# **Health Certificate of Coverage**

# Anthem Silver Pathway X HMO 10% for HSA



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#### This plan is a Health Maintenance Organization product.

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Guaranteed Renewable: Coverage under this Certificate is guaranteed renewable, provided the Member is a Qualified Individual as determined by the Exchange. The Member may renew this Certificate by payment of the renewal Premium by the Premium due date. The Exchange may refuse renewal only under certain conditions.

This Certificate is not a Medicare Supplement Certificate. If you are eligible for Medicare, review the "Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare" available from Anthem.

NOTICE: IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE PLAN, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COLLECT BENEFITS FROM BOTH PLANS. EACH PLAN MAY REQUIRE YOU TO FOLLOW ITS RULES OR USE SPECIFIC PROVIDERS AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH BOTH PLANS AT THE SAME TIME. READ ALL OF THE RULES VERY CAREFULLY, INCLUDING THE "IF YOU ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE PLAN" SECTION, AND COMPARE THEM WITH THE RULES OF ANY OTHER PLAN THAT COVERS YOU OR YOUR FAMILY.

#### **RIGHT TO EXAMINE**

RIGHT TO EXAMINE THIS CERTIFICATE: If this Certificate is provided to you as a new Subscriber, you have 10 days to examine this Certificate. If you are not satisfied with this Certificate, you may return it to Us or the agent who sold it to you within 10 days after you receive it, or have access to it electronically, whichever is earlier. Your Premium will be refunded and this Certificate will be void from its start.

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# Welcome to Anthem!

We are pleased that you have become a Member of Our health Plan, where it's Our mission to improve the health of the people We serve. We've designed this Certificate to give a clear description of Your benefits, as well as Our rules and procedures.

This Certificate explains many of the rights and duties between You and Us. It also describes how to get health care, what services are covered, and what part of the costs You will need to pay. Many parts of this Certificate are related. Therefore, reading just one or two sections may not give You a full understanding of Your coverage. You should read the whole Certificate to know the terms of Your coverage.

The coverage described in this Certificate is subject in every respect to the provisions of the Group Contract. The Group Contract and this Certificate and any amendments or riders attached to the same, shall constitute the Group Contract under which Covered Services are provided by Us.

This Certificate supersedes and replaces any Certificate previously issued to you under the provisions of the Group Contract.

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

If You have any questions about your Plan, please be sure to call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card. Also be sure to check Our website, www.anthem.com for details on how to find a Provider, get answers to questions, and access valuable health and wellness tips. Thank you again for enrolling in the Plan!

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Erin Hoeflinger, President

#### How to obtain Language Assistance

Anthem is committed to communicating with our Members about their health Plan, no matter what their language is. Anthem employs a language line interpretation service for use by all of our Member Services call centers. Simply call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card and a representative will be able to help you. Translation of written materials about your benefits can also be asked for by contacting Member Services. Teletypewriter/Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY/TDD) services are also available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with us to help with your needs.

Si necesita ayuda en español para entender este documento, puede solicitarla sin costo adicional, llamando al número de servicio al cliente.

(If you need Spanish-language assistance to understand this document, you may request it at no additional cost by calling the Member Services number.)

# **Identity Protection Services**

Identity protection services are available with our Anthem health plans. To learn more about these services, please visit <u>www.anthem.com/resources</u>.

## **Contact Us**

Member Services is available to explain policies and procedures, and answer questions regarding the availability of benefits.

For information and assistance, a Member may call or write Anthem.

The telephone number for Member Services is printed on the Member's Identification Card. The address is:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Member Services 1351 Wm. Howard Taft Road Cincinnati, OH 45206

Visit Us on-line www.anthem.com

#### **Home Office Address**

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield 1351 Wm. Howard Taft Road Cincinnati, OH 45206

Hours of operation Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST

## **Conformity with Law**

Any provision of this Plan which is in conflict with the laws of the state in which the Group Contract is issued, or with federal law, is hereby automatically amended to conform with the minimum requirement of such laws.

## Acknowledgement of Understanding

Subscriber hereby expressly acknowledges their understanding that this Certificate constitutes a contract solely between the Group and Community Health Insurance (Anthem), and that Anthem is an independent corporation operating under a license from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, (the "Association") permitting Anthem to use the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Service Marks in the State of Ohio, and that Anthem is not contracting as the agent of the Association. Subscriber further acknowledges and agrees that it has not entered into this contract based upon representations by any person other than Community Insurance Company (Anthem) and that no person, entity, or organization other than Community Insurance Company (Anthem) shall be held accountable or liable to Subscriber for any of Community Insurance Company's (Anthem's) obligations to Subscriber created under this Certificate. This paragraph shall not create any additional obligations whatsoever on the part of Anthem other than those obligations created under other provisions of this agreement.

## **Delivery of Documents**

We will provide an Identification Card and Certificate for each Subscriber.

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# **SCHEDULE OF COST SHARES & BENEFITS**

This chart is an overview of your benefits for Covered Services, which are listed in detail in the "What Is Covered" section. A list of services that are not covered can be found in the "What Is Not Covered (Exclusions)" section.

#### Services will only be Covered Services if rendered by Network Providers unless:

- The services are for Emergency Care, Urgent Care and Ambulance services related to an emergency for transportation to a Hospital; or
- The services are approved in advance by Anthem.

#### What will I pay?

Reimbursement for Covered Services is based on the Maximum Allowed Amount, which is the most Your Certificate will allow for a Covered Service.

#### <u>The Deductible applies to all Covered Services with a Copayment and/or Coinsurance, including</u> <u>0% Coinsurance, except for:</u>

- Network Preventive Care Services required by law
- Pediatric Vision Services
- Services, listed in the chart below, that specifically indicate that the Deductible does not apply

For a detailed explanation of how Your Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Annual Maximums are calculated, see the "Claims Payments" section. When you receive Covered Services from a Non-Network Provider, you may also be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Provider's actual charges.

#### Plan Features

Deductible	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Individual	\$3,200	Not Covered
Family	\$6,400	Not Covered

The individual Deductible applies to each covered family member. No one person can contribute more than their individual Deductible amount.

Once two or more covered family members' Deductibles combine to equal the family Deductible amount, the Deductible will be satisfied for the family for that calendar year.

Coinsurance	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Coinsurance Percentage (unless otherwise specified)	10% Coinsurance	Not Covered

Out-of-Pocket Limit	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Individual	\$5,000	Not Covered
<b>Family</b> Includes Deductible, Copayments and Coinsurance	\$10,000	Not Covered

The individual Out-of-Pocket Limit applies to each covered family member. Once two or more covered family members' Out-of-Pocket Limits combine to equal the family Out-of-Pocket Limit amount, the Out-of-Pocket Limit will be satisfied for the family for that calendar year. No one person can contribute more than their individual Out-of-Pocket Limit.

IMPORTANT: You are responsible for confirming that the Provider you are seeing or have been referred to see is a Network Provider for this Plan. It is important to understand that Anthem has many contracting Providers who may not be part of the network of Providers that applies to this Plan.

Anthem can help you find a Network Provider specific to your Plan by calling the number on the back of your Identification Card.

# **Medical Services**

Medical Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Ambulance Services		
Emergency	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance
Non-Emergency	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Benefits for non-Emergency ambulance services will be limited to \$50,000 per occurrence if a Non-Network Provider is Preauthorized by Us for use.	10% Coinsurance	

Medical Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Autism and Habilitative Services	Copayment/Deductible/Coinsural	
Autism is covered for ages 0 – 21yrs as habilitative services with the following limits:	rendered. For services in the office, look to "Office Visits." For services in the outpatient department of a hospital, look to "Outpatient Facility Services".	
Speech therapy: limited to 20 visits per Calendar Year		
Occupational therapy: limited to 20 visits per Calendar Year		
Mental/Behavioral Health Outpatient Services performed by a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist, or Physician		
(The visit limits for Speech therapy and Occupational therapy for treatment of Autism are not combined with the limits listed under Therapy Services.)		
Dental Services	Copayment/Coinsurance determi	ned by service rendered.
(only when related to accidental injury or for certain Members requiring general anesthesia)		
Limited to a maximum of \$3,000 per Member, per dental accident		
Diabetic Medical Equipment & Supplies	Copayment/Coinsurance determi	ned by service rendered.
Diagnostic Services; Outpatient		
Diagnostic Laboratory and	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Pathology Services	10% Coinsurance	
Diagnostic Imaging Services	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
and Electronic Diagnostic Tests	10% Coinsurance	
Advanced Imaging Services	\$300 Copayment	Not Covered
	50% Coinsurance	
Doctor visits		
Primary Care Physician (PCP).	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Retail Health Clinic, includes all Covered Services received at a Retail Health Clinic	10% Coinsurance	

Medical Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Specialty Care Physician (SCP)	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Other Office Services	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Durable Medical Equipment (medical supplies and equipment)	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Emergency room visits	\$500 Copayment	\$500 Copayment
(Copayment waived if admitted)	10% Coinsurance	10% Coinsurance
Home Health Care	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Limited to a maximum of 100 visits per Member, per Calendar Year	10% Coinsurance	
Private Duty Nursing care provided in the home setting is limited to a maximum of 90 visits per Member, per Calendar Year		
Hospice Care	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Hospital Services Inpatient Facility	\$500 Copayment per admission 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Outpatient Facility	\$0 Copayment per visit 10% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Inpatient and Outpatient Professional Services	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Infertility Services	Copayment/Coinsurance determined by service rendered.	
Inpatient Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (includes Day Rehabilitation Therapy services on an Outpatient basis) – Limited to a maximum of 60 days per Member, per Calendar Year.	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Refer to Hospital Services for Inpatient Facility Cost Shares.		
Maternity and Reproductive Health Services	Copayment/Coinsurance determi	ned by service rendered.

Medical Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Copayment/Coinsurance determined by service rendered.	
Outpatient Therapy Services	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Outpatient Habilitative and Rehabilitative Therapy Services (limits on Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy services listed below are not combined but separate based on determination of Habilitative service or Rehabilitative service)	10% Coinsurance	
Chemotherapy, radiation, and respiratory Physical, Occupational, Speech, and Manipulation therapy		
<b>Physical Therapy</b> – limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year		
<b>Occupational Therapy</b> – limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year		
<b>Speech Therapy</b> – limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year		
<b>Manipulation Therapy</b> – limited to a maximum of 12 visits per Member, per Calendar Year		
Cardiac Rehabilitation		
Limited to a maximum of 36 visits per Member, per Calendar Year. When rendered in the home, Home Health Care limits apply.		
Pulmonary Rehabilitation		
Limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year. When rendered in the home, Home Health Care limits apply. If part of physical therapy, the Physical Therapy limit will apply instead of the limit listed here.		
Preventive Care Services	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Network services required by law are not subject to Deductible.	0% Coinsurance	

Medical Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Prosthetics – prosthetic devices, their repair, fitting, replacement	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
and components	10% Coinsurance	
Wigs (limited to the first one following cancer treatment, not to exceed one per Benefit Period).		
Skilled Nursing Care	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Limited to a maximum of 90 days per Member, per Calendar Year	10% Coinsurance	
Surgery	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Ambulatory Surgical Center	10% Coinsurance	
Temporomandibular and Craniomandibular Joint Treatment	Benefits are based on the setting are received.	in which Covered Services
Transplant Human Organ & Tissue	Benefits are based on the	Not Covered
Network only - Transplant Transportation and Lodging - \$10,000 maximum benefit limit per transplant	setting in which Covered Services are received.	
Unrelated Donor Search - \$30,000 maximum benefit limit per transplant		
Urgent Care Center	\$50 Copayment	\$50 Copayment
	10% Coinsurance	10% Coinsurance

# **Prescription Drugs**

Your Plan has two levels of coverage. To get the lowest out-of-pocket cost, you must get Covered Services from a Level 1 Network Pharmacy. If you get Covered Services from any other Network Pharmacy, benefits will be covered at Level 2 and you may pay more in Deductible, Copayments, and Coinsurance.

**Level 1** Network Pharmacies. When you go to Level 1 Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Core Pharmacies), you pay a lower Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when you go to other Network Providers.

**Level 2** Network Pharmacies. When you go to Level 2 Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Wrap Pharmacies), you pay a higher Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when you go to a Level 1 Network Pharmacy.

Retail Pharmacy Prescription Drugs	Network Member Pays		Non-Network Member Pays
	Level 1 Pharmacy	Level 2 Pharmacy	
Tier 1	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 20% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Tier 2	\$0 Copayment 10% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 20% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Tier 3	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Tier 4	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered

#### Notes:

Retail Pharmacy is limited to a 30-day supply per prescription.

Specialty Drugs must be purchased from Anthem's Specialty Preferred Provider. Cost-Shares for Anthem's Specialty Preferred Provider are the same as a Level 1 Pharmacy.

For more information on drug tier placement, please go to www.anthem.com. After login, under Benefits, go to Pharmacy and You can view Our Drug List, to include Specialty Drugs and Network information. If You have any questions, You may call the Member Services phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

Coverage is limited to those Drugs listed on our Prescription Drug List (Formulary).

Mail Order Prescription Drugs	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Tier 1	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
(90-day supply)	10% Coinsurance	

Mail Order Prescription Drugs	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Tier 2	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
(90-day supply)	10% Coinsurance	
Tier 3	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
(90-day supply)	40% Coinsurance	
Tier 4	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
(30-day supply)	40% Coinsurance	
Notes:		
Coverage is limited to those Drugs listed on our Prescription Drug List (Formulary).		
Orally Administered Cancer Chemotherapy	Orally administered cancer Drugs. As required by Ohio law, you will not have to pay a Cost-Share (i.e., Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance) for the Drugs you get at a Retail or Mail Order Pharmacy that is higher than the Cost-Share you pay for chemotherapy covered under the medical benefit.	

# **Pediatric Dental Services**

The following pediatric dental services are covered for Members until the end of the month in which they turn 19.

Covered Dental Services, unless otherwise stated below, are subject to the same calendar year Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Limit as medical and amounts can be found on the first page of this Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits.

Please see Pediatric Dental Care in the "What Is Covered" section for more information on pediatric dental services.

Pediatric Dental Care	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Diagnostic and Preventive Services	0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Basic Restorative Services	40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Oral Surgery Services	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Endodontic Services	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Periodontal Services	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Major Restorative Services	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Prosthodontic Services	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care Services	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered

# **Pediatric Vision Services**

The following vision care services are covered for Members until the end of the month in which they turn 19. To get the Network benefit you must use a Blue View Vision Provider. Visit our website or call us at the number on your ID card if you need help finding a Blue View Vision provider.

Please see Pediatric Vision Care in the "**What Is Covered**" section for a more information on pediatric vision services.

Covered vision services are not subject to the calendar year Deductible.

Covered Vision Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Reimbursement	
Routine Eye Exam	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered	
Covered once per Calendar Year per Member			
Standard Plastic or Glass Lenses			
One set of lenses covered per Calendar	r Year per Member.		
Single Vision	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered	
Bifocal	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered	
Trifocal	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered	
Progressive	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered	
Lenticular	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered	
Additional Lens Options Covered lenses include the following lens options at no additional cost when received at the Network level: factory scratch coating, UV coating, standard polycarbonate, standard photochromic or photosensitive, blended segment, intermediate vision, polarized, anti-reflective coating, hi-index lenses, fashion and gradient tinting, oversized and glass-grey #3 prescription sunglasses.			
Frames (formulary)	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered	
One frame covered per Calendar Year per Member.			
Contact Lenses (formulary)			
Elective or non-elective contact lenses are covered once per Calendar Year per Member.			
Elective	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered	
(conventional and disposable)			
Non-Elective	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered	

Covered Vision Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Reimbursement
Standard Contact Lens Fitting and Evaluation	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Covered once per Calendar Year.		
<b>Important Note</b> : Benefits for contact lenses are in lieu of your eyeglass lens benefit. If you receive contact lenses, no benefit will be available for eyeglass lenses until the next benefit period.		
Low Vision		
Comprehensive Low Vision Exam	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
Covered once per Calendar Year per Member		
<b>Optical/non-optical aids and</b> <b>supplemental testing.</b> Limited to one occurrence of either optical/non- optical aids or supplemental testing per Calendar Year per Member.	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered

Eligible American Indians, as determined by the Exchange, are exempt from cost sharing requirements when Covered Services are rendered by an Indian Health Service (IHS), Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or Urban Indian Organization (UIO) or through referral under contract health services. There will be no Member responsibility for American Indians when Covered Services are rendered by one of these providers.

# **HOW YOUR COVERAGE WORKS**

Benefits are paid when you obtain Covered Services from your Primary Care Physician (PCP) or from another Network Provider. **Services you obtain from a Non-Network Provider which are not an Authorized Service are not covered, except for Emergency Care and Urgent Care.** Contact your PCP or another Network Provider, or Us to be sure that Prior Authorization and/or precertification has been obtained.

# Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Notices

#### Choice of Primary Care Physician

We allow the designation of a Primary Care Physician (PCP). You have the right to designate any PCP who participates in Our Network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a PCP, and for a list of PCPs, contact the telephone number on the back of your Identification card or refer to Our website, <u>www.anthem.com</u>. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the PCP.

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

You do not need prior authorization from Us or from any other person (including a PCP) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in Our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining Prior Authorization for certain services, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the telephone number on the back of your Identification Card or refer to Our website, <u>www.anthem.com.</u>

## **Network Services and Benefits**

If your care is rendered by your PCP or is performed by another Network Provider, benefits will be paid for Covered Services. Regardless of Medical Necessity, no benefits will be paid for care that is not a Covered Service even if performed by your PCP or another Network Provider. All medical care must be under the direction of physicians. Our medical policy guidelines will be used to determine the Medical Necessity of the service.

We may inform you that it is not Medically Necessary for you to receive services or remain in a Hospital or other facility. This decision is made upon review of your condition and treatment. Any further charges will be your responsibility. You may appeal this decision. See the "**If You Have A Complaint Or An Appeal**" section of this Certificate.

# **Primary Care Physicians (PCP)**

PCPs include general practitioners, internists, family practitioners, pediatricians, obstetricians & gynecologists, and geriatricians. Each Member should choose a PCP who is listed in the Provider directory. Each member of a family may select a different Primary Care Physician; for example, an internist or general practitioner may be chosen for adults and a pediatrician may be selected for children. If you want to change your PCP, contact Us or refer to Our website, www.anthem.com.

The Primary Care Physician you choose is the physician who customarily provides, coordinates, and arranges your health care services.

If at the time you first enroll for coverage under the Certificate you are already under the care of a Non-Network Provider, then you should notify Us immediately. To continue to receive services on or after your Effective Date under this Certificate from any Non-Network Provider, We must approve the services as an Authorized Service, or the services from that Provider will be denied.

A consultation with a Network health care provider for a second opinion may be obtained at the same Copayment/Coinsurance as any other service.

# First - Make an Office Visit with Your PCP

Your PCP's job is to help you stay healthy, not just treat you when you are sick. After you pick a PCP, set up an office visit. During this visit, get to know your PCP and help your PCP get to know you. You should talk to your PCP about:

- Your personal health history,
- Your family health history,
- Your lifestyle,
- Any health concerns you have.

If you do not get to know your PCP, they may not be able to properly manage your care. To see a doctor, call their office:

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

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

If you need to see a Specialist, you can visit any Network Specialist including a behavioral health Provider. You do not have to get a referral.

If you have any questions about Covered Services, call Us at the telephone number listed on the back of your Identification Card.

# **Other Network Providers**

Network Providers include other professional Providers or, Hospitals and other facilities. We will provide you with access to a consultation with a Network Provider for a second opinion. Obtaining the second opinion shall not cost you more than your normal Copayment or Coinsurance. The Copayment or Coinsurance you are required to pay if you receive Covered Services under this Plan from a Chiropractor, Optometrist, Osteopath, or Podiatrist **will be no greater than** the Copayment or Coinsurance you are required to pay if the services were received from your PCP for the same or similar diagnosed condition, even if a different name or term is used to describe the condition or complaint.

# If you have difficulty scheduling an appointment with your PCP or another Network Provider, you have an obligation to notify Us. We may approve payment as an Authorized Service from a Non-Network Provider when this occurs.

If you have any questions regarding Covered Services, call Us at the telephone number listed on the back of your Identification Card.

# **Continuity of Care**

If your Network Provider leaves our network because we have terminated their contract without cause, and you are in active treatment, you may be able to continue seeing that Provider for a limited period of time and still receive Network benefits. "Active treatment" includes:

- 1. An ongoing course of treatment for a life-threatening condition.
- 2. An ongoing course of treatment for a serious acute condition, (examples include chemotherapy, radiation therapy and post-operative visits).
- 3. The second or third trimester of pregnancy and through the postpartum period.
- 4. An ongoing course of treatment for a health condition for which the physician or health care Provider attests that discontinuing care by the current physician or Provider would worsen your condition or interfere with anticipated outcomes. An "ongoing course of treatment" includes treatments for mental health and substance use disorders.

In these cases, you may be able to continue seeing that Provider until treatment is complete, or for 90 days, whichever is shorter. If you wish to continue seeing the same Provider, you or your doctor should contact Member Services for details. Any decision by Us regarding a request for Continuity of Care is subject to the Appeals Process.

# **Dental Providers**

You must select a participating dentist to receive dental benefits. Please call Our Member Services department at the number on the back of your ID card for help in finding a participating dentist or visit Our website at <u>www.anthem.com/mydentalvision</u>. Please refer to your ID card for the name of the dental program that participating providers have agreed to service when you are choosing a participating dentist.

# How to Find a Provider in the Network

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

- See the Plan's directory of Network Providers at www.anthem.com, which lists the doctors, Providers, and Facilities that participate in this Plan's Network.
- Call Member Services to ask for a list of doctors and Providers that participate in this Plan's Network, based on specialty and geographic area.
- Check with your doctor or Provider.

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

# Not Liable For Provider Acts or Omissions

The Plan is not responsible for the actual care you receive from any person. This Certificate does not give anyone any claim, right, or cause of action against the Plan based on the actions of a Provider of health care, services or supplies. We and our Providers are independent entities contracting with each other for the sole purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Certificate. We will not be liable for any act or omission of any Provider or any agent or employee of a Provider.

Network physicians maintain the physician-patient relationship with Members and are solely responsible to Members for all medical services they provide.

# **Identification Card**

When you receive care, you must show your Identification Card. Only a Member who has paid the Premiums under this Certificate has the right to services or benefits under this Certificate. If anyone receives services or benefits to which he/she is not entitled to under the terms of this Certificate, he/she is responsible for the actual cost of the services or benefits.

# **Restrictions on Choice of Providers**

Except for Emergency Care, urgent care or an Authorized Service, your medical care is not covered if services are obtained from a Non-Network Provider.

# Services Not Available Within the Service Area

If a Member needs treatment that is not available from a Network Provider within the Service Area, the Plan may cover that treatment from a Non-Network Provider, if prior authorization is obtained from Us. The same Copayments that apply for Network Providers will apply in this case. You will not pay more for medical services than if the services had been received from a Network Provider within the Service Area.

# **Termination of Providers**

You will be notified of the termination of PCP and/or Hospital Provider contracts in your Service Area within 30 days of the Provider's termination. If you obtain Covered Services from a terminated Provider within five days after the notice of termination has been mailed to you, those services will be covered.

# **REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR BENEFITS**

Your Certificate includes the process of Utilization Review to decide when services are Medically Necessary or Experimental/Investigational as those terms are defined in this Certificate. Utilization Review aids in the delivery of cost-effective health care by reviewing the use of treatments and, when proper, level of care and/or the setting or place of service that they are performed. A service must be Medically Necessary to be a Covered Service. When level of care, setting or place of service is part of the review, services that can be safely given to You in a lower level of care or lower cost setting/place of care, will not be Medically Necessary if they are given in a higher level of care, or higher cost setting/place of care.

Certain Services must be reviewed to determine Medical Necessity in order for You to get benefits. Utilization Review criteria will be based on many sources including medical policy and clinical guidelines. We may decide a service that was asked for is not Medically Necessary if You have not tried other treatments that are more cost effective.

If You have any questions about the information in this section, You may call the Member Services phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

#### Coverage for or payment of the service or treatment reviewed is not guaranteed even if We decide Your services are Medically Necessary. For benefits to be covered, on the date You get service:

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

#### **Types of Reviews**

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

For admissions following Emergency Care, You, Your authorized representative or doctor must tell Us within 48 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time. For labor / childbirth admissions, Precertification is not needed unless there is a problem and/or the mother and baby are not sent home at the same time.

- Predetermination An optional, voluntary Pre-Service Review request for a benefit coverage determination for a service or treatment if there is a related clinical coverage guideline. The benefit coverage review will include a review to decide whether the service meets the definition of Medical Necessity or is Experimental/Investigative as those terms are defined in this Certificate.
- Continued Stay/Concurrent Review A Utilization Review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which must be done during an ongoing stay in a facility or course of treatment.

Both Pre-Service and Continued Stay/Concurrent Reviews may be considered urgent when, in the view of the treating Provider or any doctor with knowledge of Your medical condition, without such care or treatment, Your life or health or Your ability to regain maximum function could be seriously threatened or You could be subjected to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without such care or treatment.

Urgent reviews are conducted under a shorter timeframe than standard reviews.

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

# Who is Responsible for Precertification

Typically, Network Providers know which services need Precertification and will get any Precertification when needed or ask for a Predetermination, even though it is not required. Your Primary Care Physician and other Network Providers have been given detailed information about these procedures and are responsible for meeting these requirements. Generally, the ordering Provider, Facility or attending doctor ("requesting Provider") will get in touch with Us to ask for a Precertification or Predetermination review. However, You may request a Precertification or Predetermination, or You may choose an authorized representative to act on Your behalf for a specific request. The authorized representative can be anyone who is 18 years of age or older. The table below outlines who is responsible for Precertification and under what circumstances.

Provider Network Status	Responsible Party	Comments
Network	Provider	The Provider must get Precertification when required
Non-Network	Member	Member has no benefit coverage for a Non- Network Provider unless:
		<ul> <li>The Member gets approval to use a Non-Network Provider before the service is given, or</li> <li>The Member requires an Emergency Care admission (See note below.)</li> <li>Member may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and/or setting is found to not be Medically Necessary or Emergency Care.</li> </ul>
BlueCard Provider	DeCard Provider Member (Except for Inpatient	Member has no benefit coverage for a BlueCard® Provider unless
Admissions)	<ul> <li>The Member gets approval to use a BlueCard® Provider before the service is given; or</li> <li>The Member requires an Emergency Care admission (see note below.)</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>If these are true, then</li> <li>The Member must get Precertification when required. (Call Member Services)</li> <li>Member may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service</li> </ul>

Admissions.		<ul> <li>and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and/or setting is found to not be Medically Necessary, Emergency Care, or any charges in excess of the Maximum Allowed Amount.</li> <li>BlueCard Providers must obtain precertification for all Inpatient Admissions.</li> </ul>
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NOTE: For Emergency Care admissions, You, Your authorized representative or doctor must tell Us within 48 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time.

# How Decisions are Made

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

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

If You are not satisfied with Our decision under this section of Your benefits, please refer to the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section to see what rights may be available to You.

# **Decision and Notice Requirements**

We will review requests for benefits according to the timeframes listed below. The timeframes and requirements listed are based on state and federal laws. Where state laws are stricter than federal laws, We will follow state laws. If You live in and/or get services in a state other than the state where Your Certificate was issued, other state-specific requirements may apply. You may call the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card for more details.

Type of Review	Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification
Urgent Pre-service Review	72 hours from the receipt of request
Non-Urgent Pre-service Review	15 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Concurrent/Continued Stay Review when hospitalized at the time of the request	72 hours from the receipt of the request and prior to expiration of current certification.
Urgent Concurrent/Continued Stay Review when request is received more than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization	24 hours from the receipt of the request

Urgent Concurrent/Continued Stay Review when request is received less than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization or no previous authorization exists	72 hours from the receipt of the request
Non-Urgent Concurrent/Continued Stay Review	15 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Post-service Review	30 calendar days from the receipt of the request

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

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

# **Important Information**

Anthem may, from time to time, waive, enhance, modify or discontinue certain medical management processes (including utilization management, case management, and disease management) and/or offer an alternative benefit if, in Anthem's discretion, such change is in furtherance of the provision or cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

We may also select certain qualifying Providers to participate in a program that exempts them from certain procedural or medical management processes that would otherwise apply. We may also exempt Your claim from medical review if certain conditions apply.

