

# Individual Member Contract

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## **Anthem Silver Pathway PCP Copay Choice X 4000 (\$0 Virtual PCP+\$0 Select Drugs) S03**



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Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
740 West Peachtree Street NW, P.O. Box 4445  
Atlanta, GA 30308

### **Right to Examine**

If this Contract is presented to You as a new Subscriber, You have 10 days to read this Contract. If You change Your mind and decide You do not want this Contract, You may return it, along with a written request for cancellation within 10 days from the receipt of this Contract and any Premiums which You have paid will be returned to You. At that time, You will have no further obligation. This Contract explains the benefits payable. Remember, if You decide You do not want the Contract, We will not cover any claims You may have during the 10-day period.

Anthem agrees to provide coverage for You and any Members of Your family who are enrolled. (Anthem will notify You if any Member of Your family is not eligible.) Your coverage is based on the information on Your Application for Coverage and on Your payment of Premiums to Anthem. The amount of money paid on Your claims is based on the terms of this Contract.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PEDIATRIC DENTAL SERVICES**

This Contract does not include Pediatric Dental Services. Pediatric dental coverage is included in some health plans, but can also be purchased as a standalone product. Please contact Your insurance carrier or Your producer, or seek assistance through [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), if You wish to purchase pediatric dental coverage or a standalone dental services product.

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# Welcome to Anthem!

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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 Contract to give a clear description of Your benefits, as well as Our rules and procedures.

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

This Contract, the application, and any amendments or riders attached shall constitute the entire Contract under which Covered Services and supplies are provided by Us.

Many words used in the Contract 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 Contract 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 (Anthem) or any of Our subsidiaries, affiliates, subcontractors, or designees. 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 Service at the number on the back of Your Identification Card. Also be sure to check Our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for details on how to find a Provider, get answers to questions, and access valuable health and wellness tips. Thank You again for enrolling in the Plan!

This Contract is issued in the State of Georgia and governed by the laws of that State.



**Robert Bunch**

**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.)

## **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.

### **Visit Us on-line**

[www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com)

### **Home Office Address**

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
740 West Peachtree Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

### **Hours of operation**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time

## **Conformity with Law**

This Contract will be governed by the laws and regulations of the State of Georgia. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed so as to be in violation of any federal or State law or regulation. Any changes to the provisions or which affect the rates under this Contract required by changes in any such law or regulations shall become effective upon 60 days written notice.

## **Acknowledgement of Understanding**

Subscriber hereby expressly acknowledges their understanding that this Contract constitutes a Contract solely between Subscriber and Anthem, which 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 Georgia, 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 Anthem and that no person, entity, or organization other than Anthem shall be held accountable or liable to Subscriber for any of Anthem's obligations to Subscriber created under this Contract. 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 Contract for each Subscriber.

## **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, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). For children, You may designate a pediatrician as the PCP.

### **Access to Obstetrical and Gynecological (OB/GYN) 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 healthcare professional in Our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The healthcare 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 healthcare professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card or refer to Our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

## **Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice**

### **Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA)**

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

### **Surprise Billing Claims**

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

- Emergency Services provided by Out-of-Network Providers;
- Covered Services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility; and
- Out-of-Network air ambulance services.

### **No Surprises Act Requirements**

#### **Emergency Services**

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

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

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

Note that if You receive Emergency Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, Your out-of-pocket costs will be limited to amounts that would apply if the Covered Services had been furnished by an In-Network Provider. However, if the treating Out-of-Network Provider determines You are stable, meaning You have been provided necessary Emergency Services such that Your condition will not materially worsen and the Out-of-Network Provider determines: (i) that You are able to travel to an In-Network Facility by nonemergency transport; (ii) the Out-of-Network Provider complies with the notice and consent requirement; and (iii) You are in condition to receive the information and provide informed consent, You will be responsible for all charges. This notice and consent exception does not apply if the Covered Services furnished by an Out-of-Network Provider result from unforeseen and urgent medical needs arising at the time of service.

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

When You receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, Your claims will not be covered if the Out-of-Network Provider gives You proper notice of its charges, and You give written consent to such charges. This means You will be responsible for all Out-of-Network charges for those services. This requirement does not apply to Ancillary Services. Ancillary Services are one of the following services: (A) Emergency Services; (B) anesthesiology; (C) laboratory and pathology services; (D) radiology; (E) neonatology; (F) diagnostic services; (G) assistant surgeons; (H) hospitalists; (I) intensivists; and (J) any services set out by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

Out-of-Network Providers satisfy the notice and consent requirement as follows:

- 1) By obtaining Your written consent not later than 72 hours prior to the delivery of services; or
- 2) If the notice and consent is given on the date of the service, if You make an appointment within 72 hours of the services being delivered.

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

Your Cost Shares for Emergency Services or for Covered Services received by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, will be calculated using the median Plan In-Network contract rate that we pay In-Network Providers for the geographic area where the Covered Service is provided. Any out-of-pocket Cost Shares You pay to an Out-of-Network Provider for either Emergency Services or for Covered Services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility will be applied to Your In-Network Out-of-Pocket Limit.

### **Appeals**

If You receive Emergency Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, or Out-of-Network Air Ambulance Services and believe

those services are covered by the No Surprises Act, You have the right to Appeal that claim. If Your Appeal of a Surprise Billing Claim is denied, then You have a right to Appeal the adverse decision to an Independent Review Organization as set out in the “If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal” section of this Contract.

### **Provider Directories**

Anthem updates the list of participating providers at least every 30 days as required by Georgia law. In accordance with federal law Anthem confirms the list of In-Network Providers in its Provider Directory every 90 days. If You can show that You received inaccurate information from Anthem that a Provider was In-Network on a particular claim, then You will only be liable for In-Network Cost Share (i.e., Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance) for that claim. Your In-Network Cost Share will be calculated based upon the Maximum Allowed Amount.

### **Transparency Requirements**

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

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

You may also obtain the following information on Anthem’s website or by calling Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your ID Card:

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

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

- In-Network negotiated rates; and
- Historical Out-of-Network rates.

### **Surprise Billing**

If You think You have been wrongly billed, contact Us for more information about the Provider’s claim for payment. If We cannot resolve Your concerns, You may also contact the Georgia Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire online or by phone at 404-656-2070. You may also contact the No Surprises Help Desk at 800-985-3059 to submit Your question.

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## SCHEDULE OF COST SHARE AND 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 In-Network Providers unless:

- The services are for Emergency Care, ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital, or Urgent Care services received at an Urgent Care Center; or
- The services are approved in advance by Anthem.

**IMPORTANT: You are responsible for confirming that the Provider You are seeing or have been referred to see is an In-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 an In-Network Provider specific to Your Plan by calling the number on the back of Your Identification Card.**

### What will I pay?

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

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

- In-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 “How Your Claims Are Paid” section. Except for Surprise Billing Claims, when You receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, You may also be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Provider’s actual charges.

## Plan Features

<b>Deductible</b>	<b>In-Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Individual</b>	\$4,000	Not Covered
<b>Family</b>	\$8,000	Not Covered
<p>The individual Deductible applies to each covered family member. No one person can contribute more than the individual Deductible amount.</p> <p>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.</p>		

<b>Coinsurance</b>	<b>In-Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Coinsurance Percentage</b> Unless specified otherwise below	30% Coinsurance	Not Covered

<b>Out-of-Pocket Limit</b>	<b>In-Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Individual</b>	\$9,200	Not Covered
<b>Family</b>	\$18,400	Not Covered
<p>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.</p> <p>No one person can contribute more than the individual Out-of-Pocket Limit amount.</p>		

**Medical Services**

<b>Medical Services</b>	<b>In-Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Ambulance Services</b> <b>Emergency</b>  <b>Nonemergency</b> If Preauthorized by Us, Out-of-Network nonemergency ambulance services are subject to the same Cost Share as In-Network services up to \$50,000 per trip. In addition to Your Cost Share, You will be responsible for amounts over the Maximum Allowed Amount except for air ambulance services	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance  Not Covered
<b>Autism Services</b> Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	Not Covered
<b>Dental Services</b> When provided for accidental injury or for certain Members requiring general anesthesia	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	Not Covered
<b>Diabetes Services</b> Includes Outpatient self-management training, supplies, equipment and education	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	Not Covered
<b>Diagnostic Services; Outpatient</b> <b>Diagnostic Laboratory and Pathology Services</b>  <b>Diagnostic Imaging Services and Electronic Diagnostic Tests</b>  <b>Advanced Imaging Services</b>	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance  \$300 Copayment 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered  Not Covered  Not Covered

Medical Services	In-Network Member Pays	Out-of-Network Member Pays
<b>Doctor (Physician) Visits</b> <b>Office Visits with Lower Copay PCP:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Care Physician (PCP)</li> </ul>	Deductible does not apply; \$5 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Doctor (Physician) Visits</b> <b>Office Visits with Standard Copay PCP:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Care Physician (PCP)</li> <li>Retail Health Clinic, includes all Covered Services received at a Retail Health Clinic</li> </ul> <p>Refer to the online Provider directory available at <a href="http://www.anthem.com">www.anthem.com</a> to determine if a particular Provider is a Lower Copay or Standard Copay PCP or contact Member Services for assistance</p>	Deductible does not apply; \$30 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Virtual Visits with Lower Copay PCP</b>	Deductible does not apply; \$5 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Virtual Visits with Standard Copay PCP</b>	Deductible does not apply; \$30 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Virtual Visits from PCP Virtual Care-Only Provider</b> through Our mobile app and website	Deductible does not apply; \$0 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Specialty Care Physician (SCP)</b> (including in-person and/or Virtual Visits)	Deductible does not apply; \$60 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Other Office Services</b>	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Emergency Room Visits</b> Additional Cost Share determined based on service received	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance

<b>Medical Services</b>	<b>In-Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Home Care Services</b> Limited to a maximum of 120 visits per Member, per Calendar Year	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Hospice Care</b>	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Hospital Services</b> <b>Inpatient Facility</b>  <b>Outpatient Facility</b>  <b>Inpatient and Outpatient Professional Services</b>	\$400 Copayment per admission 50% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered  Not Covered  Not Covered
<b>Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances</b>  <b>Hearing Aids</b> Limited to a maximum of \$3,000 for each hearing impaired ear through age 18 and for the replacement of one hearing aid per hearing impaired ear every 48 months  <b>Prosthetics</b> Prosthetic devices, their repair, fitting, replacement and components  <b>Wigs</b> Limited to one wig per Member, per Calendar Year after cancer treatment	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered  Not Covered  Not Covered
<b>Nutritional Counseling for Obesity/Morbid Obesity</b> Limited to four visits per Member, per Calendar Year	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	Not Covered

Medical Services	In-Network Member Pays	Out-of-Network Member Pays
<b>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation</b> <b>Inpatient Facility</b>  <b>Outpatient Facility</b>  <b>Inpatient and Outpatient Professional Services</b> Limited to a maximum of 60 days, combined with Skilled Nursing Facility, per Member, per Calendar Year <b>Note:</b> For Outpatient therapy limits, see the "Therapy Services – Outpatient" section	\$400 Copayment per admission 50% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered  Not Covered  Not Covered
<b>Preventive Care Services</b> In-Network services required by law are not subject to Deductible	Deductible does not apply; \$0 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility</b> Limited to a maximum of 60 days per Member, per Calendar Year combined with Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, per Member, per Calendar Year	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Surgery</b> <b>Ambulatory Surgical Center</b>	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered

Medical Services	In-Network Member Pays	Out-of-Network Member Pays
<p><b>Therapy Services – Outpatient</b> Includes coverage for Chemotherapy, Occupational, Physical, Radiation, Respiratory and Speech Therapies</p> <p>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). The limits do not apply to Mental Health and Substance Abuse conditions or Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy and/or treatment of autism</p> <p><b>Cardiac Rehabilitation</b> Limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year</p> <p><b>Chiropractic Care</b> Limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year</p> <p><b>Occupational Therapy</b> Limited to a maximum of 20 visits combined for Occupational and Physical Therapy per Member, per Calendar Year</p> <p><b>Office Visit</b></p> <p><b>Outpatient Facility</b></p> <p><b>Physical Therapy</b> Limited to a maximum of 20 visits combined for Occupational and Physical Therapy per Member, per Calendar Year</p> <p><b>Office Visit</b></p>	<p>\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance</p> <p>\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance</p> <p>\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance</p> <p>\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance</p> <p>\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance</p> <p>\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance</p>	<p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p>

Medical Services	In-Network Member Pays	Out-of-Network Member Pays
<b>Outpatient Facility</b>	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Respiratory Therapy</b> Limited to 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Speech Therapy</b> Limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year		
<b>Office Visit</b>	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Outpatient Facility</b>	\$0 Copayment 30% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Transplant Human Organ &amp; Bone Marrow/Stem Cell/Cord Blood</b> <b>Transplant Transportation and Lodging</b> In-Network only \$10,000 maximum benefit limit per transplant <b>Unrelated Donor Search</b> Limited to a maximum of the 10 best matched donors per transplant, identified by an authorized registry.	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	Not Covered
<b>Urgent Care Center</b> Additional Cost Share determined based on service received	Deductible does not apply; \$75 Copayment per Urgent Care visit 0% Coinsurance	Deductible does not apply; \$75 Copayment per Urgent Care visit 0% 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 In-Network Pharmacy. If You get Covered Services from any other In-Network Pharmacy, benefits will be covered at Level 2 and You may pay more in Deductible, Copayments, and Coinsurance.

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

**Level 2** In-Network Pharmacies. When You go to Level 2 In-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 In-Network Pharmacy.

Retail Pharmacy Prescription Drugs	In-Network Member Pays		Out-of-Network Member Pays
	Level 1 Pharmacy	Level 2 Pharmacy	
<b>Tier 1</b>	Deductible does not apply; \$3.00 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Deductible does not apply; \$15.00 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 2</b>	Deductible does not apply; \$30.00 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Deductible does not apply; \$45.00 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 3</b>	\$0 Copayment 35% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 45% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 4</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Notes:</b> Specialty Drugs may be purchased from the Pharmacy Benefits Manager's Specialty Pharmacy. Coverage is limited to those drugs listed on Our Prescription Drug List (formulary).			

Home Delivery Prescription Drugs	In-Network Member Pays	Out-of-Network Member Pays
<b>Tier 1</b> (90-day supply)	Deductible does not apply; \$9.00 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 2</b> (90-day supply)	Deductible does not apply; \$90.00 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 3</b> (90-day supply)	\$0 Copayment 35% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 4</b> (30-day supply)	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Notes:</b> Specialty Drugs may be purchased from the Pharmacy Benefits Manager's Specialty Pharmacy and are limited to a 30-day supply. Coverage is limited to those drugs listed on Our Prescription Drug List (formulary).		
<b>Orally Administered Cancer Chemotherapy</b>	No Copayment/Coinsurance will apply to orally administered cancer chemotherapy You get from a participating Pharmacy, Home Delivery Pharmacy, or participating Pharmacy Benefits Manager's Specialty Pharmacy.  As required by Georgia law, benefits for orally administered cancer chemotherapy will not be less favorable than the benefits that apply to coverage for cancer chemotherapy that is administered intravenously or by injection.	

## Pediatric Vision Services

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

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

Covered vision services are **not** subject to the Calendar Year Deductible.

Covered Vision Services	In-Network Member Pays	Out-of-Network Member Pays
<b>Routine Eye Exam</b> Covered once per Calendar Year per Member	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Standard Plastic Lenses</b> One set of lenses covered per Calendar Year per Member.		
<b>Single Vision</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Bifocal</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Trifocal</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Progressive</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Lenticular</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Additional Lens Options</b> Covered lenses include factory scratch coating, UV coating, standard polycarbonate and standard photochromic at no additional cost when received from In-Network Providers.		
<b>Frames (formulary)</b> One frame covered per Calendar Year per Member.	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Contact Lenses (formulary)</b> Elective or non-elective contact lenses are covered once per Calendar Year per Member.		
<b>Elective</b> (conventional and disposable)	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Non-Elective</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<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 Calendar Year.		

Covered Vision Services	In-Network Member Pays	Out-of-Network Member Pays
<b>Low Vision</b> Low vision benefits are only available when received from Blue View Vision Providers.		
<b>Comprehensive Low Vision Exam</b> Covered once every two Calendar Years per Member	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Optical/non-optical aids and supplemental testing</b> Limited to one occurrence of either optical/non-optical aids or supplemental testing every two Calendar Years 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

The purpose of this section is to help You understand how to receive the highest level of benefits available under this Plan. It provides details about In-Network Providers who have entered into an agreement with Anthem and Out-of-Network Providers who have not. You will also find information about how to access a list of In-Network Providers in Your service area and the importance of choosing a Primary Care Physician.

