Wisconsin Insurance Company; Dental Benefit Providers of California, Inc.; Dental Benefit Providers of Illinois, Inc.; Enterprise Life Insurance Company; First Risk Advisors, Inc.; Freedom Life Insurance Company of America; Golden Rule Insurance Company; Health Plan of Nevada, Inc.; Healthplex Insurance Company; HealthSmart Primary Care Clinics, LP; International Healthcare Services, Inc.; MAMSI Life and Health Insurance Company; Managed Care of North America, Inc.; March Vision Care, Inc.; MCNA Insurance Company; MD - Individual Practice Association, Inc.; National Foundation Life Insurance Company; National Pacific Dental, Inc.; Neighborhood Health Partnership, Inc.; Nevada Pacific Dental; New Orleans Regional Physician Hospital Organization, L.L.C.; Optimum Choice, Inc.; Optum Insurance Company of Ohio, Inc.; Oxford Health Insurance, Inc.; Oxford Health Plans (CT), Inc.; Oxford Health Plans (NJ), Inc.; Oxford Health Plans (NY), Inc.; PacifiCare Life and Health Insurance Company; PacifiCare Life Assurance Company; PacifiCare of Arizona, Inc.; PacifiCare of Colorado, Inc.; Peoples Health, Inc.; Physicians Health Choice of Texas, LLC; Preferred Care Network, Inc.; Preferred Care Network of Florida, Inc.; Preferred Care Partners, Inc.; Rocky Mountain Health Maintenance Organization, Incorporated; Sierra Health and Life Insurance Company, Inc. (DBA UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company USA applicable to Arkansas and Maryland only); Solstice Benefits, Inc.; Solstice Health Insurance Company; Solstice Healthplans of Arizona, Inc.; Solstice Healthplans of Colorado, Inc.; Solstice Healthplans of New Jersey Inc.; Solstice Healthplans of Ohio, Inc.; Solstice Healthplans of Texas, Inc.; Solstice Healthplans, Inc.; Solstice of Illinois, Inc.; Solstice of New York, Inc.; U.S. Behavioral Health Plan, California; UHC of California; Unimerica Insurance Company; Unimerica Life Insurance Company of New York; Unison Health Plan of Delaware, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare Benefits of Texas, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of California, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Georgia, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Ohio, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Texas, L.L.C.; UnitedHealthcare Freedom Insurance Company; UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company; UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of America; UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of Illinois; UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York; UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of the River Valley; UnitedHealthcare Integrated Services, Inc; UnitedHealthcare Life Insurance Company; UnitedHealthcare of Alabama, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Arizona, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Arkansas, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Colorado, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Florida, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Georgia, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Illinois, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Kentucky, Ltd.; UnitedHealthcare of Louisiana, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Mississippi, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of New England, Inc.; United HealthCare of Mississippi, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of New England, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of New Mexico, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of New York, Inc.;

UnitedHealthcare of North Carolina, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Ohio, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Oklahoma, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Oregon, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Pennsylvania, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Texas, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of the Midlands, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of the Midwest, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of the Rockies, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Utah, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Washington, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare of Wisconsin, Inc.; UnitedHealthcare Plan of the River Valley, Inc. This list of health plans is complete as of the effective date of this notice. For a current list of health plans subject to this notice go to [www.uhc.com/privacy/entities-fn-v1](http://www.uhc.com/privacy/entities-fn-v1).

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION PRIVACY NOTICE**

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED.**

**PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

*Effective January 1, 2025*

We<sup>3</sup> are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal financial information. For the purposes of this notice, "personal financial information" means information, other than health information, about an enrollee or an applicant for health care coverage that identifies the individual, is not generally publicly available and is collected from the individual or is obtained in connection with providing health care coverage to the individual.

### **Information We Collect**

Depending upon the product or service you have with us, we may collect personal financial information about you from the following sources:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms, such as name, address, age, medical information and *Social Security* number.
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates or others, such as premium payment and claims history.
- Information from a consumer reporting agency.

### **Disclosure of Information**

We do not disclose personal financial information about our enrollees or former enrollees to any third party, except as required or permitted by law. For example, in the course of our general business practices, we may, as permitted by law, disclose any of the personal financial information that we collect about you without your authorization, to the following types of institutions:

- To our corporate affiliates, which include financial service providers, such as other insurers, and non-financial companies, such as data processors.
- To nonaffiliated companies for our everyday business purposes, such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), or respond to court orders and legal investigations.
- To nonaffiliated companies that perform services for us, including sending promotional communications on our behalf.