Just because Anthem exempts a process, Provider or claim from the standards which otherwise would apply, it does not mean that Anthem will do so in the future, or will do so in the future for any other Provider, claim or Member. Anthem may stop or modify any such exemption with or without advance notice.

You may find out whether a Provider is taking part in certain programs by checking Your on-line Provider Directory, on-line pre-certification list, or contacting the Member Services number on the back of Your ID Card.

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

# Health Plan Individual Case Management

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

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

If You meet program criteria and agree to take part, We will help You meet Your identified health care needs. This is reached through contact and team work with You and/or Your chosen representative, treating doctor(s), and other Providers.

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

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

# WHAT IS COVERED

This section describes the Covered Services available under Certificate. Covered Services are subject to all the terms and conditions listed in this Certificate, including, but not limited to, Benefit Maximums, Deductibles, Copayments, Coinsurance, Exclusions and Medical Necessity requirements.

Please read the following sections of this Certificate for more information about the Covered Services described in this section:

- "Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits" for amounts you need to pay and benefit limits
- "Requesting Approval for Benefits" for details on selecting providers and services that require Prior Authorization
- "What Is Not Covered (Exclusions)" for details on services that are not covered

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

You should also know that many Covered Services can be received in several settings, including a doctor's office, an Urgent Care Facility, an Outpatient Facility, or an Inpatient Facility. Benefits will often vary depending on where you choose to get Covered Services, and this can result in a change in the amount you need to pay.

# **Medical Services**

# Ambulance Services (Air, Ground and Water)

Medically Necessary ambulance services are a Covered Service when one or more of the following criteria are met:

- You are transported by a state licensed vehicle that is designed, equipped, and used only to transport the sick and injured and staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), paramedics, or other certified medical professionals. This includes ground, fixed wing, rotary wing or water transportation.
- You are taken:
  - 1. From your home, scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;
  - 2. Between Hospitals, including when We require you to move from a Non-Network Hospital to a Network Hospital; or
  - 3. Between a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility (ground transport only) or Approved Facility.

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

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

Except in the case of Emergency Care, Non-Network Providers may bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount.

#### **Ground Ambulance**

Services are subject to medical necessity review by the Plan.

All scheduled ground ambulance services for non-emergency transports, not including acute facility to acute facility transport, must be preauthorized.

#### Air and Water Ambulance

Air Ambulance Services are subject to medical necessity review by the Plan. The Plan retains the right to select the Air Ambulance provider. This includes fixed wing, rotary wing or water transportation.

Air ambulance services for non-Emergency Hospital to Hospital transports must be Preauthorized.

#### Hospital to Hospital Air Ambulance Transport

Air ambulance transport is for purposes of transferring from one Hospital to another Hospital and is a Covered Service if such Air Ambulance transport is Medically Necessary, for example, if transportation by ground ambulance would endanger Your health or the transferring Hospital does not have adequate facilities to provide the medical services needed. Examples of such specialized medical services that are generally not available at all types of facilities may include but are not limited to: burn care, cardiac care, trauma care, and critical care. Transport from one Hospital to another Hospital is covered only if the Hospital to which the patient is transferred is the nearest one with medically appropriate facilities.

#### **Fixed and Rotary Wing Air Ambulance**

Fixed wing or rotary wing air ambulance is furnished when Your medical condition is such that transport by ground ambulance, in whole or in part, is not appropriate. Generally, transport by fixed wing or rotary wing air ambulance may be necessary because Your condition requires rapid transport to a treatment facility, and either great distances or other obstacles preclude such rapid delivery to the nearest appropriate facility. Transport by fixed wing or rotary wing air ambulance may also be necessary because You are located in a place that is inaccessible to a ground or water ambulance provider.

## **Autism and Habilitative Services**

Health care services and devices that help you keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

Habilitative services also include benefits for children (ages 0 to 21) with a medical diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder for:

- Outpatient Physical Habilitation services including:
  - 1. Speech therapy and/or Occupational therapy, performed by a licensed therapist, limited to the visits shown in the Schedule of Cost-Shares and Benefits; and
  - 2. Clinical Therapeutic Intervention defined as therapies supported by empirical (factual) evidence, which include but are not limited to applied behavioral analysis, provided by or under the supervision of a professional who is licensed, certified, or registered by an appropriate agency of the state of Ohio to perform the services in accordance with a treatment plan, limited to 20 hours per week;
- Mental/Behavioral Health Outpatient Services performed by a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist, or physician to provide consultation, assessment, development and oversight of treatment plans.

# **Clinical Trials**

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

Benefits are limited to the following trials:

- 1. Federally funded trials approved or funded by one of the following:
  - a. The National Institutes of Health.
  - b. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - c. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.
  - d. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
  - e. Cooperative group or center of any of the entities described in (a) through (d) or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs.
  - f. A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants.
  - g. Any of the following in i-iii below if the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines 1) to be comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health, and 2) assures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review. The peer review requirement shall not be applicable to cancer Clinical Trials provided by i-iii below.
    - i. The Department of Veterans Affairs.
    - ii. The Department of Defense.
    - iii. The Department of Energy.
- 2. Studies or investigations done as part of an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration;
- 3. Studies or investigations done for drug trials which are exempt from the investigational new drug application.

Your Plan may require you to use a Network Provider to maximize your benefits.

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

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

## **Dental Services**

#### Accident Related Dental Services

Outpatient Services, Physician Home Visits and Office Services, Emergency Care and Urgent Care services for dental work and oral surgery are covered if they are for the initial repair of an injury to the jaw, sound natural teeth, mouth or face which are required as a result of an accident and are not excessive in scope, duration, or intensity to provide safe, adequate, and appropriate treatment without adversely affecting the patient's condition. Injury as a result of chewing or biting is not considered an accidental injury. "Initial" dental work to repair injuries due to an accident means performed within 12 months from the injury, or as reasonably soon thereafter as possible and includes all examinations and treatment to complete the repair. For a child requiring facial reconstruction due to dental related injury, there may be several years between the accident and the final repair.

Covered Services for accidental dental include, but are not limited to:

- Oral examinations,
- X-rays,
- Tests and laboratory examinations,
- Restorations,
- Prosthetic services,
- Oral surgery,
- Mandibular/Maxillary reconstruction,
- Anesthesia.

#### Other Dental Services

The Plan also includes coverage for dental services to prepare the mouth for medical services and treatments for:

- Transplant preparation.
- Initiation of immunosuppressives.
- Treatment related to an accidental injury as stated above.
- Cancer or cleft palate.

The only other dental expenses that are Covered Services are facility charges for Outpatient Services. Benefits are payable only if the patient's medical condition or the dental procedure requires a Hospital setting to ensure the safety of the patient.

**Note:** Benefits are not provided for routine dental care, unless otherwise specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

#### **Diabetes Services**

Benefits are provided for medical supplies, services, and equipment used in the treatment of diabetes, including diabetes self-management education programs.

Diabetes Self-Management Training is covered for an individual with insulin dependent diabetes, noninsulin dependent diabetes, or elevated blood glucose levels induced by pregnancy or another medical condition when:

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

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

Covered Services also include all physician prescribed Medically Necessary equipment and supplies used for the management and treatment of diabetes. See "Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances." Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under "Preventive Care."

# **Diagnostic Services Outpatient**

Your Plan includes benefits for tests or procedures to find or check a condition when specific symptoms exist.

Tests must be ordered by a Provider and include diagnostic services ordered before a surgery or Hospital admission. Benefits include the following services:

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

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

- X-rays / regular imaging services;
- Ultrasound;
- Electrocardiograms (EKG);
- Electroencephalography (EEG);
- Echocardiograms;
- Hearing and vision tests for a medical condition or injury (not for screenings or preventive care);
- Tests ordered before a surgery or admission.

#### Advanced Imaging Services

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

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

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

# **Doctor (Physician) Visits**

Covered Services include:

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

After Hours Care for medical care after normal business hours, your doctor may have several options for you. You should call your doctor's office for instructions if you need care in the evenings, on weekends, or during the holidays and cannot wait until the office reopens. If you have an Emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room.

**Home Visits** for medical care to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury. Please note that doctor visits in the home are different than the "Home Care Services" benefit described later in this section.

**Retail Health Clinic Care** for limited basic health care services to Members on a "walk-in" basis. These clinics are normally found in major pharmacies or retail stores. Health care services are typically given by physician's assistants or nurse practitioners. Services are limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children.

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

**Allergy Services** for Medically Necessary allergy testing and treatment, including allergy serum and allergy shots.

**Online Visits** when available in your area. Covered Services include a medical visit with the doctor using the internet by a webcam, chat or voice. Online visits do not include reporting normal lab or other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, insurance coverage or payment questions, asking for referrals to doctors outside the online care panel, benefit precertification, or doctor to doctor discussions. For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Online Visits, see the "Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services" section.

**Telehealth** Covered Services that are appropriately provided by a telehealth Provider in accordance with applicable legal requirements will be eligible for benefits under this Certificate. Telehealth means the mode of delivering health care or other health services via information and communication technologies to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation and treatment, education, care management and self-management of a patient's physical and mental health. In-person contact between a health care Provider and the patient is not required for these services, and the type of setting where these services are provided is not limited. Telehealth does not include the use of facsimile, audio-only telephone, texting or electronic mail. If you have any questions about this coverage, or receive a bill, please contact Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

# **Emergency Care Services**

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

Benefits are available in a Hospital Emergency Room for services and supplies to treat the onset of symptoms for an Emergency, which is defined below.

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

"Emergency," or "Emergency Medical Condition", means a medical or behavioral health condition of recent onset and sufficient severity, including but not limited to, severe pain, that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that his or her condition, sickness, or injury is of such a nature that not getting immediate medical care could result in: (a) placing the patient's health or the health of another person in serious danger or, for a pregnant woman, placing the woman's health or the health of her unborn child in serious danger; (b) serious impairment to bodily functions; or (c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. Such conditions include but are not limited to, chest pain, stroke, poisoning, serious breathing problems, unconsciousness, severe burns or cuts, uncontrolled bleeding, or seizures and such other acute conditions.

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

**Stabilize**, with respect to an emergency medical condition, means: To provide such medical treatment of the condition as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the individual from a facility. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, the term "stabilize" also means to deliver (including the placenta), if there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery or transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.

If you are admitted to the Hospital from the Emergency Room, be sure that you or your doctor calls Us as soon as possible. We will review your care to decide if a Hospital stay is needed and how many days you should stay. If you or your doctor do not call Us, you may have to pay for services that are determined to be not Medically Necessary.

Treatment you get after your condition has stabilized is not Emergency Care. If you continue to get care from a Non-Network Provider, Covered Services will not be available unless we agree to cover them as an Authorized Service.

# Home Care Services

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

Covered Services include but are not limited to:

- Visits by a licensed health care professional, including nursing services by an R.N. or L.P.N, a therapist, or home health aide.
- Infusion Therapy; refer to Other Therapy Services, later in this section for more information.
- Medical / social services.
- Diagnostic services.
- Nutritional guidance.
- Training of the patient and/or family/caregiver.
- Home health aide services. You must be receiving skilled nursing or therapy. Services must be given by appropriately trained staff working for the Home Health Care Provider. Other organizations may give services only when approved by us, and their duties must be assigned and supervised by a professional nurse on the staff of the Home Health Care Provider.
- Medical supplies.
- Durable medical equipment.
- Therapy Services (except for Manipulation Therapy, which will not be covered when rendered in the home). Home Care Visit limits specified in the Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits for Home Care Services apply when Therapy Services are rendered in the home.
- Private duty nursing in the home.

## **Hospice Care**

Hospice care is a coordinated plan of home, inpatient and/or outpatient care that provides palliative, supportive medical, psychological, psychosocial, and other health services to terminally ill patients.

Covered services and supplies are those listed below if part of an approved treatment plan and when rendered by a Hospice Provider for the palliative treatment of pain and other symptoms associated with a terminal disease. Palliative care means appropriate care which controls pain and relieves symptoms, but is not meant to cure a terminal illness.

- Care rendered by an Interdisciplinary team with the development and maintenance of an appropriate plan of care.
- Short-term inpatient facility care when required in periods of crisis or as respite care.
- Skilled nursing services and home health aide services provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
- Social services and counseling services provided by a licensed social worker.
- Nutritional support such as intravenous hydration and feeding tubes.
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and respiratory therapy.

• Pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and supplies necessary for the palliative treatment of your condition including oxygen and related respiratory therapy supplies.

In order to receive Hospice benefits (1) your physician and the Hospice medical director must certify that you are terminally ill and generally have less than 6 months to live, and (2) your physician must consent to your care by the Hospice and must be consulted in the development of your treatment plan. The Hospice must maintain a written treatment plan on file and furnish to us upon request.

Additional Covered Services to those listed above (such as chemotherapy and radiation therapy) when provided for palliation of the effects of a terminal illness are available while in Hospice. Benefits for these additional Covered Services, which are described in other parts of this Certificate, are provided as set forth in other parts of this Certificate.

# **Hospital Services**

#### Inpatient Hospital Care

Covered Services include acute care in a Hospital setting. Benefits for room, board, nursing and ancillary services include:

- A room with two or more beds.
- A private room. The most the Plan will cover for private rooms is the Hospital's average semiprivate room rate unless it is Medically Necessary that you use a private room for isolation and no isolation facilities are available.
- A room in a special care unit approved by us. The unit must have facilities, equipment, and supportive services for intensive care or critically ill patients.
- Routine nursery care for newborns during the mother's normal Hospital stay.
- Meals, special diets.
- General nursing services.
- Operating, childbirth, and treatment rooms and equipment.
- Prescribed Drugs.
- Anesthesia, anesthesia supplies and services given by the Hospital or other Provider.
- Medical and surgical dressings and supplies, casts, and splints.
- Diagnostic services.
- Therapy services.

#### Inpatient Professional Services

Covered Services include:

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

#### Outpatient Hospital Care

Your Plan includes Covered Services in an:

• Outpatient Hospital,

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- Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Center,
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Facility,
- Other Facilities approved by Us.

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

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

#### Inherited Metabolic Diseases

Covered Services include coverage for the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed inherited metabolic diseases.

## **Maternity and Reproductive Health Services**

#### **Maternity Services**

Covered Services include services needed during a normal or complicated pregnancy and for services needed for a miscarriage. Maternity services incurred prior to Your Effective Date are not covered. Covered maternity services include:

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

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

#### Post-delivery Care Home Visit

Covered Services include at-home post-delivery follow-up care visits at your residence by a physician or Nurse. If you are discharged early (prior to the 48 or 96 hour prescribed stay) the follow up care must be performed no later than 72 hours following you and your newborn child's discharge from the Hospital, to be considered a Covered Service. If you are discharged after the 48 or 96 hour prescribed stay, the follow up care must be deemed Medically Necessary to be a Covered Service. Coverage for thevisit(s) includes, but is not limited to:

- Parent education.
- Physical assessments.
- Assessment of the home support system.
- Assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding.
- Performance of any maternal or neonatal tests routinely performed during the usual course of Inpatient care for you or your newborn child. This includes the collection of an adequate sample for the hereditary and metabolic newborn screening.

In your discretion, this visit may occur at the physician's office.

#### **Contraceptive Benefits**

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

#### **Sterilization Services**

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

#### **Abortion Services**

Benefits for abortions in the case of rape or incest, or for a pregnancy which, as certified by a physician, places the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed (i.e., abortions for which federal funding is allowed).

#### **Infertility Services**

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

Covered Services include diagnostic tests to find the cause of infertility, such as diagnostic laparoscopy, endometrial biopsy, and semen analysis. Benefits also include services to treat the underlying medical conditions that cause infertility (e.g., endometriosis, obstructed fallopian tubes, and hormone deficiency). Fertility treatments such as artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization are not a Covered Service.

# Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances

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

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

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

Benefits include purchase-only equipment and devices (e.g., crutches and customized equipment), purchase or rent-to-purchase equipment and devices (e.g., Hospital beds and wheelchairs), and continuous rental equipment and devices (e.g., oxygen concentrator, ventilator, and negative pressure wound therapy devices). Continuous rental equipment must be approved by us. We may limit the amount of coverage for ongoing rental of equipment. We may not cover more in rental costs than the cost of simply purchasing the equipment.

Benefits include repair and replacement costs, except when damage is due to neglect. Benefits also include supplies and equipment needed for the use of the equipment or device, for example, a battery for a powered wheelchair.

Oxygen and equipment for its administration are also Covered Services.

#### Hearing Supplies

Benefits are available for members who are certified as deaf or hearing impaired by either a physician or licensed audiologist. Covered services include:

• Cochlear implants – A surgically implanted device that allows hearing.

#### **Orthotic Devices**

Covered Services are the initial purchase, fitting, and repair of a custom made rigid or semi-rigid supportive device used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body, or which limits or stops motion of a weak or diseased body part. The costs of casting, molding, fittings, and adjustments are included. Applicable tax, shipping, postage and handling charges are also covered. The casting is covered when an orthotic appliance is billed with it, but not if billed separately.

Covered orthotic devices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Cervical collars,
- 2. Ankle foot orthosis;
- 3. Corsets (back and special surgical),
- 4. Splints (extremity),
- 5. Trusses and supports,
- 6. Slings,
- 7. Wristlets,
- 8. Built-up shoe,
- 9. Custom-made shoe inserts.

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

Benefits for repairs and replacement do not include the following:

- 1. Repair and replacement due to misuse, malicious breakage or gross neglect;
- 2. Replacement of lost or stolen items.

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

Non-covered items include but are not limited to:

- Orthopedic shoes;
- Foot support devices, such as arch supports and corrective shoes, unless they are an integral part of a leg brace;
- Standard elastic stockings, garter belts, and other supplies not specially made and fitted (except as specified under Medical Supplies);
- Garter belts or similar devices.

If you have any questions regarding whether a specific orthotic is covered or want to obtain a detailed list, call the Member Services number on the back of your Identification Card.

#### **Prosthetics**

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

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

- Artificial limbs and accessories.
- One pair of glasses or contact lenses used after surgical removal of the lens(es) of the eyes.
- Breast prosthesis (whether internal or external), after a mastectomy, and four surgical bras
  per Benefit Period, as required by law; maximums for Prosthetic devices, if any, do not apply.
- Colostomy and other ostomy (surgical construction of an artificial opening) supplies directly related to ostomy care.
- Restoration prosthesis (composite facial prosthesis).

• Wigs needed after cancer treatment.

### **Medical and Surgical Supplies**

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

### **Diabetic Equipment and Supplies**

Your plan includes coverage for diabetic equipment and supplies (insulin pump, blood glucose monitor, lancets and test strips, etc.)

#### Blood and Blood Products

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

## Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Benefits are available for the diagnosis, crisis intervention and treatment of acute Mental Disorders and Substance Abuse Conditions. Mental Health and Substance Abuse is a condition that is listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) as a mental health or substance abuse condition. For the purposes of this section the Joint Commission is abbreviated as JCAHO and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities is abbreviated as CARF.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will be covered as required by state and federal law.

Covered Services include the following:

- Inpatient Services in a JCAHO-accredited Hospital or any Facility that We must cover per state law. Inpatient benefits include psychotherapy, psychological testing, electroconvulsive therapy, and detoxification.
- Outpatient Services including in-home and office visits and treatment in an outpatient department of a Hospital or JCAHO or CARF-accredited outpatient Facility, such as partial hospitalization programs and intensive outpatient programs.
- Online Visits when available in your area. Covered Services include a medical visit with the doctor using the internet by a webcam, chat or voice. Online visits do not include reporting normal lab or other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, insurance coverage or payment questions, asking for referrals to doctors outside the online care panel, benefit precertification, or doctor to doctor discussions.
- Residential Treatment which is specialized 24-hour treatment in a licensed Residential Treatment Center accredited by JCAHO or CARF. It offers individualized and intensive treatment and includes:
  - Observation and assessment by a psychiatrist weekly or more often,
  - Rehabilitation, therapy, and education.

You can get Covered Services from the following Providers:

- Psychiatrist,
- Psychologist,
- Licensed clinical social worker (L.C.S.W.),
- Mental health clinical nurse specialist,
- Licensed marriage and family therapist (L.M.F.T.),
- Licensed professional counselor (L.P.C) or
- Any agency licensed by the state to give these services, when We have to cover them by law.

# **Preventive Care Services**

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

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

Covered Services fall under the following broad groups:

- 1. Services with an "A" or "B" rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Examples include screenings for:
  - Breast cancer,
  - Cervical cancer,
  - High blood pressure,
  - Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus,
  - Cholesterol,
  - Child or adult obesity.
- 2. Immunizations for children, adolescents, and adults recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- 3. Preventive care and screenings for infants, children and adolescents as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;
- 4. Preventive care and screening for women as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, including:
  - Contraceptive coverage includes generic drugs and single-source brand name drugs as well as injectable contraceptives and patches. Contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra uterine devices (IUDs), and implants are also covered. Multi-source brand name drugs will be covered, as preventive care benefits when medically necessary, otherwise they will be covered under the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail order) Pharmacy".
  - Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling. Benefits for breast pumps are limited to one per calendar year or as required by law.
  - Gestational diabetes screening.
- 5. Preventive care services for tobacco cessation for Members age 18 and older as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force including:
  - Counseling;
  - Prescription Drugs;
  - Nicotine replacement therapy products when prescribed by a Provider, including over the counter (OTC) nicotine gum, lozenges and patches;
  - Prescription drugs and OTC items are limited to a no more than 180 day supply per 365 days.
- 6. Prescription Drugs and OTC items identified as an A or B recommendation by the United States Preventive Services Task Force when prescribed by a Provider including:
  - Aspirin,
  - Folic acid supplement,
  - Vitamin D supplement,
  - Bowel preparations.

Please note that certain age and gender and quantity limitations apply.

You may call Member Services at the number on your Identification Card for more details about these services or view the federal government's web sites:

- https://www.healthcare.gov/what-are-my-preventive-care-benefits
- http://www.ahrq.gov
- http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html

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

Child health supervision services from the moment of birth until age nine. Child health supervision services mean periodic review of a child's physical and emotional status performed by a physician, by a health care professional under the supervision of a physician, or, in the case of hearing screening, by an individual acting in accordance with Ohio law. Periodic review means a review performed in accordance with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and includes a history, complete physical examination, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, appropriate immunizations, and laboratory tests.

# **Rehabilitative Services**

Health care services that help you keep, get back or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt or disabled. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and psychiatric rehabilitation services in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

# **Skilled Nursing Facility**

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

# Surgery

Your Plan covers surgical services on an Inpatient or outpatient basis, including surgeries performed in a doctor's office or an ambulatory surgical center. Covered Services include:

- Accepted operative and cutting procedures;
- Other invasive procedures, such as angiogram, arteriogram, amniocentesis, tap or puncture of brain or spine;
- Endoscopic exams, such as arthroscopy, bronchoscopy, colonoscopy, laparoscopy;
- Treatment of fractures and dislocations;
- Anesthesia and surgical support when Medically Necessary;
- Medically Necessary pre-operative and post-operative care.

#### **Reconstructive Surgery**

Benefits include reconstructive surgery to correct significant deformities caused by congenital or developmental abnormalities, illness, injury or an earlier treatment in order to create a more normal appearance. Benefits include surgery performed to restore symmetry after a mastectomy. Reconstructive services needed as a result of an earlier treatment are covered only if the first treatment would have been a Covered Service under this Plan.

Note: This section does not apply to orthognathic surgery.

#### Mastectomy Notice

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

• Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;

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

## Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) and Craniomandibular Joint Services

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

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

# Therapy Services Outpatient

## Physical Medicine Therapy Services

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

- **Manipulation Therapy** Includes the manipulation and adjustment of the movable joint, muscle, and nerve tissue of the body to restore and maintain health and function.
- **Physical therapy** The treatment by physical means to ease pain, restore health, and to avoid disability after an illness, injury, or loss of an arm or a leg. It includes hydrotherapy, heat, physical agents, bio-mechanical and neuro-physiological principles and devices. It does not include massage therapy services at spas or health clubs.
- Speech therapy and speech-language pathology (SLP) services Services to identify, assess, and treat speech, language, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Therapy will develop or treat communication or swallowing skills to correct a speech impairment.
- Occupational therapy Treatment to restore a physically disabled person's ability to do activities of daily living, such as walking, eating, drinking, dressing, using the toilet, moving from a wheelchair to a bed, and bathing. It also includes therapy for tasks needed for the person's job. Occupational therapy does not include recreational or vocational therapies, such as hobbies, arts and crafts.

#### **Other Therapy Services**

Benefits are also available for:

- **Cardiac Rehabilitation** Medical evaluation, training, supervised exercise, and psychosocial support to care for you after a cardiac event (heart problem). Benefits do not include home programs, on-going conditioning, or maintenance care.
- Chemotherapy Treatment of an illness by chemical or biological antineoplastic agents.
- **Dialysis** Services for acute renal failure and chronic (end-stage) renal disease, including hemodialysis, home intermittent peritoneal dialysis (IPD), home continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis (CCPD), and home continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD). Covered Services include dialysis treatments in an outpatient dialysis Facility or doctor's office. Covered Services also include home dialysis and training for you and the person who will help you with home self-dialysis.
- Infusion Therapy Nursing, durable medical equipment and Drug services that are delivered and administered to you through an I.V. Also includes Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), Enteral nutrition therapy, antibiotic therapy, pain care and chemotherapy. May include injections (intra-muscular, subcutaneous, continuous subcutaneous). Also covers prescription drugs when they are administered to you as part of a doctor's visit, home care visit, or at an outpatient Facility.

- **Pulmonary Rehabilitation** Includes outpatient short-term respiratory care to restore your health after an illness or injury.
- Radiation Therapy Treatment of an illness by x-ray, radium, or radioactive isotopes. Covered Services include treatment (teletherapy, brachytherapy and intraoperative radiation, photon or high energy particle sources), materials and supplies needed, administration and treatment planning.
- Respiratory/Inhalation Therapy Includes the use of dry or moist gases in the lungs, nonpressurized inhalation treatment; intermittent positive pressure breathing treatment, air or oxygen, with or without nebulized medication, continuous positive pressure ventilation (CPAP); continuous negative pressure ventilation (CNP); chest percussion; therapeutic use of medical gases or Drugs in the form of aerosols, and equipment such as resuscitators, oxygen tents, and incentive spirometers; broncho-pulmonary drainage and breathing exercises.

# **Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services**

A structured therapeutic program of an intensity that requires a multidisciplinary coordinated team approach to upgrade the patient's ability to function as independently as possible; including skilled rehabilitative nursing care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and services of a Social Worker or Psychologist. The goal is to obtain practical improvement in a reasonable length of time in the appropriate Inpatient setting.

Physical medicine and rehabilitation involves several types of therapy, not just physical therapy, and a coordinated team approach. The variety and intensity of treatments required is the major differentiation from an admission primarily for physical therapy.

Non-Covered Services for physical medicine and rehabilitation include but are not limited to:

- admission to a Hospital mainly for physical therapy;
- long-term rehabilitation in an Inpatient setting.

Day Rehabilitation Program services provided through a Day Hospital for physical medicine and rehabilitation are Covered Services. A Day Rehabilitation Program is for those patients who do not require Inpatient care but still require a rehabilitation therapy program four (4) to eight (8) hours a day, two (2) or more days a week at a Day Hospital. Day rehabilitation program services may consist of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, nursing services, and neuropsychological services. A minimum of two (2) Therapy Services must be provided for this program to be a Covered Service.

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

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

#### **Covered Transplant Procedure**

Any Medically Necessary human organ and stem cell / bone marrow transplants and infusions as determined by Us, including necessary acquisition procedures, mobilization, collection and storage, and including Medically Necessary myeloablative or reduced intensity preparative chemotherapy or radiation therapy or a combination of these therapies.