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

Your Plan is a HMO Plan. To get benefits for Covered Services, You must use In-Network Providers, unless We have approved an Authorized Service or if Your care involves Emergency Care, ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital, or Urgent Care services received at an Urgent Care Center.

### In-Network Services

If Your care is rendered by a Primary Care Physician (PCP), Specialty Care Physician (SCP), or another In-Network Provider, benefits will be paid at the In-Network level. Regardless of Medical Necessity, no benefits will be paid for care that is not a Covered Service even if performed by a PCP, SCP, or another In-Network Provider. All medical care must be under the direction of doctors. We have final authority 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. You have the right to file a grievance as outlined in the “If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal” section of this Contract.

- In-Network Providers - include PCPs, SCPs, other professional Providers, Hospitals, and other Facility Providers who contract with Us to perform services for You. PCPs include general practitioners, internists, family practitioners, pediatricians, geriatricians or other In-Network Providers as allowed by Us. The PCP is the doctor who may provide, coordinate, and arrange Your healthcare services. SCPs are In-Network doctors who provide specialty medical services not normally provided by a PCP.

For services rendered by In-Network Providers:

- You will not be required to file any claims for services You obtain directly from In-Network Providers. In-Network Providers will seek compensation for Covered Services rendered from Us and not from You except for approved Deductibles, Coinsurance, and/or Copayments. You may be billed by Your In-Network Provider(s) for any non-Covered Services You receive or when You have not acted in accordance with this Contract.
- When required, prior approval of benefits is the responsibility of the In-Network Provider. See the “Requesting Approval for Benefits” section.

If there is no In-Network Provider who is qualified to perform the treatment You require, contact Us prior to receiving the service or treatment, and We may approve an Out-of-Network Provider for that service as an Authorized Service.

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

### Out-of-Network Services

Covered Services which are not obtained from a PCP, SCP or another In-Network Provider, or that are not an Authorized Service will be considered an Out-of-Network service and not covered under Your Plan. The only exceptions are Emergency Care, ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital, Urgent Care services received at an Urgent Care Center, or certain services that are provided at an In-Network facility by an Out-of-Network Provider.

Anthem has processes to review claims before and after payment to detect fraud, waste, abuse and other inappropriate activity. Members seeking services from non-participating or Out-of-Network Providers could be balance billed by the non-participating/Out-of-Network Provider for those services that are determined to be not payable as a result of these review processes. A claim may also be determined to be not payable due to a Provider's failure to submit medical records with the claims that are under review in these processes.

## How to Find a Provider in the Network

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

- See Your Plan's directory of In-Network Providers at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com), which lists the doctors, Providers, and Facilities that participate in this Plan's network.
- Search for a Provider in Our mobile app or website. Details on how to download the app can be found on Our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).
- Contact Member Services to ask for a list of doctors and Providers that participate in this Plan's network based on specialty and geographic area. Member Services can help You determine the Provider's name, address, telephone number, professional qualifications, specialty, medical school attended, and board certifications.
- 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.

## Primary Care Physician (PCP)

The Primary Care Physician (PCP) is a doctor who can provide initial care, basic medical services and can be responsible for ongoing patient care. PCPs are usually internal medicine doctors, family practice doctors, general practitioners, or pediatricians. PCPs may provide care in person or virtually. As Your first point of contact, the PCP gives a wide range of healthcare services, including initial diagnosis and treatment, health supervision, management of chronic conditions, and preventive care.

## Selecting a Primary Care Physician (PCP)

Your Plan requires You to select a Primary Care Physician from Our network, or We will assign one. We will notify You of the PCP that We have assigned. You may then use that PCP or choose another PCP from Our Provider Directory. Please see "How to Find a Provider in the Network" for more details.

You have direct access for Medical Chats and Virtual Visits with Our virtual care-only partners through Our mobile app.

PCPs include family practitioner, pediatrician, internist, qualified certified nurse practitioners or other qualified Primary Care Physicians, as required by law, for services within the scope of their license. 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](http://www.anthem.com).

## The First Thing To Do – Make an Appointment With Your PCP

Your PCP's job is to help You stay healthy, not just treat You when You are sick. After You choose a PCP, make an appointment with Your PCP. During this appointment, get to know Your PCP and help Your PCP get to know You. At Your first appointment, talk to Your PCP about:

- Personal health history.
- Family health history.
- Lifestyle.
- Any health concerns You have.

It is important to note, if You have not established a relationship with Your PCP, they may not be able to effectively treat You. To see a doctor, contact their office:

- Tell them You are an Anthem Member.
- Have Your Member Identification Card handy. The doctor's office may ask You for Your Member ID number.
- Tell them the reason for Your visit.

When You meet with Your PCP, be sure to have Your Member Identification Card available.

### Primary Care Physician (PCP) Copay Choice Program

Certain Primary Care Providers are part of Our PCP Copay Choice Program, a program aimed at improving the quality of Our Members' healthcare. Providers in this program agree to coordinate much of Your care and will prepare care plans for Members who have multiple, complex health conditions.

By selecting a Lower Copay Primary Care Provider, You will have a lower Copayment for Your office visits than an office visit with a Standard Copay Primary Care Provider. Refer to the online Provider directory available at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) to determine if a particular Provider is a Lower Copay or Standard Copay PCP or contact Member Services for assistance.

### Connect with Us Using Our Mobile App

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

Our goal is to make it easy for You to find answers to Your questions. You can chat with Us live in the app, or contact Us on Our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### Referrals

We provide more extensive benefits when healthcare services are provided or coordinated by Your Primary Care Physician. You will receive most of Your healthcare services from Your Primary Care Physician. If Your Primary Care Physician determines that You need specialized care, he or she will authorize You to receive healthcare services from another healthcare Provider. A Referral from Your Primary Care Physician is not a guarantee of coverage for those services. The service must also be covered within the terms of this Contract. Thus, regardless of Medical Necessity, no benefits will be provided for care that is not a Covered Service, even if performed by Your PCP or authorized as a Referral Service. You may call a Member Services Representative at the number on Your ID Card to determine if the service is a Covered Service.

If Your Primary Care Physician authorizes a Referral to a Provider, make sure You understand:

- The name of the Provider to whom You are being referred.
- The period of time, the number of visits and services for which care is authorized.
- Who is to make the appointment(s) with that Provider - You or Your Primary Care Physician's office staff.

While most services will require a Referral, some services do not, such as Medical Chats and Virtual Visits with Our virtual care-only partners through Our mobile app or website.

You will need to discuss additional care recommended by the referring Provider with Your Primary Care Physician, if the care exceeds the initial Referral for services. If Your referred Provider recommends You to another Provider, You must contact Your Primary Care Physician prior to any treatment so he or she can determine if that care will be authorized. Only Your Primary Care Physician can authorize care with another Provider. If Your Primary Care Physician authorizes these services, benefits will be provided according to the terms of this Contract. Care that is not authorized by Your Primary Care Physician is not covered, unless otherwise stated in this Contract. You do not need a Referral from Your Primary Care Physician for Mental Health and Substance Abuse treatment services. Please refer to the "Requesting Approval for Benefits" section of this Contract for details on Prior Authorization.

Note: If Your Primary Care Physician determines You do not need a Referral and You disagree, You have the right to Appeal the decision as outlined in the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section of this Contract.

### Referrals to Specialists

Your Primary Care Physician may refer You to a Specialist. Specialists are Providers who practice in specialty areas such as neurology, surgery, and others. With the prior authorization of Your Primary Care Physician, You can obtain care from In-Network Specialists.

You do not need a Referral or approval from Your PCP to see an Obstetrician/Gynecologist (OB/GYN), virtual care-only partners, Dermatologist, eye care professionals including Optometrists and Ophthalmologists, Mental Health and Substance Abuse providers, Chiropractors, or Oral Surgeons.

### Referral to Out-of-Network

You may require services that are not available from Providers within the network. Your Primary Care Physician may make a Referral to an Out-of-Network Provider. Referrals to an Out-of-Network Provider must be approved by Us for services to be reimbursed.

### Standing Referrals

A Member with a special condition requiring ongoing care from a Specialist may receive a standing Referral to a Specialist for treatment of the special condition from the Member's PCP. A special condition is a condition or disease that is life-threatening, degenerative, or disabling and requires specialized medical care over a prolonged period of time. A standing Referral must be made according to a treatment plan, approved by Our medical director in consultation with the Member's PCP.

### Continuity of Care

If Your In-Network Provider leaves Our Network for any reason other than termination for 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 In-Network benefits. "Active treatment" includes:

1. An ongoing course of treatment for a chronic illness or condition. A chronic illness or condition is a condition that is life-threatening, degenerative, potentially disabling, or congenital and requires specialized medical care over a prolonged period of time;
2. An ongoing course of treatment for a serious acute condition, (examples include chemotherapy, radiation therapy and post-operative visits);
3. An ongoing course of treatment for pregnancy through the postpartum period;
4. A scheduled non-elective surgery from the Provider, including receipt of postoperative care from such Provider or Facility with respect to such a surgery;
5. An ongoing course of treatment for a health condition for which the doctor or healthcare Provider attests that discontinuing care by the current doctor or Provider would worsen Your condition or interfere with anticipated outcomes. An "ongoing course of treatment" includes treatments for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders; or
6. Continuing care benefits for Members undergoing a course of institutional or Inpatient care from the Provider or Facility and/or determined to be terminally ill and are receiving treatment for such illness from such Provider or Facility.

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.

### Identification Card

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

**After Hours Care**

If You need care after normal business hours, Your doctor may have several options for You. You should call Your doctor's office for instructions if You need care in the evenings, on weekends, or during the holidays and cannot wait until the office reopens.

- If Your condition is an Emergency, You should be taken to the nearest appropriate medical Facility. In the event of an Emergency call 911.
- Your coverage includes benefits for services rendered by Providers other than In-Network Providers when the condition treated is an Emergency, as defined in this Contract.

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

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

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

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

## REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR BENEFITS

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

### Reviewing Where Services Are Provided

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

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- A service may be denied on an Inpatient basis at a Hospital but may be approved if provided on an Outpatient basis in a Hospital setting.
- A service may be denied on an Outpatient basis in a Hospital setting but may be approved at a free-standing imaging center, infusion center, ambulatory surgical center, or in a doctor's office.
- A service may be denied at a Skilled Nursing Facility but may be approved in a home setting.

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. Anthem may decide that a treatment that was asked for is not Medically Necessary if a clinically equivalent treatment is more cost-effective, available and appropriate. "Clinically equivalent" means treatments that for most Members, will give You similar results for a disease or condition.

If You have any questions about the Utilization Review process, the medical policies or clinical guidelines, You may call the Member Service 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 Contract.

For admissions following Emergency Care, You, Your authorized representative or doctor must tell Us as soon as possible. For labor/childbirth admissions, Precertification is not required for the first 48 hours for a vaginal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean section. Admissions longer than 48/96 hours require concurrent review.

- **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 determination 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. Post-Service Reviews are done for a service, treatment or admission in which We have a related clinical coverage guideline and are typically initiated by Us.

### Who is Responsible for Precertification

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

Provider Network Status	Responsibility to Get Precertification	Comments
In-Network	Provider	The Provider must get Precertification when required
Out-of-Network	Member	<p>The Member has no benefit coverage for an Out-of-Network Provider unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Member gets approval to use an Out-of-Network Provider before the service is given; or</li> <li>• The Member requires an Emergency Care admission (See note below.)</li> </ul> <p>The 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 not to be Medically Necessary.</p>

Provider Network Status	Responsibility to Get Precertification	Comments
BlueCard® Provider	Member <b>(Except for Inpatient admissions)</b>	<p>The Member has no benefit coverage for a BlueCard® Provider unless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <p>If these are true, then</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Member must get Precertification when required (call Member Services).</li> <li>• The 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 not to be Medically Necessary.</li> <li>• <b>BlueCard® Providers must obtain Precertification for all Inpatient admissions.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>NOTE: Precertification is not required to receive Emergency Care. For Emergency Care admissions, You, Your authorized representative or doctor must tell Us as soon as possible.</b></p>		

## 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 Contract was issued, other State-specific requirements may apply. You may call the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card for more details.

Type of Review	Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification
Urgent pre-service review	72 hours from the receipt of the request
Non-urgent pre-service review	7 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Concurrent/continued stay review when hospitalized at the time of the request and no previous authorization exists	24 hours from the receipt of the request, We may request additional information within the first 24 hours and then extend to 72 hours
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	72 hours from the receipt of the request
Non-urgent concurrent/continued stay review	7 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Post-service review	30 calendar days from the receipt of the request
For all denials, the Provider will be notified via telephone within one business day.	

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 Review, case management, and disease management) and/or offer an alternative benefit if, in Our discretion, such change is in furtherance of the provision of 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 Precertification 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 Review 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 healthcare 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 healthcare 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

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This section describes the Covered Services available under this Contract. Covered Services are subject to all the terms and conditions listed in this Contract, including, but not limited to, benefit maximums, Deductibles, Copayments, Coinsurance, exclusions and Medical Necessity requirements.

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

- "Schedule of Cost Share 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 Center, 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 covered when:

- You are transported by a State licensed vehicle that is designed, equipped, and used only to transport the sick and injured and staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), paramedics, or other certified medical professionals. This includes ground, fixed wing, rotary wing or water transportation;
- And one or more of the following are met:  
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 an Out-of-Network Hospital to an In-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 an injury by medical professionals during ambulance service, even if You are not taken to a Facility.

Out-of-Network Providers may bill You for any charges that exceed the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount except for Surprise Billing Claims.

### Ground Ambulance

Services are subject to Medical Necessity review by Us.

All scheduled ground ambulance services for nonemergency transports, not including acute Facility to acute Facility transport, must be preauthorized.

### Air and Water Ambulance

Air and water ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity review by Us. We retain the right to select the air ambulance Provider. This includes fixed wing, rotary wing or water transportation.

Air ambulance services for nonemergency 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 Services

Your Plan includes coverage for the treatment of neurological deficit disorders, including autism.

### **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**

Your Plan covers certain treatments associated with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Coverage for ASD includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Habilitative or Rehabilitative Services;
- Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder;
- Treatment of autism spectrum disorder;
- Pharmacy care;
- Psychiatric care;
- Psychological care; and
- Therapeutic care.

Please see the Schedule of Benefits for applicable benefit limitations for these treatments.

### **Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services**

Coverage for Habilitative or Rehabilitative Services shall also include Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). To be eligible for coverage, ABA shall be provided by a person professionally certified by a national board of behavior analysts or performed under the supervision of a person professionally certified by a national board of behavior analysts.

### **Biomarker Testing Services**

This Plan provides coverage for Biomarker Testing when ordered by a qualified health care provider operating within the Provider's scope of practice for the purpose of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of a Member's disease or condition when the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence, including, but not limited to:

- Labeled indications from and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved or cleared test;
- Indicated tests for an FDA-approved drug;
- Warnings and precautions on FDA-approved drug;
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services national coverage determinations;
- Medicare Administrative Contractor's local coverage determinations; or
- Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines and consensus statements.

### **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 Contract. 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 (FDA).
3. Studies or investigations done for drug trials which are exempt from the Investigational new drug application.
4. Clinical trial programs for treatment of children's cancer. Covered Services include routine patient care cost incurred in connection with the provision of goods, services, and benefits to Dependent children in connection with approved clinical trial programs for the treatment of children's cancer. Routine patient care cost means those pre-certified as Medically Necessary as provided in Georgia law (OCGA 33-24-59.1).

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

Routine patient care costs include items, services, and drugs provided to You in connection with an approved clinical trial 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 for Accidental Injury**

Benefits are available only when required to diagnose or treat an accidental injury to the teeth which occurred on or after Your Effective Date. Services must occur within 180 days of the date of an accident.

We also cover the repair of dental appliances damaged as a result of accidental injury to the jaw, mouth or face, and dental services to prepare the mouth for radiation therapy to treat head and neck cancer.

Under Your medical and/or surgical benefits, We cover surgical removal of impacted teeth, dental services for accidental injury, oral surgery which is not for the supporting structure of the teeth and not intended to benefit the teeth, and diagnostic and surgical services for the treatment of TMJ.