### **Confidentiality and Security**

We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards in accordance with applicable state and federal standards to protect your personal financial information against risks such as loss, destruction or misuse. These measures include computer safeguards, secured files and buildings, and restrictions on who may access your personal financial information.

### **Questions about this Notice**

If you have any questions about this notice, please call the toll-free member phone number on your health plan ID card or call us at 1-866-633-2446 or TTY 711.

<sup>3</sup>For purposes of this Financial Information Privacy Notice, "we" or "us" refers to the entities listed in footnote 2, on the last page of the Health Plan Notices of Privacy Practices, plus the following UnitedHealthcare affiliates: ACN Group of California, Inc.; AmeriChoice Health Services, Inc.; Benefitter Insurance Solutions, Inc.; Claims Management Systems, Inc.; Dental Benefit Providers, Inc.; Ear Professional International Corporation; Excelsior Insurance Brokerage, Inc.; [gethealthinsurance.com](http://gethealthinsurance.com) Agency, Inc.; Golden Outlook, Inc.; Golden Rule Insurance Company; HealthMarkets Insurance Agency; Healthplex of CT, Inc.; Healthplex of NJ, Inc.; Healthplex, Inc.; HealthSCOPE Benefits, Inc.; International Healthcare Services, Inc.; Level2 Health IPA, LLC; Level2 Health Holdings, Inc.; Managed Physical

Network, Inc.; Optum Care Networks, Inc.; Optum Global Solutions (India) Private Limited; Oxford Benefit Management, Inc.; Oxford Health Plans LLC; POMCO Network, Inc.; POMCO, Inc.; Real Appeal, LLC; Solstice Administrators of Alabama, Inc.; Solstice Administrators of Missouri, Inc.; Solstice Administrators of North Carolina, Inc.; Solstice Administrators, Inc.; Solstice Benefit Services, Inc.; Solstice of Minnesota, Inc.; Solstice of New York, Inc.; Spectera, Inc.; Three Rivers Holdings, Inc.; U.S. Behavioral Health Plan, California; UHIC Holdings, Inc.; UMR, Inc.; United Behavioral Health; United Behavioral Health of New York I.P.A., Inc.; United HealthCare Services, Inc.; UnitedHealth Advisors, LLC; UnitedHealthcare Service LLC; Urgent Care MSO, LLC; USHEALTH Administrators, LLC; USHEALTH Group, Inc.; and Vivify Health, Inc. This Financial Information Privacy Notice only applies where required by law. Specifically, it does not apply to (1) health care insurance products offered in Nevada by Health Plan of Nevada, Inc. and Sierra Health and Life Insurance Company, Inc.; or (2) other UnitedHealth Group health plans in states that provide exceptions for HIPAA covered entities or health insurance products. This list of health plans is complete as of the effective date of this notice. For a current list of health plans subject to this notice go to [www.uhc.com/privacy/entities-fn-v1](http://www.uhc.com/privacy/entities-fn-v1).

# **Statement of Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) Rights**

As a participant in the plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)*.

## **Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits**

You are entitled to examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), if applicable, filed by the plan with the *U.S. Department of Labor* and available at the *Public Disclosure Room* of the *Employee Benefits Security Administration*.

You are entitled to get, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), if applicable and updated *Summary Plan Description*. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

## **Continue Group Health Plan Coverage**

You are entitled to continue health care coverage for yourself, spouse or Dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the plan due to a qualifying event. You or your Dependents may have to pay for such coverage. The Plan Sponsor is responsible for providing you notice of your *Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA)* continuation rights. Review the *Summary Plan Description* and the documents governing the plan on the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

## **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, *ERISA* imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under *ERISA*.

## **Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to get copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules. Under *ERISA*, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$156 a day (subject to adjustment based on inflation) until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If you have a claim for Benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, and if you have exhausted the claims procedures available to you under the plan, you may file suit in a state or Federal court.

In addition, if you disagree with the plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in Federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the *U.S. Department of Labor*, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

## **Assistance with Your Questions**

If you have any questions about your plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under *ERISA*, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the *Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor* listed in your telephone directory or the *Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor*, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also get certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under *ERISA* by calling the publication hotline of the *Employee Benefits Security Administration*.