### **Unrelated Donor Searches**

When approved by the Plan, your coverage includes benefits for unrelated donor searches for bone marrow/stem cell transplants performed by an authorized and licensed registry for a Covered Transplant Procedure.

#### Live Donor Health Services

Medically Necessary charges for the procurement of an organ from a live donor are covered up to the Maximum Allowed Amount, including complications from the donor procedure for up to six weeks from the date of procurement.

#### **Transplant Benefit Period**

Starts one day prior to a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues for the applicable case rate/global time period. The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the In-Network Transplant Provider agreement. Contact the Case Manager for specific In-Network Transplant Provider information for services received at or coordinated by an In-Network Transplant Provider Facility. Services received from an Out-of-Network Transplant Facility starts one day prior to a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues to the date of discharge.

### **Prior Approval and Precertification**

In order to maximize your benefits, you will need to call Our Transplant Department to discuss benefit coverage when it is determined a transplant may be needed. You must do this before you have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. We will assist you in maximizing your benefits by providing coverage information, including details regarding what is covered and whether any clinical coverage guidelines, medical policies, In-Network Transplant Provider requirements, or exclusions are applicable. Please call Us to find out which Hospitals are In-Network Transplant Providers. Contact the Member Services telephone number on the back of your Identification Card and ask for the transplant coordinator. Even if We issue a prior approval for the Covered Transplant Procedure, you or your Provider must call Our Transplant Department for precertification prior to the transplant whether this is performed in an Inpatient or Outpatient setting.

Please note that there are instances where your Provider requests approval for Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) testing, donor searches and/or a collection and storage of stem cells prior to the final determination as to what transplant procedure will be requested. Under these circumstances, the HLA testing and donor search charges are covered as routine diagnostic testing. The collection and storage request will be reviewed for Medical Necessity and may be approved. However, such an approval for HLA testing, donor search services performed by an authorized registry and/or a collection and storage is NOT an approval for the subsequent requested transplant. A separate Medical Necessity determination will be made for the transplant procedure.

#### **Transportation and Lodging**

The Plan will provide assistance with reasonable and necessary travel expenses as determined by Us when you obtain prior approval and are required to travel more than 75 miles from your residence to reach the facility where your Transplant evaluation and /or Transplant work-up and Covered Transplant Procedure will be performed. Our assistance with travel expenses includes transportation to and from the facility and lodging for the patient and one companion. If the Member receiving treatment is a minor, then reasonable and necessary expenses for transportation and lodging may be allowed for two companions. The Member must submit itemized receipts for transportation and lodging expenses in a form satisfactory to Us when claims are filed. Contact Us for detailed information.

For lodging and ground transportation benefits, We will provide a maximum benefit up to the current limits set forth in the Internal Revenue Code.

The human organ and tissue transplant (bone marrow/stem cell) services benefits or requirements described above do not apply to the following:

• Cornea, ventricular assist devices; and

 Any Covered Services, related to a Covered Transplant Procedure, received prior to or after the Transplant Benefit Period. Please note that the initial evaluation and any necessary additional testing to determine your eligibility as a candidate for transplant by your Provider and the mobilization, collection and storage of bone marrow / stem cells is included in the Covered Transplant Procedure benefit regardless of the date of service.

The above services are covered as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services or Physician Home Visits and Office Services depending where the service is performed subject to Member cost shares.

# **Urgent Care Services**

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

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

# Vision Services (All Members / All Ages)

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

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

Additional Covered Services include:

- Determination of refraction,
- Routine Ophthalmological examination including refraction for new and established patients,
- A visual functional screening for visual acuity, and
- Intraocular lens implantation for the treatment of cataract or aphakia. Contact lenses or glasses are often prescribed following lens implantation and are Covered Services. (If cataract extraction is performed, intraocular lenses are usually inserted during the same operative session). Eyeglasses (for example bifocals) including frames or contact lenses are covered when they replace the function of the human lens for conditions caused by cataract surgery or injury; the first pair of contact lenses or eyeglasses are covered. The donor lens inserted at the time of surgery is not considered a contact lens, and is not considered the first lens following surgery. If the injury is to one eye or if cataracts are removed from only one eye and the Member selects eyeglasses and frames, then reimbursement for both lenses and frames will be covered.

These additional services are not part of the "Preventive Care" benefit and will be based on the setting in which services are received. No additional ophthalmological services are covered, except as described above.

# **Prescription Drugs**

# Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider

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

## Important Details About Prescription Drug Coverage

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

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

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

## Precertification

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

For a list of Prescription Drugs that need Precertification, please call the phone number on the back of your Identification Card. The list will be reviewed and updated from time to time. Including a Prescription Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under your Plan. Your Provider may check with Us to verify Prescription Drug coverage, to find out which drugs are covered under this section and if any drug edits apply.

Please refer to the section "Requesting Approval for Benefits" for more details.

If Precertification is denied you have the right to file a Grievance as outlined in the "**If You Have A Complaint Or An Appeal**" section of this Certificate.

## Designated Pharmacy Provider

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

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

We may also require you to use a Designated Pharmacy Provider to obtain Specialty Drugs for treatment of certain clinical conditions such as Hemophilia. We reserve our right to modify the list of Prescription Drugs as well as the setting and/or level of care in which the care is provided to you. Anthem may, from time to time, change with or without advance notice, the Designated Pharmacy Provider for a Drug, if in our discretion, such change can help provide cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

If You are required to use a Designated Pharmacy Provider and You choose not to obtain Your Prescription Drug from a Designated Pharmacy Provider, You will not have coverage for that Prescription Drug.

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

#### **Therapeutic Substitution**

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

## Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy

Your Plan also includes benefits for Prescription Drugs you get at a Retail or Mail Order Pharmacy. We use a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) to manage these benefits. The PBM has a network of Retail Pharmacies, a Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy, and a Specialty Pharmacy. The PBM works to make sure Drugs are used properly. This includes checking that Prescriptions are based on recognized and appropriate doses and checking for Drug interactions or pregnancy concerns.

**Note:** Benefits for Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, which are administered to you by a medical provider in a medical setting (e.g., doctor's office visit, home care visit, or outpatient Facility) are covered under the "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" benefit. Please read that section for important details.

#### **Prescription Drug Benefits**

Prescription Drug benefits may require Prior Authorization to determine if your Drugs should be covered. Your Network Pharmacist will be told if Prior Authorization is required and if any additional details are needed for Us to decide benefits.

#### **Prior Authorization**

Prescribing Providers must obtain Prior Authorization for drug edits in order for you to get benefits for certain Drugs. At times, your Provider will initiate a Prior Authorization on your behalf before your Pharmacy fills your prescription. At other times, the Pharmacy may make you or your Provider aware that a Prior Authorization or other information is needed. In order to determine if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage, we have established criteria.

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

- quantity, dose, and frequency of administration;
- specific clinical criteria (including but not limited to requirements regarding age, test result requirements, and/or presence of a specific condition or disease);
- specific provider qualifications (including but not limited to REMS certification (Risk, Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies));

- step therapy requiring one drug or a drug regimen or another treatment be used prior to use of another drug or drug regimen for safety and/or affordability when clinically similar results may be anticipated and one option is less costly than another;
- use of a Prescription Drug List (as described below).

You or your Provider can get the list of the Drugs that require Prior Authorization by calling Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at www.anthem.com. The list will be reviewed and updated from time to time. Including a Prescription Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under your Plan. Your Provider may check with Us to verify Prescription Drug coverage, to find out which drugs are covered under this section and if any drug edits apply.

Anthem may, from time to time, waive, enhance, change or end certain Prior Authorization and/or alternate benefits, if in our sole discretion; such change furthers the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

If Prior Authorization is denied you have the right to file a Grievance as outlined in the "**If You Have A Complaint Or An Appeal**" section of this Certificate.

### **Covered Prescription Drugs**

To be a Covered Service, Prescription Drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and, under federal law, require a Prescription. Prescription Drugs must be prescribed by a licensed Provider and you must get them from a licensed Pharmacy.

Benefits are available for the following:

- Prescription Legend Drugs from either a Retail Pharmacy or the PBM's Home Delivery Pharmacy;
- Specialty Drugs;
- Self-administered Drugs. These are Drugs that do not need administration or monitoring by a
  Provider in an office or Facility. Injectables and infused Drugs that need Provider administration
  and/or supervision are covered under the "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical
  Provider" benefit;
- Self-injectable insulin and supplies and equipment used to administer insulin;
- Self-administered contraceptives, including oral contraceptive Drugs, self-injectable contraceptive Drugs, contraceptive patches, and contraceptive rings; certain contraceptives are covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit. Please see that section for more details.
- Flu Shots (including administration).
- Orally administered cancer Drugs:
  - a. (If your Plan has a Deductible and Copayments on all Benefits). As required by Ohio law, you will not have to pay a Cost-Share (i.e., Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance) for the Drugs you get at a Retail or Mail Order Pharmacy that is higher than the Cost-Share you pay for chemotherapy covered under the medical benefit; or
  - b. (If your Plan has Prescription Drug Copayments or Coinsurance). As required by Ohio law, your Cost-Share (i.e., Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance) will not be more than \$100 per Prescription Order;
- Drugs for off label use only when approved by Us or the PBM, or when the drug has been recognized as safe and effective for treatment of that indication in one or more of the standard medical reference compendia adopted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or in medical literature that meets certain criteria. Medical literature may be accepted only if all of the following apply: (1) Two articles from major peer-reviewed professional medical journals have recognized the drug's safety and effectiveness for treatment of the indication for which it has been prescribed; (2) No article from a major peer-reviewed professional medical journal has concluded that the drug is unsafe or ineffective or that the drug's safety and effectiveness cannot be determined for the treatment of the indication for which it has been prescribed; (3) Each article meets the uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals established by the international committee of medical journal editors or is

published in a journal specified by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as acceptable peer-reviewed medical literature.

#### Where You Can Get Prescription Drugs

#### **Network Pharmacy**

You can visit one of the local Retail Pharmacies in Our network. Give the Pharmacy the prescription from your doctor and your Identification Card and they will file your claim for you. You will need to pay any Copayment, Coinsurance, and/or Deductible that applies when you get the Drug. If you do not have your Identification Card, the Pharmacy will charge you the full retail price of the Prescription and will not be able to file the claim for you. You will need to ask the Pharmacy for a detailed receipt and send it to Us with a written request for payment.

**Note:** If We determine that you may be using Prescription Drugs in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your selection of Network Pharmacies may be limited. If this happens, We may require you to select a single Network Pharmacy that will provide and coordinate all future pharmacy services. Benefits will only be paid if you use the single Network Pharmacy. We will contact you if We determine that use of a single Network Pharmacy is needed and give you options as to which Network Pharmacy you may use. If you do not select one of the Network Pharmacies We offer within 31 days, We will select a single Network Pharmacy for you. If you disagree with Our decision, you may ask Us to reconsider it as outlined in the "**If You Have A Complaint Or An Appeal**" section of this Certificate.

Your Plan has two levels of coverage. To get the lowest out-of-pocket cost, you must get Covered Services from a Level 1 Network Pharmacy. If you get Covered Services from any other Network Pharmacy, benefits will be covered at Level 2 and you may pay more in Deductible, Copayments, and Coinsurance.

**Level 1** Network Pharmacies. When you go to Level 1 Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Core Pharmacies), you pay a lower Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when you go to other Network Providers.

**Level 2** Network Pharmacies. When you go to Level 2 Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Wrap Pharmacies), you pay a higher Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when you go to a Level 1 Network Pharmacy.

#### **Specialty Pharmacy**

We keep a list of Specialty Drugs that may be covered based upon clinical findings from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process, and where appropriate, certain clinical economic reasons. This list will change from time to time. We may require you or your doctor to order certain Specialty Drugs from the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy.

When you use the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy its patient care coordinator will work with you and your doctor to get Prior Authorization and to ship your Specialty Drugs to your home or your preferred address. Your patient care coordinator will also tell you when it is time to refill your prescription.

You can get the list of covered Specialty Drugs by calling Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or check Our website at www.anthem.com.

#### When You Order Your Prescription Through the Specialty Preferred Provider

You can only have your Prescription for a Specialty Drug filled through Anthem's Specialty Preferred Provider. Specialty Drugs are limited to a 30-day supply per fill. The Specialty Preferred Provider will deliver your Specialty Drugs to you by mail or common carrier for self administration in your home. You cannot pick up your medication at Anthem.

#### **Specialty Pharmacy Program**

If you are out of a Specialty Drug which must be obtained through the Specialty Pharmacy Program, We will authorize an override of the Specialty Pharmacy Program requirement for 72-hours, or until the next business day following a holiday or weekend to allow you to get a 72-hour emergency supply of medication, or the smallest packaged quantity, whichever is greater, if your doctor decides that it is

appropriate and Medically Necessary. You may have to pay the applicable Copayment/Coinsurance, if any.

If you order your Specialty Drug through the Specialty Preferred Provider and it does not arrive, if your physician decides that it is Medically Necessary for you to have the drug immediately, We will authorize an override of the Specialty Pharmacy Program requirement for a 30-day supply or less to allow you to get an emergency supply of medication from a Participating Pharmacy near you. A Member Services representative from the Specialty Preferred Provider will coordinate the exception and you will not be required to pay additional Coinsurance.

### **Home Delivery Pharmacy**

The PBM also has a Home Delivery Pharmacy which lets you get certain Drugs by mail if you take them on a regular basis (Maintenance Medication). You will need to contact the PBM to sign up when you first use the service. You can mail written prescriptions from your doctor or have your doctor send the prescription to the Home Delivery Pharmacy. Your doctor may also call the Home Delivery Pharmacy. You will need to send in any Copayments, Deductible, or Coinsurance amounts that apply when you ask for a prescription or refill.

#### **Maintenance Medication**

A Maintenance Medication is a Drug you take on a regular basis to treat or control a chronic illness such as heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, or diabetes. If you are not sure the Prescription Drug you are taking is a Maintenance Medication, please call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card or check Our website at www.anthem.com for more details.

If you are taking a Maintenance Medication, you may get the first 30 day supply and one 30 day refill of the same Maintenance Medication at your local Retail Pharmacy. You must then contact the Home Delivery Pharmacy and tell them if you would like to keep getting your Maintenance Medications from your local Retail Pharmacy or if you would like to use the Home Delivery Pharmacy. You will have to pay the full retail cost of any Maintenance Medication you get without registering your choice each year through the Home Delivery Pharmacy. You can tell us your choice by phone at 888-772-5188 or by visiting our website at www.anthem.com.

When using Home Delivery, We suggest that you order your refill two weeks before you need it to avoid running out of your medication. For any questions concerning the mail order program, you can call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

The Prescription must state the dosage and your name and address; it must be signed by your physician.

The first mail order Prescription you submit must include a completed patient profile form. This form will be sent to you upon becoming eligible for this program. Any subsequent mail order Prescriptions for that Insured need only the Prescription and payment enclosed.

You must authorize the pharmacist to release information needed in connection with the filling of a Prescription to the designated mail order Prescription Drug program.

**Note:** Some Prescription Drugs and/or medicines are not available or are not covered for purchase through the mail order Prescription Drug program including, but not limited to, antibiotics, Drugs not on the Formulary, Drugs and medications to treat Infertility, impotence and/or sexual dysfunction, injectables, including Self-Administered Injectables except Insulin. Please check with the mail order Prescription Drug program Member Services department at 1-866-274-6825 for availability of the Drug or medication.

## What You Pay for Prescription Drugs

Tiers

Your share of the cost for Prescription Drugs may vary based on the tier the Drug is in.

To get the lowest out-of-pocket cost, you must get Covered Services from a Level 1 Network Pharmacy.

- **Tier 1** Drugs have the lowest Coinsurance or Copayment. This tier contains low cost and preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products, or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- **Tier 2** Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 1. This tier may contain preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Product or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- **Tier 3** Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 2. This tier may contain higher cost, preferred, and non-preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Product or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- **Tier 4** Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 3. This tier may contain higher cost, preferred, and non-preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Product or multi-source Brand Drugs.

We assign drugs to tiers based on clinical findings from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process. We retain the right, at our discretion, to decide coverage for doses and administration (i.e., oral, injection, topical, or inhaled). We may cover one form of administration instead of another, or put other forms of administration in a different tier. For more information on drug tier placement, please go to www.anthem.com. After login, under Benefits, go to Pharmacy and You can view Our Drug List, to include Specialty Drugs and Network information. If You have any questions, You may call the Member Services phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

**Note:** Your Copayment(s) and/or Coinsurance will not be reduced by any discounts, rebates or other funds received by Anthem's designated Pharmacy benefits manager from drug manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and/or similar vendors and/or funds received by Anthem from Anthem's designated Pharmacy benefits manager.

## **Prescription Drug List**

We also have a Prescription Drug List, (a formulary), which is a list of FDA-approved Drugs that have been reviewed and recommended for use based on their quality and cost effectiveness. Benefits may not be covered for certain Drugs if they are not on the Prescription Drug List.

The Drug List is developed by Us based upon clinical findings, and where proper, the cost of the Drug relative to other Drugs in its therapeutic class or used to treat the same or similar condition. It is also based on the availability of over-the-counter medicines, Generic Drugs, the use of one Drug over another by Our Members, and where proper, certain clinical economic reasons.

If you have a question regarding whether a Drug is on the Prescription Drug Formulary, please refer to our website at www.anthem.com.

We retain the right, at our discretion, to decide coverage for doses and administration methods (i.e oral, injected, topical, or inhaled) and may cover one form of administration instead of another as Medically Necessary.

Your Benefit Program limits Prescription Drug coverage to those Drugs listed on our Prescription Drug List. This Formulary contains a limited number of Prescription Drugs, and may be different than the formulary for other Anthem products. Benefits may not be covered for certain drugs if they are not on the Prescription Drug List. Generally, it includes select generic drugs with limited brand prescription drugs coverage. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by Anthem. We may add or delete Prescription Drugs from this Formulary from time to time. A description of the Prescription Drugs that are listed on this Formulary is available upon request and at www.anthem.com.

## Exception Request for a Drug not on the Prescription Drug List

If you or your doctor believe you need a Prescription Drug that is not on the Prescription Drug List, please have your doctor or pharmacist get in touch with Us. We will cover the other Prescription Drug only if We agree that it is Medically Necessary and appropriate over the other Drugs that are on the List. We will make a coverage decision within 72 hours of receiving your request. If We approve the coverage of the Drug, coverage of the Drug will be provided for the duration of your prescription, including refills. If We deny coverage of the Drug, you have the right to request an external review by an Independent Review

Organization (IRO). The IRO will make a coverage decision within 72 hours of receiving your request. If the IRO approves the coverage of the Drug, coverage of the Drug will be provided for the duration of your prescription, including refills.

You or your doctor may also submit a request for a Prescription Drug that is not on the Prescription Drug List based on exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances exist if you are suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, or if you are undergoing a current course of treatment using a drug not covered by the Plan. We will make a coverage decision within 24 hours of receiving your request. If We approve the coverage of the Drug, you have the right to request an external review by an IRO. The IRO will make a coverage decision within 24 hours of receiving your request the coverage of the Drug, you have the right to request an external review by an IRO. The IRO will make a coverage decision within 24 hours of receiving your request. If the IRO approves the coverage of the Drug, coverage of the Drug will be provided for the exigency.

Coverage of a Drug approved as a result of your request or your doctor's request for an exception will only be provided if you are a Member enrolled under the Plan.

### **Drug Utilization Review**

If there are patterns of over utilization or misuse of Drugs, We will notify your personal physician and your pharmacist. We reserve the right to limit benefits to prevent over utilization of Drugs.

#### Additional Features of Your Prescription Drug Pharmacy Benefit

#### **Day Supply and Refill Limits**

Certain day supply limits apply to Prescription Drugs as listed in the "Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits." In most cases, you must use a certain amount of your prescription before it can be refilled. In some cases We may let you get an early refill. For example, We may let you refill your prescription early if it is decided that you need a larger dose. We will work with the Pharmacy to decide when this should happen.

If you are going on vacation and you need more than the day supply allowed, you should ask your pharmacist to call our PBM and ask for an override for one early refill. If you need more than one early refill, please call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

#### Half-Tablet Program

The Half-Tablet Program lets you pay a reduced Copayment on selected "once daily dosage" Drugs on our approved list. The program lets you get a 30-day supply (15 tablets) of the higher strength Drug when the doctor tells you to take a "½ tablet daily." The Half-Tablet Program is strictly voluntary and you should talk to your doctor about the choice when it is available. To get a list of the Drugs in the program call the number on the back of your Identification Card.

#### **Therapeutic Substitution**

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

#### **Split Fill Dispensing Program**

The split fill dispensing program is designed to prevent and/or minimize wasted prescription drugs if Your Prescription Drugs or dose changes between fills, by allowing only a portion of Your prescription to be filled at a Specialty pharmacy. This program also saves You out-of-pocket expenses.

The Prescription Drugs that are included under this program have been identified as requiring more frequent follow up to monitor response to treatment and potential reactions or side-effects. You can access the list of these Prescription Drugs by calling the toll-free Member Services number on your member ID card or log on to the Member website at www.anthem.com.

#### **Special Programs**

Except where prohibited by Federal Regulations (such as HSA rules), from time to time We may offer programs to support the use of more cost-effective or clinically effective Prescription Drugs including Generic Drugs, Home Delivery Drugs, over-the-counter Drugs or preferred products. Such programs may reduce or waive Copayments or Coinsurance for a limited time. In addition, We may allow access to network rates for drugs not listed on Our Formulary.

# **Pediatric Dental Care**

**Your Dental Benefits.** Dental care treatment decisions are made by you and your dentist. We cover treatment based on what benefits you have, not whether the care is medically or dentally necessary. The only exception is when you get orthodontic care — we do review those services to make sure they're appropriate.

**Pretreatment Estimates.** When you need major dental care, like crowns, root canals, dentures/bridges, oral surgery, or braces — it's best to go over a care or treatment plan with your dentist beforehand. It should include a "pretreatment estimate" so you know what it will cost.

You or your dentist can send us the pretreatment estimate to get an idea of how much of the cost your benefits will cover. Then you can work with your dentist to make financial arrangements, before you start treatment.

**Pediatric Dental Essential Health Benefits.** The following dental care services are covered for members until the end of the month in which they turn 19. All covered services are subject to the terms, limitations, and exclusions of this Certificate. See the Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.

# **Diagnostic and Preventive Services**

Oral Exams. Two oral exams are covered every 12 months.

Radiographs (X-rays): Here are ones that are covered:

- Bitewings 2 sets per 12 month period.
- Full mouth (also called complete series) 1 time per 60 month period.
- Panoramic 1 time per 60 months.
- Periapicals, occlusals, and extraoral films are also covered.

**Dental Cleaning (prophylaxis).** Procedure to remove plaque, tartar (calculus), and stain from teeth. Covered 2 times per 12 months.

Fluoride Treatment (topical application or fluoride varnish). Covered 2 times per 12 month period.

Sealants or Preventive Resin Restorations. Any combination of these procedures is covered 1 time per tooth per 36 months.

#### **Space Maintainers and Recement Space Maintainers**

**Emergency Treatment (also called palliative treatment).** Covered for the temporary relief of pain or infection.

## **Basic Restorative Services**

Consultations. Covered when given by a provider other than your treating dentist.

**Fillings (restorations).** Fillings are covered when placed on primary or permanent teeth. There are two kinds of fillings covered under this plan:

- <u>Amalgam</u>. These are silver fillings that are used to restore decayed or fractured posterior (back) teeth.
- <u>Composite Resin</u>. These are tooth-colored fillings that are used to restore decayed or fractured anterior (front) teeth. If you choose to have a composite resin filling placed on a back tooth, we will pay up to the Maximum Allowed Amount for an amalgam filling. You will be responsible to pay for the difference, if the dentist charges more, plus any applicable deductible or coinsurance.

**Periodontal Maintenance.** This procedure includes periodontal evaluation, removing bacteria from the gum pocket areas, measuring the gum pocket areas, and scaling and polishing of the teeth. Any combination of this procedure and dental cleanings (see Diagnostic and Preventive Services above) is covered 4 times per 12 months.

## Endodontic Therapy on Primary Teeth

- Pulpal therapy
- Therapeutic pulpotomy

**Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing.** This is a non-surgical periodontal service to treat diseases of the gums (gingival) and bone that supports the teeth. Covered 1 time per quadrant per 24 months.

**Pre-fabricated or Stainless Steel Crown.** Covered 1 time per 60 months for members through the age of 14.

#### **Pin Retention**

### Therapeutic Drug Injection

Partial pulpotomy for apexogenesis. Covered on permanent teeth only

## **Endodontic Services**

**Endodontic Therapy.** The following will be covered for permanent teeth only:

- Root canal therapy.
- Root canal retreatment.

#### **Other Endodontic Treatments**

- Apexification
- Apicoectomy
- Root amputation
- Hemisection

# **Periodontal Services**

**Full Mouth Debridement.** This is a non-surgical periodontal service to treat diseases of the gums (gingival) and bone that supports the teeth. Covered once per lifetime.

**Complex Surgical Periodontal Care**. These services are surgical treatment for diseases of the gums (gingival) and bone that supports the teeth. Only one of the below services is covered per single tooth or multiple teeth in the same quadrant per 36 month period. Covered for permanent teeth only.

- Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty
- Gingival flap
- Apically positioned flap
- Osseous surgery
- Bone replacement graft

The following complex surgical periodontal care services are not subject to the benefit frequency stated above.

- Pedicle soft tissue graft.
- Free soft tissue graft
- Subepithelial connective tissue graft.
- Soft tissue allograft

**Crown Lengthening** 

## **Oral Surgery Services**

**Basic Extractions** 

- Removal of coronal remnants (retained pieced of the crown portion of the tooth) on primary teeth.
- Extraction of erupted tooth or exposed root.

**Complex Surgical Extractions.** Surgical removal of 3<sup>rd</sup> molars are covered only when symptoms of oral pathology exists.

- Surgical removal of erupted tooth.
- Surgical removal of impacted tooth.
- Surgical removal of residual tooth roots.

#### **Other Complex Surgical Procedures**

- Alveoloplasty
- Removal of exostosis per site

#### **Other Oral Surgery Procedures**

- Incision and drainage of abscess (intraoral soft tissue).
- Collection and application of autologous product. Covered 1 time per 36-month period.
- Excision of pericoronal gingiva.
- Tooth reimplantation (accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth).
- Suture of recent small wounds up to 5 cm.

**Intravenous Conscious Sedation, IV Sedation and General Anesthesia**. Covered when given with a complex surgical service. The service must be given in a dentist's office by the dentist or an employee of the dentist that is certified in their profession to give anesthesia services.

## **Major Restorative Services**

**Gold foil restorations**. Gold foil restorations are covered at the same frequency as an amalgam filling. Gold foil restorations will be paid up to the same Maximum Allowed Amount for an amalgam filling. You're responsible to pay for any amount over the Maximum Allowed Amount, plus any applicable deductible and coinsurance.

**Inlays.** Inlays are covered at the same frequency as an amalgam filling. Inlays will be paid up to the same Maximum Allowed Amount for an amalgam filling. You're responsible to pay for any amount over the Maximum Allowed Amount, plus any applicable deductible and coinsurance.

**Onlays or Permanent Crowns**. Covered 1 time per 60 months. Only covered on a permanent tooth. To be covered, the tooth must have extensive loss of natural structure due to decay or fracture so that another restoration (such as a filling or inlay) cannot be used to restore the tooth. We will pay up to the Maximum Allowed Amount for a porcelain to noble metal crown. If you choose to have another type of crown, you're responsible to pay for the difference plus any applicable deductible and coinsurance.

Recement an Inlay, Onlay or Crown. Covered 6 months after initial placement.

**Inlay, Onlay or Crown Repair.** Covered 1 time per 36 months. The narrative from your treating dentist must support the procedure.

Implant Crowns. See the implant procedures description under Prosthodontic Services.

**Restorative Cast Post and Core Build Up.** Includes 1 post per tooth and 1 pin per surface. Covered 1 time per 60 months. Covered only if needed to retain an indirectly fabricated restoration (such as a crown) due to extensive loss of tooth structure due to decay or fracture.