We do not consider injury as a result of chewing or biting to be an accidental injury, unless the injury results from a mental or medical condition therefore, We do not cover dental services for this type of care.

Anesthesia services for certain dental patients in a Hospital or ambulatory surgical Facility are covered in conjunction with dental care provided to the following:

- Patients age 19 or younger who are developmentally disabled.
- An individual for whom a successful result cannot be expected by local anesthesia due to neurological disorder.
- An individual who has sustained extensive facial or dental trauma, except for a Workers' Compensation claim.

Precertification is required.

### **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 doctor or a podiatrist; and
- Provided by a healthcare professional who is licensed, registered, or certified under State law.

For the purposes of this benefit, a "healthcare professional" means the doctor 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 doctor 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 Services.”

## 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.

### Virtual Visits

Covered Services include virtual Telemedicine/Telehealth visits that are appropriately provided through the internet via video. This includes visits with Providers who also provide services in person, as well as virtual care-only Providers.

- **Medical Chats** Covered Services accessed through Our mobile app with a doctor via a text message or chat for limited medical care.
- **“Telemedicine/Telehealth”** means the delivery of healthcare or other health services using electronic communications and information technology, including: live (synchronous) secure videoconferencing; or secure instant messaging through Our mobile app or website; interactive store and forward (asynchronous) technology. Covered Services are provided to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation and treatment, education, care management and self-management of a patient's physical and/or mental health. In-person contact between a healthcare Provider and the patient is not required for these services, and the type of setting where these services are provided is not limited. Audio-only Telemedicine services are eligible for mental and behavioral health services only.

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

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

**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 healthcare services to Members on a “walk-in” basis. These clinics are normally found in major Pharmacies or retail stores. Healthcare services are typically given by physician 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.

**Specialist e-Consultations** are electronic communications between Your PCP, who is rendering care to You, and an In-Network Specialist to help evaluate Your condition or diagnosis. The consultation will be at no cost to You. Your PCP may consider the information provided by the In-Network Specialist in determining Your treatment. The consultation will be conducted using electronic information and communication technologies and the results may be documented in an electronic health record.

### **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 or independent freestanding Emergency department 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, including a mental health condition or substance use disorder, 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, or independent freestanding Emergency department 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, regardless of the department of the Hospital in which such further examination or treatment is furnished, 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.

Medically Necessary services will be covered whether You get care from an In-Network or

**Out-of-Network Provider.** Emergency Care You get from an Out-of-Network Provider will be covered as an In-Network service and the Out-of-Network Provider will collect applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or Deductible from You. If the Out-of-Network Provider is licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of Georgia to render Emergency Care, We will pay the Out-of-Network Provider the Maximum Allowed Amount for the Emergency Care which shall be the greater of the following:

1. The most recent amount negotiated by Us with the Out-of-Network Provider for the Emergency Care during which time the Provider was an In-Network Provider;
2. The median contracted rate as determined by the State;
3. Any other amount as determined by Us given the complexity of the services rendered.

The Out-of-Network Provider should not bill You for the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount.

### **Providers Not Licensed in Georgia**

If the Out-of-Network Provider is not licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of Georgia to render Emergency Care the Maximum Allowed Amount for Emergency Care from an Out-of-Network Provider will be the greatest of the following:

1. The amount negotiated with In-Network Providers for the Emergency Service;
2. The amount for the Emergency Service calculated using the same method We generally use to determine payments for Out-of-Network services but substituting the In-Network Cost Sharing for the Out-of-Network Cost Sharing provisions; or
3. The amount that would be paid under Medicare for the Emergency Service.

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 does 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 may not be Emergency Care. If You would like to continue to get care from an Out-of-Network Provider, after You have been discharged from an emergency facility, Covered Services will not be available unless We agree to cover them as an Authorized Service.

## **Habilitative Services**

Habilitative Services are healthcare services and devices that help You keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who is not 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.

## **Hearing Aids**

Benefits are provided for the following Medically Necessary hearing aids, including bone-anchored hearing aids, and related services for children 18 years of age and under:

- The initial hearing aid evaluation, fitting, dispensing and programming;
- Servicing, repairs, follow-up maintenance and adjustments;
- Ear molds and ear mold impressions;
- Auditory training; and
- Probe microphone measurements to ensure appropriate gain and output.

## **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 healthcare professional, including nursing services by an R.N. or L.P.N., a therapist, or home health aide.
- Infusion therapy; refer to “Therapy Services Outpatient”, 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 healthcare 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 healthcare 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 Share and Benefits” for home care services apply when therapy services are rendered in the home.

Benefits may also be available for Inpatient Hospital Care in Your home. These benefits are separate from the Home Care Services benefit and are described in the “Inpatient Hospital Care” section below.

A home healthcare visit must consist of four hours of care.

## 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 doctor and the hospice medical director must certify that You are terminally ill and have approximately 12 months to live, and (2) Your doctor must consent to Your care by the hospice and must be consulted in the development of Your treatment plan. You may access hospice care while also participating in a clinical trial or continuing disease modifying therapy, as ordered by Your treating Provider. Disease modifying therapy treats the underlying terminal illness. The hospice must maintain a written treatment plan on file and furnish to Us upon request.

Covered Services beyond those listed above as ordered by Your treating Provider, may be available while in hospice and are detailed in other sections of this Contract.

## Hospital Services

### Hospital Inpatient Benefits

Hospital Inpatient benefits are available only if a Member is admitted as a bed patient to a Hospital on the order of a licensed doctor. The Member must be under the care of this doctor. The doctor must be on the staff of, or acceptable to, the Hospital at which the Member is a patient.

The service which the Member gets at a Hospital is subject to all the rules and regulations of the Hospital

selected. Such rules also control admission policies.

You can choose any legally constituted and approved Hospital You like for the care You receive; however, Your out-of-pocket expenses are higher when You receive care from Out-of-Network Providers. Anthem does not guarantee Your admission to any Hospital. Also, Anthem does not guarantee that any particular service or type of room will be available even if requested by Your doctor.

### **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 semi-private room rate unless it is Medically Necessary that You use a private room for isolation and no isolation facilities are available.
- A room in a special care unit approved by Us. The unit must have facilities, equipment, and supportive services for intensive care or critically ill patients.
- Routine nursery care for newborns during the mother's normal Hospital stay.
- Meals, special diets.
- General nursing services.
- 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.

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

### **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,
- 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.

## **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.

Please see "Continuity of Care" in the "How Your Coverage Works" section regarding a request to continue to see the same Provider for services.

### **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 Services" benefit. Please see that section for further details.

### **Abortion Services**

Benefits for abortions in the case of rape or incest, or for a pregnancy which, as certified by a doctor, 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 Covered Services.

Infertility is the condition of a presumably healthy Member who is unable to conceive or produce conception after a period of one Year of frequent, unprotected heterosexual vaginal intercourse.

## **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, purchase or rent-to-purchase equipment and devices, and continuous rental equipment and 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.

Oxygen and equipment for its administration are also Covered Services.

### **Orthotics and Special Footwear**

When Medically Necessary, benefits are available for:

- Orthotics (braces, boots, splints) for foot disfigurements resulting from bone deformity, motor impairment, paralysis, or amputation. This includes, but is not limited to, disfigurement caused by cerebral palsy, arthritis, polio, spina bifida, diabetes, accident, injury, or developmental disability, and
- Podiatric devices, such as therapeutic shoes and shoe inserts, to prevent or treat diabetes-related complications.

Covered Services must be ordered by a doctor and include the initial purchase, fitting, and repair of a custom made rigid or semi-rigid supportive device used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body, or which limits or stops motion of a weak or diseased body part.

### **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, as required by law.
- 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, glucose monitor, lancets and test strips, etc.).

### **Blood and Blood Products**

Your Plan also includes coverage for the administration of blood products.

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

Benefits are available for the diagnosis, crisis intervention and treatment of Addictive Disease, Mental Illness, 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 Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities is abbreviated as CARF.

Covered Services include the following:

- Inpatient services in a Joint Commission 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 Joint Commission or CARF-accredited Outpatient Facility, such as Partial Hospitalization Programs and Intensive Outpatient Programs.
- Virtual Visits as described under “Doctor (Physician) Visits” subsection.
- Residential treatment which is specialized 24-hour treatment in a licensed Residential Treatment Center accredited by The Joint Commission or CARF. It offers individualized and intensive treatment and includes:
  - Observation and assessment by a psychiatrist weekly or more often,
  - Rehabilitation and therapy.

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.

### **Nutritional Counseling**

We provide benefits for nutritional counseling when required for treatment of obesity, which includes morbid obesity.

### **Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services**

Physical medicine and Rehabilitative Services are 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.

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.

### **Preventive Care Services**

Preventive care services include screenings and other services for adults and children with no current symptoms or a diagnosed health problem. All recommended preventive services will be covered as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and applicable State law. This means many preventive care services are covered with no Deductible, Copayments or Coinsurance when You use an In-Network Provider.

Certain benefits for Members who have current symptoms or a diagnosed health problem, may be covered under the “Diagnostic Services Outpatient” 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,
  - Colorectal cancer.
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 oral contraceptives as well as other contraceptive medications such as injectable contraceptives and patches. Contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra-uterine devices (IUDs), and implants are also covered. Some categories and classes of contraceptives do not have Generics available and, in each of these categories, at least one Brand Drug is available at a \$0 Cost Sharing when You receive it from an In-Network Provider. If Your Provider determines that a Brand Drug with an available Generic therapeutic equivalent is necessary because a Generic therapeutic equivalent drug is not appropriate for You, You may obtain coverage of the Brand Drug with a \$0 Cost Sharing if Your Provider submits an exception request to receive prior approval. Your doctor must complete a contraceptive exception form and return it to Us. You or Your doctor can find the form online at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) or by calling the number listed on the back of Your ID Card. If Medical Necessity has been determined by Your Provider, an exception will be granted and coverage of the drug will be provided at \$0 Cost Sharing. Brand Drugs will be covered, as preventive care benefits when Medically Necessary, otherwise they will be covered under the “Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty 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 obtained at a Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacy.
  - Nicotine replacement therapy products obtained at a Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacy 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
  - 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>

## Rehabilitative Services

Rehabilitative Services are healthcare 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.

## Oral Surgery

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

Benefits are limited to certain oral surgeries including:

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

## Reconstructive Surgery

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

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).

Initial services, supplies or appliances for dental care or treatment required as a result of, and directly related to, accidental bodily injury to the teeth or structure occurring while a Member is covered by this Contract and performed within 180 days after the accident. Also covered is plastic repair of the mouth or lip necessary to correct traumatic injuries or congenital defects that will lead to functional impairments. Such a requirement will not prejudice an existing claim

## 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:

- **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. See the section "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" for more details.
- **Chiropractic Care** – Services performed by a doctor, a registered physical therapist (RPT), a licensed occupational therapist (O.T.), or a licensed chiropractor (D.C.) are limited to a combined total maximum visits per Calendar Year as outlined in the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits." All services rendered must be within the lawful scope of practice of, and rendered personally by, the individual Provider. No coverage is available when such services are necessitated by developmental delay.
- **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. See the section "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" for more details.

- **Pulmonary Rehabilitation** – Includes Outpatient short-term respiratory care to restore Your health after an illness or injury.
- **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.

## **Transplant: Human Organ and Bone Marrow/Stem Cell/Cord Blood**

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 Contract.

### **Covered Transplant Procedure**

A covered transplant procedure is any Medically Necessary human organ and bone marrow/stem cell/cord blood 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.

The initial evaluation, any added tests to determine Your eligibility as a candidate for a transplant by Your Provider, and the collection and storage of bone marrow/stem cells are included in the covered transplant procedure benefit regardless of the date of service.

### **Unrelated Donor Searches**

Your Plan includes Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) testing, also referred to as histocompatibility locus antigen testing, for A, B and DR antigens, for use in bone marrow transplantation per transplant. The testing must be done at an accredited Facility.

When approved by Us, Your coverage includes benefits for unrelated donor searches for bone marrow/stem cell/cord blood transplants performed by an authorized licensed registry for bone marrow/stem cell/cord blood transplants for a covered transplant procedure. Donor search charges are limited to the 10 best matched donors per transplant, identified by an authorized registry.

### **Live Donor Health Services**

Medically Necessary charges for the procurement, performed by an authorized licensed registry for bone marrow/stem cell/cord blood transplants, 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. A live donor is a person who provides the organ, part of an organ, or tissue for transplantation while alive to another person.

### **Transplant Benefit Period**

The transplant Benefit Period starts one day prior to a covered transplant solid organ procedure and one day prior to high dose chemotherapy or preparative regimen for bone marrow stem cell transplants 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 start on the day of the covered transplant procedure and continue 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.

Precertification is required before We will cover benefits for a transplant. Your doctor must certify, and We must agree, that the transplant is Medically Necessary. Your doctor should send a written request for Precertification to Us as soon as possible to start this process. Please see the "Requesting Approval for Benefits" section for how to obtain Precertification.

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**

We 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. Travel costs for the donor are generally not covered, unless We make an exception and approve them in advance of the procedure. 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 bone marrow/stem cell/cord blood transplant 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 doctor home visits and office services depending where the service is performed and are 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;
- Laboratory services;
- Stitches for simple cuts; and
- Draining an abscess.

## Prescription Drugs

This section describes how You can obtain covered Prescription Drugs administered by a medical Provider or through a Retail Pharmacy, Our Home Delivery Pharmacy, or Our Specialty Pharmacy. Please see the information below that describes how Prescription Drugs are covered.

### 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, Home Delivery, or Specialty 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 Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage. In order to determine if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage, We have established criteria.

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

- Quantity, dose, and frequency of administration;
- Specific clinical criteria (including, but not limited to, requirements regarding age, test result requirements, and/or presence of a specific condition or disease);
- Specific Provider qualifications (including, but not limited to, REMS certification (Risk, Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies));
- Step therapy requiring one drug, drug regimen or treatment be used prior to use of another drug, drug regimen or treatment for safety and/or cost-effectiveness when clinically similar results may be anticipated. Please see "Step Therapy Exception Request" in the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacy" section if You or Your doctor want to request an exception to a step therapy drug regimen;
- Use of an Anthem Prescription Drug List (a formulary developed by Anthem which is a list of 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 Contract.

### 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. An In-Network Provider is not necessarily a Designated Pharmacy Provider. To be a Designated Pharmacy Provider, the In-Network Provider must have signed a Designated Pharmacy Provider agreement with

Us. You or Your Provider can contact Member Services to learn which Pharmacy or Pharmacies are part of a Designated Pharmacy Provider program.

For Prescription Drugs that are shipped to You or Your Provider and administered in Your Provider's office, You and Your Provider are required to order from a Designated Pharmacy Provider. A patient care coordinator will work with You and Your Provider to obtain Precertification and to assist shipment to Your Provider's office.

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 Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **Therapeutic Equivalents**

Therapeutic Equivalents is a program that tells You and Your doctor about alternatives to certain prescribed drugs. We may contact You and Your doctor to make You aware of these choices. Only You and Your doctor can determine if the therapeutic equivalent is right for You. For questions or issues about therapeutic drug equivalents, call Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

### **Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacy**

Your Plan also includes benefits for Prescription Drugs You get at a Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacy. We use a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) to manage these benefits. The PBM has a network of Retail Pharmacies, a Home Delivery 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 In-Network pharmacist will be told if prior authorization is required and if any additional details are needed for Us to decide benefits.

### **Prior Authorization**

Prior authorization is the process of getting benefits approved before certain Prescriptions can be filled.

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, drug regimen or treatment be used prior to use of another drug, drug regimen or treatment for safety and/or cost-effectiveness when clinically similar results may be anticipated;
- Use of a Prescription Drug List (as described below).

You or Your Provider can get the list of the drugs that require prior authorization by calling Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). 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 Contract.

### **Covered Prescription Drugs**

To be a Covered Service, Prescription Drugs must be approved by the 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. Controlled Substances must be prescribed by a licensed Provider with an active Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license.

Benefits are available for the following:

- Prescription 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 Services” benefit. Please see that section for more details.
- Flu shots (including administration).

### **Where You Can Get Prescription Drugs**

#### **In-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 In-Network Pharmacies may be limited. If this happens, We may require You to select a single In-Network Pharmacy that will provide and coordinate all future Pharmacy services. Benefits will only be paid if You use the single In-Network Pharmacy. We will contact You if We determine that use of a single In-Network Pharmacy is needed and give You options as to which In-Network Pharmacy You may use. If You do not select one of the In-Network Pharmacies We offer within 31 days, We will select a single In-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 Contract.

In addition, if We determine that You may be using Controlled Substance Prescription Drugs in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, Your selection of Providers for Controlled Substance Prescriptions may be limited. If this happens, We may require You to select a single In-Network Provider that will provide and coordinate all Controlled Substance Prescriptions. Benefits for Controlled Substance Prescriptions will only be paid if You use the single In-Network Provider. We will contact You if We determine that use of a single In-Network Provider is needed and give You options as to which In-Network Provider You may use. If You do not select one of the In-Network Providers We offer within 31 days, We will select a single In-Network Provider 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 Contract.

If We determine that a Provider is demonstrating prescribing or dispensing behavior that is potentially wasteful or an unsafe practice for You, We may limit the medication(s) that the Provider can dispense. If so, You will be notified and benefits will not change if You use another participating Pharmacy.

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

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

**Level 2 In-Network Pharmacies.** When You go to Level 2 In-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 In-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.

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 Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **When You Order Your Prescription Through the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy**

You can have Your Prescription for a Specialty Drug filled through the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy. Specialty Drugs are limited to a 30-day supply per fill. The PBM's Specialty Pharmacy 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.

### **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 can have Your doctor send Prescriptions electronically, via fax or phone call, or You can submit written Prescriptions from Your doctor to the Home Delivery Pharmacy. Your doctor may also call the Home Delivery Pharmacy.

### **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 Pharmacy Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for more details.

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 Home Delivery program, You can call Pharmacy Member Services toll-free at 833-236-6196.

The Prescription must state the dosage and Your name and address; it must be signed by Your doctor.

The first Home Delivery 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 Home Delivery 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 Home Delivery Prescription Drug program.

**Note:** Some Prescription Drugs and/or medicines are not available or are not covered for purchase through the Home Delivery Prescription Drug program including, but not limited to, antibiotics, drugs not on the Prescription Drug List, drugs and medications to treat infertility, impotence and/or sexual dysfunction, injectables, including self-administered injectables except insulin. Please check with the Home Delivery Prescription Drug program Member Services department at 833-236-6196 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 In-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.  
Certain low cost drugs, on Tier 1, may be available to Members at no Cost Share. These drugs are listed on Our Prescription Drug List (formulary).
- **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.

#### Prescription Drug List

We also have a Prescription Drug List (a formulary) which is a list of 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 Prescription 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 List, please refer to Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

We retain the right, at Our discretion, to decide coverage based upon medication dosages, dosage forms, manufacturer and administration methods (i.e., oral, injected, topical, or inhaled) and may cover one form instead of another as Medically Necessary.

This Plan limits Prescription Drug coverage to those Prescription Drugs listed on Our Prescription Drug List. This formulary contains a limited number of Prescription Drugs, and may be different than the formulary for Our Anthem products. Benefits may not be covered for certain Prescription Drugs if they are not on the Prescription Drugs List. Generally, it includes select Generic Drugs with limited Brand Drug coverage. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by Anthem. We may add or delete Prescription Drugs from this Prescription Drug List from time to time. Inclusion of a drug or related

item on the covered Prescription Drug List is not a guarantee of coverage. A description of the Prescription Drugs that are listed on this Prescription Drug List is available upon request and at [www.anthem.com](http://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 Prescription Drug 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, coverage of the drug will be provided for the duration of the exigency. If We deny 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 duration of 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.

### **Step Therapy Exception Request**

If You or Your doctor want to request an exception for a Prescription Drug not recommended under Our step therapy protocol, You, Your doctor, or Your pharmacist can get in touch with Us by calling the Member Services number on Your Identification Card or by visiting [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). We will provide, in writing, a copy of the procedures for requesting an exception.

Upon receipt of Your exception request or Your appeal of a denial of an exception request, We will review the request within:

- Twenty-four hours in an urgent healthcare situation; or
- Two business days from the date such request or appeal is submitted in a non-urgent healthcare situation.

We will approve Your exception request if the prescribing Provider submits clinical documentation to support the exception request and We determine that one or more of the following apply:

- The required Prescription Drug is contraindicated or will likely cause an adverse reaction or physical or mental harm to You;
- The required Prescription Drug is expected to be ineffective, based on both of the following:
  - Your known clinical condition; and
  - Known characteristics of the required Prescription Drug.
- You previously tried the required Prescription Drug or another Prescription Drug in the same pharmacologic class or has the same mechanism of action as the required Prescription Drug and such Prescription Drug was discontinued due to lack of efficacy or effectiveness, diminished effect, or an adverse event; and/or,
- You are currently receiving a positive therapeutic outcome on a Prescription Drug under Your current or previous health Plan and a change to the required Prescription Drug is expected to be ineffective or cause harm based on Your known clinical condition or the known characteristics of the required Prescription Drug.

We may request a copy of relevant documentation from Your medical records in support of the exception request.

We will notify both You and Your doctor if an exception request is approved. Coverage of a Prescription Drug approved as a result of Your doctor's request for an exception will only be provided if the requested Prescription Drug is covered under the Plan.

### **Drug Utilization Review**

If there are patterns of over utilization or misuse of drugs, We will notify Your personal doctor 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 Share 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 Pharmacy Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card.

#### **Therapeutic Equivalents**

Therapeutic Equivalents is a program that tells You and Your doctor about alternatives to certain prescribed drugs. We may contact You and Your doctor to make You aware of these choices. Only You and Your doctor can determine if the therapeutic equivalent is right for You. For questions or issues about therapeutic drug equivalents, call Pharmacy 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. 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 Pharmacy Member Services number on Your Member ID Card or log on to the Member website at [www.anthem.com](http://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 Prescription Drug List.

#### **Rebate Impact on Prescription Drugs You Get at Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacies**

Anthem and/or its PBM may also, from time to time, enter into agreements that result in Anthem receiving rebates or other funds ("rebates") directly or indirectly from Prescription Drug manufacturers, Prescription Drug distributors or others.

You will be able to take advantage of a portion of the cost savings anticipated by Anthem from rebates on Prescription Drugs purchased by You from Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacies under this section. If the Prescription Drug purchased by You is eligible for a rebate, most of the estimated value of that rebate will be used to reduce the Maximum Allowed Amount for the Prescription Drug. Any Deductible or Coinsurance would be calculated using that reduced amount. The remaining value of that rebate will be used to reduce the cost of coverage for all Members enrolled in coverage of this type.

It is important to note that not all Prescription Drugs are eligible for a rebate, and rebates can be discontinued or applied at any time based on the terms of the rebate agreements. Because the exact value of the ultimate rebate will not be known at the time You purchase the Prescription Drug, the

amount the rebate applied to Your claim will be based on an estimate. Payment on Your claim will not be adjusted if the later determined rebate value is higher or lower than Our original estimate.

## Pediatric Vision Care

These vision care services are covered for Members until the end of the month in which they turn 19. To get In-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 Contract covers a complete routine eye exam with dilation if needed. The exam is used to check all aspects of Your vision.

### Eyeglass Lenses

Standard plastic (CR39) eyeglass lenses up to 55mm are covered, whether they are 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 Share 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 collection 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.

**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
- Anisometropia of 3D or more
- For patients whose vision can be corrected three lines of improvement on the visual acuity chart when compared to best corrected standard spectacle lenses.

**Note:** We will not pay for non-elective contact lenses for any Member who has 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. Your Plan covers services for this condition when You go to a Blue View Vision eye care Provider who specializes in low vision. They 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.

The following services are not covered:

- Services rendered by Providers located outside the United States, unless the services are for Emergency Care, Urgent Care services received from an Urgent Care Center, or ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital.
- Services by Out-of-Network Providers unless:
  - the services are for Emergency Care, ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital, or Urgent Care services received at an Urgent Care Center; or
  - the services are approved in advance by Anthem.

## Medical Services

Your medical benefits do not cover:

**Abortions.** 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 doctor, places the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

**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.

**After Hours or Holiday Charges.** Additional charges beyond the Maximum Allowed Amount for basic and primary services requested after normal Provider service hours or on holidays.

**Aids for Non-verbal Communication.** Devices and computers to assist in communication and speech except for speech aid devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices approved by Anthem.

**Allergy Tests/Treatment.** The following services, supplies or care are not covered:

- IgE RAST tests unless intradermal tests are contraindicated.
- Allergy tests for non-specific or non-allergy related symptoms such as fatigue and weight gain.
- Food allergy test panels (including SAGE food allergy panels).
- Services for, and related to, many forms of immunotherapy. This includes, but is not limited to, oral immunotherapy, low dose sublingual immunotherapy, and immunotherapy for food allergies.
- Specific non-standard allergy services and supplies, including, but not limited to, skin titration (Rinkel method), cytotoxicity testing (Bryan's test), treatment of non-specific candida sensitivity, and urine autoinjections.
- Antigen Leukocyte Cellular Antibody Test (ALCAT).
- Cytotoxic test.
- HEMOCODE food tolerance system.
- IgG food sensitivity test.
- Immuno blood print test.
- Leukocyte Histamine Release Test (LHRT).

**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, bio-energetic synchronization technique (BEST), iridology-study of the iris, auditory integration therapy (AIT), colonic irrigation, magnetic innervation therapy, electromagnetic therapy, and neurofeedback.

**Ambulance.** Usage is not covered when another type of transportation can be used without endangering the Member's health. Any ambulance usage for the convenience of the Member, family or doctor is not a Covered Service. Non-Covered Services for ambulance include, but are not limited to, trips to:

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

Coverage is not available for air ambulance transport from a Hospital capable of treating the patient because the patient and/or the patient's family prefer a specific Hospital or doctor. Air ambulance services are not covered for transport to a Hospital that is not an acute care Hospital, such as a nursing Facility or a rehabilitation Facility, doctor's office, or Your home.

**Applied Behavioral Treatment.** (including, but not limited to, applied behavior analysis and intensive behavior interventions) for all indications except as described as a Covered Service in this Contract, unless otherwise required by law.

#### **Autopsies and Post-mortem Testing.**

**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 Contract. 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 for care You get before Your Effective Date or after Your coverage ends, except as written in this Contract.

**Charges Not Supported by Medical Records.** Charges for services not described in Your medical records.

**Charges Over the Maximum Allowed Amount.** Charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services except for Surprise Billing Claims.

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

- Any investigational drugs or devices, non-health services required for You to receive the treatment, the costs of managing the research, or costs that would not be a Covered Service under this Plan for non-investigational treatments; or
- Items and services that are given only to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient; 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 of Non-Covered Services.** Services, supplies or treatment related to or, for problems directly related to a service that is not covered by this Plan. Directly related means that the care took place as a direct result of the non-Covered Service and would not have taken place without the

non-Covered Service.

**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 Contract 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.

**Compound Drugs.** Compound Drugs.

**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 social 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 Contract. 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. This exclusion also does not apply to plastic or reconstructive surgery to restore breast symmetry by reduction mammoplasty, mastopexy or breast augmentation as recommended by the oncologist or PCP for a Member incident to a covered mastectomy. Coverage will include reduction or uplift surgery on the unaffected breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.

**Counseling Services.** Counseling services and treatment related to religious counseling, marital/relationship counseling, vocational or employment counseling, and sex therapy.

**Court Ordered Care.** For court ordered testing or care, unless the service is Medically Necessary and authorized by Us.

**Custodial Care.** Custodial care, convalescent care or rest cures. This exclusion does not apply to hospice services.

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

**Dental Braces.** For dental braces except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.

**Dental Implants.** For dental implants except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.

**Dental Treatment.** For dental treatment, regardless of origin or cause, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract. "Dental treatment" includes, but is not limited to, preventive care, diagnosis, treatment of or related to the teeth, jawbones 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 and Appliances.** For dental X-rays, supplies and appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalization and anesthesia, except as required by law or as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract. The only exceptions to this are for any of the following:

- Transplant preparation.
- Initiation of an immunosuppressive.
- Direct treatment of acute traumatic injury, cancer, or cleft palate.

**Doctor Stand-by Charges.** For stand-by charges of a doctor.

**Drugs Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards.** Drugs given to You or prescribed

in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.

**Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits.** Drugs which are over any quantity or age limits set by the Plan or 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.

**Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications/Registrations/Certifications.** Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations and/or 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 specified as a Covered Service in this Contract. Non-Covered Services or supplies include, but are not limited to:

- Orthopedic shoes or shoe inserts, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.
- Air purifiers, air conditioners, humidifiers.
- Exercise equipment, treadmills.
- Pools and spas.
- Elevators.
- Supplies for comfort, hygiene or beautification.
- Correction appliances or support appliances and supplies such as stockings.

**Education/Training.** For services, supplies or room and board for teaching, vocational, or self-training purposes. This includes, but is not limited to boarding schools and/or the room and board and educational components of a residential program where the primary focus of the program is educational in nature rather than treatment based.

**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.

**Eyeglasses/Contact Lenses.** For prescription, fitting, or purchase of eyeglasses or contact lenses, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract. 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.

**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; hyperkeratosis.

**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

**Free Care.** Free care services You would not have to pay for if You did not have this Plan. This includes, but is not limited to, government programs, services during a jail or prison sentence, services You get from Workers' Compensation, and services from free clinics.

**Genetic Testing and Counseling.** Benefits are not provided for genetic testing or genetic counseling except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.

**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.** Health club memberships, workout equipment, charges from a physical fitness or personal trainer, or any other charges for activities, equipment, or facilities used for physical fitness, even if ordered by a doctor. This exclusion also applies to health spas.

**Hearing Aids, including Bone-anchored Hearing Aids.** For hearing aids or examinations for prescribing or fitting them for Members over 18 Years of age, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract. This exclusion does not apply to cochlear implants.

**Home Care.** Covered Services for home health do not include: food, housing, homemaker services, sitters, home-delivered meals; home healthcare services which are not Medically Necessary or of a non-skilled level of care. Services of a person who ordinarily resides in the patient's home or is a Member of the family of either the patient or patient's spouse. Any services for any period during which the Member is not under the continuing care of a doctor. Convalescent or custodial care where the Member has spent a period of time for recovery of an illness or surgery and where skilled care is not required or the services being rendered are only for aid in daily living, i.e., for the convenience of the patient. Any services or supplies not specifically listed as Covered Services:

- Routine care and/or examination of a newborn child;
- Dietitian services;
- Maintenance therapy;
- Dialysis treatment;
- Purchase or rental of dialysis equipment; and
- Private duty nursing care.

**Hospice Care.** We do not provide benefits for the following services, supplies or care:

- Services or supplies for personal comfort or convenience, including homemaker services.
- Food services, meals, formulas and supplements except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract or for dietary counseling, even if the food, meal, formula or supplement is the sole source of nutrition.
- Services not directly related to the medical care of the Member, including estate planning, drafting of wills, funeral counseling or arrangement or other legal services.
- Services provided by volunteers.

**Human Growth Hormone.** Human growth hormone.

**Hyperhidrosis.** For treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating).

**Impotency.** For services and supplies related to male or female sexual or erectile dysfunctions or inadequacies, regardless of origin or cause. This exclusion includes sexual therapy and counseling. This exclusion also includes penile prostheses or implants and vascular or artificial reconstruction, Prescription Drugs, and all other procedures and equipment developed for or used in the treatment of impotency, and all related diagnostic testing.

**Incarceration.** For care required while incarcerated in a federal, State or local penal institution or required while in custody of federal, State or local law enforcement authorities, including work release programs, unless otherwise required by law or regulation.

**In-vitro Fertilization (IVF) or Pre-implant Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) of Embryos.** Services or supplies for in-vitro fertilization (IVF) or pre-implant genetic diagnosis (PGD) of embryos, whether provided or not provided in connection with infertility treatment.

**Infertility Testing and Treatment.** Covered Services do not include conditions for men when the cause

is a vasectomy or orchiectomy or for women when the cause is tubal ligation or hysterectomy. Covered Services 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).

**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 except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.

**Medical Chats Not Provided Through Our Mobile App.** Texting or chat services provided through a service other than Our mobile app or website.

**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, unless prohibited by law; (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-approved Drugs.** Drugs not approved by the FDA.

**Non-authorized Travel Related Expenses.** For mileage, lodging and meals costs, and other Member travel related expenses, except as authorized by Us or as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.

**Nonemergency Care Received in Emergency Room.** For care received in an Emergency room that is not Emergency Care, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract. This includes, but is not limited to, suture removal in an Emergency room.