Prefabricated Post and Core (in addition to crown). Covered 1 time per tooth every 60 months.

Occlusal Guards. Covered 1 time per 12 months for members age 13 through 18.

## **Prosthodontic Services**

**Dentures and Partials (removable prosthodontic services).** Covered 1 time per 60 months for the replacement of extracted permanent teeth. If you have an existing denture or partial, a replacement is only covered if at least 60 months have passed and it cannot be repaired or adjusted.

**Bridges (fixed prosthodontic services).** Covered 1 time per 60 months for the replacement of extracted permanent teeth. If you have an existing bridge, a replacement is only covered if at least 60 months have passed and it cannot be repaired or adjusted. In order for the bridge to be covered:

- A natural healthy and sound tooth is present to serve as the anterior and posterior retainer.
- There are no other missing teeth in the same arch that have been replaced with a removable partial denture.
- And none of the individual units (teeth) of the bridge has had a crown or cast restoration covered under this plan in the last 60 months.

The plan will cover the least costly, commonly performed course of treatment. If there are multiple missing teeth, the plan may cover a partial denture instead of the bridge. If you still choose to get the bridge, you will be responsible to pay the difference in cost, plus any applicable deductible and coinsurance.

#### **Tissue Conditioning**

**Reline and Rebase**. Covered 1 time per 36 months as long as the appliance (denture, partial or bridge) is the permanent appliance. Covered once 6 months has passed from the initial placement of the appliance.

#### **Repairs and Replacement of Broken Clasps**

**Replacement of Broken Artificial Teeth**. Covered as long as the appliance (denture, partial or bridge) is the permanent appliance. Covered once 6 months has passed from the initial placement of the appliance and the narrative from the treating dentist supports the service.

### Denture Adjustments

### Partial and Bridge Adjustments

### **Recementation of Bridge (fixed prosthetic)**

**Single Tooth Implant Body, Abutment and Crown.** Covered 1 time per 60 months. Coverage includes only the single surgical placement of the implant body, implant abutment and implant/abutment supported crown. Some adjunctive implant services may not be covered. It's recommended that you get a pretreatment estimate, so you fully understand the treatment and cost before having implant services done.

## **Orthodontic Care**

Orthodontic care is the prevention and correction of malocclusion of teeth and associated dental and facial disharmonies. Talk to your dental provider about getting a pretreatment estimate for your orthodontic treatment plan, so you have an idea upfront what the treatment and costs will be. You or your dental provider should send it to Us so we can help you understand how much is covered by your benefits.

**Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care.** This plan will only cover orthodontic care that is dentally necessary — at least one of these criteria must be present:

- Spacing between adjacent teeth that interferes with your biting function
- Overbite that causes the lower front (anterior) teeth to impinge on the roof of your mouth when you bite
- The position of your jaw or teeth impairs your ability to bite or chew
- On an objective, professional orthodontic severity index, your condition scores consistent with needing orthodontic care

What Orthodontic Care Includes. Orthodontic care may include the following types of treatment:

- Pre-Orthodontic Treatment Exams. Periodic visits with your dentist to establish when orthodontic treatment should begin.
- Periodic Orthodontic Treatment Visits.

- Limited Treatment. A treatment usually given for minor tooth movement and is not a full treatment case.
- Interceptive Treatment (also known as phase I treatment). This is a limited treatment that is used to prevent or lessen the need for more involved treatment in the future.
- Comprehensive or Complete Treatment. A full kind of treatment that includes all radiographs, diagnostic casts and models, orthodontic appliances and office visits.
- Removable Appliance Therapy. Treatment that uses an appliance that is removable and not cemented or bonded to the teeth.
- Fixed Appliance Therapy. Treatment that uses an appliance that is cemented or bonded to the teeth.
- Complex Surgical Procedures. Surgical procedures give for orthodontic reasons, such as exposing impacted or unerupted teeth, or repositioning of the teeth.

How We Pay for Orthodontic Care. Because orthodontic treatment usually occurs over a long period of time, payments are made over the course of your treatment. In order for Us to continue to pay for your orthodontic care you must have continuous coverage under this Certificate.

The first payment for orthodontic care is made when treatment begins. Treatment begins when the appliances are installed. Your dental provider should submit the necessary forms telling Us when your appliance is installed. Payments are then made at six month intervals until the treatment is finished or coverage under this Certificate ends.

If your orthodontic treatment is already in progress (the appliance has been installed) when you begin coverage under this Certificate, the orthodontic treatment benefit under this coverage will be on a prorated basis. We will only cover the portion of orthodontic treatment that you are given while covered under this Certificate. We will not pay for any portion of your treatment that was given before your effective date under this Certificate.

What Orthodontic Care Does NOT Include. The following is not covered as part of your orthodontic treatment:

- Monthly treatment visits that are billed separately these costs should already be included in the cost of treatment.
- Repair or replacement of lost, broken, or stolen appliances.
- Orthodontic retention or retainers that are billed separately these costs should already be included in the cost of treatment.
- Retreatment and services given due to a relapse.
- Inpatient or outpatient hospital expenses, unless covered by the medical benefits of this Certificate.
- Any provisional splinting, temporary procedures or interim stabilization of the teeth.

# **Pediatric Vision Care**

These vision care services are covered for members until the end of the month in which they turn 19. To get Network benefits, use a Blue View Vision eye care provider. For help finding one, try "Find a Doctor" on our website, or call us at the number on your ID card.

### **Routine Eye Exam**

This Certificate covers a complete routine eye exam with dilation as needed. The exam is used to check all aspects of your vision.

#### **Eyeglass Lenses**

Standard plastic (CR39) or glass eyeglass lenses up to 55mm are covered, whether they're single vision, bifocal, trifocal (FT 25-28), progressive or lenticular.

There are a number of additional covered lens options that are available through your Blue View Vision provider. See the Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits for the list of covered lens options.

#### Frames

Your Blue View Vision provider will have a collection of frames for you to choose from. They can tell you which frames are included at no extra charge — and which ones will cost you more.

#### **Contact Lenses**

Each year, you get a lens benefit for eyeglass lenses, non-elective contact lenses or elective contact lenses. But you can only get one of those three options in a given year. Your Blue View Vision provider will have a selection of contact lenses for you to choose from. They can tell you which contacts are included at no extra charge – and which ones will cost you more. Benefits also include a contact lens fitting and evaluation.

Elective contact lenses are ones you choose for comfort or appearance.

Non-elective contact lenses are ones prescribed for certain eye conditions:

- Keratoconus where the patient is not correctable to 20/40 in either or both eyes using standard spectacle lenses;
- High ametropia exceeding -12D or +9D in spherical equivalent
- Pathological myopia, aphakia, anisometropia (of 3D or more), aniseikonia, aniridia, corneal disorders, post-traumatic disorders, irregular astigmatism
- For patients whose vision can be corrected three lines of improvement on the visual acuity chart when compared to best corrected standard spectacle lenses
- If contact lenses result in significantly better visual and/or improved binocular function, including avoidance of diplopia or suppression.

**Note:** We will not pay for non-elective contact lenses for any member who's had elective corneal surgery, such as radial keratotomy (RK), photorefractive keratectomy (PRK), or LASIK.

#### Low Vision

Low vision is when you have a significant loss of vision, but not total blindness. Low vision services include a comprehensive low vision exam (instead of a routine eye exam), optical/non-optical aids or supplemental testing.

# WHAT IS NOT COVERED (EXCLUSIONS)

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

We will have the right to make the final decision about whether services or supplies are Medically Necessary and if they will be covered by your Plan.

We do not provide benefits for the following procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges:

Services by Non-Network Providers unless:

- The services are for Emergency Care, Urgent Care and Ambulance services related to an emergency for transportation to a Hospital; or
- The services are approved in advance by Anthem.

Services rendered by Providers located outside the United States, unless the services are for Emergency Care, Urgent Care and Ambulance services related to an emergency for transportation to a Hospital.

# **Medical Services**

We will not allow benefits for any of the following services, supplies, situations, or related expenses:

**Abortion.** We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies, or charges for abortions for which Federal funding is prohibited. Federal funding is allowed for abortions, where a pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, or for a pregnancy which, as certified by a physician, places the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

**Administrative Charges.** Charges to complete claim forms, Charges to get medical records or reports, and Membership, administrative, or access fees charged by physicians or other Providers. Examples include, but are not limited to, fees for educational brochures or calling You to give You test results.

**Affiliated Providers.** Services received from a dental or medical department maintained by or on behalf of an employer, mutual benefit association, labor union, trust, academic institution, or similar person or group.

Alternative/Complementary Medicine. For (services or supplies related to) alternative or complementary medicine. Services in this category include, but are not limited to, acupuncture, holistic medicine, homeopathy, hypnosis, aroma therapy, massage therapy, reiki therapy, herbal, vitamin or dietary products or therapies, naturopathy, thermography, orthomolecular therapy, contact reflex analysis, bioenergial synchronization technique (BEST), iridology-study of the iris, auditory integration therapy (AIT), colonic irrigation, magnetic innervation therapy, electromagnetic therapy, and neurofeedback.

**Applied Behavioral Treatment** (including, but not limited to, Applied Behavior Analysis and Intensive Behavior Interventions) for all indications except as described under Autism Services in the **"What Is Covered"** section unless otherwise required by law.

**Artificial/Mechanical Devices - Heart Condition**. Related to artificial and/or mechanical hearts or ventricular and/or atrial assist devices related to a heart condition or for subsequent services and supplies for a heart condition as long as any of the above devices remain in place. This Exclusion includes services for implantation, removal and complications. This Exclusion does not apply to ventricular assist devices used as a bridge to transplantation, or as a permanent alternative to heart transplantation, or the total artificial heart if the request meets Anthem Medical Policy criteria.

**Bariatric Surgery.** For bariatric surgery, regardless of the purpose it is proposed or performed. This includes but is not limited to Roux-en-Y (RNY), Laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery or other gastric bypass surgery (surgical procedures that reduce stomach capacity and divert partially digested food from the duodenum to the jejunum, the section of the small intestine extending from the duodenum), or

Gastroplasty, (surgical procedures that decrease the size of the stomach), or gastric banding procedures. Complications directly related to bariatric surgery that result in an Inpatient stay or an extended Inpatient stay for the bariatric surgery, as determined by Us, are not covered. This exclusion applies when the bariatric surgery was not a Covered Service under this plan or any previous one of Our Plans, and it applies if the surgery was performed while the Member was covered by a previous carrier/self-funded plan prior to coverage under this Certificate. Directly related means that the Inpatient stay or extended Inpatient stay occurred as a direct result of the bariatric procedure and would not have taken place in the absence of the bariatric procedure. This exclusion does not apply to conditions including but not limited to: myocardial infarction; excessive nausea/vomiting; pneumonia; and exacerbation of co-morbid medical conditions during the procedure or in the immediate post-operative time frame.

Before Effective Date or After Termination Date. Charges incurred prior to your Effective Date or after the termination date of this coverage.

**Charges in Excess of the Maximum Allowed Amount.** Charges in excess of Our Maximum Allowed Amounts.

**Clinical Trials.** We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:

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

**Complications Resulting from Experimental/Investigative or non Medically Necessary Services or Treatment.** Complications directly related to a service or treatment that is a non Covered Service under this Certificate because it was determined by Us to be Experimental/Investigative or non Medically Necessary. Directly related means that the service or treatment occurred as a direct result of the Experimental/Investigative or non Medically Necessary service and would not have taken place in the absence of the Experimental/Investigative or non Medically Necessary service.

**Corrective Eye Surgery.** For eye surgery to correct errors of refraction, such as near-sightedness, including without limitation LASIK, radial keratotomy or keratomileusis, or excimer laser refractive keratectomy.

**Cosmetic Services**. Provided in connection with cosmetic services. Cosmetic services are primarily intended to preserve, change or improve your appearance or are furnished for psychiatric or psychological reasons. No benefits are available for surgery or treatments to change the texture or appearance of your skin or to change the size, shape or appearance of facial or body features (such as your nose, eyes, ears, cheeks, chin, chest or breasts). Complications directly related to cosmetic services, treatment or surgery, as determined by Us, are not covered. This exclusion applies even if the original cosmetic services treatment or surgery was performed while the Member was covered by another carrier/self-funded plan prior to coverage under this Certificate. Directly related means that the treatment or surgery occurred as a direct result of the cosmetic services treatment or surgery and would not have taken place in the absence of the cosmetic services treatment or surgery. This exclusion does not apply to conditions including but not limited to: myocardial infarction; pulmonary embolism; thrombophlebitis; and exacerbation of co-morbid conditions.

Counseling Services. For marital counseling.

Court-Ordered Care. For court-ordered testing or care, unless the service is Medically Necessary.

**Custodial Care, Services/Care Other Facilities.** We do not pay services, supplies, etc. for the following:

• Custodial Care, convalescent care or rest cures.

- Domiciliary care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or school because a Member's own home arrangements are not available or are unsuitable, and consisting chiefly of room and board, even if therapy is included.
- Care provided or billed by a hotel, health resort, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or other extended care facility home for the aged, infirmary, school infirmary, institution providing education in special environments, supervised living or halfway house, or any similar facility or institution.
- Services or care provided or billed by a school, Custodial Care center for the developmentally disabled, or outward bound programs.
- Wilderness camps.

The fact that the care or services described above have been recommended, provided, performed, prescribed, or approved by a physician or other Provider will not establish that the care or services are Covered Services.

**Delivery Charges.** Charges for delivery of Prescription Drugs.

**Dental Braces.** For Dental braces unless specifically stated as a Covered Service.

Dental Implants. For Dental implants unless specifically stated as a Covered Service.

**Dental Treatment.** For dental treatment, regardless of origin or cause, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate. "Dental treatment" includes but is not limited to: Preventive care, diagnosis, treatment of or related to the teeth, jawbones (except that TMJ is a Covered Service) or gums, including but not limited to:

- extraction, restoration and replacement of teeth.
- medical or surgical treatments of dental conditions.
- services to improve dental clinical outcomes.

**Dental X Rays, Supplies & Appliances.** For Dental x rays, supplies & appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalization and anesthesia, except as required by law or specifically stated as a Covered Service. The only exceptions to this are for any of the following:

- Transplant preparation.
- Initiation of immunosuppressives.
- Treatment related to an accidental injury, cancer, or cleft palate.

**Diagnostic Admissions.** Inpatient room and board or any charges in connection with a Hospital stay primarily for diagnostic tests which could have been performed safely on an outpatient basis.

**Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year.** Drugs in amounts over the quantity prescribed, or for any refill given more than one year after the date of the original Prescription Order.

**Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits.** Drugs in quantities which are over the limits set by the Plan, or which are over any age limits set by us.

**Drugs Prescribed by Providers lacking qualifications/certifications**. Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, including certifications as determined by Anthem.

**Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription.** Drugs that do not need a prescription by federal law (including Drugs that need a prescription by state law, but not by federal law.)

**Durable Medical Equipment.** Covered Services do not include Durable Medical Equipment except as specifically stated in the Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances under "What Is Covered"

- Air conditioners
- Ice bags/coldpack pump
- Raised toilet seats

- Rental of equipment if the Member is in a Facility that is expected to provide such equipment
- Translift chairs
- Treadmill exerciser
- Tub chair used in shower

**Education/Training.** For services or supplies primarily for educational, vocational, or training purposes, such as structured teaching, applied behavior analysis, etc. except as otherwise specified herein.

Exams - Research Screenings. For examinations relating to research screenings.

**Experimental/Investigative.** Which are Experimental/Investigative or related to such, whether incurred prior to, in connection with, or subsequent to the Experimental/Investigative service or supply, as determined by Us. The fact that a service is the only available treatment for a condition will not make it eligible for coverage if we deem it to be experimental/Investigative.

**Experimental/Investigative Services exclusions.** Any Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply used in or directly related to the diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of a disease, injury, illness, or other health condition which We determine to be Experimental/Investigative is not covered under the Plan.

We will deem any Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply to be Experimental/Investigative if We determine that one or more of the following criteria apply when the service is rendered with respect to the use for which benefits are sought. The Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply:

- cannot be legally marketed in the United States without the final approval of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or other licensing or regulatory agency, and such final approval has not been granted;
- has been determined by the FDA to be contraindicated for the specific use; or
- is provided as part of a clinical research protocol or clinical trial or is provided in any other manner that is intended to evaluate the safety, toxicity, or efficacy of the Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply; or
- is subject to review and approval of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or other body serving a similar function; or
- is provided pursuant to informed consent documents that describe the Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply as Experimental/Investigative, or otherwise indicate that the safety, toxicity, or efficacy of the Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is under evaluation.

Any service not deemed Experimental/Investigative based on the criteria above may still be deemed Experimental/Investigative by Us. In determining whether a Service is Experimental/Investigative, We will consider the information described below and assess whether:

- the scientific evidence is conclusory concerning the effect of the service on health outcomes;
- the evidence demonstrates the service improves net health outcomes of the total population for whom the service might be proposed by producing beneficial effects that outweigh any harmful effects;
- the evidence demonstrates the service has been shown to be as beneficial for the total population for whom the service might be proposed as any established alternatives; and
- the evidence demonstrates the service has been shown to improve the net health outcomes of the total population for whom the service might be proposed under the usual conditions of medical practice outside clinical investigatory settings.
- published authoritative, peer-reviewed medical or scientific literature, or the absence thereof; or

- evaluations of national medical associations, consensus panels, and other technology evaluation bodies; or
- documents issued by and/or filed with the FDA or other federal, state or local agency with the authority to approve, regulate, or investigate the use of the Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply; or
- documents of an IRB or other similar body performing substantially the same function; or
- consent document(s) and/or the written protocol(s) used by the treating physicians, other medical professionals, or facilities or by other treating physicians, other medical professionals or facilities studying substantially the same Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply; or
- medical records; or
- the opinions of consulting Providers and other experts in the field.

We will identify and weigh all information and determine all questions pertaining to whether a Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is Experimental/Investigative.

**Family/Self.** Prescribed, ordered or referred by, or received from a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child/stepchild, brother/stepbrother, sister/stepsister, parent/stepparent, in-law, or self.

**Feet - Surgical Treatment.** For surgical treatment of flat feet; subluxation of the foot; weak, strained, unstable feet; tarsalgia; metatarsalgia; hyperkeratoses.

**Foot Care – Routine.** For routine foot care (including the cutting or removal of corns and calluses); nail trimming, cutting or debriding; hygienic and preventive maintenance foot care, including but not limited to:

- cleaning and soaking the feet.
- applying skin creams in order to maintain skin tone.
- other services that are performed when there is not a localized illness, injury or symptom involving the foot.

**Forms/Medical Records.** For completion of claim forms or charges for medical records or reports unless otherwise required by law.

For prescription, fitting, or purchase of eyeglasses or contact lenses except as otherwise specifically stated as a Covered Service. This Exclusion does not apply for initial prosthetic lenses or sclera shells following intra-ocular surgery, or for soft contact lenses due to a medical condition.

**Gene Therapy.** For gene therapy as well as any Drugs, procedures, health care services related to it that introduce or is related to the introduction of genetic material into a person intended to replace or correct faulty or missing genetic material.

**Government Coverage.** To the extent that they are provided as benefits by any governmental unit, unless otherwise required by law or regulation.

Gynecomastia. For surgical treatment of gynecomastia.

Hair loss or growth treatment. Items and services for the promotion, prevention, or other treatment of hair loss or hair growth.

**Health Club Memberships and Fitness Services.** For health club memberships, exercise equipment, charges from a physical fitness instructor or personal trainer, or any other charges for activities, equipment, or facilities used for developing or maintaining physical fitness, even if ordered by a physician. This exclusion also applies to health spas.

**Hearing Aids.** For hearing aids or examinations for prescribing or fitting them, except as specified in the "What Is Covered" section of this Certificate.

**Home Care.** We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for certain home care services that include but are not limited to:

- Food, housing, homemaker services and home delivered meals.
- Home or Outpatient hemodialysis services (these are covered under Therapy Services).
- Physician charges.
- Helpful environmental materials (hand rails, ramps, telephones, air conditioners, and similar services, appliances and devices.)
- Services provided by Registered Nurses and other health workers who are not acting as employees or under approved arrangements with a contracting Home Health Care Provider.
- Services provided by a member of the patient's immediate family
- Services provided by volunteer ambulance associations for which patient is not obligated to pay, visiting teachers, vocational guidance and other counselors, and services related to outside, occupational and social activities.

**Human Growth Hormone.** Human Growth Hormones for children born small for gestational age. It is only a Covered Service in other situations when allowed by Us through Prior Authorization.

Hyperhydrosis. For treatment of hyperhydrosis (excessive sweating).

**Maintenance Therapy.** For maintenance therapy, which is treatment given when no additional progress is apparent or expected to occur. Maintenance therapy includes treatment that preserves your present level of functioning and prevents loss of that functioning, but which does not result in any additional improvement.

**Manipulation Therapy – Home.** For Manipulation Therapy services rendered in the home unless specifically stated as covered under the Home Care Services benefit.

**Medical Equipment, Devices, and Supplies**. We do not provide benefits for supplies, equipment and appliances that include comfort, luxury, or convenience items or features that exceed what is Medically Necessary in your situation. Reimbursement will be based on the Maximum Allowed Amount for a standard item that is a Covered Service, serves the same purpose, and is Medically Necessary. Any expense that exceeds the Maximum Allowed Amount for the standard item which is a Covered Service is your responsibility.

**Medicare Benefits.** (1) for which benefits are payable under Medicare Parts A, B and/or D, or would have been payable if a Member had applied for Parts A and B, except, as specified elsewhere in this Certificate or as otherwise prohibited by federal law. For the purposes of the calculation of benefits, if the Member has not enrolled in Medicare Part B, We will calculate benefits as if the Member had enrolled; (2) for services or supplies provided pursuant to a private contract between the Member and a Provider, for which reimbursement under the Medicare program is prohibited as specified in Section 1802 (42 U.S.C. 1395a) of Title XVII of the Social Security Act.

Missed/Cancelled Appointments. For missed or cancelled appointments.

**No legal obligation to pay.** For which you have no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.

**Non Authorized Travel Related Expenses.** For mileage, lodging and meals costs, and other Member travel related expenses, except as authorized by Us or specifically stated as a Covered Service.

**Non-Emergency Care Received in Emergency Room.** For care received in an Emergency Room that is not Emergency Care, except as specified in the "What Is Covered" section. This includes, but is not limited to, suture removal in an Emergency Room.

**Not Medically Necessary.** Any services or supplies Which We determine are not Medically Necessary or do not meet Our medical policy, clinical coverage guidelines, or benefit policy guidelines.

**Nutritional and Dietary Supplements.** For nutritional and dietary supplements except as provided in the "**What Is Covered**" section or as required by law. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, those nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that can be purchased over the counter, which by law do not require either the written prescription or dispensing by a licensed pharmacist. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Services received for Home Infusion Therapy under the "Home Care Services" benefit.

Off label use. Off label use, unless we must cover the use by law or if we approve it.

**Over the Counter.** For Drugs, devices, products, or supplies with over the counter equivalents and any Drugs, devices, products, or supplies that are therapeutically comparable to an over the counter Drug device, product, or supply, unless specifically stated as a Covered Service in this Certificate or as required by law.

**Personal Hygiene, Environmental Control or Convenience Items.** For personal hygiene, environmental control, or convenience items including but not limited to:

- Air conditioners, humidifiers, air purifiers;
- Personal comfort and convenience items during an Inpatient stay, including but not limited to daily television rental, telephone services, cots or visitor's meals;
- Charges for non-medical self-care except as otherwise stated;
- Purchase or rental of supplies for common household use, such as water purifiers;
- Allergenic pillows, cervical neck pillows, special mattresses, or waterbeds;
- Infant helmets to treat positional plagiocephaly;
- Safety helmets for Members with neuromuscular diseases; or
- Sports helmets.

**Physical exams and immunizations - other purposes.** Physical exams and immunizations required for enrollment in any insurance program, as a condition of employment, for licensing, or for other purposes, unless the benefit has not been exhausted, and the benefit is not payable by any other source.

Physician Charges. For physician charges:

- Physician or Other Practitioners' charges for consulting with Members by telephone, facsimile machine, electronic mail systems or other consultation or medical management service not involving direct (face-to-face) care with the Member.
- Surcharges for furnishing and/or receiving medical records and reports.
- Charges for doing research with Providers not directly responsible for your care.
- Charges that are not documented in Provider records.
- Charges from an outside laboratory or shop for services in connection with an order involving devices (e.g., prosthetics, orthotics) which are manufactured by that laboratory or shop, but which are designed to be fitted and adjusted by the attending physician.
- For membership, administrative, or access fees charged by physicians or other Providers. Examples of administrative fees include, but are not limited to, fees charged for educational brochures or calling a patient to provide their test results.

Physician Stand-by Charges. For stand-by charges of a physician.

**Private Duty Nursing.** For private duty nursing services, unless home nursing services provided through home health care. Private duty nursing services in an Inpatient setting are not covered.

**Prosthetics**. We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for certain prosthetic appliances that include but are not limited to: dentures, replacing teeth or structures directly supporting teeth; dental appliances; such non-rigid appliances as elastic stockings, garter belts, arch supports and corsets; artificial heart implants; wigs (except as described above following cancer treatment); penile prosthesis in men suffering impotency resulting from disease or injury.

**Provider Services.** You get from Providers that are not licensed by law to provide Covered Services, as defined in this Certificate. Examples of such providers may include, but are not limited to, masseurs or masseuses (massage therapists) and physical therapist technicians.

**Provider Type.** Received from an individual or entity that is not a Provider, as defined in this Certificate, or recognized by Us.

**Reconstructive Services.** Reconstructive services except as specifically stated in the "What Is Covered" section, or as required by law.

**Residential Accommodations.** Residential accommodations to treat behavioral health conditions, except when provided in a Hospital or Residential Treatment Center.

Reversal of Sterilization. For reversal of sterilization.

**Sclerotherapy - Varicose Veins.** Sclerotherapy for the treatment of varicose veins of the lower extremities including ultrasonic guidance for needle and/or catheter placement and subsequent sequential ultrasound studies to assess the results of ongoing treatment of varicose veins of the lower extremities with sclerotherapy.

**Self-Help Training/Care.** For self-help training and other forms of non-medical self care, except as otherwise provided herein.

**Surrogate Pregnancy.** For any services or supplies provided to a person not covered under the Certificate in connection with a surrogate pregnancy (including, but not limited to, the bearing of a child by another woman for an infertile couple).

**Teeth - Congenital Anomaly.** Treatment of congenitally missing, malpositioned, or super numerary teeth, even if part of a congenital anomaly, except as stated in this Certificate or as required by law.

**Teeth, Jawbone, Gums.** For treatment of the teeth, jawbone or gums that is required as a result of a medical condition except as expressly required by law or specifically stated as a Covered Service.

**Telephone/Internet Consultations.** For telephone consultations or consultations via electronic mail or internet/web site, except as required by law, or specifically stated as a Covered Service.

**Temporomandibular Joint Disorder**. Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ) except as covered under your medical coverage.

**Unlisted Services.** Services not specifically stated in this Certificate as Covered Services unless a covered essential health benefit.

Vein Treatment. For treatment of telangiectatic dermal veins (spider veins) by any method.

**Vision Orthoptic Training.** For vision orthoptic training. This exclusion does not apply to Members through the end of the month in which the Member turns age 19.

**Waived Copayment, Coinsurance, or Deductible.** For any service for which you are responsible under the terms of this Certificate to pay a Copayment, Coinsurance, or Deductible and the Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible is waived by a Non-Network Provider.

**Weight Loss Programs.** For weight loss programs, whether or not they are pursued under medical or physician supervision, unless specifically listed as covered in this Certificate. This exclusion includes commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, LA Weight Loss) and fasting programs.

**Workers Compensation.** For any condition, disease, defect, ailment, or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under any Worker's Compensation Act or other similar law. If Worker's Compensation Act benefits are not available to you, then this Exclusion does not apply. This exclusion applies if you receive the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also applies whether or not you claim the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not you recover from any third party.