**Not Medically Necessary.** Any services or supplies which are not Medically Necessary.

**Nutritional and Dietary Supplements.** For nutritional and dietary supplements, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract 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.

**Off Label Use.** Off label use, unless We must cover the use by law or if We approve it.

**Oral Appliances for Snoring.** Medical and surgical treatment for snoring, except when provided as a part of treatment for documented obstructive sleep apnea.

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

- Monthly treatment visits that are inclusive of treatment cost;
- Orthodontic retention/retainer as a separate service;
- Retreatment and/or services for any treatment due to relapse;
- Inpatient or Outpatient Hospital expenses (please refer to Your medical coverage to determine if this is a covered medical service).

**Orthotic Devices, Shoes or Shoe Inserts.** Benefits are not provided for orthotic devices, shoes or shoe inserts, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract. We do not provide benefits for

procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:

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

**Outdoor Treatment Camps and/or Programs and/or Wilderness Programs.**

**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, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract or as required by law.

**Personal Care, Convenience and Mobile/Wearable Devices.** For personal hygiene, environmental control, or convenience items including, but not limited to:

- Air conditioners, humidifiers, air purifiers;
- Health club membership, and physical fitness equipment such as a treadmill or exercise cycles; 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 doctor. This exclusion also applies to health spas or similar Facility.
- Special exercise testing or equipment solely to evaluate exercise competency or assist in an exercise program;
- Charges from a health spa or similar Facility;
- 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;
- Consumer wearable/personal mobile devices (such as a smart phone, smart watch, or other personal tracking devices), including any software or applications;
- Residential, auto, or place of business structural changes (ramps, lifts, elevator chairs, escalators, elevators, stair glides, emergency alert equipment, handrails);
- Safety helmets for Members with neuromuscular diseases; or
- Sports helmets.

**Physical Exams and Immunizations - Other Purposes.** Physical exams and immunizations required for travel, enrollment in any insurance program, as a condition of employment, for licensing, or for other purposes.

**Private Duty Nursing.** We do not provide benefits for services or charges for private duty nursing.

**Provider Services.** Services You get from Providers that are not licensed or otherwise certified by law and as determined by Anthem to provide Covered Services, as defined in this Contract. 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 Contract, or recognized by Us.

**Reconstructive Services.** Reconstructive services, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract, or as required by law.

**Regression Prevention.** For services which are solely performed to prevent regression of functions for an illness, injury or condition which is resolved or stable, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.

**Residential Accommodations.** Residential accommodations to treat medical or behavioral health conditions, except when provided in a Hospital, hospice, Skilled Nursing Facility, or Residential Treatment Center. This exclusion includes procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:

- Domiciliary care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or a 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, even if psychotherapy is included.

**Reversal of Sterilization.** For reversal of sterilization.

**Self-Help.** Biofeedback, recreational, educational or sleep therapy or other forms of self-care or self-help training and any related diagnostic testing.

**Services Not Appropriate for Virtual Visits.** Services that We determine require in-person contact and/or equipment that cannot be provided remotely.

**Services Not Listed As Covered.** Benefits are not provided for any service, procedure, or supply not listed as a Covered Service in this Contract.

**Services, Supplies, or Devices.** We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:

- Received from an individual or entity that is not a Provider, as defined in this Contract, or recognized by Us;
- Separate charges for services by professionals employed by a Facility which makes their services available;
- Not listed as covered under this Contract;
- Not prescribed, performed, or directed by a Provider licensed to do so.

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

- Amounts above the Maximum Allowed Amount for a service;
- Neurofeedback and related diagnostic tests;
- The following therapies:
  - group speech therapy; or
  - group or individual exercise classes or personal training sessions.

**Shock Wave Treatment.** Extracorporeal shock wave treatment for plantar fasciitis and other musculoskeletal conditions.

**Spinal Decompression Devices.** Spinal decompression devices. This includes, but is not limited to, vertebral axial decompression (Vax-D) and DRX9000.

**Surrogate Pregnancy.** Services or supplies provided to a person not covered under the Contract 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 specified as a Covered Service in this Contract 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 as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.

**Therapy – Other.** We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:

- Gastric electrical stimulation;
- Hippotherapy;
- Intestinal rehabilitation therapy;
- Prolotherapy;
- Recreational therapy;
- Sensory integration therapy (SIT).

**Transplant: Human Organ and Bone Marrow/Stem Cell/Cord Blood Exclusions.** Non-Covered Services for transportation and lodging include, but are not limited to:

- Child care.
- Meals.
- Mileage within the medical transplant Facility city.
- Rental cars, buses, taxis, or shuttle service, except as specifically approved by Us.
- Frequent flyer miles.
- Coupons, vouchers, or travel tickets.
- Prepayments or deposits.
- Services for a condition that is not directly related, or a direct result, of the transplant.
- Telephone calls.
- Laundry.
- Postage.
- Entertainment.
- Travel expenses for donor companion/caregiver, unless a minor.
- Return visits for the donor for a treatment of a condition found during the evaluation.

**Vein Treatment.** Treatment of varicose veins or telangiectatic dermal veins (spider veins) by any method (including sclerotherapy or other surgeries) for cosmetic purposes.

**Virtual Visits.** Virtual Visits do not include the use of facsimile, texting (outside of Our mobile app), electronic mail, or non-secure instant messaging. Benefits also do not include reporting normal laboratory or other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, insurance coverage or payment questions, asking for Referrals to Providers outside Our network, benefit Precertification or Provider to Provider discussions except as approved under the "What Is Covered" section.

**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 Contract to pay a Copayment, Coinsurance, or Deductible and the Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible is waived by an Out-of-Network Provider.

**Weight Loss Programs.** For weight loss programs, whether or not they are pursued under medical or doctor supervision, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract. This exclusion includes commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, LA Weight Loss) and fasting programs.

**Wigs, Hair Transplants, or Hairpieces.** Hair transplants, hairpieces or wigs, wig maintenance, or Prescriptions or medications related to hair growth, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.

**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 Workers' Compensation Act or other similar law. If Workers' 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

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Your Prescription Drug benefits do not cover:

- Administration Charges for the administration of any drug except for covered immunizations as approved by Us or the PBM.
- An allergenic extract or vaccine.
- Charges Not Supported by Medical Records. Charges for Pharmacy services not related to conditions, diagnoses, and/or recommended medications described in Your medical records.
- Clinically Equivalent Alternatives. Certain Prescription Drugs may not be covered if You could use a clinically equivalent drug, unless required by law. "Clinically equivalent" means drugs that, for most Members, will give You similar results for a disease or condition. If You have questions about whether a certain drug is covered and which drugs fall into this group, please call the number on the back of Your Identification Card, or visit Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).
- Compound Drugs. Compound drugs.
- Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards. Drugs given to You or prescribed in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.
- 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 specified in "Therapy Services Outpatient", or drugs specified in "Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances" in the "What is Covered" section – they are Covered Services.
- Drugs not approved by the FDA.
- Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits. Drugs which are over any quantity or age limits set by the Plan or 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.
- Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications/Registrations/Certifications. Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations and/or 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), except for injectable insulin. This exclusion does not apply to over-the-counter drugs that We must cover under State or federal law when recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and prescribed by a doctor.
- Drugs used for cosmetic purposes.
- Items Covered as Durable Medical Equipment (DME). Therapeutic DME, devices and supplies except peak flow meters, spacers, glucose monitors.
- 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.
- New Prescription Drugs, new indications and/or new dosage forms will not be covered until the date they are reviewed and placed on a tier by Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process.
- Nutritional or Dietary Supplements. Nutritional and/or dietary supplements, except as described in this Contract or that We must cover by law. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to,

nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that You can buy over-the-counter and those You can get without a written Prescription or from a licensed pharmacist.

- Off Label Use. Off label use, unless We must cover the use by law or if We, or the PBM, approve it.
- Onychomycosis Drugs. Drugs for onychomycosis (toenail fungus) except when We allow it to treat Members who are immuno-compromised or diabetic.
- Over-the-Counter Items may not be Covered. Drugs, devices and products, or Prescription 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 Drugs when any version or strength becomes available over-the-counter.
- Prescription Drugs used to treat infertility.
- 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.
- Services We conclude are not Medically Necessary. This includes services that do not meet Our medical policy, clinical coverage, or benefit policy guidelines.
- Sexual Dysfunction Drugs. Drugs to treat sexual or erectile problems.
- Syringes. Hypodermic syringes except when given for use with insulin and other covered self-injectable drugs and medicine.
- Weight Loss Drugs. Any drug mainly used for weight loss.

## Pediatric Vision Care

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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, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 as a Covered Service in this Contract.
- Lost or broken lenses or frames, unless the Member has reached their normal interval for service when seeking replacements.
- For services or supplies not specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.
- Cosmetic lenses or options, such as special lens coatings or non-prescription lenses, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Contract.
- 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.
- Blended lenses.
- Oversize lenses.
- For sunglasses.

## HOW YOUR CLAIMS ARE PAID

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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 Share 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.

### Cost Sharing Requirements

Cost Sharing is how Anthem shares the cost of healthcare services with You. It means what Anthem is responsible for paying and what You are responsible for paying. You meet Your Cost Sharing requirements through Your payment of Copayments, Deductibles and/or Coinsurance (as described below).

Anthem works with doctors, Hospitals, Pharmacies and other healthcare Providers to control healthcare costs. As part of this effort, most Providers who contract with Anthem agree to control costs by giving discounts to Anthem. Most other insurers maintain similar arrangements with Providers.

The contracts between Anthem and Our In-Network Providers include a “hold harmless” clause which provides that You cannot be held responsible by the Provider for claims owed by Anthem for healthcare services covered under this Contract.

Covered Services that are not obtained from a PCP, SCP or another In-Network Provider, or that are not Authorized Services will not be covered. The only exceptions are Emergency Care, ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital, or Urgent Care services received at an Urgent Care Center.

### Copayment

Copayment means the fixed dollar amount You may be responsible for when You visit a Provider or fill a Prescription for covered Prescription Drugs at the Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacy. In some instances, a Copayment may be required before the Deductible for certain Covered Services. Your Copayment responsibility is shown in Your “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits.” Whether a Copayment applies to a Covered Service, depends on Your Contract’s benefit design.

Copayments do not accumulate towards the Deductible, however Copayments satisfied in a Calendar Year accumulate towards the Out-of-Pocket Limit.

### Coinsurance

Coinsurance means the percentage of the Maximum Allowed Amount for which You are responsible for a specified Covered Service. For example, if Your Coinsurance percentage listed on Your “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” is 20%, You are responsible for 20% of the Maximum Allowed Amount. See the explanation of Maximum Allowed Amount in this section for additional information. Whether a Coinsurance applies to a Covered Service depends on Your Plan’s benefit design.

### Deductible

A Deductible is a specified dollar amount for Covered Services that the Member must pay within each Calendar Year before Anthem reimburses You for Covered Services. A Copayment may be required before the Deductible for certain Covered Services. The Deductible amount is listed in the “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” section. A new Deductible applies at the beginning of each Calendar Year.

#### 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 or 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 In-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 Share and Benefits”.

## Credit toward Deductible

Your Plan includes a Deductible carry-over provision. This means that any amounts applied to Your Calendar Year Deductible during the last three months of the Calendar Year will be applied towards the next Calendar Year Deductible. This provision does not apply to vision Calendar Year Deductible.

## Out-of-Pocket Limit

The Out-of-Pocket Limit for Covered Services is the sum of the Deductible and Copayment/Coinsurance maximums paid in a Calendar Year. The Out-of-Pocket Limit is the most You pay for Covered Services in a Calendar Year. Once You meet Your Out-of-Pocket Limit, Anthem will cover 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services for the rest of that Calendar Year.

### 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 his or her 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.

### Out-of-Pocket Limit Exceptions

Please read this section very carefully. Not all money that You pay toward Your healthcare costs are counted toward Your Out-of-Pocket Limit.

Amounts You incur towards Your Deductible, Copayments and/or Coinsurance count towards the Out-of-Pocket Limit. However, the following will never count towards the Out-of-Pocket Limit, nor will they ever be paid under this Plan:

- Amounts exceeding the Maximum Allowed Amount;
- Amounts over any Plan maximum or limitation; and/or
- Expenses for services not covered under this Contract.

## Benefit Year Maximum

Some Covered Services have a maximum number of days or visits that Anthem will allow during a Calendar Year. When the Deductible is applied to a Covered Service that has a maximum number of days or visits, the maximum benefits may be reduced by the amount applied to the Deductible, whether or not the Covered Service is paid by Us. These maximums apply even if You have satisfied the applicable Out-of-Pocket Limit. See the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits" for those services which have a Benefit Limit.

## Balance Billing

In-Network Providers are prohibited from balance billing. An In-Network Provider has signed an agreement with Anthem to accept Our determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount or reimbursement rate for Covered Services rendered to a Member who is his or her patient. A Member is not liable for any fee in excess of this determination or negotiated fee, except what is due under the Contract, e.g., Deductibles (if any) or Coinsurance. When You receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, including in an Emergency or when services have been previously authorized, You may be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Provider's actual charges unless You receive a Surprise Billing Claim.

The reimbursement rate is the Eligible Charges calculated each Year by Anthem for any contracted Provider and will be applied to all Provider claims during the payment period.

## Maximum Allowed Amount

### General

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

Reimbursement for services rendered by In-Network and Out-of-Network Providers is based on Your Contract'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 Contract 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 Contract and are not excluded;
- that are Medically Necessary; and
- that are provided in accordance with all applicable pre-authorization, Utilization Review, or other requirements set forth in Your Contract.

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 an Out-of-Network Provider under this Contract are not covered except for under limited circumstances including Emergency Care, certain services that are provided at an In-Network facility by an Out-of-Network Provider, or when services have been previously authorized by Us. Except for Surprise Billing Claims as defined in this contract when You receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider which have been previously authorized by Us, You may be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Provider's actual charges. This amount can be significant.

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 an In-Network or an Out-of-Network Provider.

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

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

Except for Surprise Billing Claims We will calculate the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services You receive from an Out-of-Network Provider that was previously authorized by Us, using one of the following:

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

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

For Emergency Care and/or services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider resulting in a Surprise Bill, We will pay the Out-of-Network Provider the Maximum Allowed Amount which shall be the greater of the following:

1. The most recent amount negotiated by Us with the Out-of-Network Provider for the Emergency Care during which time the Provider was an In-Network Provider;
2. The median contracted rate as determined by the State;
3. Any other amount as determined by Us given the complexity of the services rendered.

For these services, the Out-of-Network Provider should not bill You for the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount.

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

Unlike In-Network Providers, Out-of-Network Providers may send You a bill and collect for the amount of the Provider's charge that exceeds Our Maximum Allowed Amount, this is called "balance billing". You are responsible for paying the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Provider charges unless these charges are for Emergency Care or certain services that are provided at an In-Network facility by an Out-of-Network Provider. This amount can be significant. Choosing an In-Network Provider will likely result in lower Out-of-Pocket costs to You. Please call Member Services for help in finding an In-Network Provider or visit Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) to verify Provider Network status for Providers who may render Covered Services to You including, but not limited to,

radiologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists, or Emergency medicine physicians.

Member Services is also available to assist You in determining Your Contract's Maximum Allowed Amount for a particular service from an Out-of-Network Provider. In order for Us to assist You, You will need to obtain from Your Provider the specific procedure code(s) and diagnosis code(s) for the services the treating Providers 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 PBM.

### **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 an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Non-Covered Services include services specifically excluded from coverage by the terms of Your Contract and services received after benefits have been exhausted. Benefits may be exhausted by exceeding, for example, Your day/visit limits.

If You receive Covered Services in an In-Network Provider facility from an Out-of-Network Provider who is employed by or contracted with the In-Network Hospital or facility, You will pay the In-Network Cost Share amounts for those Covered Services. However, You also may be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Out-of-Network Provider charges unless it's a Surprise Billing Claim. Note that We will not deny or restrict Covered Services provided by the In-Network Provider solely on the basis that You obtained services from an Out-of-Network Provider.

If You request a Referral to an Out-of-Network Provider for additional Covered Services while receiving a Covered Service at an In-Network Facility, claims for such additional Covered Services shall not be treated as Surprise Bill Claims if the Provider has followed the notice and consent requirements set forth in the in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" section. This requirement does not apply to ancillary services.

### **Authorized Services**

In some circumstances, such as where there is no In-Network Provider available for the Covered Service, We may authorize the In-Network Cost Share amounts (Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance) to apply to a claim for a Covered Service You receive from an Out-of-Network Provider. In such circumstance, You must contact Us in advance of obtaining the Covered Service. If We authorize an In-Network Cost Share amount to apply to a Covered Service received from an Out-of-Network Provider, You also may still be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's charge except for Surprise Billing Claims. Please contact Member Services for Authorized Services information or to request authorization.

## **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 (“non-participating 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 services received at an Urgent Care Center 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. Non-participating 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, 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 non-participating Providers. In these situations, You may be liable for the difference between the amount that the non-participating Provider bills and the payment We make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph.

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

If You plan to travel outside the United States, call Member Services to find out Your Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core benefits. Benefits for services received outside of the United States may be different from services received in the United States. The Plan only covers Emergency Care, including ambulance, and Urgent Care services 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 Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core Service Center any time. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The toll free number is 800-810-2583. Or You can call them collect at 804-673-1177.

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 Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss**

After You get Covered Services, We must receive written notice of Your claim in order for benefits to be paid.

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

Out-of-Network claims must be submitted within 90 days. Failure to file a claim within 90 days

shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to file the claim within such time, provided such proof is submitted as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity, later than one Year from the time the claim is required to be filed.

The claim must have the information We need to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, We will ask You for more details and inform You of the time by which We need to receive that information. Once We receive the required information, We will process the claim according to the terms of Your Plan.

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

## Payment of Benefits

Payment of claims will be made as soon as possible following receipt of the claim, unless more time is required because of incomplete or missing information. We will pay all benefits within 15 working days for clean claims filed electronically, or 30 calendar days for clean claims filed on paper. "Clean claim" means a claim submitted by You or a Provider that has no defect, impropriety, or particular circumstance requiring special treatment preventing payment.

If We fail to pay or deny a clean claim in 15 working days for a claim filed electronically; or in 30 calendar days for a claim filed on paper, and We subsequently pay the claim, We will pay interest to the Provider that submitted the claim, as required under Georgia law.

## 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.

## Claim Denials

If benefits are denied, in whole or in part, Anthem will send the Member a written notice within the established time periods described in the section "Payment of Benefits." The Member or the Member's duly authorized representative may Appeal the denial as described in the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section. The adverse determination notice will include the reason(s) for the denial, reference to the Plan provisions(s) on which the denial is based, whether additional information is needed to process the claim and why the information is needed, the claim Appeal procedures and time limits.

If the denial involves a Utilization Review determination, the notice will also specify:

- Whether an internal rule, guideline, protocol or other criterion was relied upon in making the claim decision and that this information is available to the Member upon request and at no charge;
- That an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a decision based on Medical Necessity, Experimental or Investigational treatment or a similar limitation is available to the Member upon request and at no charge.

## Right of Recovery and Adjustment

Whenever payment has been made in error, or in excess of the maximum amount of payment necessary to satisfy the provisions of this Plan, 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.

### **Member's Cooperation**

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

This authorization remains valid until expressly revoked by notifying Us, Our affiliates, agents or designees in writing of such revocation at any time (except to the extent any action has been taken based on this authorization and/or except as release of such information may be required or authorized by law). Refusal to consent to the release of such information to Us, Our affiliates, agents or designees will permit Us to deny claims for benefits.

### **Assignment**

We may pay either Your doctor or You for any care which You have received. Payment will be for the amount due under this Contract. Benefits are assignable.

### **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 information regarding the right to bring an action after the Appeals process.

### **Payment Owed to You at Death**

Upon the death of a Member, claims will be payable in Our discretion to either the Member's estate or a beneficiary designated to Us. If the Provider is an In-Network Provider, claims payments will be made to the Provider.

### **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. Members seeking Emergency Services, Urgent Care services received in an Urgent Care Center or other services authorized by Us in accordance with this Contract from non-participating or Out-of-Network Providers could be balance billed by the non-participating or Out-of-Network Provider for those services that are determined to be not payable as a result of these review processes. A claim may also be determined to be not payable due to a Provider's failure to submit medical records with the claims that are under review in these processes.

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

### **Payment Innovation Programs**

We pay In-Network Providers through various types of contractual arrangements. Some of these arrangements – Payment Innovation Programs (Program(s)) - may include financial incentives to help

improve quality of care and promote the delivery of healthcare services in a cost-efficient manner.

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

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

## IF YOU ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE POLICY

This provision explains coordination of benefits (COB). This COB provision applies when You are covered by more than one health insurance Plan. When the COB provision applies, the insurance carriers involved will coordinate the benefits payable. The purpose of the COB provision is to save healthcare dollars by preventing duplicate payments for the same services.

For the purposes of this provision, "Plan" and "Group Coverage" is defined below.

If You have two insurance Plans, one of the Plans will be considered the primary Plan and the other Plan will be the secondary Plan. The primary Plan is the Plan which will process claims for benefits first (as though no other coverage exists), and the secondary Plan will coordinate its payment so as not to duplicate benefits provided by the primary Plan.

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 individual health insurance contracts, health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts, closed panel plans or other forms of group or group-type health coverage (whether insured or uninsured); medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; and Medicare or any other federal governmental Plan, as permitted by law.
- 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.

Group Coverage means:

- A Plan that is not available to the general public and is obtained and maintained only because of membership in or a connection with a particular organization or group, including blanket coverage; and
- Group Plan does not include an individually underwritten and issued guaranteed renewable plan.

### Coordination with Group Coverage

Coverage under this Plan is always secondary to any Group Coverage.

Whenever the benefits under any other Plan are payable without regard to benefits payable under this Plan, this Plan will be secondary. Services that are not eligible for benefits under both Plans will not be subject to coordination of benefits.

When this Plan is secondary, the value of Covered Services will be based on Our Maximum Allowed Amount to determine Our liability. When providing secondary coverage, the aggregate of benefits under both Plans for the coordinated services will not exceed Our Maximum Allowed Amount for those coordinated services. If benefits are provided in the form of services by the primary carrier, as with a health maintenance organization, the value of the coordinate services is based upon Our Maximum Allowed Amount for the service. We may coordinate the benefits We would have paid so that the sum of Our benefits and the value of the coordinated services reduced by any applicable Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance of the primary carrier does not exceed Our Maximum Allowed Amount.

No limitations will be extended because of coordination of benefits. All dollar amount and visit limits still apply, even when We are the secondary carrier. You may not elect to file Your claims only with Us in order to obtain primary benefits when the other carrier would otherwise be the primary carrier.

### Coordination with Plans other than Group Coverage

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

#### Rule (1) Determining Primary Versus Secondary Coverage for the Insured

If the Subscriber of this Plan is also the insured of another insurance company's individual Plan, the longer Plan rule applies. This means the Plan, which covered the person longer, pays benefits first as the primary carrier. The Plan, which covered that person for the shorter time, pays benefits as the secondary carrier. If the two individual Plans are effective on the same day, We will be the secondary carrier. If both Anthem and the other insurance carrier claim to be secondary and the other carrier demonstrates its denial of primary responsibility, this Plan will be primary.

**Rule (2) Determining Primary Versus Secondary Coverage for Non-Dependent or Dependent**

The Plan that covers the person other than as a Dependent, for example as an employee, Member, policyholder, Subscriber or retiree is the primary Plan and the Plan that covers the person as a Dependent is the secondary Plan. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the Plan covering the person as a Dependent, and primary to the Plan covering the person as other than a Dependent (e.g. a retired employee), then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed so that the Plan covering the person as an employee, Member, policyholder, Subscriber or retiree is the secondary Plan and the other Plan is the primary Plan.

**Rule (3) Dependent Children Dual Coverage and the Birthday Rule**

When Dependent children are enrolled and eligible for coverage by another Plan, the primary Plan will be the Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year. The month and day are considered, regardless of the birth year. This is termed the Birthday Rule. For example: Father's birth date is December 9th and Mother's birth date is February 4th. The mother's Plan would be primary for the children because her birthday falls first in the calendar year.

**Rule (4) Dependents of Divorced Parents**

If the parent with custody of the covered children has not remarried, this parent's Plan provides primary benefits and the parent without custody provides secondary benefits.

If the parent with custody has remarried, this parent's Plan still provides primary benefits, the stepparent's Plan provides secondary benefits, and the parent without custody provides any balance of benefits. When there is a divorce decree, which assigns financial responsibility for healthcare of Dependent children, the decree will determine who must provide primary benefits for the children.

**Rule (5) Longer Policy Rule**

If the primary carrier cannot be determined by the above rules, the Plan that has covered the Dependent longer will be the primary Plan. Some insurance companies designate a father's Plan as the primary Plan for children. If We must coordinate coverage with a Plan that follows this rule, the father's Plan will be primary.

**Claims Information**

Claims which are applicable to the COB provision are subject to the same requirements as any other claim. This information includes, but is not limited to the following: a description of the services rendered; the diagnosis; date(s) of service; place of treatment; Provider rendering services; date of accident, if applicable; the charge for each service; and admission review for Inpatient services.

When this Plan is secondary, additional information regarding the other carrier's payment is necessary. Usually this is provided by the other carrier's Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form. This EOB provides the processing information of the other carrier including: the amount applied to the Deductible; the paid amount; and any denied charges.

**Payment Rules and COB Overpayments**

If benefits are determined to be overpaid, We shall have the right to recover the excess amount from the following as We determine, in Our sole discretion, to be appropriate:

- any person to or for whom the payments were made;
- any health insurance company or HMO; or
- any other private or government payer.

**Underpayments**

If Your Anthem Plan is liable, but payments have been made under any other Plan, We may pay any entity that has paid any amounts We determine will meet the intent of this COB provision. Amounts paid to another entity will be considered as benefits provided under this Plan and We will no longer be liable under Your Anthem Plan.

**Investigating Other Insurance**

From time to time, You will be asked to complete a questionnaire about other healthcare coverage. Please complete and return the questionnaire to Us quickly. Also, please let Us know when Your family's other insurance coverage changes or is cancelled. This will help to prevent denial of benefits under this Plan for the lack of information

**Coordination with Medicare**

Unless 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 Members are entitled to under Medicare. Where Medicare is the responsible payor, all amounts for services that have been paid for by Us that should have been paid for by Medicare shall be reimbursed to Us by or on behalf of the Members.

## IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT OR AN APPEAL

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### Contract Administration

For proper adjudication of claims under this Contract, it is agreed, and the Member consents, that all medical records involving any condition for which a claim is presented will be furnished at Anthem's request and all privileges with respect to such information, are waived. The Member agrees to participate and cooperate with Anthem in any pre-admission, concurrent or other medical review activity at any Hospital or medical Facility as Anthem deems appropriate. This information will be kept confidential to the extent provided by law. Payment will not be provided where sufficient information cannot be obtained to properly adjudicate a claim.

Any person or entity having information about an illness or injury for which benefits are claimed may give Anthem, at its request, any information (including copies or records) about the illness or injury. In addition, Anthem may, with the Member's written consent, give any person or entity similar information at their request if they are providing similar benefits.

In making a decision on claims involving payment for services or supplies or days of care that are determined by Anthem to be Medically Necessary, Anthem reserves the right to obtain advisory opinions from doctor consultants in the appropriate specialty under consideration prior to reaching a decision. On reconsideration of denied Medical Necessity claims, Anthem further reserves the right to refer such cases to an appropriate peer review committee for an advisory opinion before Anthem renders its final determination on such claims.

Please refer to the Section "Prescription Drug List" for the process for submitting an exception request for Drugs not on the Prescription Drug List.

Anthem will not cover the costs and/or copying of medical records.

### Summary of Grievances

A summary of the number, nature and outcome results of grievances filed in the previous three Years is available for Your inspection. You may obtain a copy of any such summary from Anthem.

### We Want You To Be Satisfied

Anthem hopes that You will always be satisfied with the level of service provided to You and Your family. Anthem realizes, however, that there may be times when problems arise or miscommunications occur which lead to feelings of dissatisfaction. As an Anthem Member, You have a right to express dissatisfaction and to expect unbiased resolution of issues.

### Complaints About Anthem Service

Complaints typically involve issues such as dissatisfaction about Anthem services, quality of care, the choice of and accessibility to Providers and network adequacy.

The following represents the process We have established to ensure that We give Our fullest attention to Your concerns. Please call the Member Services Department at the number on Your ID Card or write Us at the address below. Tell Us Your concern and We will work to resolve it for You as quickly as possible.

### Medical Coverage Appeals

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Attn: Grievances and Appeals  
P.O. Box 105568  
Atlanta, GA 30349-5568

A written Appeal must state plainly the reason(s) why You disagree with Our claim decision, Our refusal to authorize or cover a requested service or supply, or how We calculated the benefit. The Appeal should include any pertinent documents and medical records not originally submitted with the claim or request for the service or supply and any other information You feel may have a bearing on the decision. Also, please include the following details with Your Appeal if You have them:

- The Member's name, address and phone number;
- The identification number as shown on Your Identification Card (including the three letter prefix);
- The name of the provider who will or has provided care;
- The date(s) of service;
- The claim or reference number for the specific decision with which You don't agree; and
- Any bills that You have received from the provider.

If someone else is filing on Your behalf, You will need to submit a statement signed by You, the Member, authorizing that person to be Your representative.

## Appeal Process

Appealing an Adverse Benefit Determination - If We have rendered an adverse benefit determination, such as determining that a requested service is not Medically Necessary or is considered Investigation or Experimental, please do the following:

- a. Call the Member Services Department or write to Us within 180 days of receiving the adverse determination and let the representative know that You would like to Appeal the decision. The Member Services representative will discuss any Appeal options that may be available. The phone number is on Your ID Card.
- b. If You have Appeal rights available, You were sent a description of those Appeal rights with Our determination.
- c. At the conclusion of this formalized re-review (Your initial Appeal) a written response will be sent to You explaining Our determination.
- d. If You remain dissatisfied with the response to the initial Appeal review, You may be provided an opportunity for another Appeal. This is explained in the Appeal attachment sent with Our determination, or You can again call Member Services for assistance. Depending upon the nature of Your Appeal, You may be offered the option of participating in a voluntary second level of internal Appeal. Again the decision is sent to You in writing, and will also include information on additional Appeal rights, when available.
- e. The final level of clinical review (not Medically Necessary or Investigational or Experimental denials) is performed by a reviewers associated with an independent review organization. You may wish to skip the voluntary second level of review described above and go from the Initial Appeal to a request for an independent review. Whether You participate in or decline the voluntary second level of review, a final level of Appeal to an independent review organization is generally available (again depending upon the nature of Your claim). The decision rendered by the independent reviewer associated with the independent review organization is binding on You and Us.
- f. Member Service is available to You to guide You through this process.

## Appeal Determination

We will review Appeal request according to the timeframes listed below.

Type of Appeal	Timeframe for Resolution
Expedited pre-service	72 hours from the receipt of the request

Type of Appeal	Timeframe for Resolution
Non-Expedited pre-service	30 calendar days from receipt of the request
Post-service	60 calendar days from receipt of the request

### Legal Action

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 three Years of Our final decision on the claim or other request for benefits. If We decide an Appeal is untimely, Our latest decision on the merits of the underlying claim or benefit request is the final decision date. You must exhaust Our internal Appeals process before filing a lawsuit or other legal action of any kind against Us.

## WHEN MEMBERSHIP CHANGES (ELIGIBILITY)

The benefits, terms and conditions of this Contract 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 Contract, 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, 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 Georgia and meet the following applicable residency requirements:

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 applicable to this Contract.

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 applicable to this Contract.

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, C 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. is seeking employment (whether or not currently employed); or
3. has entered with 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 residency requirements.

### 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 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 Contract, 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.
3. The Subscriber's or the Subscriber's spouse's children, including stepchildren, newborn and legally adopted children until age 26.
4. Children for whom the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse is a legal guardian until 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 impairment. The Dependent's impairment 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 status changes and if he or she is no longer eligible for continued 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 Contract.

Any foster child who is eligible for benefits provided by any governmental program or law will not be eligible for coverage under this Contract, 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), during the annual open enrollment period or as an enrollee to add a Qualified Individual to the current QHP during 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 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 to enroll in or change a QHP as a result of the following triggering events:

- A Qualified Individual or Dependent loses Minimum Essential Coverage. For loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage, enrollee has 90 calendar days to select a QHP;

- 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;
- 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; and
- A Qualified Individual newly gains access to an Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement (ICHRA) or is newly provided a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement (QSEHRA).