# **Prescription Drugs**

Your Prescription Drug benefits do not include or cover:

- Administration Charges for the administration of any Drug except for covered immunizations as approved by Us or the Pharmacy Benefits Manger (PBM).
- Clinically-Equivalent Alternatives Certain Prescription Drugs may not be covered if you could use a clinically equivalent Drug, unless required by law. "Clinically equivalent" means Drugs that for most Members, will give you similar results for a disease or condition. If you have questions about whether a certain Drug is covered and which Drugs fall into this group, please call the number on the back of your Identification Card, or visit Our website at www.anthem.com. If you or your doctor believes you need to use a different Prescription Drug, please have your doctor or pharmacist get in touch with Us. We will cover the other Prescription Drug only if We agree that it is Medically Necessary and appropriate over the clinically equivalent Drug. We will review benefits for the Prescription Drug from time to time to make sure the Drug is still Medically Necessary.
- Compound Drugs.
- Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications/Certifications. Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, including certifications as determined by Anthem.
- Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards. Drugs given to you or prescribed in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.
- Delivery Charges. Charges for delivery of Prescription Drugs.
- Drugs Given at the Provider's Office / Facility: Drugs you take at the time and place where you
  are given them or where the Prescription Order is issued. This includes samples given by a
  doctor. This Exclusion does not apply to Drugs used with a diagnostic service, Drugs given during
  chemotherapy in the office as described in the "Therapy Services" section, or Drugs covered
  under the "Medical Supplies" benefit they are Covered Services.
- Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription. Drugs that do not need a prescription by federal law (including Drugs that need a prescription by state law, but not by federal law), except for injectable insulin. This exclusion does not apply to over-the-counter drugs that We must cover under federal law when recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and prescribed by a physician.
- Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits. Drugs in quantities which are over the limits set by Anthem BCBS, or which are over any age limits set by Us.
- Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year. Drugs in amounts over the quantity prescribed, or for any refill given more than one year after the date of the original Prescription Order.
- Gene Therapy as well as any Drugs, procedures, health care services related to it that introduces or is related to the introduction of genetic material into a person intended to replace or correct faulty or missing genetic material, thus treating a disease or abnormal medical condition.
- Items Covered as Durable Medical Equipment (DME). Therapeutic DME, devices and supplies except peak flow meters, spacers, blood glucose monitors.
- Over-the-counter Drugs, devices or products, are not Covered Services.
- Lost or Stolen Drugs. Refills of lost or stolen Drugs.
- Mail Service Programs other than the PBM's Home Delivery Mail Service. Prescription Drugs dispensed by any Mail Service program other than the PBM's Home Delivery Mail Service, unless We must cover them by law.
- Drugs not approved by the FDA.
- Off label use. Off label use, unless we must cover the use by law or if We, or the PBM, approve it.
- Onchomycosis Drugs. Drugs for Onchomycosis (toenail fungus) except when We allow it to treat Members who are immuno-compromised or diabetic.
- Over-the-Counter Items. Drugs, devices and products, or Legend Drugs with over the counter equivalents and any Drugs, devices or products that are therapeutically comparable to an over

the counter Drug, device, or product. This includes Prescription Legend Drugs when any version or strength becomes available over the counter.

- Services or Supplies from Family Members. Services prescribed, ordered, referred by or received from a member of Your immediate family, including Your spouse, Domestic Partner, child/stepchild, brother/stepbrother, sister/stepsister, parent/stepparent, in-law, or self.
- Sexual Dysfunction Drugs. Drugs to treat sexual or erectile problems.
- Syringes. Hypodermic syringes except when given for use with insulin and other covered selfinjectable Drugs and medicine.
- Weight Loss Drugs. Any Drug mainly used for weight loss.
- Prescription Drugs used to treat infertility.

# **Pediatric Dental Care**

Your dental care services do not include services incurred for or in connection with any of the items below:

- Dental Care for members age 19 and older, unless covered by the medical benefits of this Certificate.
- Dental services or health care services not specifically covered under the Certificate (including any hospital charges, prescription drug charges and dental services or supplies that do not have an American Dental Association Procedure Code, unless covered by the medical benefits of this Certificate).
- Services of anesthesiologist, unless required by law.
- Anesthesia Services, (such as intravenous or non-intravenous conscious sedation and general anesthesia) are not covered when given separate from a covered oral surgery service, except as required by law.
- Dental services, appliances or restorations that are necessary to alter, restore or maintain occlusion. This includes increasing vertical dimension, replacing or stabilizing tooth structure lost by attrition, realignment of teeth, periodontal splinting and gnathologic recordings.
- Dental services provided solely for the purpose of improving the appearance of the tooth when tooth structure and function are satisfactory and no pathologic conditions (such as cavities) exist.
- Case presentations, office visits, consultations.
- Incomplete services where the final permanent appliance (denture, partial, bridge) or restoration (crown, filling) has not been placed.
- Enamel microabrasion and odontoplasty.
- Biological tests for determination of periodontal disease or pathologic agents, unless covered by the medical benefits of this Certificate.
- Collection of oral cytology samples via scraping of the oral mucosa, unless covered by the medical benefits of this Certificate.
- Separate services billed when they are an inherent component of another covered service.
- Services for the replacement of an existing partial denture with a bridge, unless the partial denture cannot satisfactorily restore the case.
- Additional, elective or enhanced prosthodontic procedures including but not limited to, connector bar(s), stress breakers and precision attachments.
- Provisional splinting.
- Adjunctive diagnostic tests.
- Cone beam images.
- Anatomical crown exposure.
- Temporary anchorage devices.
- Sinus augmentation.
- Oral hygiene instructions.
- Repair or replacement of lost or broken appliances.
- For dental services received prior to the effective date of this Certificate or received after the coverage under this Certificate has ended.
- Dental services given by someone other than a licensed provider (dentist or physician) or their employees.
- Services to treat temporomandibular joint disorder (TMJ), unless covered by the medical benefits of this Certificate.
- Occlusal or athletic mouthguards.
- Dental services for which you would have no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.
- For any condition, disease, defect, ailment or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under the Workers' Compensation Act or any similar law. This exclusion applies if a member receives the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also

applies whether or not the member claims the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not the member recovers from any third party.

# **Pediatric Vision Care**

Your vision care services do not include services incurred for or in connection with any of the items below:

- Vision care for members age 19 and older, unless covered by the medical benefits of this Certificate.
- For any condition, disease, defect, ailment or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under the Workers' Compensation Act or any similar law. This exclusion applies if a member receives the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also applies whether or not the member claims the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not the member receives from any third party.
- To the extent that they are provided as benefits by any governmental unit, unless otherwise required by law or regulation.
- For which the member has no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.
- For services or supplies prescribed, ordered or referred by, or received from a member of the Member's immediate family, including the Member's spouse or Domestic Partner, child, brother, sister or parent.
- For completion of claim forms or charges for medical records or reports.
- For missed or cancelled appointments.
- For safety glasses and accompanying frames.
- Visual therapy, such as orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
- For two pairs of glasses in lieu of bifocals.
- For plano lenses (lenses that have no refractive power).
- For medical or surgical treatment of the eyes, including inpatient or outpatient hospital vision care, except as specified in the "What Is Covered" section of this Certificate.
- Lost or broken lenses or frames, unless the member has reached their normal interval for service when seeking replacements.
- For services or supplies not specifically listed in this Certificate.
- Cosmetic lenses or options, such as special lens coatings or non-prescription lenses, unless specifically listed in this Certificate.
- For services or supplies combined with any other offer, coupon or in-store advertisement, or for certain brands of frames where the manufacturer does not allow discounts.
- No benefits are available for frames or contact lenses purchased outside of Our formulary.
- Services and materials not meeting accepted standards of optometric practice or services that are not performed by a licensed provider.

# **CLAIMS PAYMENTS**

This section describes how your claims are administered, explains the cost-sharing features of your plan, and outlines other important provisions. The specific cost sharing features, and the applicable benefit percentages and/or limitations, are outlined in the "Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits" section.

We consider covered services to be incurred on the date a service is provided. This is important because you must be actively enrolled on the date the service is provided.

## **Maximum Allowed Amount**

#### General

This provision describes how We determine the amount of reimbursement for Covered Services.

Reimbursement for services rendered by Network and Non-Network Providers is based on Your Certificate's Maximum Allowed Amount for the Covered Service that You receive. Please also see "Inter-Plan Programs" provision for additional information.

The Maximum Allowed Amount for this Certificate is the maximum amount of reimbursement We will allow for services and supplies:

- that meet Our definition of Covered Services, to the extent such services and supplies are covered under Your Certificate and are not excluded;
- that are Medically Necessary; and
- that are provided in accordance with all applicable Prior Authorization, utilization management, or other requirements set forth in Your Certificate.

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent You have not met Your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance.

Generally, services received from a Non-Network Provider under this Certificate are not covered except for Emergency care, or when services have been previously authorized by Us. When You receive Covered Services from a Non-Network Provider either in an Emergency or when services have been previously authorized, You will be responsible for any Cost-Shares, as if the Covered Services had been obtained from a Network Provider.

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

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

#### **Provider Network Status**

The Maximum Allowed Amount may vary depending upon whether the Provider is a Network or a Non-Network Provider.

A Network Provider is a Provider who is in the managed network for this specific product or in other closely managed specialty network, or who has a participation contract with Us. For Covered Services performed by a Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for Your Certificate is the rate the Provider has agreed with Us to accept as reimbursement for the Covered Services. Because Network Providers have agreed to accept the Maximum Allowed Amount as payment in full for those Covered Services, they should not send You a bill or collect for amounts above the Maximum Allowed Amount. However, You may receive a bill or be asked to pay all or a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent You have not met Your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. Please call Member Services for help in finding a Network Provider or visit Our website www.anthem.com.

Providers who have not signed any contract with Us and are not in any of Our networks are Non-Network Providers, subject to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association rules governing claims filed by certain ancillary Providers. If You use a Non-Network Provider, Your entire claim will be denied except for Emergency care, or unless the services were previously authorized by Us.

For Covered Services You receive in an Emergency or if previously authorized from a Non-Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Certificate will be one of the following as determined by Us:

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

Providers who are not contracted for this product, but are contracted for other products with Us are also considered Non-Network. For this Certificate the Maximum Allowed Amount for services from these Providers will be one of the five methods shown above unless the contract between Anthem and that Provider specifies a different amount.

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

Except in the case of Emergency Care or when Anthem has previously authorized Covered Services from a Non-Network Provider, Non-Network Providers may send You a bill and collect for the amount of the Provider's charge that exceeds Our Maximum Allowed Amount. This amount can be significant. Choosing a Network Provider will likely result in lower out of pocket costs to You. Please call Member Services for help in finding a Network Provider or visit Our website at www.anthem.com.

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

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

#### Member Cost Share

For certain Covered Services and depending on Your plan design, You may be required to pay a part of the Maximum Allowed Amount as Your Cost-Share amount (for example, Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance).

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

In some instances You may only be asked to pay the lower Network Cost-Sharing amount when You use a Non-Network Provider. For example, if You go to a Network Hospital or Provider Facility and receive Covered Services from a Non-Network Provider such as a radiologist, anesthesiologist or pathologist who is employed by or contracted with a Network Hospital or Facility, You will pay the Network Cost-Share amounts for those Covered Services. However, You also may be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Non-Network Provider's charge.

The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Certificate's Cost-Share amounts; see Your "Schedule of Cost-Shares and Benefits" for Your applicable amounts.

Example: Your Certificate has a Coinsurance Cost-Share of 20% for Network services after Deductible has been met.

You undergo a non-Emergency surgical procedure in a Network Hospital. The Hospital has contracted with a Non-Network anesthesiologist to perform the anesthesiology services for the surgery. You have no control over the anesthesiologist used.

- The Non-Network anesthesiologist's charge for the service is \$1,200. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the anesthesiology service is \$950; Your Coinsurance responsibility is 20% of \$950, or \$190 and the remaining allowance from Us is 80% of \$950, or \$760. You may receive a bill from the anesthesiologist for the difference between \$1,200 and \$950. Provided the Deductible has been met, your total out of pocket responsibility would be \$190 (20% Coinsurance responsibility) plus an additional \$250, for a total of \$440.
- You choose a Network surgeon. The charge was \$2,500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery is \$1500; your Coinsurance responsibility when a Network surgeon is used is 20% of \$1500, or \$300. We allow 80% of \$1,500, or \$1,200. The Network surgeon accepts the total of \$1500 as reimbursement for the surgery regardless of the charges. Your total out of pocket responsibility would be \$300.
- You choose a Non-Network surgeon. Unless previously authorized by Us, all services will be denied and you will be responsible for the total amount billed.

#### **Authorized Services**

In some circumstances, such as where there is no Network Provider available for the Covered Service, We may authorize the Network Cost-Share amounts (Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance) to apply to a claim for a Covered Service You receive from a Non-Network Provider. In such circumstance, You must contact Anthem in advance of obtaining the Covered Service. We also may authorize the Network Cost-Share amounts to apply to a claim for Covered Services if You receive Emergency services from a Non-Network Provider and are not able to contact Anthem until after the Covered Service is rendered. You will only be liable for the Network Cost-Share amount, if Our authorization was due to a Network Provider not being available for the Covered Services You required. Please contact Member Services for authorization services information or to request authorization.

#### **Deductible Calculation**

Each family Member's Maximum Allowed Amounts for Covered Services is applied to his or her individual Deductible. Once two or more family Members' Maximum Allowed Amounts for Covered Services combine to equal the family Deductible, then no other individual Deductible needs to be met for that Calendar Year. No one person can contribute more than his/her individual Deductible to the family Deductible.

The Deductible applies to most Covered Services even those with a zero percent Coinsurance. An example of services not subject to the Deductible is Network Preventive Care Services required by law.

Generally, Copayments are not subject to and do not apply to the Deductible, however to confirm how your plan works, please refer to the **"Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits."** 

The Deductible and Copayment/Coinsurance amounts incurred in a Calendar Year apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit.

#### **Out-of-Pocket Limit Calculation**

The Deductible, Coinsurance, and Copayment amounts incurred in a Calendar Year apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit.

The individual Out-of-Pocket Limit applies to each covered family Member. Once two or more covered family Members' Out-of-Pocket Limits combine to equal the family Out-of-Pocket Limit amount, the Out-of-Pocket Limit will be satisfied for the family for that Calendar Year. No one person can contribute more than their individual Out-of-Pocket Limit.

Once the Out-of-Pocket Limit is satisfied, no additional Cost-Sharing will be required for the remainder of the Calendar Year.

#### What Does Not Count Toward the Out-of-Pocket Limit

Not all amounts that you pay toward your health care costs are counted toward your Out-of-Pocket Limit. Some items never count toward the Out-of-Pocket Limit, and once your Out-of-Pocket Limit has been met, they are never paid at 100%. These items include:

- amounts over the Maximum Allowed Amount;
- amounts over any Certificate maximum or limitation; and
- expenses for services not covered under this Certificate.

#### **Inter-Plan Arrangements**

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

#### Overview

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

When you receive care outside of the Anthem Service Area, you will receive it from one of two kinds of Providers. Most Providers ("participating providers") contract with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that geographic area ("Host Blue"). Some Providers ("nonparticipating providers") don't contract with the Host Blue. We explain below how we pay both kinds of Providers. Anthem covers only limited healthcare services received outside of the Anthem Service Area. For example, Emergency Care, or Urgent Care obtained outside the Anthem Service Area is always covered. Any other services will not be covered when processed through any Inter-Plan Arrangements, unless authorized by Anthem.

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

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

#### A. BlueCard® Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **BlueCard Program**

If you receive Covered Services under a value-based program inside a Host Blue's service area, you will not be responsible for paying any of the Provider Incentives, risk-sharing, and/or care coordinator fees that are a part of such an arrangement, except when a Host Blue passes these fees to Anthem through average pricing or fee schedule adjustments. Additional information is available upon request.

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

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

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

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

When Covered Services are provided outside of Anthem's Service Area by non-participating providers, We may determine benefits and make payment based on pricing from either the Host Blue or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In these situations, the amount you pay for such services as deductible, copayment or coinsurance will be based on that allowed amount. Also, except in the case of Emergency Care, you may be responsible for the difference between the amount that the non-participating provider bills and the payment We will make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph. Federal or state law, as applicable, will govern payments for out-of-network emergency services.

#### 2. Exceptions

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

#### E. BlueCard Worldwide® Program

If you plan to travel outside the United States, call Member Services to find out your BlueCard Worldwide benefits. Benefits for services received outside of the United States may be different from services received in the United States. The plan only covers Emergency Care, including ambulance, and Urgent Care outside of the United States. Remember to take an up-to-date health ID card with you.

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

Keep in mind, if you need emergency medical care, go to the nearest hospital. There is no need to call before you receive care. Please refer to the "Requesting Approval for Benefits" section.

#### How Claims are Paid with BlueCard Worldwide

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

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

- Doctors services;
- Inpatient hospital care not arranged through BlueCard Worldwide; and
- Outpatient services.

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

When you need BlueCard Worldwide claim forms you can get international claims forms in the following ways:

- Call the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center at the numbers above; or
- Online at www.bluecardworldwide.com.

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

#### **Network or Non-Network Providers**

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

In some instances, you may only be asked to pay the lower Network Cost-Sharing amount when you use a Non-Network Provider. For example, if you go to a Network/Participating Hospital or Provider Facility and receive Covered Services from a Non-Network Provider such as a radiologist, anesthesiologist or pathologist who is employed by or contracted with a Network Hospital or facility, you will pay the Network Cost-Share amounts for those Covered Services. However, you also may be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Non-Network Provider's charge.

# **Claims Review for Fraud, Waste and Abuse**

Anthem has processes to review claims before and after payment to detect fraud, waste, abuse and other inappropriate activity. Notwithstanding language in this Certificate describing instances in which You will be held harmless for charges from Non-Network Providers exceeding your Coinsurance or Copayment, You could be balanced billed by the Non-Network Provider for those services that are determined to be not payable as a result of these review processes. A claim may also be determined to be not payable due to a Provider's failure to submit medical records with the claims that are under review in these processes.

# **Payment Innovation Programs**

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

These Programs may vary in methodology and subject area of focus and may be modified by Us from time to time, but they will be generally designed to tie a certain portion of a Network Provider's total compensation to pre-defined quality, cost, efficiency or service standards or metrics. In some instances, Network Providers may be required to make payment to Us under the Program as a consequence of failing to meet these pre-defined standards.

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

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

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

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

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

# **Payment of Benefits**

You authorize Us to make payments directly to Providers giving Covered Services for which We provide benefits under this Certificate. We also reserve the right to make payments directly to you.

Payments may also be made to, and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims, an Alternate Recipient, or that person's custodial parent or designated representative. Any payments made by Us will discharge Our obligation to pay for Covered Services.

You cannot assign your right to receive payment to anyone else, except as required by a "Qualified Medical Child Support Order" as defined by ERISA.

Once a Provider gives a Covered Service, We will not honor a request for Us to withhold payment of the claims submitted.

# Assignment

Payments may not be assigned without Our written approval. The coverage and any benefits under this Certificate are not assignable by any Member without the written consent of the Plan, except as described in this Certificate.

#### Payment Owed to You at Death

Any benefits owed at your death will be paid to your estate. If there is no estate, We may pay such benefits to a relative (by blood or by marriage) who appears to be equitably entitled to payment.

# Notice of Claim & Proof of Loss

After you get Covered Services, We must receive written notice of your claim within 90 days in order for benefits to be paid. The claim must have the information We need to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, We will ask for more details and it must be sent to Us within the time listed below or no benefits will be covered, unless required by law.

In certain cases, you may have some extra time to file a claim. If We did not get your claim within 90 days, but it is sent in as soon as reasonably possible and within one year after the 90-day period ends (i.e., within 15 months), you may still be able to get benefits. However, any claims, or additional information on claims, sent in more than 15 months after you get Covered Services will be denied except in the absence of legal capacity of the applicable member or in the case of fraud by a Provider.

If We cannot complete processing of a claim because you or your Provider do not provide Us with the additional information within 90 days of Our request, the claim will be denied. We will reopen and process the claim if you or your Provider submit additional information within the timeframes specified above.

Under Ohio law, you have the right to obtain an itemized copy of your billed charges from the Hospital or Facility which provided services.

#### **Claim Forms**

Claim forms will usually be available from most Providers. If forms are not available, send a written request for claim forms to Us or contact Member Services and ask for claim forms to be sent to you. The form will be sent to you within 15 days. If you do not receive the forms, written notice of services rendered may be submitted to Us without the claim form. The same information that would be given on the claim form must be included in the written notice of claim. This includes:

- Name of patient
- Patient's relationship with the Subscriber
- Identification number
- Date, type and place of service
- Your signature and the physician's signature

# **Time Benefits Payable**

We will pay all benefits within 30 days for clean claims filed electronically or filed on paper. "Clean claims" means a claim submitted by you or a Provider that has no defect, impropriety, or particular circumstance requiring special treatment preventing payment. If We have not received the information We need to process a claim, We will ask for the additional information necessary to complete the claim. Generally, you will receive a copy of that request for additional information, for your information. In those cases, We cannot complete the processing of the claim until the additional information requested has been received. We generally will make Our request for additional information within 30 days of Our initial receipt of the claim and will complete Our processing of the claim within 15 days after Our receipt of all requested information.

At our discretion, benefit will be paid to you or the Provider of services. You may not assign any payment. If other parties have paid benefits under this Plan, We may reimburse those parties and be fully discharged from that portion of its liability.

#### Member's Cooperation

Each Member shall complete and submit to the Plan such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents as may be requested by the Plan in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Worker's Compensation or any other governmental program. Any Member who fails to cooperate (including a Member who fails to enroll under Part B of the Medicare program where Medicare is the responsible payor) will be responsible for any charge for services.

# **Plan Information Practices Notice**

The purpose of this information practices notice is to provide a notice to Members regarding the Plan's standards for the collection, use, and disclosure of information gathered in connection with the Plan's business activities.

- The Plan may collect personal information about a Member from persons or entities other than the Member.
- The Plan may disclose Member information to persons or entities outside of the Plan without Member authorization in certain circumstances.
- A Member has a right of access and correction with respect to all personal information collected by the Plan.
- A more detailed notice will be furnished to you upon request.

# **Explanation of Benefits**

After you receive medical care, you will generally receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The EOB is a summary of the coverage you receive. The EOB is not a bill, but a statement from Us to help you understand the coverage you are receiving. The EOB shows:

- Total amounts charged for services/supplies received
- The amount of the charges satisfied by your coverage
- The amount for which you are responsible (if any)
- General information about your appeals rights and for ERISA plans, information regarding the right to bring action after the Appeals Process.

# **Limitation of Actions**

No lawsuit or legal action of any kind related to a benefit decision may be filed by you in a court of law or in any other forum unless it is commenced no earlier than 60 days after We receive the claim or other request for benefits and within 3 years after expiration of the time within which notice of claim is required by the Certificate. You must exhaust the Plan's appeal procedures before filing a lawsuit or other legal action of any kind against the Plan, with the exception of the external appeals process.

# IF YOU ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE PLAN

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

Please note that several terms specific to this provision are listed below. For this provision, the terms below will have the meanings, as describe in this section. Some of these terms may have different meanings, in other parts of the Certificate. In the rest of the Certificate, the meaning of a term can be determined based on the "**Definitions**" section, provided at the end of this Certificate.

The order of benefit determination rules govern the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits. The Plan that pays first is called the Primary Plan. The Primary Plan must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses. The Plan that pays after the Primary Plan is the Secondary Plan. The Secondary Plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense.

#### **Coordination of Benefits Definitions**

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

- Plan includes: group and non-group insurance contracts, health insuring corporation ("HIC") 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.
- 2) Plan does not include: hospital indemnity coverage 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) is a separate Plan. If a Plan has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate Plan.

This Plan means, the part of the contract providing 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.

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

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

Allowable Expense is a health care expense, including Deductibles, Coinsurance and Copayments that is covered at least in part by any Plan covering You. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any Plan covering the person is not an Allowable Expense. In addition, any expense that a Provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging You is not an Allowable Expense.

The Allowable Expense under COB is generally the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans' allowable amounts. A Network Provider can bill You for any remaining Coinsurance, Deductible and/or Copayment

under the higher of the Plans' allowable amounts. This higher allowable amount may be more than Our Maximum Allowed Amount.

The following are not Allowable Expenses:

- (1) The difference between the cost of a semi-private hospital room and a private Hospital room is not an Allowable Expense, unless one of the Plans provides coverage for private Hospital room expenses.
- (2) If a person is covered by 2 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 You are covered by 2 or more Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an Allowable Expense.
- (4) If You are covered by one Plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement 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 Member 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.
- (6) The amount that is subject to the Primary high-deductible health Plan's Deductible, if We have been advised by You that all Plans covering You are high-deductible health plans and You intend to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- (7) Any amounts incurred or claims made under the Prescription Drug program of This Plan.

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

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

# **Order of Benefit Determination Rules**

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

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

Except as provided in the paragraph below, a Plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this COB provision is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying Plan is primary.

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 excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are placed over base Plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a Closed Panel Plan to provide out-of-network benefits.

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

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

**Rule (1) Non-Dependent or Dependent**. The Plan that covers You other than as a Dependent, for example as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers You as a Dependent is the Secondary Plan. However, if 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.

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

- (A) For a Dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - The Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary Plan; or
  - If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered the parent the longest is the Primary Plan; or
  - If one spouse's Plan has some other coordination rule (for example, a "gender rule" which says the father's Plan is always primary), We will follow the rules of that Plan.
- (B) For a Dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. This rule applies to Plan years commencing after the Plan is given notice of the court decree;
  - If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, Rule (2)(A) above shall determine the order of benefits;
  - If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the Dependent child, Rule (2)(A) above shall determine the order of benefits; or
  - If there is no court decree assigning responsibility for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:
    - The Plan covering the Custodial parent;
    - o The Plan covering the spouse of the Custodial parent;
    - The Plan covering the non-Custodial parent; and then
    - o The Plan covering the spouse of the non-Custodial parent.
- (C) For a Dependent child covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, Rule (2)(A) or Rule (2)(B)0 above shall determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.

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

**Rule (4) COBRA or State Continuation Coverage**. If You are covered under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law, the Plan covering You 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 Rule (1) above can determine the order of benefits.

**Rule (5) Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage**. The Plan that covered You as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree longer is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covered You the shorter period of time is the Secondary Plan.

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

# Effect on the Benefit of This Plan

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

Because the Allowable Expense is generally the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans' allowable amounts, a network Provider can bill You for any remaining Coinsurance, Deductible and/or Copayment under the higher allowable amount. 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.

If You are enrolled in two or more Closed Panel Plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel provider, benefits are not payable by one Closed Panel Plan; COB 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.

# **Facility of Payment**

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 that 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 the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

# **Right of Recovery**

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

# **Coordination Disputes**

If you believe that we have not paid a claim properly, you should first attempt to resolve the problem by contacting us. Follow the steps described in the **"If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal"** section of the

Certificate. If you are still not satisfied, you may call the Ohio Department of Insurance for instructions on filing a consumer complaint. Call 1-800-686-1526, or visit the Department's website at http://insurance.ohio.gov.

# **Coordination with Medicare**

Any benefits covered under both This Plan and Medicare will be paid pursuant to Medicare Secondary Payor legislation, regulations, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidelines, subject to federal court decisions. Federal law controls whenever there is a conflict among state law, Plan provisions, and federal law.

Except when federal law requires the Plan to be the primary payor, the benefits under This Plan for Members age 65 and older, or Members otherwise eligible for Medicare, do not duplicate any benefit for which Members are entitled under Medicare. Where Medicare is the responsible payor, all sums payable by Medicare for services provided to Members shall be reimbursed by or on behalf of the Members to the Plan, to the extent the Plan has made payment for such services. For the purpose of the calculation of benefits, if the Member has not enrolled in the Medicare Part B, We will calculate benefits as if they had enrolled.

# IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT OR AN APPEAL

Our Member Services representatives are trained to answer your questions about your health benefit plan. Please call during business hours, Monday through Friday, with questions regarding:

- Your coverage and benefit levels, including Coinsurance and Copayment amounts,
- Specific claims or services you have received,
- Doctors or Hospitals in the Network,
- Referral processes or authorizations,
- Provider directories.

Complaint and Appeal procedures have been established to provide fair, reasonable, and timely solutions to complaints that you may have concerning the Plan. The Plan invites you to share any concerns that you may have over benefit determinations, coverage and eligibility issues, or the quality of care rendered by medical Providers in Our Networks.

#### **The Complaint Procedure**

We want your experience with Us to be as positive as possible. There may be times, however, when you have a complaint, problem, or question about your Plan or a service you have received. In those cases, please contact Member Services by calling the number on the back of your ID Card. We will try to resolve your complaint informally by talking to your Provider or reviewing your claim.

A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction that can often be resolved by an explanation from Us of Our procedures and your Certificate. You may submit your complaint by letter or by telephone call. If your complaint involves issues of Covered Services, you may be asked to sign a release of information form so We can request records for Our review.

You will be notified of the resolution of your complaint if a claim or request for benefits is denied in whole or in part. We will explain why benefits were denied and describe your rights under the Appeal Procedure. If you are not satisfied with the resolution of your complaint, you have the right to file an Appeal which is defined as follows:

#### **Appeal Procedures**

As a Member of this Plan you have the right to appeal decisions to deny or limit your health care benefits. The explanation of why We denied your claim or request for benefits will describe the steps you should follow to initiate your appeal and how the appeal process works.

An appeal is a request from you for Us to change a previous determination or to address a concern you have regarding confidentiality or privacy.

Please refer to the "Prescription Drugs" provision labeled "Prescription Drug List" in the "What Is Covered" section of the Certificate for the process for submitting an exception request for Drugs not on the Prescription Drug list.

#### **Internal Appeals**

An initial determination by Us can be appealed for internal review known as an appeal. The Plan will advise you of your rights to appeal further if a denial occurs after determination of an appeal.

You have the right to designate a representative (e.g. your physician) to file appeals with Us on your behalf and to represent you throughout the appeals process. If a representative is seeking an appeal on your behalf, We must obtain a signed Designation of Representation (DOR) form from you. The appeal process will not begin until We have received the properly completed DOR form except that if a physician requests expedited review of an appeal on your behalf, the physician will be deemed to be your designee

for the limited purpose of filing for expedited review of the appeal without receipt of a signed form. We will forward a Designation of Representation form to you for completion in all other situations.

We will accept oral or written comments, documents or other information relating to an appeal from the Member or the Member's Provider by telephone, facsimile or other reasonable means. Members are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, documents, records, and other information relevant to the Member's appeal.

To obtain information on Our appeal procedures or to file an oral appeal please call the toll free Member Services number listed on the back of your Plan Identification Card or the number provided for appeals on any written notice of an adverse decision that you receive from Us.

We will also accept appeals filed in writing. If you wish to file your appeal in writing, you must mail it to: Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, P.O. Box 105568, Atlanta, GA 30348-5568, or to the address provided for filing an appeal on any written notice of an adverse decision that you receive from Us.

# Appeals

Appeals are reviewed by persons who did not make the initial determination and who are not the subordinates of the initial reviewer. If a clinical issue is involved, We will use a clinical peer for this review. A clinical peer is a physician or Provider who has the same license as the Provider who will perform or has performed the service. The clinical peer will review your medical records and determine if the service is covered by your Certificate. If the clinical peer determines that the service is not covered by your Certificate We must pay for the service; if the clinical peer determines that the service is not covered We may deny the services.

If you are appealing an adverse precertification decision other than a retrospective post-claim review decision (i.e., an adverse prospective, concurrent or retrospective pre-claim review decision) or the denial of any prior approval required by the Plan, We will provide you with a written response indicating Our decision within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances but not later than 30 calendar days of the date We receive your appeal request. If more information is needed to make a decision on your Appeal, We will send a written request for the information after receipt of the Appeal. No extensions of time for additional information may be taken on these Appeals without the permission of the Member. Therefore, We will make a decision based upon the available information if the additional information requested is not received.

If you are appealing any other type of adverse decision (including retrospective post-claim review decisions) and sufficient information is available to decide the Appeal, We will provide you with a written response indicating Our decision within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances but not later than 30 calendar days from receipt of the Appeal request. If more information is needed to make a decision on your Appeal, We shall send a written request for the information after receipt of the Appeal. If the additional information requested is not received within 45 calendar days of the Appeal request, We shall conduct its review based upon the available information.

# **Dental Coverage Appeals**

Please submit appeals regarding Your dental coverage to the following address:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield P. O. Box 1122 Minneapolis, MN 55440-1122

#### **Blue View Vision Coverage Appeals**

Please submit appeals regarding Your vision coverage to the following address:

Blue View Vision 555 Middle Creek Parkway Colorado Springs, CO 80921

#### **Expedited Reviews**

Expedited Review of an appeal may be initiated orally, in writing, or by other reasonable means available to you or your Provider. Expedited Review is available only if the medical care for which coverage is being denied has not yet been rendered. We will complete expedited review of an appeal as soon as possible given the medical exigencies but no later than seventy-two hours (72 hours) after Our receipt of the request and will communicate Our decision by telephone to your attending physician or the ordering Provider. We will also provide written notice of Our determination to you, your attending physician or ordering Provider, and the facility rendering the service.

You may request an expedited review for:

- 1. Any claim for medical care or treatment with respect to which the application of the time periods for making non-urgent care determinations:
- Could seriously jeopardize your life or health or your ability to regain maximum function, or,
- 2. In the opinion of a physician with knowledge of your medical condition, would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the claim.

Except as provided above, a claim involving urgent care is to be determined by an individual acting on behalf of the Plan applying the judgment of a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine.

Any claim that a physician with knowledge of your medical condition determines is a claim involving urgent care

# **Exhaustion of Internal Appeals Process**

The internal appeal process must be exhausted prior to initiating an external review except in the following instances:

- We agree to waive the exhaustion requirement; or
- You did not receive a written decision of Our internal appeal within the required time frame; or
- We failed to meet all requirements of the internal appeal process unless the failure:
  - 1. Was de minimis (minor)
  - 2. Does not cause or is not likely to cause prejudice or harm to you;
  - 3. Was for good cause and beyond Our control:
  - 4. Is not reflective of a pattern or practice of non-compliance; or
- An expedited external review is sought simultaneously with an expedited internal review.

#### **External Review**

Definitions as used in the External Review section include the following:

"Adverse benefit determination" means a decision by a health plan issuer:

- To deny, reduce, or terminate a requested health care service or payment in whole or in part, including all of the following:
- A determination that the health care service does not meet the health plan issuer's requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care, or effectiveness, including experimental or investigational treatments;
- A determination of an individual's eligibility for individual health insurance coverage, including coverage offered to individuals through a non employer group, to participate in a plan or health insurance coverage;
- A determination that a health care service is not a covered benefit;
- The imposition of an exclusion, including exclusions for pre-existing conditions, source of injury, network, or any other limitation on benefits that would otherwise be covered.
- Not to issue individual health insurance coverage to an applicant, including coverage offered to individuals through a non-employer group;

• To rescind coverage on a health benefit plan.

**"Authorized representative"** means an individual who represents a covered person in an internal appeal or external review process of an adverse benefit determination who is any of the following:

- A person to whom a covered individual has given express, written consent to represent that individual in an internal appeals process or external review process of an adverse benefit determination;
- A person authorized by law to provide substituted consent for a covered individual;
- A family member or a treating health care professional, but only when the covered person is unable to provide consent.

**"Covered person"** means a policyholder, subscriber, enrollee, member, or individual covered by a health benefit plan. "Covered person" does include the covered person's authorized representative with regard to an internal appeal or external review.

"Covered benefits" or "benefits" means those health care services to which a covered person is entitled under the terms of a health benefit plan.

"Emergency medical condition" means a medical condition that manifests itself by such acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain that a prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in any of the following:

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

"Emergency services" means the following:

- A medical screening examination, as required by federal law, that is within the capability of the emergency department of a hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department, to evaluate an emergency medical condition;
- Such further medical examination and treatment that are required by federal law to stabilize an emergency medical condition and are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the hospital, including any trauma and burn center of the hospital.

**"Final adverse benefit determination"** means an adverse benefit determination that is upheld at the completion of a health plan issuer's internal appeals process.

**"Health benefit plan"** means a policy, contract, certificate, or agreement offered by a health plan issuer to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health care services.

"Health care services" means services for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure, or relief of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease.

"Health plan issuer" means an entity subject to the insurance laws and rules of this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of the superintendent of insurance, that contracts, or offers to contract to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health care services under a health benefit plan, including a sickness and accident insurance company, a health insuring corporation, a fraternal benefit society, a self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangement, or a nonfederal, government health plan. "Health plan issuer" includes a third party administrator to the extent that the benefits that such an entity is contracted to administer under a health benefit plan are subject to the insurance laws and rules of this state or subject to the jurisdiction of the superintendent.

"Independent review organization" means an entity that is accredited to conduct independent external reviews of adverse benefit determinations.

"**Rescission**" or "**to rescind**" means a cancellation or discontinuance of coverage that has a retroactive effect. "Rescission" does not include a termination or discontinuance of coverage that has only a prospective effect or a termination or discontinuance of coverage that is effective retroactively to the

extent it is attributable to a failure to timely pay required premiums or contributions towards the cost of coverage.

**"Stabilize"** means the provision of such medical treatment as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability that no material deterioration of a covered person's medical condition is likely to result from or occur during a transfer, if the medical condition could result in any of the following:

- Placing the health of the covered person or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy;
  - a. Serious impairment to bodily functions;
  - b. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.
- In the case of a woman having contractions, "stabilize" means such medical treatment as may be necessary to deliver, including the placenta.

"Superintendent" means the superintendent of insurance.

#### **Understanding the External Review Process**

Under Chapter 3922 of the Ohio Revised Code all health plan issuers must provide a process that allows a person covered under a health benefit plan or a person applying for health benefit plan coverage to request an independent external review of an adverse benefit determination. This is a summary of that external review process. An adverse benefit determination is a decision by Us to deny benefits because services are not covered, are excluded, or limited under the plan, or the covered person is not eligible to receive the benefit.

The adverse benefit determination may involve an issue of medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, or level of care or effectiveness. An adverse benefit determination can also be a decision to deny health benefit plan coverage or to rescind coverage.

#### **Opportunity for External Review**

An external review may be conducted by an Independent Review Organization (IRO) or by the Ohio Department of Insurance. The covered person does not pay for the external review. There is no minimum cost of health care services denied in order to qualify for an external review. However, the covered person must generally exhaust the health plan issuer's internal appeal process before seeking an external review. Exceptions to this requirement will be included in the notice of the adverse benefit determination.

**External Review by an IRO.** A covered person is entitled to an external review by an IRO in the following instances:

- The adverse benefit determination involves a medical judgment or is based on any medical information.
- The adverse benefit determination indicates the requested service is experimental or investigational, the requested health care service is not explicitly excluded in the covered person's health benefit plan, and the treating physician certifies at least one of the following:
  - a. Standard health care services have not been effective in improving the condition of the covered person.
  - b. Standard health care services are not medically appropriate for the covered person.
  - c. No available standard health care service covered by Us is more beneficial than the requested health care service.

There are two types of IRO reviews, standard and expedited. A standard review is normally completed within 30 days. An expedited review for urgent medical situations is normally completed within 72 hours and can be requested if any of the following applies:

• The covered person's treating physician certifies that the adverse benefit determination involves a medical condition that could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the

covered person or would jeopardize the covered person's ability to regain maximum function if treatment is delayed until after the time frame of an expedited internal appeal.

- The covered person's treating physician certifies that the final adverse benefit determination involves a medical condition that could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the covered person or would jeopardize the covered person's ability to regain maximum function if treatment is delayed until after the time frame of a standard external review.
- The final adverse benefit determination concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care service for which the covered person received emergency services, but has not yet been discharged from a facility.
- An expedited internal appeal is already in progress for an adverse benefit determination
  of experimental or investigational treatment and the covered person's treating physician
  certifies in writing that the recommended health care service or treatment would be
  significantly less effective if not promptly initiated.

NOTE: An expedited external review is not available for retrospective final adverse benefit determinations (meaning the health care service has already been provided to the covered person).

**External Review by the Ohio Department of Insurance.** A covered person is entitled to an external review by the Department in the either of the following instances:

- The adverse benefit determination is based on a contractual issue that does not involve a medical judgment or medical information.
- The adverse benefit determination for an emergency medical condition indicates that medical condition did not meet the definition of emergency AND Our decision has already been upheld through an external review by an IRO.

# **Request for External Review**

Regardless of whether the external review case is to be reviewed by an IRO or the Department of Insurance, the covered person, or an authorized representative, must request an external review through Us within 180 days of the date of the notice of final adverse benefit determination issued by Us. All requests must be in writing, except for a request for an expedited external review. Expedited external reviews may be requested electronically or orally; however written confirmation of the request must be submitted to Us no later than five (5) days after the initial request. The covered person will be required to consent to the release of applicable medical records and sign a medical records release authorization.

If the request is complete We will initiate the external review and notify the covered person in writing, or immediately in the case of an expedited review, that the request is complete and eligible for external review. The notice will include the name and contact information for the assigned IRO or the Ohio Department of Insurance (as applicable) for the purpose of submitting additional information. When a standard review is requested, the notice will inform the covered person that, within 10 business days after receipt of the notice, they may submit additional information in writing to the IRO or the Ohio Department of Insurance (as applicable) for consideration in the review. We will also forward all documents and information used to make the adverse benefit determination to the assigned IRO or the Ohio Department of Insurance (as applicable).

If the request is not complete We will inform the covered person in writing and specify what information is needed to make the request complete. If We determine that the adverse benefit determination is not eligible for external review, We must notify the covered person in writing and provide the covered person with the reason for the denial and inform the covered person that the denial may be appealed to the Ohio Department of Insurance.

The Ohio Department of Insurance may determine the request is eligible for external review regardless of the decision by Us and require that the request be referred for external review. The Department's decision will be made in accordance with the terms of the health benefit plan and all applicable provisions of the law.

#### **IRO Assignment**

When We initiate an external review by an IRO, the Ohio Department of Insurance web based system randomly assigns the review to an accredited IRO that is qualified to conduct the review based on the type of health care service. An IRO that has a conflict of interest with Us, the covered person, the health care provider or the health care facility will not be selected to conduct the review.

#### **IRO Review and Decision**

The IRO must consider all documents and information considered by Us in making the adverse benefit determination, any information submitted by the covered person and other information such as; the covered person's medical records, the attending health care professional's recommendation, consulting reports from appropriate health care professionals, the terms of coverage under the health benefit plan, the most appropriate practice guidelines, clinical review criteria used by the health plan issuer or its utilization review organization, and the opinions of the IRO's clinical reviewers.

The IRO will provide a written notice of its decision within 30 days of receipt by Us of a request for a standard review or within 72 hours of receipt by Us of a request for an expedited review. This notice will be sent to the covered person, Us and the Ohio Department of Insurance and must include the following information:

- A general description of the reason for the request for external review.
- The date the independent review organization was assigned by the Ohio Department of Insurance to conduct the external review.
- The dates over which the external review was conducted.
- The date on which the independent review organization's decision was made.
- The rationale for its decision.
- References to the evidence or documentation, including any evidence-based standards, that was used or considered in reaching its decision.

NOTE: Written decisions of an IRO concerning an adverse benefit determination that involves a health care treatment or service that is stated to be experimental or investigational also includes the principle reason(s) for the IRO's decision and the written opinion of each clinical reviewer including their recommendation and their rationale for the recommendation.

# **Binding Nature of External Review Decision**

An external review decision is binding on Us except to the extent We have other remedies available under state law. The decision is also binding on the covered person except to the extent the covered person has other remedies available under applicable state or federal law. A covered person may not file a subsequent request for an external review involving the same adverse benefit determination that was previously reviewed unless new medical or scientific evidence is submitted to Us.

# If You Have Questions About Your Rights or Need Assistance

You may contact Us:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield P.O. Box 105568, Atlanta, GA 30348-5568 To contact us by phone, please call the number on back of your identification card Fax: 1-888-859-3046

For online appeal requests, please contact us at: www.anthem.com

You may also contact the Ohio Department of Insurance:

Ohio Department of Insurance ATTN: Consumer Affairs 50 West Town Street, Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43215 800-686-1526/614-644-2673 614-644-3744 (fax) 614-644-3745 (TDD) Contact ODI Consumer Affairs

https://secured.insurance.ohio.gov/ConsumServ/ConServComments.asp

File a Consumer Complaint:

http://insurance.ohio.gov/Consumer/OCS/Pages/ConsCompl.aspx

# **Appeal Filing Time Limit**

We expect that you will use good faith to file an appeal on a timely basis. However, We will not review an appeal if it is received after 180 days have passed since the incident leading to your appeal, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

# Appeals by Members of ERISA Plans

If you are covered under a Group plan which is subject to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), you must file an appeal prior to bringing a civil action under 29 U.S.C. 1132§502(a).

# WHEN MEMBERSHIP CHANGES (ELIGIBILITY)

The benefits, terms and conditions of this Certificate are applicable to individuals who are determined by the Exchange to be Qualified Individuals for purposes of enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP).

# **Subscriber Eligibility**

To be eligible for membership as a Subscriber under this Certificate, the applicant must:

- 1. Be determined by the Exchange to be a Qualified Individual for enrollment in a QHP;
- 2. Be qualified by the Exchange as eligible and under the age of 30, unless otherwise specified, if applying to purchase a Catastrophic Plan;
- 3. Be a United States citizen or national; or
- 4. Be a lawfully present non-citizen for the entire period for which coverage is sought; and
- 5. Be a resident of the State of Ohio and meet the following applicable residency standards:

For a Qualified Individual age 21 and over, the applicant must:

- Not be living in an institution;
- Be capable of indicating intent;
- Not be receiving optional State supplementary payments (SSP); and
- Reside in the Service Area of the Exchange.

For a Qualified Individual under age 21, the applicant must:

- Not be living in an institution;
- Not be eligible for Medicaid based on receipt of federal payments for foster care and adoption assistance under Social Security;
- Not be emancipated;
- Not be receiving optional State supplementary payments (SSP); and
- Reside in the Service Area of the Exchange.
- 6. Agree to pay for the cost of Premium that Anthem requires;
- 7. Reveal any coordination of benefits arrangements or other health benefit arrangements for the applicant or Dependents as they become effective;
- 8. Not be incarcerated (except pending disposition of charges);
- 9. Not be entitled to or enrolled in Medicare Parts A/B and/or D;
- 10. Not be covered by any other group or individual health benefit plan.

For purposes of Eligibility, a Qualified Individual's service area is the area in which the Qualified Individual:

- 1. resides, intends to reside (including without a fixed address); or
- 2. has entered without a job commitment.

For Qualified Individuals under age 21, the service area is that of the parent or caretaker with whom the Qualified Individual resides.

For tax households with Members in multiple Exchange Service Areas:

- 1. If all of the members of a tax household are not living within the same Exchange service area, any member of the tax household may enroll in a Qualified Health Plan through any of the Exchanges for which one of the tax filers meets the residency requirements.
- 2. If both spouses in a tax household enroll in a Qualified Health Plan through the same Exchange, a tax dependent may only enroll in a Qualified Health Plan through that Exchange, or through the Exchange that services the area in which the dependent meets a residency standard.

# **Dependent Eligibility**

To be eligible for coverage to enroll as a Dependent, you must be listed on the enrollment form completed by the Subscriber, be determined by the Exchange to be a Qualified Individual, meet all Dependent eligibility criteria established by the Exchange and be:

- 1. The Subscriber's legal spouse.
- 2. The Subscriber's Domestic Partner Domestic Partner or Domestic Partnership means a person of the same or opposite sex for whom all of the following are true: he or she is the Subscriber's sole Domestic Partner and has been for twelve (12) months or more; he or she is mentally competent; neither the Subscriber nor the Domestic Partner is related in any way including by adoption or blood) that would prohibit him or her from being married under state law; he or she is not married to or separated from anyone else; and he or she is financially interdependent with the Subscriber.
  - a. For purposes of this Certificate, a Domestic Partner shall be treated the same as a Spouse, and a Domestic Partner's Child, adopted Child, or Child for whom a Domestic Partner has legal guardianship shall be treated the same as any other Child.
  - b. A Domestic Partner's or a Domestic Partner's Child's Coverage ends at the end of the month of the date of dissolution of the Domestic Partnership.
  - c. To apply for coverage as Domestic Partners, both the Subscriber and the eligible Domestic Partner are required to complete and sign an Enrollment Application, meet all criteria stated on the Enrollment Application and submit the Enrollment Application to the Exchange. The Exchange will make the ultimate decision in determining eligibility of the Domestic Partner.
- 3. The Subscriber's or the Subscriber's spouse's children, including stepchildren, newborn and legally adopted children to the end of the month in which they turn age 26;
- 4. Children for whom the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse is a legal guardian, to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.

Eligibility will be continued past the age limit only for those already enrolled Dependents who cannot work to support themselves by reason of intellectual or physical disability. These Dependents must be allowed as a federal tax exemption by the Subscriber or Subscriber's spouse. The Dependent's disability must start before the end of the period he or she would become ineligible for coverage. The Exchange must certify the Dependent's eligibility. The Exchange must be informed of the Dependent's eligibility for continuation of coverage within 60 days after the date the Dependent would normally become ineligible. You must notify the Exchange if the Dependent's tax exemption status changes and if he or she is no longer eligible for coverage.

The Exchange may require the Subscriber to submit proof of continued eligibility for any Dependent. Your failure to provide this information could result in termination of a Dependent's coverage.

Temporary custody is not sufficient to establish eligibility under this Certificate. Any foster child who is eligible for benefits provided by any governmental program or law will not be eligible for coverage under this Certificate unless required by the laws of this state.

# **Open Enrollment**

As established by the rules of the Exchange, Qualified Individuals are only permitted to enroll in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP), or as an enrollee to change QHPs, during the annual open enrollment period or a special enrollment period for which the Qualified Individual has experienced a qualifying event.

An annual open enrollment period is provided for Qualified Individuals and enrollees. Qualified Individuals may enroll in a QHP, and enrollees may change QHPs at that time according to rules established by the Exchange.

American Indians are authorized to move from one QHP to another QHP once per month.

# **Changes Affecting Eligibility and Special Enrollment**

A special enrollment period is a period during which a Qualified Individual or enrollee who experiences certain qualifying events or changes in eligibility may enroll in, or change enrollment in, a QHP through the Exchange, outside of the annual open enrollment period.

Length of special enrollment periods: Unless specifically stated otherwise, a Qualified Individual or enrollee has 60 calendar days from the date of a triggering event to select a QHP.

The Exchange must allow Qualified Individuals and enrollees to enroll in or change from one QHP to another as a result of the following triggering events:

- A Qualified Individual or Dependent loses Minimum Essential Coverage;
- A Qualified Individual gains a Dependent or becomes a Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption;
- An individual, not previously a citizen, national, or lawfully present gains such status;
- A Qualified Individual's enrollment or non-enrollment in a QHP is unintentional, inadvertent, or erroneous and is the result of an error of the Exchange or the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), or its instrumentalities as determined by the Exchange. In such cases, the Exchange may take such action as may be necessary to correct or eliminate the effects of such error;
- An enrollee demonstrates to the Exchange that the QHP in which he or she is enrolled substantially violated a material provision of its contract in relation to the enrollee;
- An individual is determined newly eligible or newly ineligible for Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit or has a change in eligibility for Cost-Sharing reductions, regardless of whether such individual is already enrolled in a QHP;
- The Exchange must permit individuals whose existing coverage through an eligible employer sponsored plan will no longer be affordable or provide minimum value for his or her employer's upcoming Plan Year to access this special enrollment period prior to the end of his or her coverage through such eligible employer-sponsored plan;
- A Qualified Individual or enrollee gains access to new QHPs as a result of a permanent move, provided he or she had Minimum Essential Coverage in effect for one or more days of the 60 days prior to the move; and
- A Qualified Individual or enrollee demonstrates to the Exchange, in accordance with HHS guidelines, that the individual meets other exceptional circumstances as the Exchange may provide.

Qualified Individuals are free to move between metal levels during special enrollment periods

#### Newborn and Adopted Child Coverage

Newborn children of the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse will be covered for an initial period of 31 days from the date of birth. To continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, please contact the Exchange within 60 days of the date of birth to add the child to the Subscriber's Certificate and you must pay Anthem timely for any additional Premium due.

A child will be considered adopted from the earlier of: (1) the moment of placement for adoption; or (2) the date of an entry of an order granting custody of the child to you. The child will continue to be considered adopted unless the child is removed from your home prior to issuance of a legal decree of adoption. Please contact the Exchange within 60 days of the placement for adoption or date of adoption to add the child to the Subscriber's Certificate and you must pay Anthem timely for any additional Premium due.

#### Adding a Child due to Award of Guardianship

If a Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse files an application for appointment of guardianship of a child, an application to cover the child under the Subscriber's Certificate must be submitted to the Exchange

within 60 days of the date the appointment of guardianship is granted. Coverage will be effective on the date the appointment of guardianship is awarded by the court.

#### **Court Ordered Health Coverage**

If you are required by a court order, as defined by applicable state or federal law, to enroll your child under this Certificate, and the child is otherwise eligible for the coverage, you must request permission from the Exchange for your child to enroll under this Certificate and once approved by the Exchange, We will provide the benefits of this Certificate in accordance with the applicable requirements of such order.

A child's coverage under this provision will not extend beyond any Dependent age limit. Any claims payable under this Certificate will be paid, at Our discretion, to the child or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, for any expenses paid by the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian. We will make information available to the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian on how to obtain benefits and submit claims to Us directly.

# **Effective Date of Coverage**

The earliest Effective date for the annual open enrollment period is the first day of the following Benefit Year for a Qualified Individual who has made a QHP selection during the annual open enrollment period. The applicant's Effective Date is determined by the Exchange based on the receipt of the completed enrollment form. Benefits will not be provided until the applicable Premium is paid to Anthem.

Effective dates for special enrollment periods:

- In the case of birth, adoption or placement for adoption, coverage is effective on the date of birth, adoption, or placement for adoption unless the Subscriber timely requests a different Effective Date. Advance payments of the premium tax credit and Cost-Sharing reductions, if applicable, are not effective until the first day of the following month, unless the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption occurs on the first day of the month;
- 2. In the case of marriage, coverage is effective on the first day of the month after receipt of the application, as long as the application is received within 60 days of the event; and
- 3. In the case where a Qualified Individual loses Minimum Essential Coverage, coverage is effective based on when a complete application is received, which must be within 60 days of the qualifying event.

Effective dates for special enrollment due to loss of Minimum Essential Coverage includes loss of eligibility for coverage as a result of:

- 1. Legal separation or divorce;
- 2. Cessation of Dependent status, such as attaining the maximum age;
- 3. Death of an employee;
- 4. Termination of employment;
- 5. Reduction in the number of hours of employment; or
- 6. Any loss of eligibility for coverage after a period that is measured by reference to any of the foregoing;
  - Individual who no longer resides, lives or works in the Plan's Service Area,
  - A situation in which a plan no longer offers any benefits to the class of similarly situated individuals that includes the individual,
  - Termination of employer contributions, and
  - Exhaustion of COBRA benefits.

Effective dates for special enrollment due to loss of Minimum Essential Coverage do not include termination or loss due to:

- 1. Failure to pay premiums on a timely basis, including COBRA premiums prior to expiration of COBRA coverage, or
- 2. Situations allowing for a rescission such as fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

#### **Notice of Changes**

The Subscriber is responsible to notify the Exchange of any changes that will affect his or her eligibility or that of Dependents for services or benefits under: this Certificate. The Exchange must be notified of any changes as soon as possible but no later than within 60 days of the event. This includes changes in address, marriage, divorce, death, change of Dependent disability or dependency status. Failure to notify the Exchange of persons no longer eligible for services will not obligate Us to pay for such services. Acceptance of Premium for persons no longer eligible for services will not obligate Us to pay for such services.