If You cannot find Your situation, contact Your agent/broker or call Us. We can only enroll based on events defined by State and/or federal law.

NOTE: Special enrollment for marriage – only applies if at least one spouse was enrolled in Minimum Essential Coverage at least one day in the 60 days before marriage; or lived abroad for one or more days in the 60 days before marriage; or is an American Indian or Alaskan Native.

### **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 Contract and You must pay Anthem timely for any additional Premium due.

A child will be considered adopted from the earlier of: (1) placement for adoption; or (2) the date the court enters a decree granting the adoption. 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 Contract and You must pay Anthem timely for any additional Premium due.

### **Adding a Child due to Award of Court-Appointed 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 Contract 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 Contract, and the child is otherwise eligible for the coverage, You must request permission from the Exchange for Your child to enroll under this Contract, and once approved by the Exchange, We

will provide the benefits of this Contract 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 Contract 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 Period 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:

1. 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;
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. For loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage, complete application must be received within 90 days; and
4. In the case of new access to an ICHRA or new provision of a QSEHRA, if the Plan selection is made before the day of the triggering event, coverage is effective on the first day of the month following the date of the triggering event or, if the triggering event is on the first day of a month, on the date of the triggering event. If the Plan selection is made on or after the day of the triggering event, coverage is effective on the first day of the month following the Plan selection.

Effective Dates for special enrollment due to loss of Minimum Essential Coverage include 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;
6. Individual who no longer resides, lives or works in the Plan's service area;
7. A situation in which a Plan no longer offers any benefits to the class of similarly situated individuals that includes the individual;
8. Termination of employer contributions; or
9. 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 Contract. 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, changes in income, change of Dependent's impairment 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 or enrolled in 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 and understand that all rights to benefits under this Contract are subject to the condition that all such information is accurate. 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, 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 no longer meets eligibility requirements for coverage in a QHP through the Exchange as an overage Dependent. Coverage for Dependent children ends on the last day of the Benefit Year in which the child turns age 26;
4. The Member fails to pay his or her Premium, and the grace period has been exhausted;
5. Rescission of the Member's coverage;
6. The QHP terminates or is decertified;
7. The Member changes to another QHP;
8. The Member was enrolled in a QHP without his or her knowledge or consent by a third party, including by a third party with no connection with the Exchange; or
9. The QHP Issuer may terminate coverage as permitted by the Exchange. The Member will be notified by the QHP Issuer as required by law.

"Grace Period" refers to either:

1. The three 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 three month grace period; or
2. Any other applicable 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 14 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, moves 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 where a Member is no longer eligible for coverage in a QHP through the Exchange as an overage Dependent, coverage for Dependent children ends on the last day of the Benefit Year in which the child turns age 26.
5. In the case of a termination for non-payment of Premium and the three 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 three month grace period.

6. 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, consistent with existing State laws regarding grace periods.
7. 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.
8. The day following the Member's death. When a Subscriber dies, the surviving spouse or Domestic Partner of the deceased Subscriber, if covered under the Contract, shall become the Subscriber.

"Reasonable notice" is defined as 14 days prior to the requested Effective Date of termination.

### **Guaranteed Renewable**

Coverage under this Contract is guaranteed renewable, except as permitted to be terminated, cancelled, rescinded, or not renewed under applicable State and federal law, provided the Member is a Qualified Individual as determined by the Exchange. The Member may renew this Contract by payment of the renewal Premium by the end of the grace period of 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 Contract.
3. This Contract 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 Years after the Effective Date of this Contract, 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 Contract as of the original Effective Date. Additionally, if within two Years after adding an additional Dependent (excluding newborn children of the Subscriber added within 31 days 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 Contract.

This Contract 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 Contract. 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 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.

### **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

Anthem may cancel this coverage within two Years from the Effective Date for any ineligible family Member on whom fraudulent information has been submitted. The Member assumes liability for

reimbursement to Anthem for any benefit payment made on behalf of such family Member.

Two years after this Contract is issued, no false statements which might have been in Your Application for Coverage can be used to void the Contract. Also, after these same two years no covered claim can be denied because of any false statement on Your Application unless found to be made intentionally.

One year after this Contract is issued, no claim can be reduced or denied simply because You had a disease or condition prior to Your Effective Date. This section does not remove the limits on services which are excluded from payment.

### **Reinstatement**

If Your coverage ends in any manner, You may be considered for reinstatement. However, if Your coverage ended because You did not make payments, coverage under a reinstatement is limited to covering Accidental Injuries from the date of reinstatement and any illness which begins 10 days after Your reinstatement. Your rights in all other areas of this Contract remain the same as before the due date of the charges which You did not pay. Anthem does not require an application for reinstatement.

However, if in the future Anthem requires an application for reinstatement and issues a conditional receipt for the Premium tendered, the Contract will be reinstated upon approval, upon the 45th day following the date of such conditional receipt unless Anthem has previously notified the insured in writing of its disapproval of such application.

### **Discontinuation of Coverage**

We can refuse to renew Your Contract 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. Nonrenewal 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 either the three month grace period required for individuals receiving Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit (APTC) or for individuals not receiving the APTC, it refers to any other applicable grace period.

If the Subscriber does not pay the required Premium by the end of the grace period, the Contract, is terminated. In order for a Premium to be considered paid during the Grace Period, We must receive it by the last day of the Grace Period. 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 Year 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 three 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 Contract, 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 three month grace period.

### **Subscriber Does Not Receive APTC**

If the Subscriber is not receiving an APTC, this Contract has a grace period of 31 days. This means if any Premium payment, except the first, is not paid on or before the date it is due, it may be paid during the grace period. During the grace period, the Contract will stay in force unless prior to the date

Premium payment is due. You give timely written notice to Us that the Contract is to be terminated. If You do not make the full Premium payment during the grace period, the Contract will be terminated on the last day of the grace period. You will be liable to Us for the Premium payment due including 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 grace period.

**After Termination**

Once this Contract 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 provided 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

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## Changes in Premiums

The Premium for this Contract may change subject to, and as permitted by, applicable law. You will be notified of a Premium change at the address in Our records at least 60 days prior to such change. 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.

Payment of the Premium by the Subscriber shall serve as notice of the Subscriber's acceptance of the change.

## How to Pay Your Premium

After making Your initial Premium payment, You can make future payments by the following methods:

- online at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com)
- by authorizing Us to automatically deduct Your Premium payment from Your financial institution account every month
- by using Our mobile application
- by mail using the address on Your Premium notice
- pay in person at any approved retailer found on the mobile application

To learn more about any of these options, please contact Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card.

## Electronic Funds Transfer

If You submit a personal check for Premiums payment, You automatically authorize Us to convert that check into an electronic payment. We will store a copy of the check and destroy the original paper check. Your payment will be listed on the financial institution account statement as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Converting Your paper check into an electronic payment does not authorize Us to deduct Premiums from Your account on a monthly basis unless You have given Us prior authorization to do so.

## 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.

## Premiums Paid by a Third Party

Anthem will accept Premium payments made on behalf of Subscribers if the Premium is paid by the following persons or entities:

- The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program;
- Other Federal and State government programs that provide Premium and Cost Sharing support for specific individuals;
- Indian tribes, tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations; or
- A relative or legal guardian on behalf of a Subscriber.

Unless required by law, Anthem does not accept Premium payments from third parties that are not listed above. Examples of third parties from whom Anthem will not accept Premium payments include, but are not limited to, Providers, Hospitals, not-for-profit organizations (including religious organizations) that

have or whose primary donors have a financial interest in the benefits of the Contract, commercial entities with a direct or indirect financial interest in the benefits of the Contract and employers that offer coverage under an employer health Plan.

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

We are able to introduce new policies, procedures, rules and interpretations, as long as they are reasonable. Such changes are introduced to make the Plan more orderly and efficient. Members must follow and accept any new policies, procedures, rules, and interpretations.

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

### **Confidentiality and Release of Information**

Applicable State and federal law requires Us to undertake efforts to safeguard Your medical information.

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

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

### **Right to Receive Necessary Information**

Anthem has the right to receive any information necessary in order to determine how much to cover on any claims submitted by a Hospital, doctor or an individual Member. Anthem agrees to hold all such material confidential.

### **Notice of Privacy Practices**

We are committed to protecting the confidential nature of Members' medical information to the fullest extent of the law. In addition to various laws governing Member privacy, We have Our own privacy policies and procedures in place designed to protect Member information. We are required by law to provide individuals with notice of Our legal duties and privacy practices. To obtain a copy of this notice, visit Our website or contact Our Member Services department.

### **Catastrophic Events**

In case of fire, flood, war, civil disturbance, court order, strike, an act of terrorism or other cause beyond Our control, We may be unable to process Your claims on a timely basis. No legal action or lawsuit may be taken against Us due to a delay caused by any of these events. In such an event, however, We shall use reasonable efforts to perform Our respective obligations.

### **Refusal to Follow Recommended Treatment**

If a Member refuses treatment that has been recommended by Our In-Network Provider, the Provider may decide that the Member's refusal compromises the Provider-patient relationship and obstructs the provision of proper medical care. Providers will try to render all necessary and appropriate professional services according to a Member's wishes, when they are consistent with the Provider's judgment. If a Member refuses to follow the recommended treatment or procedure, the Member is entitled to see another Provider of the same specialty for a Second Opinion. The Member can also pursue the Appeal/grievance process.

### **Entire Contract and Changes**

Your Application for Coverage, this document, any later applications, and any future attachments, additions, deletions, or other amendments will be the entire Contract. No change in this Contract is valid

unless signed by the President of Anthem. No agent or employee of Anthem may change this Contract or declare any part of it invalid.

Anthem has the right to amend this Contract at any time by giving You written notice of the amendment at least 90 days before the amendment takes effect. You must agree to the change in writing. However, this requirement of notice shall not apply to amendments which provide coverage mandated by the laws of the State of Georgia.

### **Excess Coverage Provision**

This coverage pays for eligible charges after any group health Plan has paid. In no case shall the total payment of this healthcare coverage and other coverage exceed 100% of the eligible charges. Eligible charges which are reimbursed by any group healthcare Plan are not covered by this Contract.

### **Misstatement of Age**

If the Premium for this Contract is based on Your age and if Your age has been misstated, the benefits will be those the Premium paid would have purchased at the correct age.

### **Notice**

Any notice given by Anthem to a Subscriber shall be sufficient if mailed to the Subscriber at his or her address as it appears in Anthem's records. Notice given to Anthem must be sent to Anthem's address as shown in this Contract. Anthem, or a Member may, by written notice, indicate a new address for giving notice.

### **Not Liable for Provider Acts or Omissions**

We are not liable for the acts or omissions by any individuals or institutions furnishing care or services to You.

### **Physical Examinations and Autopsy**

We, at Our own expense, shall have the right and opportunity to examine the Member when and as often as it may reasonably be required during the pendency of a claim and to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not prohibited by law.

### **Third Party Liability**

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 as a result of actions or omissions of a third party. We will automatically have a lien upon any Recovery. Our lien will equal the amount of benefits We pay on Your behalf for injuries, disease, condition or loss You sustained as a result of any act or omission for which a third party is liable. Our lien will not exceed the amount We actually paid for those services. We have a first priority right to recover Our lien.

In this section, "Recovery" means money You (or Your estate, parent, trustee or legal guardian) receive, are entitled to receive, or have a right to receive, whether by judgment, award, settlement or otherwise as a result of injury or illness caused by the third party, regardless of whether liability is contested. In this section "third party" refers to any person or entity who is legally responsible in relation to the injuries or illnesses sustained by You for which We paid benefits, including but not limited to the party(ies) who caused the injury or illness ("tortfeasor"), the tortfeasor's insurer, the tortfeasor's indemnifier, the tortfeasor's guarantor, the tortfeasor's principal or any other person or entity responsible or liable for the tortfeasor's acts or omissions, Your own insurer (underinsured or uninsured motorist benefits, medical payments, no fault benefits, personal injury protection, etc.), or any other person, entity, policy or Plan that may be liable or responsible in relation to the injuries or illness, to the extent permitted by law.

Subrogation or reimbursement under this Plan may only be permitted if You have been fully compensated, and the amount recoverable by Us may be reduced by a pro rata share of Your reasonable attorney's fees and costs, if State law so requires.

## Right of Reimbursement

- You must reimburse Us the full amount of Our lien.
- Our rights are not limited by any allocation or characterization made in a settlement agreement or court order.
- We are not bound by, nor responsible for any fees or costs recoverable by or assigned to Your attorney as set forth in any fee agreement.

## Member's Duties

- Your signed Application for Coverage and/or Your receipt of benefits under this Plan authorizes and/or acknowledges each of Our rights set forth in this section.
- You, or Your attorney, 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.
- You agree to advise Us, directly or through Your attorney, in writing of Your claim against a third party, or a claim against Your own insurance, within 60 days of making such claim, unless a shorter period of time is prescribed by law, and that You or Your attorney will take such action, furnish such information and assistance, and execute such papers as We may require to facilitate enforcement of Our lien rights.
- Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, police reports, pleadings, settlement agreements, and communications with any party regarding the accident, incident, injury or illness.
- Neither You, nor Your attorney, shall take any action that may prejudice Our rights or interests under this section.
- You and/or Your attorney must cooperate with Us in the investigation, settlement and protection of Our rights.
- You and/or Your attorney must immediately notify Us if a trial is commenced, if a settlement occurs or is consummated, or if potentially dispositive motions are filed in a case.
- You and/or Your attorney must hold in trust the extent of Our lien that is recoverable by Us under the law and the Recovery must not be dissipated or disbursed until such time as We have been repaid in accordance with these provisions.
- If You, or Your attorney, fail to give Us notice, fail to cooperate with Us, or intentionally take any action that prejudices Our rights, You will be in material breach of this Contract. In the event of such material breach, You will be personally responsible and liable for reimbursing to Us the amount of benefits We paid.

Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to limit Our right to utilize any remedy provided by law to enforce Our rights to recover Our lien.

Any action that interferes with Our right to recover Our lien may result in the termination of coverage as allowed by law for You and Your covered Dependents.

The Plan is entitled to recover any attorney's fees and costs incurred in enforcing any provision in this section.

## Severability

In the event that any provision in this Contract is declared legally invalid by a court of law or determined to be illegal due to the enactment of new legislation or regulations, such provision will be severable and all other provisions of the Contract will remain in force and effect.

## Unauthorized Use of Identification Card; Fraudulent Statements

If You permit Your Anthem Identification Card to be used by someone else or if You use the card before coverage is in effect or after coverage has ended, You will be liable for payment of any expenses

incurred resulting from the unauthorized use. Fraudulent misuse could also result in termination of the coverage.

Fraudulent statements on Subscriber application forms and/or claims for services or payment involving all media (paper or electronic) may invalidate any payment or claims for services and be grounds for voiding the Subscriber's coverage. This includes fraudulent acts to obtain medical services and/or Prescription Drugs.

### **Unpaid Premium**

Upon the payment of a claim under this Contract, any Premiums then due and unpaid or covered by any note or written order may be deducted from that claim payment.

### **Right to Change Plan**

No agent or employee of the Plan or other person, except an authorized officer of the Plan, has authority to waive, even if by providing incomplete or incorrect information, any conditions or restrictions or to change the form or content of this Plan, to extend the time for making a payment to the Plan, or to bind the Plan by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information. Such changes can be made only through a written authorization, signed by an officer of the Plan.

### **Care Coordination**

We pay In-Network Providers in various ways to provide Covered Services to You. For example, sometimes We may pay In-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 In-Network Providers financial incentives or other amounts to help improve quality of care and/or promote the delivery of healthcare services in a cost-efficient manner, or compensate In-Network Providers for coordination of Member care. In some instances, In-Network Providers may be required to make payment to Us because they did not meet certain standards. You do not share in any payments made by In-Network Providers to Us under these programs.

### **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.

### **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 Contract. We may also offer, at Our discretion, the ability for You to participate in certain voluntary health or condition focused digital applications or use other technology based interactive tool, or receive educational information in order to help You stay engaged and motivated, manage Your health, and assist in Your overall health and well-being. The purpose of these programs and incentives include, but are not limited to, making You aware of cost effective benefit options or services, helping You achieve Your best health, 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. Motivational rewards, awards or points for

achieving certain milestones may be a feature of the program. We may discontinue an incentive or a program 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.