Family Coverage should be changed to Single Coverage when only the Subscriber is eligible. When notice is provided within 60 days of the event, the Effective Date of coverage is the event date causing the change to Single Coverage. The Exchange must be notified when a Member becomes eligible for Medicare.

All notifications must be in writing and on approved forms or as otherwise required by the Exchange. Such notifications must include all information required to effect the necessary changes.

#### **Statements and Forms**

Subscribers or applicants for membership shall complete and submit to the Exchange applications or other forms or statements the Exchange may request. Subscribers or applicants for membership represent to the best of their knowledge and belief that all information contained in such applications, questionnaires, forms, or statements submitted to the Exchange is true, correct, and complete. Subscribers and applicants for membership understand that all rights to benefits under this Certificate are subject to the condition that all such information is true, correct and complete. Any act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact by the Member may result in termination or rescission of coverage.

# WHEN MEMBERSHIP ENDS (TERMINATION)

This section describes how coverage for a Member can be terminated, cancelled, rescinded, suspended or not renewed.

#### **Termination of the Member**

Unless prohibited by law, the Member's coverage will terminate if any of the following occurs:

- 1. The Member terminates his or her coverage with appropriate notice to the Exchange;
- 2. The Member no longer meets eligibility requirements for coverage in a QHP through the Exchange (examples: divorce, dissolution of domestic partnership, overage Dependent, moves outside the Service Area, etc.). In this case, the Exchange will send a notice to the Member. Coverage ends on the last day of the month following the month in which the Exchange notifies the Member (unless the Member requests an earlier termination date);
- 3. The Member fails to pay his or her Premium, and the grace period has been exhausted;
- 4. Rescission of the Member's coverage;
- 5. The QHP terminates or is decertified;
- 6. The Member changes to another QHP; or
- 7. The QHP issuer may terminate coverage as permitted by the Exchange. The Member will be notified by the QHP as required by law.

"Grace Period" refers to the 3-month grace period required for individuals receiving Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit; in this case, the last day of coverage will be the last day of the first month of the 3-month grace period.

#### **Effective Dates of Termination**

Termination of coverage is effective on the following date(s):

- 1. In the case of termination initiated by the Member, the last day of coverage is:
  - a. The termination date specified by the Member, if reasonable notice is provided;
  - b. Fourteen days after the termination is requested, if the Member does not provide reasonable notice; or
  - c. On a date determined by the Member's QHP issuer, if the Member's QHP issuer is able to implement termination in fewer than fourteen days and the Member requests an earlier termination effective date.
- 2. If the Member is newly eligible for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or the Basic Health Plan, the last day of coverage is the day before such coverage begins.
- 3. In the case where a Member is no longer eligible for coverage in a QHP through the Exchange (examples: divorce, dissolution of domestic partnership, overage Dependent, move outside the Service Area, etc.), the last day of coverage is the last day of the month following the month in which notice is sent by the Exchange, unless the Member requests an earlier termination effective date.
- 4. In the case of a termination for non-payment of Premium and the 3-month grace period required for Members receiving Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit has been exhausted, the last day of coverage will be the last day of the first month of the 3-month grace period.
- 5. In the case of a termination for non-payment of Premium, and the Member is not receiving Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit, the last day of coverage is the last day for which Premium is paid.
- 6. In the case of a termination when a Member changes QHPs, the last day of coverage in a Member's prior QHP is the day before the Effective Date of coverage in his or her new QHP.
- 7. The day following the Member's death. When a Subscriber dies, the surviving spouse or Domestic Partner of the deceased Subscriber, if covered under theCertificate, shall become the Subscriber.

"Reasonable notice" is defined as fourteen days prior to the requested effective date of termination.

#### **Guaranteed Renewable**

Coverage under this Certificate is guaranteed renewable at the option of the Group Contract holder and provided the Member is a Qualified Individual as determined by the Exchange. The Member may renew this Certificate by payment of the renewal Premium by the Premium due date, provided the following requirements are satisfied:

- 1. Eligibility criteria as a Qualified Individual continues to be met.
- 2. There are no fraudulent or intentional misrepresentations of material fact on the application or under the terms of this Certificate.
- 3. This Certificate has not been terminated by the Exchange.

#### Loss of Eligibility

Coverage ends for a Member when he or she no longer meets the eligibility requirements for coverage. You must timely furnish to the Exchange or the QHP issuer any information requested regarding your eligibility and the eligibility of your Dependents. Failure to give timely notification of a loss of eligibility will not obligate Us to provide benefits for ineligible persons, even if We have accepted Premiums or paid benefits.

# Rescission

If within two (2) years after the Effective Date of this Certificate, We discover any act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact that you or your covered Dependents did not disclose on the application, We may terminate or rescind this Certificate as of the original Effective Date. Additionally, if within two (2) years after adding an additional Dependent (excluding newborn children of the Subscriber added within 31days of birth), We discover any act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact that you or your covered Dependent did not disclose on the application, We may terminate or rescind coverage for the additional covered Dependent as of his or her original Effective Date. We will give you at least 30 days written notice prior to rescission of this Certificate.

This Certificate may also be terminated if you engage in fraudulent conduct, furnish Us fraudulent or misleading material information relating to claims or if you knowingly participate in or permit fraud or deception by any Provider, vendor or any other person associated with this Certificate. Termination will be effective 31 days after Our notice of termination is mailed. We will also terminate your Dependent's coverage, effective on the date your coverage is terminated.

You are responsible to pay Us for the cost of previously received services based on the Maximum Allowed Amount for such services, less any Copayment/Coinsurance made or Premium paid for such services. After the two (2) years following your Effective Date, We may only rescind or terminate your coverage on the basis of any act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud.

# **Discontinuation of Coverage**

We can refuse to renew your Certificate if we decide to discontinue a health coverage product that We offer in the individual market. If we discontinue a health coverage product, we will provide you with at least 90 days notice of the discontinuation. In addition, you will be given the option to purchase any health coverage plan that We currently offer without regard to claims status or health history. Discontinuation will not affect an existing claim.

#### **Grace Period**

If the Subscriber does not pay the full amount of the Premium by the Premium due date, the grace period is triggered. The grace period is an additional period of time during which coverage may remain in effect

and refers to the 3-month grace period required for individuals receiving Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit (APTC).

If the Subscriber does not pay the required premium by the end of the grace period, the Certificate is terminated. The application of the grace period to claims is based on the date of service and not on the date the claim was submitted.

# **Subscriber Receives APTC**

If the Subscriber receiving the APTC has previously paid at least one month's premium in a Benefit Period, We must provide a grace period of at least three consecutive months. During the grace period, We must apply any payment received to the first billing cycle in which payment was delinquent and continue to collect the APTC. If full Premium payment is not received during the grace period, the last day of coverage will be the last day of the first month of the 3-month grace period. We must pay claims during the first month of the grace period but may pend claims in the second and third months subject to Anthem's right to terminate the Certificate as provided herein. You will be liable to Us for the Premium payment due including those for the grace period. You will also be liable to Us for any claims payments made for services incurred after the last day of the first month of the 3-month grace period.

# After Termination

Once this Certificate is terminated, the former Members cannot reapply until the next annual open enrollment period unless they experience an event that qualifies for a special enrollment period prior to the annual open enrollment period.

# **Removal of Members**

A Subscriber may terminate the enrollment of any Member from the Plan. If this happens, no benefits will be provided for Covered Services received after the Member's termination date.

# **Refund of Premium**

Upon Termination, We shall return promptly the unearned portion of any Premium paid.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COVERAGE

# **Administrative Fee**

An administrative fee of \$20 will be charged for any check, automatic deduction, or Electronic Funds Transfer which is returned or dishonored by the financial institution as non-payable to Anthem for any reason.

#### **Care Coordination**

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

#### Change to Form or Content of Certificate

No agent or employee of the Plan is authorized to change the form or content of this Certificate. Such changes can be made only through an endorsement authorized and signed by an officer of the Plan.

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

In the event of circumstances not within the control of the Plan, including but not limited to, a major disaster, epidemic, the complete or partial destruction of facilities, riot, civil, insurrection, disability of a significant part of a Network Provider's personnel or similar causes, or the rendering of health care services provided under this Certificate is delayed or rendered impractical, the Plan shall make a good-faith effort to arrange for an alternative method of providing coverage. In such event, the Plan and Network Providers shall render health care services provided under this Certificate insofar as practical, and according to their best judgment; but the Plan and Network Providers shall incur no liability or obligation for delay, or failure to provide or arrange for services if such failure or delay is caused by such an event.

#### **Disagreement with Recommended Treatment**

Each Member enrolls in the Plan with the understanding that the Provider is responsible for determining the treatment appropriate for his or her care. You may, for personal reasons, refuse to accept procedures or treatment by Providers. Providers may regard such refusal to accept their recommendations as incompatible with continuance of the physician-patient relationship and as obstructing the provision of proper medical care. Providers shall use their best efforts to render all Medically Necessary and appropriate health care services in a manner compatible with your wishes, insofar as this can be done consistently with the Provider's judgment as to the requirements of proper medical practice.

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

#### **Entire Contract**

Note: the laws of the state in which the Group Contract was issued will apply unless otherwise stated herein.

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

#### **Headings**

The headings and captions in this Certificate are not to be considered a part of this Certificate and are inserted only for purposes of convenience.

#### Insolvency

If the Plan would become insolvent, you may be financially responsible for health care services rendered by a Non-Network Provider even if those services were an Authorized Service. Services from a Network Provider, other than Inpatient Services from a Hospital or other Facility Provider, may continue as needed to complete any Medically Necessary procedures commenced but unfinished at the time of the Plan's insolvency or discontinuance of operations. Inpatient services from a Hospital or Facility may be continued for up to 30 days after the Plan becomes insolvent. We are not a member of any guaranty fund and you are protected only to the extent of the hold harmless feature included in our contracts with In-Network Providers.

#### Interpretation of Certificate

The laws of the State which issued the Certificate of Authority to the Plan, shall be applied to the interpretations of this Certificate. Where applicable, the interpretation of this Certificate shall be guided by the pre-paid nature of the Plan's operations as opposed to a fee-for-service indemnity basis.

# **Medical Policy and Technology Assessment**

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

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

#### **Misstatement of Age**

If a Member's age has been misstated, We will adjust the Premiums and/or benefits under this Certificate. The benefits will be the amount the Premiums paid would have purchased at the correct age.

#### **Modifications**

This Certificate shall be subject to amendment, modification, and termination in accordance with any of its provisions, the Group Contract, or by mutual agreement between the Plan and the Trust without the consent or concurrence of any Member. Any amendments are subject to approval by the Department of Insurance prior to use. By electing medical and hospital coverage under the Plan or accepting the Plan

benefits, all Members legally capable of contracting and the legal representatives of all Members incapable of contracting agree to all terms, conditions, and provisions hereof.

#### **Other Government Programs**

Except insofar as applicable law would require the Plan to be the primary payor, the benefits under this Certificate shall not duplicate any benefits to which Members are entitled or for which they are eligible under any other governmental program. To the extent the Plan has duplicated such benefits, all sums payable under such programs for services to Members shall be paid by or on behalf of the Member to the Plan.

#### **Plan's Sole Discretion**

The Plan may, at its sole discretion, cover services and supplies not specifically covered by the Certificate. This applies if the Plan determines such services and supplies are in lieu of more expensive services and supplies which would otherwise be required for the care and treatment of a Member.

#### **Policies and Procedures**

The Plan may adopt reasonable policies, procedures, rules and interpretations to promote the orderly and efficient administration of this Certificate with which a Member shall comply.

#### Premium

You shall have the responsibility for remitting payments to Anthem as they come due. Even if you have not received a Premium notice from Anthem, you are still obligated to pay, at a minimum, the amount of the prior Premium notice.

The amount of Premium is also printed on your Premium notice; however, this amount is subject to change. We have the right to increase a Member's Premium at any time in the future. We will not increase Premium for any reason without giving you at least 30 days written notice. We will then send you a new notice with the new Premium amount.

If a Premium increase is necessary, We will bill you for the extra amount due. If this amount is not paid, this Certificate will be terminated at the end of the period for which full Premiums have been paid and you will receive a refund of any unearned Premium.

If a decrease in Premium is appropriate, We will adjust what is owed to Us and let you know the new amount of Premium due. We will refund or credit the overage amount.

If We have not charged the proper amount of Premium, We will let you know the new amount of Premium due from you. We will refund or credit the overage amount which has been overpaid to Us. You must pay Us any amounts which should have been paid but were not.

If Premium has been paid for any period of time after the date you terminate this Certificate, We will refund that Premium to you. The refund will be for that period of time after your coverage ends. Also, if a Member dies while this Certificate is in force, We will refund the Premium paid for such Member for any period after the date of the Member's death to you or your estate.

#### • Changes in Premiums

The rates are guaranteed for the twelve (12) month period following the first day of the Benefit Year. The Premium for this Certificate may change subject to, and as permitted by, applicable law. You will be notified of a Premium change at the address in Our records 30 days in advance. Any such change will apply to Premiums due on or after the Effective Date of change. If advance Premiums have been paid beyond the Effective Date of a rate change, such Premiums will be adjusted as of that Effective Date to comply with the rate change. Additional Premiums may be billed, if necessary, for future periods.

#### Premium Refund

Premium refunds shall not be retroactive, unless such request is made within the first ten (10) days after you receive the Certificate.

#### **Program Incentives**

We may offer incentives from time to time, at Our discretion, in order to introduce You to covered programs and services available under this Certificate. The purpose of these incentives include, but is not limited to, making You aware of cost effective benefit options or services, helping You achieve Your best health, encouraging You to update member-related information and encouraging You to enroll automatically to pay Premiums electronically. These incentives may be offered in various forms such as retailer coupons, gift cards, health related merchandise, and discounts on fees or member cost shares. Acceptance of these incentives is voluntary as long as Anthem offers the incentives program. We may discontinue an incentive for a particular covered program or service at any time. If You have any questions about whether receipt of an incentive or retailer coupon results in taxable income to You, We recommend that You consult Your tax advisor.

#### **Voluntary Clinical Quality Programs**

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

# **Reservation of Discretionary Authority**

The following provision only applies where the interpretation of this Certificate is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), 20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.

The Plan, or anyone acting on Our behalf, shall determine the administration of benefits and eligibility for participation in such a manner that has a rational relationship to the terms set forth herein. However, We, or anyone acting on Our behalf, has complete discretion to determine the administration of your benefits.

Our determination shall be final and conclusive and may include, without limitation, determination of whether the services, care, treatment, or supplies are Medically Necessary, Investigational/Experimental, whether surgery is cosmetic, and whether charges are consistent with Our Maximum Allowed Amount. However, a Member may utilize all applicable Complaint and Appeals procedures.

The Plan, or anyone acting on Our behalf, shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate to enable it to carry out its duties in connection with the operation and administration of the Certificate. This includes, without limitation, the power to construe the Certificate, to determine all questions arising under the Certificate and to make, establish and amend the rules, regulations and procedures with regard to the interpretation and administration of the provisions of this Certificate. However, these powers shall be exercised in such a manner that has reasonable relationship to the provisions of the Group Contract, the Certificate, Provider agreements, and applicable state or federal laws. A specific limitation or exclusion will override more general benefit language.

#### Severability

In the event that any provision is this Certificate is declared legally invalid by a court of law, such provision will be severable and all other provisions of the Certificate will remain in force and effect.

#### **Subrogation and Reimbursement**

These provisions apply when We pay benefits as a result of injuries or illness you sustained and you have a right to a Recovery or have received a Recovery.

#### Subrogation

We have the right to recover payments We make on your behalf from any party responsible for compensating you for your injuries. The following apply:

- We have first priority for the benefits We have paid from any Recovery regardless of whether you are fully compensated, and regardless of whether the payments you receive make you whole for your losses and injuries.
- You and your legal representative must do whatever is necessary to enable Us to exercise Our rights and do nothing to prejudice them.
- We have the right to take whatever legal action We see fit against any party or entity to recover the benefits paid under your Plan.
- If your Recovery is less than the full value of your claim for damages as outlined in Ohio Rev. Stat. § 2323.44, Our claim shall be diminished in the same proportion as your interest is diminished.
- To the extent that the total assets from which a Recovery is available are insufficient to satisfy in full Our subrogation claim and any claim still held by you, Our subrogation claim shall be first satisfied before any part of a Recovery is applied to your claim, your attorney fees, other expenses or costs.
- We are not responsible for any attorney fees, other expenses or costs you incur. We further agree that the "common fund" doctrine does not apply to any funds recovered by any attorney you hire regardless of whether funds recovered are used to repay benefits paid by Us.

#### Reimbursement

If you obtain a Recovery and We have not been repaid for the benefits We paid on your behalf, We shall have a right to be repaid from the Recovery in the amount of the benefits paid on your behalf and the following apply:

- You must promptly reimburse Us to the extent of benefits We paid on your behalf from any Recovery.
- Notwithstanding any allocation made in a settlement agreement or court order, We shall have a right of reimbursement, in first priority, against any Recovery.
- If your Recovery is less than the full value of your claim for damages as outlined in Ohio Rev. Stat. § 2323.44, Our claim shall be diminished in the same proportion as your interest is diminished.
- You and your legal representative must hold in trust for Us the proceeds of the gross Recovery (i.e., the total amount of your Recovery before attorney fees, other expenses or costs) to be paid to Us immediately upon your receipt of the Recovery. You must reimburse Us, in first priority and without any set-off or reduction for attorney fees, other expenses or costs. The "common fund" doctrine does not apply to any funds recovered by any attorney you hire regardless of whether funds recovered are used to repay benefits paid by Us.
- Any Recovery you obtain must not be dissipated or disbursed until such time as we have been repaid in accordance with these provisions.
- If you fail to repay Us, We shall be entitled to deduct any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount of benefits We have paid or the amount of your Recovery whichever is less, from any future benefit under the Plan if:
- The amount We paid on your behalf is not repaid or otherwise recovered by Us; or
- You fail to cooperate.

In the event that you fail to disclose to Us the amount of your settlement, We shall be entitled to deduct the amount of Our lien from any future benefit under the Plan.

- We shall also be entitled to recover any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount We have paid or the amount of your settlement, whichever is less, directly from the Providers to whom We have made payments. In such a circumstance, it may then be your obligation to pay the Provider the full billed amount, and We would not have any obligation to pay the Provider.
- We are entitled to reimbursement from any Recovery, in first priority, even if the Recovery does not fully satisfy the judgment, settlement or underlying claim for damages or fully compensate or make you whole.

#### **Your Duties**

- You must notify Us promptly of how, when and where an accident or incident resulting in personal injury or illness to you occurred and all information regarding the parties involved and any other information requested by Us.
- You must cooperate with Us in the investigation, settlement and protection of Our rights.
- You must not do anything to prejudice Our rights.
- You must send Us copies of all police reports, notices or other papers received in connection with the accident or incident resulting in personal injury or illness to you.
- You must promptly notify Us if you retain an attorney or if a lawsuit is filed on your behalf.
- You must immediately notify us if a trial is commenced, if a settlement occurs or if potentially dispositive motions are filed in a case.

#### **Right of Recovery and Adjustment**

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

We have oversight responsibility of compliance with Provider and vendor contracts. We may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a Provider or vendor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible. Additionally, we have established recovery and adjustment policies to determine which recoveries and adjustments are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery or adjustment amounts. We will not pursue recoveries for overpayments or adjustments for underpayments if the cost of the activity exceeds the overpayment or underpayment amount. We may not give you notice of overpayments made by Us or you if the recovery method makes providing such notice administratively burdensome.

#### Waiver

No agent or other person, except an authorized officer of the Plan, has authority to waive any conditions or restrictions of this Certificate, to extend the time for making a payment to the Plan, or to bind the Plan by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information.

# Worker's Compensation

The benefits under this Certificate are not designed to duplicate any benefit for which Members are eligible under the Worker's Compensation Law. All sums paid or payable by Worker's Compensation for services provided to Members shall be reimbursed by, or on behalf of, the Member to the Plan to the extent the Plan has made or makes payment for such services. It is understood that coverage hereunder is not in lieu of, and shall not affect, any requirements for coverage under Worker's Compensation.

# **MEMBER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

As a Member, you have rights and responsibilities when receiving health care. As your health care partner, we want to make sure your rights are respected while providing your health benefits. That means giving you access to our network of health care providers and the information you need to make the best decisions for your health. As a Member, you should also take an active role in your care.

#### You have the right to:

- Speak freely and privately with your health care providers about all health care options and treatment needed for your condition, no matter what the cost or whether it is covered under your plan.
- Work with your doctors to make choices about your health care.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Expect Us to keep your personal health information private by following our privacy policies, and state and Federal laws.
- Get the information you need to help make sure you get the most from your health plan, and share your feedback. This includes information on:
  - our company and services;
  - our network of health care providers;
  - your rights and responsibilities;
  - the rules of your health plan;
  - the way your health plan works.
- Make a complaint or file an appeal about:
  - your health plan and any care you receive;
  - any covered service or benefit decision that your health plan makes.
- Say no to care, for any condition, sickness or disease, without it having an effect on any care you may get in the future. This includes asking your doctor to tell you how that may affect your health now and in the future.
- Get the most up-to-date information from a health care provider about the cause of your illness, your treatment and what may result from it. You can ask for help if you do not understand this information.

#### You have the responsibility to:

- Read all information about your health benefits and ask for help if you have questions.
- Follow all health plan rules and policies.
- Choose a Network Primary Care Physician, also called a PCP, if your health plan requires it.
- Treat all doctors, health care providers and staff with respect.
- Keep all scheduled appointments. Call your health care provider's office if you may be late or need to cancel.
- Understand your health problems as well as you can and work with your health care providers to make a treatment plan that you all agree on.
- Inform your health care providers if you don't understand any type of care you're getting or what they want you to do as part of your care plan.
- Follow the health care plan that you have agreed on with your health care providers.

- Give Us, your doctors and other health care providers the information needed to help you get the best possible care and all the benefits you are eligible for under your health plan. This may include information about other health insurance benefits you have along with your coverage with Us.
- Inform Member Services if you have any changes to your name, address or family members covered under your plan.

If you would like more information, have comments, or would like to contact Us, please go to anthem.com and select Customer Support > Contact Us. Or call the Member Services number on your ID card.

We want to provide high quality benefits and Member Services to our members. Benefits and coverage for services given under the plan are overseen by your Certificate or Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits and not by this Member Rights and Responsibilities statement.

## DEFINITIONS

The following terms, defined in this section, are capitalized throughout the Certificate so they are easy to identify.

Advance Payments Of The Premium Tax Credit (APTC) - The term Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit means payment of the tax credits which are provided on an advance basis to an eligible individual enrolled in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) through an Exchange.

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

**Alternative Care Facility** – a non-Hospital health care facility, or an attached facility designated as free standing by a Hospital, that the Plan approves, which provides Outpatient Services primarily for but not limited to:

- 1. Diagnostic Services such as Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT scan) or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI);
- 2. Surgery;
- 3. Therapy Services or rehabilitation.

**American Indian** - The term American Indian means an individual who is a member of a Federally Recognized Indian tribe. A tribe is defined as any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska native village or regional or village corporation which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States because of their status as Indians.

**Authorized Service** - A Covered Service rendered by any Provider other than a Network Provider, which has been authorized in advance (except for Emergency Care which may be authorized after the service is rendered) by Us to be paid at the Network level. The Member may be responsible for the difference between the Non-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount, in addition to any applicable Network Copayment/Coinsurance and Deductible.

Behavioral Health Conditions - See Mental Health and Substance Abuse definition.

**Benefit Period** - The period of time that We pay benefits for Covered Services. The Benefit Period is a calendar year for this Plan, as listed in the Schedule of Cost-Shares and Benefits. If your coverage ends earlier, the Benefit Period ends at the same time.

**Benefit Period Maximum** - The maximum We will pay for specific Covered Services during a Benefit Period.

**Benefit Year** - The term Benefit Year means a calendar year for which a health plan provides coverage for health benefits.

**Biosimilar/Biosimilars** – A type of biological product that is licensed (approved) by FDA because it is highly similar to an already FDA-approved biological product, known as the biological reference product (reference product), and has been shown to have no clinically meaningful difference from the reference product.

**Brand Name Drug** – The term Brand Name Drug means Prescription Drugs that the PBM has classified as Brand Name Drugs through use of an independent proprietary industry database.

Calendar Year - see "Benefit Period" above.

**Certificate** – This summary of the terms of your benefits. It is attached to and is a part of the Group Contract and it is subject to the terms of the Group Contract.

**Clinical Trial** – The term Clinical Trial means an organized, systematic, scientific study of therapies, tests or other clinical interventions for purposes of treatment or palliation or therapeutic intervention for the prevention of cancer or disabling or life-threatening chronic disease in human beings.

**Coinsurance** - Your share of the costs of a covered health care service, calculated as a percent (for example, 20%) of the allowed amount for the service. You pay Coinsurance plus any Deductibles you owe. For example, if the health insurance or plan's allowed amount for an office visit is \$100 and you've met your Deductible, your Coinsurance payment of 20% would be \$20. The health insurance or plan pays the rest of the allowed amount. Your Coinsurance will not be reduced by refunds, rebates or any other form of negotiated post-payment adjustments.

**Contract** – The agreement between the Trustee and Us, referred to as the Contract or Group Contract, as may be amended from time to time.

**Copayment** – A fixed amount (for example, \$15) you pay for a covered health care service, usually when you receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of covered health care service.

**Cost-Share** – The term Cost-Share means the amount which the Member is required to pay for Covered Services. Where applicable, Cost-Shares can be in the form of Copayments, Coinsurance, and/or Deductibles.

**Covered Services** – Services, supplies or treatment as described in this Certificate which are performed, prescribed, directed or authorized by a Provider. To be a Covered Service the service, supply or treatment must be:

- Medically Necessary or otherwise specifically included as a benefit under this Certificate;
- Within the scope of the license of the Provider performing the service;
- Rendered while coverage under this Certificate is in force;
- Not Experimental/Investigative or otherwise excluded or limited by this Certificate, or by any amendment or rider thereto;
- Authorized in advance by Us if such Prior Authorization is required in this Certificate.

A charge for a Covered Service is incurred on the date the service, supply or treatment was provided to you. The incurred date (for determining application of Deductible and the other cost share amount) for an Inpatient admission is the date of admission; except, as otherwise specified in Covered Services.

Covered Services do not include any services or supplies that are not documented in Provider records.

**Custodial Care** – Care primarily for the purpose of assisting you in the activities of daily living or in meeting personal rather than medical needs, and which is not specific treatment for an illness or injury. It is care which cannot be expected to substantially improve a medical condition and has minimal therapeutic value. Such care includes, but is not limited to:

- Assistance with walking, bathing, or dressing;
- Transfer or positioning in bed;
- Normally self-administered medicine;
- Meal preparation;
- Feeding by utensil, tube, or gastrostomy;
- Oral hygiene;
- Ordinary skin and nail care;
- Catheter care;
- Suctioning;
- Using the toilet;

- Enemas; and
- Preparation of special diets and supervision over medical equipment or exercises or over selfadministration of oral medications not requiring constant attention of trained medical personnel.

Care can be Custodial regardless of whether it is recommended by a professional or performed in a facility, such as a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility, or at home.

Day Hospital – A facility that provides day rehabilitation services on an Outpatient basis.

**Deductible** – The amount you owe for health care services your health insurance or plan covers before your health insurance or plan begins to pay. For example, if your Deductible is \$1000, your plan won't pay anything until you've met your \$1000 Deductible for covered health care services that are subject to the Deductible. The Deductible may not apply to all services.

You may have a Deductible that applies to medical services and a separate Deductible that applies to Prescription Drugs. In this case, the Deductibles are separate and amounts applied to one will not apply to the other. For example, amounts applied to the medical Deductible will not apply to the Prescription Drug Deductible. Other benefits that may include a separate Deductible are Dental and Vision Services (if applicable). You can refer to the Schedule of Cost Shares and Benefits for Deductible amounts, what services apply to the Deductible and if there are separate Deductibles.

**Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care** – A service for pediatric Members used to treat malocclusion of teeth and associated dental and facial disharmonies. Certain criteria must be met in order for Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care to be covered. See the Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care benefit description in the **"What Is Covered"** section for more information.

**Dependent** – A person of the Subscriber's family who is eligible for coverage under the Certificate as described in the "When Membership Changes (Eligibility)" section.

**Designated Pharmacy Provider** – A Network Pharmacy that has executed a Designated Pharmacy Provider Agreement with Us or a Network Provider that is designated to provide Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, to treat certain conditions.

**Diagnostic Service** – A test or procedure performed when you have specific symptoms to detect or to monitor your disease or condition or a test performed as a Medically Necessary preventive care screening for an asymptomatic patient. It must be ordered by a Provider. Covered Diagnostic Services are limited to those services specifically listed in the "What Is Covered" section.

**Domiciliary Care** – Care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or school because a Member's own home arrangements are not available or are unsuitable, and consisting chiefly of room and board, even if therapy is included.

**Effective Date** – The date when your coverage begins under this Certificate. A Dependent's coverage begins on the Effective Date of the sponsoring Subscriber. A Dependent's coverage also begins on the Subscriber's Effective Date, unless otherwise specified.

**Eligible Person** – A person who satisfies the eligibility requirements in the Group Contract and is entitled to apply to be a Subscriber.

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

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

Emergency Services (Emergency Care) - With respect to an emergency medical condition:

- 1. A medical or behavioral health screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such emergency medical condition; and
- 2. Within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the hospital, such further medical examination and treatment to stabilize the patient.

The term "stabilize" means, with respect to an emergency medical condition:

To provide such medical treatment of the condition as many be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability, that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the individual from a facility. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, the term "stabilize" also means to delivery (including the placenta), if there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery or transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.

**Essential Health Benefits** – Defined under federal law (PPACA) as including benefits in at least the following categories: ambulatory patient services; emergency services; hospitalization; maternity and newborn care; mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment; prescription drugs; rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

Experimental/Investigative - A Drug, device or medical treatment or procedure that:

- has not been given approval for marketing by the United States Food and Drug Administration at the time it is furnished and such approval is required by law; or
- reliable evidence shows it is the subject of ongoing phase I, II or III clinical trials or under study to
  determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its standard means of treatment or
  diagnosis. Reliable evidence means only the published reports and articles and authoritative medical
  and scientific literature, written protocol or protocols by the treating facility or other facility studying
  substantially the same Drug, device or medical treatment or procedure; or the written informed
  consent used by the treating facility or other facilities studying the substantially the same Drug, device or
  medical treatment or procedure.

We may consult with professional peer review committees or other appropriate sources for recommendations.

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

Family Coverage – Coverage for the Subscriber and eligible Dependents.

**Formulary** – The term Formulary means a listing of Prescription Drugs that are determined by Anthem in its sole discretion to be designated as Covered drugs. The List of approved Prescription Drugs developed by Anthem in consultation with physicians and Pharmacists has been reviewed for their quality and cost effectiveness. This formulary contains a limited number of prescription drugs, and may be different than the formulary for other Anthem products. Generally, it includes select generic drugs with limited brand prescription drugs coverage. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by Anthem. We may add or delete prescription drugs from this formulary from time to time. A description of the prescription drugs that are listed on this formulary is available upon request and at www.anthem.com

**Generic Drugs** – The term Generic Drugs means that the PBM has classified as Generic Drugs through use of an independent proprietary industry database. Generic Drugs have the same active ingredients, must meet the same FDA rules for safety, purity and potency, and must be given in the same form (tablet, capsule, cream) as the Brand Name Drug.

Group - means the Trustee to whom the Group Contract is issued, and all Eligible Persons.

**Group Contract (or Contract)** – the agreement between the Trustee and Us, referred to as the Contract or Group Contract, as may be amended from time to time.

**Habilitative Services** – Health care services and devices that help a person keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

#### Home Health Care Agency - A facility which:

- 1. Provides skilled nursing and other services on a visiting basis in the Subscriber's home; and
- 2. Is responsible for supervising the delivery of such services under a plan prescribed and approved in writing by the attending physician.

**Hospice (Care)** – A coordinated plan of home, Inpatient and Outpatient care that provides palliative and supportive medical and other health services to terminally ill patients. An interdisciplinary team provides a program of planned and continuous care, of which the medical components are under the direction of a physician. Care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Hospice must meet the licensing requirements of the state or locality in which it operates.

Hospital – A Provider licensed and operated as required by law, which has:

- 1. Room, board, and nursing care;
- 2. A staff with one or more doctors on hand at all times;
- 3. 24 hour nursing service;
- 4. All the facilities on site are needed to diagnose, care, and treat an illness or injury; and
- 5. Is fully accredited by the Joint Commission.

The term Hospital does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

- 1. Nursing care
- 2. Rest care
- 3. Convalescent care
- 4. Care of the aged
- 5. Custodial Care
- 6. Educational care
- 7. Subacute care
- 8. Treatment of alcohol abuse
- 9. Treatment of drug abuse

**Identification Card** – A card issued by the Plan that bears the Member's name, identifies the membership by number, and may contain information about your coverage. It is important to carry this card with you.

**Inpatient** – A Member who receives care as a registered bed patient in a Hospital or other Provider where a room and board charge is made. It does not mean a Member who is placed under observation for fewer than 24 hours.

**Intensive Outpatient Program** – Short-term behavioral health treatment that provides a combination of individual, group and family therapy.

**Interchangeable Biologic Product** – A type of biological product that is licensed (approved) by FDA because it is highly similar to an already FDA-approved biological product, known as the biological reference product (reference product), and has been shown to have no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product. In addition to meeting the biosimilarity standard, is expected to produce the same clinical result as the reference product in any given patient.

**Mail Service** – A Prescription Drug program which offers you a convenient means of obtaining maintenance medications by mail if you take Prescription Drugs on a regular basis. Covered Prescription Drugs are ordered directly from the licensed Pharmacy Mail Service which has entered into a

reimbursement agreement with the Administrator and/or the Plan, and sent directly to the Member's home.

**Maintenance Medication** – is a Drug you take on a regular basis to treat or control a chronic illness such as heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, or diabetes. If you are not sure if the Prescription Drug you are taking is a Maintenance Medication, please call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at www.anthem.com for more details.

**Maintenance Pharmacy** – A Network Retail Pharmacy that is contracted with our PBM to dispense a 90 day supply of Maintenance Medication.

**Maximum Allowed Amount** – The maximum amount that We will allow for Covered Services You receive. For more information, see the "Claims Payments" section.

**Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity** – Services rendered for the diagnosis or treatment of a condition that are generally accepted as being necessary and appropriate according to the prevalent standards of medical care practice. The level and amount of services must not be greater than is necessary and appropriate according to said standards; for example, Inpatient services are not Medically Necessary if the services could have been appropriately provided as Outpatient services according to said standards. Services will not be considered Medically Necessary simply because they are rendered or prescribed by the Member's physician or other Provider. We may consult with professional peer review committees or other appropriate sources for recommendations.

Medically Necessary services must be cost-effective compared to alternative interventions, including no intervention. Cost effective does not always mean lowest cost. It does mean that as to the diagnosis or treatment of the Member's illness, injury or disease, the service is: (1) not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services that is medically appropriate, or (2) performed in the least costly setting that is medically appropriate.

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

**Member** – A Subscriber or Dependent who has satisfied the eligibility conditions; applied for coverage; been approved by the Plan; and for whom Premium payment has been made. Members are sometimes called "you" and "your".

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse** – is a condition that is listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) as a mental health or substance abuse condition.

**Minimum Essential Coverage –** The term Minimum Essential Coverage means any of the following: Government sponsored programs Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE for Life, veteran's health care program); coverage under an eligible employer-sponsored plan; coverage under a health plan offered in the individual market within a State; coverage under a grandfathered health plan, and such other health benefits coverage, such as a State health benefits risk pool, or as the Secretary of HHS recognizes.

**Network Pharmacy** – The term Network Pharmacy means a Pharmacy that has a Network Pharmacy agreement in effect with or for the benefit of Anthem at the time services are rendered. Network Pharmacies may be based on a restricted network, and may be different than the network of Pharmacies for other Anthem products. To find a Network Pharmacy near you, call Member Services at the telephone number on the back of your Identification Card.

**Network Provider** – A Provider who has entered into a contractual agreement or is otherwise engaged by Us, or with another organization which has an agreement with Us, to provide Covered Services and certain administrative functions for the network associated with this Certificate.

**Non-Network Provider** – A Provider who has not entered into a contractual agreement with Us for the Network associated with this Certificate. Providers who have not contracted or affiliated with Our designated Subcontractor(s) for the services they perform under this Certificate are also considered Non-Network Providers.

**Non-Network Specialty Pharmacy** – Any Pharmacy which has not entered into a contractual agreement nor otherwise engaged by Us to render Specialty Drug\_Services, or with another organization which has an agreement with Us, to provide Specialty Drug services to you for the Specialty Pharmacy Network.

**Out-of-Pocket Limit –** A specified dollar amount of expense incurred for Covered Services in a calendar year as listed in the Schedule of Cost-Shares and Benefits. Such expense does not include charges in excess of the Maximum Allowed Amount or any non-Covered Services. Refer to the Schedule of Cost-Shares and Benefits for other services that may not be included in the Out-of-Pocket Limit. When the Out-of-Pocket Limit is reached, no additional Cost-Sharing is required unless otherwise specified in this Certificate.

Outpatient - A Member who receives services or supplies while not an Inpatient.

**Partial Hospitalization Program** – Structured, short-term behavioral health treatment that offers nursing care and active treatment in a program that operates no less than 6 hours per day, 5 days per week.

**Pharmacy** – The term Pharmacy means a place licensed by state law where you can get Prescription Drugs and other medicines from a licensed pharmacist when you have a prescription from your doctor.

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

**Plan (We, Us, Our)** – Community Insurance Company d.b.a. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) which provides or arranges for Members to receive the Covered Services which are described in this Certificate.

**Plan Year** – The term Plan Year means a consecutive 12 month period during which a health plan provides coverage for the health benefits. A Plan Year may be a Calendar Year or otherwise.

**Premium** – The periodic charges that must be paid by the Subscriber to maintain coverage.

Precertification - Please see the section "Requesting Approval for Benefits" for details.

Predetermination - Please see the section "Requesting Approval for Benefits" for details.

**Prescription Drug (Drug):** The term Prescription Drug means a medicine that is made to treat illness or injury. Under the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, such substances must bear a message on its original packing label that says, "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription." This includes the following:

- 1. Compounded (combination) medications, which contain at least one such medicinal substance, and is not essentially a copy of a commercially available drug product.
- 2. Insulin, diabetic supplies, and syringes.

**Prescription Order** – A written request by a Provider, as permitted by law, for a drug or medication and each authorized refill for same.

**Primary Care Physician (PCP)** – A Network Provider who is a practitioner that specializes in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics or any other Network Provider as allowed by the Plan. A PCP supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to a Member and is responsible for ongoing patient care.

**Prior Authorization** – The process applied to certain drugs and/or therapeutic categories to define and/or limit the conditions under which these drugs will be covered. The drugs and criteria for coverage are defined by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

**Provider** – A professional or Facility licensed by law that gives health care services within the scope of that license and is approved by Us. This includes any Provider that state law says We must cover when they give you services that state law says We must cover. Providers that deliver Covered Services are described throughout this Certificate. If you have a question about a Provider not described in this Certificate please call the number on the back of your Identification Card.

**Qualified Health Plan or QHP**: The term Qualified Health Plan (QHP) means a health plan that has in effect a certification issued or recognized by each Exchange through which such health plan is offered.

**Qualified Health Plan Issuer or QHP Issuer -** The term Qualified Health Plan Issuer (QHP Issuer) means a health plan insurance issuer that offers a QHP in accordance with the certification from an Exchange.

**Qualified Individual -** The term Qualified Individual means, with respect to an Exchange, an individual who has been determined eligible to enroll through the Exchange in a QHP in the individual market

**Recovery** – A Recovery is money you receive from another, their insurer or from any "Uninsured Motorist," "Underinsured Motorist," "Medical-Payments," "No-Fault," or "Personal Injury Protection," or other insurance coverage provision as a result of injury or illness caused by another. Regardless of how you or your representative or any agreements characterize the money you receive, it shall be subject to the Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions of this Certificate.

**Rehabilitative Services** – Health care services that help a person get back or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt or disabled. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and psychiatric rehabilitation services in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

**Residential Treatment Center/Facility** – A Provider licensed and operated as required by law, which includes:

- 1. Room, board and skilled nursing care (either an RN or LVN/LPN) available on-site at least eight hours daily with 24 hour availability.
- 2. A staff with one or more doctors available at all times.
- 3. Residential treatment takes place in a structured facility-based setting.
- 4. The resources and programming to adequately diagnose, care and treat a psychiatric and/or substance use disorder.
- 5. Facilities are designated residential, subacute, or intermediate care and may occur in care systems that provide multiple levels of care.
- 6. Is fully accredited by TJC, CARF, NIAHO or COA

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

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

**Self-Administered Drugs -** The term Self-Administered Drugs means drugs that are administered which do not require a medical professional to administer.

**Service Area** – The geographical area within which Our Covered Services are available, as approved by state regulatory agencies.

Single Coverage - Coverage for the Subscriber only.

**Skilled Nursing Facility** – A facility operated alone or with a Hospital that cares for you after a Hospital stay when you have a condition that needs more care than you can get at home. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency and accredited by the Joint Commission or the Bureau of Hospitals of the

American Osteopathic Association, or otherwise approved by Us. A Skilled Nursing Facility gives the following:

- 1. Inpatient care and treatment for people who are recovering from an illness or injury;
- 2. Care supervised by a doctor;
- 3. 24 hour per day nursing care supervised by a full-time registered nurse.

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

**Specialty Care Physician (SCP)** – A Network Provider, other than a Primary Care Physician, who provides services within a designated specialty area of practice.

**Specialty Drugs -** The term Specialty Drugs means drugs that are high-cost, injectable, infused, oral or inhaled drugs that generally require close supervision and monitoring of their effect on the patient's drug therapy by a medical professional. These Drugs often require special handling, such as temperature controlled packaging and overnight delivery, and are often unavailable at retail Pharmacies.

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

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

State - The term State means each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

**Subcontractor –** Anthem may subcontract particular services to organizations or entities that have specialized expertise in certain areas. This may include but is not limited to Prescription Drugs and Mental Health and Substance Abuse services. Such subcontracted organizations or entities may make benefit determinations and/or perform administrative, claims paying, or Member Services duties on "Our behalf."

Subscriber – A member of the Group who is eligible to receive benefits under the Group Contract.

**Tax Dependent -** The term Tax Dependent has the same meaning as the term dependent under the Internal Revenue Code.

**Tax Filer -** The term Tax Filer means an individual, or a married couple, who indicates that he, she or they expect.

- 1. To file an income tax return for the Benefit Year
- 2. If married, per IRS guidelines, to file a joint tax return for the Benefit Year;
- 3. That no other taxpayer will be able to claim him, her or them as a tax dependent for the Benefit Year; and
- 4. That he, she, or they expects to claim a personal exemption deduction on his or her tax return for one or more applicants, who may or may not include himself or herself and his or her spouse.

**Therapy Services** - Services and supplies used to promote recovery from an illness or injury. Covered Therapy Services are limited to those services specifically listed in the **"What Is Covered"** section.

**Tier One Drugs -** This tier includes low cost and preferred Drugs that may be Generic Drugs, single source Brand Name Drugs, or multi-source Brand Name Drugs.

**Tier Two Drugs -** This tier includes preferred Drugs that may be Generic Drugs, single source Brand Name Drugs, or multi-source Brand Name Drugs.

**Tier Three Drugs -** This tier includes Drugs considered Generic Drugs, single source Brand Name Drugs, and multi-source Brand Name Drugs.

**Tier Four Drugs** - This tier contains high cost Drugs. This includes Drugs considered Generic Drugs, single source Brand Name Drugs, and multi-source Brand Name Drugs.

**Trust Agreement** – The agreement between the Trustee and Us which establishes our Individual Insurance Trust.

**Trustee** – The person with whom We have contracted to oversee the Trust Agreement, and to whom the Group Contract is issued. The Trustee is the policyholder.

**Urgent Care Center** – A licensed health care facility that is organizationally separate from a Hospital and whose primary purpose is the offering and provision of immediate, short-term medical care, without appointment, for Urgent Care.

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

# Get help in your language

Curious to know what all this says? We would be too. Here's the English version: You have the right to get this information and help in your language for free. Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help. (TTY/TDD: 711)

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

#### Albanian

Keni të drejtën të merrni falas ndihmë dhe informacion në gjuhën tuaj. Për ndihmë, telefononi numrin e shërbimeve për anëtarët, të shënuar në kartën tuaj ID. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Amharic

ይህንን መረጃ እና እነዛ በቋንቋዎ በነጻ እነዛ የማግኘት መብት አልዎት። ለእነዛ በመታወቂያዎ ላይ ያለውን የአባል አነልግሎቶች ቁጥር ይደውሉ።(TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Arabic

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

#### Armenian

Դուք իրավունք ունեք Ձեր լեզվով անվՃար ստանալ այս տեղեկատվությունը և ցանկացած օգնություն։ Օգնություն ստանալու համար զանգահարեք Անդամների սպասարկման կենտրոն՝ Ձեր ID քարտի վրա նշված համարով։ (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Bassa

Ň bédé dyí-bèdèìn-dèò bé m ké bổ nìà ke kè gbo-kpá- kpá dyé dé m bídí-wùdùùn bó pídyi. Đá mébà jè gbo-gmò Kpòè nòbà nìà nì Dyí-dyoìn-bềô kõe bé m ké gbo-kpá-kpá dyé. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Bengali

আগনার বনিামূল্য এই তথ্য পাওয়ার ও আগনার ভাষায় সাহায্য করার অধকিার আছে। সাহায্যরে জন্য আগনার আইড কিার্ড থোকা সদস্য পরযিবো নম্বর েকল করুন। (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Burmese

ဤအချက်အလက်များနှင့် အကူအညီကို သင့်ဘာသာစကားဖြင့် အခမဲ့ ရဝိုင်ခွင့် သင့်တွင်ရှိပါသည်။ အကူအညီ ရယူရန် သင့် ID ကဒ်ပေါ်ရှိ အဖွဲ့ဝင်အတွက် ဝန်ဆောင်မှုများ ဌာန၏ နံပါတ်သို့ ခေါ်ဆိုပါ။ (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Chinese

您有權使用您的語言免費獲得該資訊和協助。請撥打您的 ID 卡上的成員服務號碼尋求協助。 (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Dinka

Yin nŋ yic ba ye lëk në yök ku bë yi kuny në thöŋ yin jäm ke cin wëu töu kë piiny. Cl rän töŋ dë kc kë lui në nämba dën t në I.D kat du yic. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Dutch

U hebt het recht om deze informatie en hulp gratis in uw taal te krijgen. Bel het ledendienstennummer op uw ID-kaart voor ondersteuning. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Farsi

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شما این حق را دارید که این اطلاعات و کمکها را به صورت رایگان به زبان
خودنان دریافت کنید. برای دریافت کمک به شماره مرکز خدمات اعضاء که بر
روی کارت شناساییتان درج شده است، تماس بگیرید.(TTY/TDD:711)
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#### French

Vous avez le droit d'accéder gratuitement à ces informations et à une aide dans votre langue. Pour cela, veuillez appeler le numéro des Services destinés aux membres qui figure sur votre carte d'identification. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### German

Sie haben das Recht, diese Informationen und Unterstützung kostenlos in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Rufen Sie die auf Ihrer ID-Karte angegebene Servicenummer für Mitglieder an, um Hilfe anzufordern. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Greek

Έχετε το δικαίωμα να λάβετε αυτές τις πληροφορίες και αυτήν τη βοήθεια στη γλώσσα σας δωρεάν. Καλέστε τον αριθμό του Τμήματος Υπηρεσιών Μέλους (Member Services) που αναγράφεται στην ταυτότητά σας (ID card) για βοήθεια. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Gujarati

તમે તમારી ભાષામાં મફતમાં આ માહતીિ અને મદદ મેળવવાનો અધકાિર ધરાવો છો. મદદ માટે તમારા આઈડી કાર્ડ પરના મેમ્બર સરવસિ નંબર પર કોલ કરો. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Haitian

Ou gen dwa pou resevwa enfòmasyon sa a ak asistans nan lang ou pou gratis. Rele nimewo Manm Sèvis la ki sou kat idantifikasyon ou a pou jwenn èd. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Hindi

आपके पास यह जानकारी और मदद अपनी भाषा में मुफ़्त में प्राप्त करने का अधकिार है। मदद के लएि अपने ID कारड पर सदसय सेवाएँ नंबर पर कॉल करें। (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Hmong

Koj muaj cai tau txais qhov lus qhia no thiab kev pab hais ua koj hom lus yam tsis xam tus nqi. Hu rau tus nab npawb xov tooj lis Cov Kev Pab Cuam Rau Tswv Cuab nyob rau ntawm koj daim ID txhawm rau thov kev pab. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### lgbo

l nwere ikike inweta ozi a yana enyemaka n'asusu gi n'efu. Kpoo nomba Oru Onye Otu di na kaadi NJ gi maka enyemaka. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### llokano

Addanka ti karbengan a maala iti daytoy nga impormasyon ken tulong para ti lengguahem nga awanan ti bayadna. Awagan ti numero ti Serbisyo para ti Kameng a masarakan ayan ti ID kard mo para ti tulong. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Indonesian

Anda berhak untuk mendapatkan informasi ini dan bantuan dalam bahasa Anda secara gratis. Hubungi nomor Layanan Anggota pada kartu ID Anda untuk mendapatkan bantuan. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Italian

Ha il diritto di ricevere queste informazioni ed eventuale assistenza nella sua lingua senza alcun costo aggiuntivo. Per assistenza, chiami il numero dedicato ai Servizi per i membri riportato sul suo libretto. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Japanese

この情報と支援を希望する言語で無料で受けることができます。支援を受力るHおは記載されているメンバーサービス番号に電話してくだすV/IDD: 711)

#### Khmer

អ៊ុនកមានសិទ្ធធិក្សុងការទទួលព័ត៌មាននរះ និងទទួលជំនួយជាភាសារបស់អ៊ុនកដលាយឥតគិតថ្លល់។ សូមហៈលាទូរស័ព្**ទទ**ាល់ខេសជាសមាដិកដលែមានលលីប័ណ្**ណ ID របស់អ៊ុនកដ**លីមុបិទទួលជំនួយ។ (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Kirundi

Ufise uburenganzira bwo gufashwa mu rurimi rwawe ku buntu. Akura umunywanyi abikora Ikaratakarangamuntu yawe kugira ufashwe. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Korean

귀하에게는 무료로 이 정보를 얻고 귀하의 언어로 도움을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 도움을 얻으면 귀하의 ID 카드에 있는 회원 서비스 번호로 전화하십시오. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Lao

ທ່ານມີສິດໄດ້ຮັບຂໍ້ມຸນນີ້ ແລະ ຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອເປັນພາສາຂອງທ່ານໂດຍບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າ. ໂທຫາເບີໂທຂອງຝ່າຍບໍລິການສະມາຊິກທີ່ໃຫ້ໄວ້ໃນບັດປະຈຳຕິວຂອງທ່ານເພື່ອຂໍຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Navajo

Bee ná ahoot'i' t'áá ni nizaad k'ehjí níká a'doowoł t'áá jíík'e. Naaltsoos bee atah nílínígíí bee néého'dólzingo nanitinígíí béésh bee hane'í bikáá' áaji' hodíílnih. Naaltsoos bee atah nílínígíí bee néého'dólzingo nanitinígíí béésh bee hane'í bikáá' áaji' hodíílnih. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Nepali

तपाईंले यो जानकारी तथा सहयोग आफ्नो भाषामा नःशिुल्क प्राप्त गर्ने तपाईंको अधकिार हो। सहायताको लाग ितपाईंको ID कार्डमा दइिएको सदसुय सेवा नमबरमा कल गर्नुहोस्। (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Oromo

Odeeffanoo kana fi gargaarsa afaan keetiin kaffaltii malee argachuuf mirga qabda. Gargaarsa argachuuf lakkoofsa bilbilaa tajaajila miseensaa (Member Services) waraqaa enyummaa kee irratti argamu irratti bilbili. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Pennsylvania Dutch

Du hoscht die Recht selle Information un Helfe in dei Schprooch mitaus Koscht griege. Ruf die Member Services Nummer uff dei ID Kaarte fer Helfe aa. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Polish

Masz prawo do bezpłatnego otrzymania niniejszych informacji oraz uzyskania pomocy w swoim języku. W tym celu skontaktuj się z Działem Obsługi Klienta pod numerem telefonu podanym na karcie identyfikacyjnej. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Portuguese-Europe

Tem o direito de receber gratuitamente estas informações e ajuda no seu idioma. Ligue para o número dos Serviços para Membros indicado no seu cartão de identificação para obter ajuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Punjabi

ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵੀਂਚ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਮਦਦ ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਵੀਂਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਕਿਾਰ ਹੈ। ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਈਡੀ ਕਾਰਡ ਉੱਤੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸਰਵਸਿਜਿ ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Romanian

Avei dreptul să obinei aceste informaii i asistenă în limba dvs. în mod gratuit. Pentru asistenă, apelai numărul departamentului de servicii destinate membrilor de pe cardul dvs. de identificare. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Russian

Вы имеете право получить данную информацию и помощь на вашем языке бесплатно. Для получения помощи звоните в отдел обслуживания участников по номеру, указанному на вашей идентификационной карте. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Samoan

E iai lou 'aia faaletulafono e maua nei faamatalaga ma se fesoasoani i lou lava gagana e aunoa ma se totogi. Vili le numera mo Sauniuniga mo lou Vaega o loo maua i lou pepa faailoa ID mo se fesoasoani. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Serbian

Imate pravo da dobijete sve informacije i pomoć na vašem jeziku, i to potpuno besplatno. Pozovite broj Centra za podršku članovima koji se nalazi na vašoj identifikacionoj kartici. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Spanish

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

#### Tagalog

May karapatan kayong makuha ang impormasyon at tulong na ito sa ginagamit ninyong wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa numero ng Member Services na nasa inyong ID card para sa tulong. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Thai

ีท่านมีสิทธิขอรับบริการสอบถามข<sup>้</sup>อมูลและความช่วยเหลือในภาษาของท่านฟรี โทรไปที่หมายเลขฝ่ายบริการสมาชิกบนบัตรประจำตัวของท่านเพื่อขอความช่วยเหลือ (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Ukrainian

Ви маєте право безкоштовно отримати інформацію та допомогу своєю рідною мовою. По допомогу звертайтеся за номером служби підтримки учасників програми страхування, указаним на вашій ідентифікаційній картці. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Urdu

موجود ممبر سروس	ے آئی ڈی کارڈ پر	ند کے لیے اپنے	کا حق ہے۔ م	مدد کےحصول ا	، ان معلومات اور .	اپنی زبان میں مفت	آپ کو
					-(TTY/TDE	کال کریں۔(711)	نمبر کو

#### Vietnamese

Quý vị có quyền nhận miễn phí thông tin này và sự trợ giúp bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Hãy gọi cho số Dịch Vụ Thành Viên trên thẻ ID của quý vị để được giúp đỡ. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Yiddish

רופט די מעמבער איר האט די רעכט צו באקומען דעם אינפארמאציע און הילפט אין אייער שפראך בחינם. באדינונגען נומער אויף אייער קארטל פאר הילף (TTY/TDD:711)

Yoruba

O ní ệtọ láti gba ìwífún yìí kí o sì èrànwọ ní èdè rẹ lọfệẹ. Pe Nómbà àwon ìpèsè omo-ẹgbẹ lórí káàdì ìdánimo rẹ fún ìrànwó. (TTY/TDD: 711)

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