## Value-Added Programs

We may offer health or fitness related programs and products to Our Members, through which You may access discounted rates from certain vendors for products and services available to the general public. We may also offer value-added services that include discounts on Pharmacy products (over-the-counter drugs, consultations and biometrics). In addition, You may have access to additional value-added services that include discounts on pet medications, wholesale club memberships, mobile phone minutes and banking and payment services.

The products and services available under this program are not Covered Services under the Plan but are in addition to Plan benefits and may include giveaways that promote a healthy lifestyle. As such, program features are not guaranteed under Your Contract and could be discontinued at any time. We do not endorse any vendor, product or service associated with this program. Program vendors are solely responsible for the products and services You receive.

## Wellness Program

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this wellness program is to encourage You to take a more active role in managing Your health and well-being.
2. **Description.** We provide benefits in connection with the use of or participation in the following wellness and health promotion action:
  - **Wellness Visit Incentive Program.** Subscribers and the Subscriber's covered spouse or domestic partner who receive an annual wellness physical examination are eligible to receive a reward payout once the action is completed during the first 90 days of the Calendar Year or during the first 90 days of Your enrollment.
  - **Health Assessment Incentive Program.** A Health Assessment is an online health tool. You will answer questions about Your lifestyle, current health and history. You will have access to a personal report with health tips and available online programs. Subscribers and the Subscriber's covered spouse or domestic partner who complete the Health Assessment are eligible to receive a reward payout once the action is completed.
3. **Eligibility.** You, the Subscriber and the Subscriber's covered spouse or domestic partner can participate in the wellness program.
4. **Participation.** When We receive a claim from Your Provider for an annual wellness physical examination, You will receive a Health Rewards card in the mail or if You previously received a Health Rewards card, Your reward will be electronically loaded onto it.
5. **Rewards.** Rewards for participation in a wellness program or activity include monetary rewards in the form of a variety of retailer e-gift cards or a digital Mastercard. If You choose the digital Mastercard to receive a physical gift card, a convenience processing fee may apply. You are encouraged to use the reward for a product or service that promotes good health. If You have any questions about whether receipt of rewards 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 Plan. 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 test for immediate results or 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.)

### **Members' Rights and Responsibilities**

The delivery of quality healthcare requires cooperation between patients, their Providers and their healthcare benefit Plan. One of the first steps is for patients and Providers to understand Member rights and responsibilities. Therefore, Anthem has adopted a Members' Rights and Responsibilities statement.

It can be found on Our website FAQs. To access, go to [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) and select "Member Support". Under the Support column select "FAQs" > "Select My State" > "Pick Your State" > "Laws and Rights That Protect You" > "What are my rights as a member?". Members or Providers who do not have access to the website can request copies by contacting Anthem, or by calling the number on the back of the Member ID Card.

## DEFINITIONS

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The following terms, defined in this section, are capitalized throughout the Contract so they are easy to identify.

### **Addictive Disease**

A chronic, often relapsing, brain disease that causes compulsive alcohol or drug seeking and use despite harmful consequences to the individual who is addicted and to those around him or her.

### **Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit (APTC)**

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.

### **American Indian**

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.

### **Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem)**

The company providing the coverage under this Contract. The terms We, Us and Our in this Contract refer to Anthem and its designated affiliates.

### **Appeal**

A formal request by You or Your representative for reconsideration of a decision not resolved to Your satisfaction. See the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section of this Contract.

### **Application for Coverage**

The original and any subsequent forms completed and signed by the Subscriber seeking coverage.

### **Authorized Service**

A Covered Service rendered by any Provider other than an In-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 In-Network level. For more information, see the "How Your Claims Are Paid" section.

### **Behavioral Health Condition**

A condition that is listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) as a mental health condition or substance abuse disorder.

### **Benefit Period/Year**

The period of time that We pay benefits for Covered Services. Generally, the Benefit Period/Year is a Calendar Year for this Plan, as listed in the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits". If Your coverage ends earlier, the Benefit Period/Year ends at the same time.

### **Biomarker**

A characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biologic processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a specific therapeutic intervention, including but not limited to:

- known gene-drug interactions for medications being considered for use or already being administered;
- gene mutations and protein expression; and
- characteristics of genes

### **Biomarker Testing**

The analysis of a patient's tissue, blood, or other biospecimen for the presence of a Biomarker, including but not limited to single-analyte tests, multiplex panel tests, whole genome sequencing, protein

expression, whole exome, and whole transcriptome.

**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 Drugs**

Prescription Drugs that We classify as Brand Drugs or Our PBM has classified as Brand Drugs through use of an independent proprietary industry database.

**Calendar Year**

A period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of the same Year.

**Coinsurance**

The percentage of the Maximum Allowed Amount that You pay for some Covered Services.

**Contract**

The agreement, between Us and the Subscriber, which is a summary of the terms of Your benefits. It includes this Contract, Your "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits", Your application, any supplemental application or change form, Your Identification Card, and any endorsements or riders.

**Controlled Substances**

Drugs and other substances that are considered Controlled Substances under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) which are divided into five schedules.

**Copayment**

A fixed amount You pay for a Covered Service, usually when You receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of Covered Service. The Copayment does not apply to the Deductible.

**Cost Share (Cost Sharing)**

The amount which the Member is required to pay for Covered Services. Where applicable, Cost Share can be in the form of Copayments, Coinsurance and/or Deductibles.

**Covered Services**

Services, supplies or treatments which are:

- Medically Necessary or otherwise specifically included as a benefit and that is listed under the "What is Covered" section;
- Within the scope of the Provider's license;
- Rendered while coverage under this Contract is in force;
- Not Experimental or Investigational or not covered by this Contract; and
- Authorized in advance by Us if such Preauthorization is required in this Contract.

**Deductible**

The amount of charges You must pay for any Covered Services before any benefits are available to You under this coverage. Your Deductible is stated in Your "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits."

**Dependent**

A Member of the Subscriber's family who meets the rules listed in the "When Membership Changes (Eligibility)" section and who has enrolled in the Plan.

**Designated Pharmacy Provider**

An In-Network Pharmacy that has executed a Designated Pharmacy Provider Agreement with Us or an In-Network Provider that is designated to provide Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, to treat certain conditions.

**Effective Date**

The date when a Member's coverage begins under this Contract.

**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 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.

**Exchange**

A governmental agency or non-profit entity that makes Qualified Health Plans such as this Plan available to Qualified Individuals.

**Experimental or Investigational**

Services which are considered Experimental or Investigational include services which (1) have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration or (2) for which medical and scientific evidence does not demonstrate that the expected benefits of the proposed treatment would be greater than the benefits of any available standard treatment and that adverse risks of the proposed treatment will not be substantially increased over those standard treatments. Such determination must result from prudent professional practices and be supported by at least two documents of medical and scientific evidence. Medical and scientific evidence means:

- Peer-reviewed scientific studies published in or accepted for publication by medical journals that meet nationally recognized requirements for scientific manuscripts and that submit most of their published articles for review by experts who are not part of the editorial staff;
- Peer-reviewed literature, biomedical compendia, and other medical literature that meet the criteria of the National Institutes of Health’s National Library of Medicine for indexing in Index Medicus, Excerpta Medica (EMBASE), Medline, and MEDLARS data base or Health Services Technology Assessment Research (HSTAR);
- Medical journals recognized by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, under Section 18961 (t)(2) of the Social Security Act;
- The following standard reference compendia: the American Hospital Formulary Service-Drug Information, the American Medical Association Drug Evaluation, the American Dental Association Accepted Dental Therapeutics, and the United States Pharmacopoeia-Drug Information;
- Findings, studies, or research conducted by or under the auspices of federal government agencies and nationally recognized federal research institutes including the Federal Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, National Academy of Sciences, Health Care Financing Administration, and any national board

recognized by the National Institutes of Health for the purpose of evaluating the medical value of health services; or

- It meets the following five technology assessment criteria:
  - The technology must have final approval from the appropriate government regulatory bodies.
  - The scientific evidence must permit conclusions concerning the effect of the technology of health outcomes.
  - The technology must improve the net health outcome.
  - The technology must be as beneficial as any established alternative.
  - The technology must be beneficial in practice.

### **Facility**

A Facility including but not limited to, a Hospital, freestanding ambulatory surgical Facility, Residential Treatment Center, or Skilled Nursing Facility, as defined in this Contract. The Facility must be licensed as required by law, satisfy Our accreditation requirements, and approved by Us.

### **Generic/Generic Drugs**

Prescription Drugs that We classify as Generic Drugs or that Our 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 Drug.

### **Habilitative Services**

Healthcare 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 Delivery Pharmacy**

A service where You get Prescription Drugs (other than Specialty Drugs) through a mail order service.

### **Home Health Care Agency**

A Facility, licensed in the State in which it is located, which:

- Provides skilled nursing and other services on a visiting basis in the Member's home; and
- Is responsible for supervising the delivery of such services under a Plan prescribed and approved in writing by the attending doctor.

### **Hospital**

A Facility licensed as a Hospital as required by law that must satisfy Our accreditation requirements and be approved by Us.

The term Hospital does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

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

### **Identification Card/ID Card**

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.

### **In-Network Pharmacy**

An In-Network Pharmacy is a Pharmacy that has an In-Network Pharmacy agreement in effect with or for Our benefit at the time services are rendered. In-Network Pharmacies may be based on a restricted network, and may be different than the network of In-Network Pharmacies for Our other products. To

find an In-Network Pharmacy near You, call Pharmacy Member Services at the telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

### **In-Network Provider**

A doctor, Skilled Nursing Facility, hospice, Home Health Care Agency, other medical practitioner or Provider of medical services and supplies in the service area that has an In-Network Provider Contract with Us to provide Covered Services to Members.

### **Inpatient**

A Member who receives care as a registered bed patient in a Hospital or other Facility 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**

Structured, multidisciplinary treatment for Mental Health and Substance Abuse conditions that provides a combination of individual, group and family therapy to Members who require a type or frequency of treatment that is not available in a standard Outpatient setting.

### **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.

### **Maintenance Medication**

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 Pharmacy Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for more details.

### **Maximum Allowed Amount**

The maximum amount that We will allow for Covered Services You receive. For more information, see the "How Your Claims Are Paid" section.

### **Medicaid**

Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act, Grants to States for Medical Assistance Programs.

### **Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary**

The program only pays the cost of Covered Services Anthem considers Medically Necessary. The fact that a doctor has prescribed, ordered, recommended or approved a service or supply does not, in itself, make it Medically Necessary. A service is considered Medically Necessary if it is:

- Appropriate and consistent with the diagnosis and the omission of which could adversely affect or fail to improve the patient's condition;
- Compatible with the standards of acceptable medical practice in the United States;
- Not provided solely for Your convenience or the convenience of the doctor, healthcare Provider or Hospital;
- Not primarily custodial care; and
- Provided in a safe and appropriate setting given the nature of the diagnosis and the severity of the symptoms.

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) the service is performed in the least costly setting that is medically appropriate. For example We will not provide coverage for an Inpatient admission for surgery if the surgery could have been performed on an Outpatient basis or an infusion or injection of a Specialty Drug provided in the Outpatient department of a Hospital if the drug could be provided in a doctor's office or

the home setting.

For purposes of treatment of mental health and substance use disorder, Medically Necessary means a service or product addressing the specific needs of that patient for the purpose of screening, preventing, diagnosing, managing or treating an illness, injury, condition, or its symptoms, including minimizing the progression of an illness, injury, condition, or its symptoms, in a manner that is all of the following:

- In accordance with generally accepted standards of mental health or substance use disorder care;
- Clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site, and duration; and
- Not primarily for the economic benefit of Anthem and the Member or for the convenience of the patient, treating doctor, or other healthcare Provider.

### **Medicare**

The programs of healthcare for the aged and disabled established by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended.

### **Member**

The Subscriber and enrolled Dependent.

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

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.

### **Mental Illness**

A disorder of thought or mood which significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life.

### **Minimum Essential Coverage**

The term Minimum Essential Coverage means any of the following: Government sponsored programs Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE for Life, veteran's healthcare 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 State high risk pool coverage, or as the Secretary of HHS recognizes.

### **Out-of-Network Provider**

A Hospital, freestanding ambulatory Facility (Surgical Center), doctor, Skilled Nursing Facility, hospice, Home Health Care Agency, other medical practitioner or Provider of medical services or supplies, that does not have a network Provider Contract with Anthem at the time services are rendered.

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

The most You pay in Copayments, Deductibles, and Coinsurance during a Benefit Period for Covered Services. The Out-of-Pocket Limit does not include Your Premium, amounts over the Maximum Allowed Amount, or charges for healthcare that Your Plan doesn't cover. When the Out-of-Pocket Limit is reached, no additional Deductible or Coinsurance is required unless otherwise specified in this Contract. Please see the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits" for details.

### **Outpatient**

A Member who receives services or supplies when not an Inpatient.

### **Partial Hospitalization Program**

Structured, multidisciplinary treatment for Mental Health and Substance Abuse conditions, including nursing care and active individual, group and family treatment for Members who require more care than is available in an Intensive Outpatient Program.

### **Pharmacy**

A place licensed by State law where You can get Prescription Drugs and other medicines from a licensed pharmacist when You have a Prescription from Your Doctor.

### **Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process**

A process to make clinically based recommendations that will help You access quality, low cost medicines within Your benefit program. The process includes healthcare 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 Prescription Drug List. 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.

### **Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM)**

A Pharmacy benefits management company that manages Pharmacy benefits on Anthem's behalf. Anthem's PBM has a nationwide network of retail Pharmacies, a Home Delivery Pharmacy, and clinical services that include Prescription Drug List management.

Anthem's PBM, in consultation with Anthem, also provides services to promote and assist Members in the appropriate use of Pharmacy benefits, such as review for possible excessive use, proper dosage, drug interactions or drug/pregnancy concerns.

### **Plan**

The set of benefits, conditions, exclusions and limitations described in this document.

### **Precertification**

Please see the section "Requesting Approval for Benefits" for details.

### **Premium**

The monthly charge You must pay Anthem to establish and maintain coverage under this Contract.

### **Prescription Drug**

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 insulin, diabetic supplies, and syringes.

### **Prescription Drug List**

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 doctors and pharmacists has been reviewed for their quality and cost effectiveness. This Prescription Drug List 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 Prescription Drug List from time to time. A description of the Prescription Drugs that are listed is available upon request and at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **Prescription Order (Prescription)**

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")**

An In-Network Provider who is a practitioner that specialized in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics or any other In-Network Provider as allowed by Us. A PCP supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to a Member and is responsible for ongoing patient care.

### **Provider**

A professional or Facility licensed or otherwise certified by law that gives healthcare services within the scope of that license or certification, that must satisfy Our accreditation requirements and be approved by Us. Details on Our accreditation requirements can be found at

<https://www.anthem.com/provider/credentialing/>. This includes any Provider that State law says We must cover when they give You services that State law says We must cover. Providers that deliver Covered Services are described throughout this Contract. If You have a question about a Provider not described in this Contract please call the number on the back of Your Identification Card.

### **Qualified Health Plan or QHP**

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**

A health Plan insurance issuer that offers a QHP in accordance with the certification from an Exchange.

### **Qualified Individual**

With respect to an Exchange, an individual who has been determined eligible to enroll through the Exchange in a QHP in the individual market.

### **Referral**

A specific recommendation by a Member's PCP that the Member should receive evaluation or treatment from a specific Provider. A recommendation from a Provider is a Referral only to the extent of the specific services approved by the PCP on the written Referral form or by other notification methods prescribed by Anthem for use by PCPs. A general statement by a PCP that a Member should seek a particular type of service or Provider does not constitute a Referral under this Contract.

### **Rehabilitative Services**

Healthcare 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**

An Inpatient Facility that provides multidisciplinary treatment for Mental Health and Substance Abuse conditions. The Facility must be licensed as a Residential Treatment Center in the State in which it is located, satisfy Our accreditation requirements, and be approved by Us.

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

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

### **Retail Pharmacy**

An establishment licensed to dispense Prescription Drugs and other medications (other than Specialty Drugs) through a licensed pharmacist or Home Delivery Pharmacy service upon an authorized healthcare professional's order.

### **Self-Administered Drugs**

Drugs that are administered which do not require a medical professional to administer.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility**

An Inpatient Facility that provides multidisciplinary treatment for convalescent and rehabilitative care. It must be licensed as a Skilled Nursing Facility in the State in which it is located, satisfy Our accreditation requirements, and be approved by Us.

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

**Specialty Care Physician (Specialist or SCP)**

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

**Specialty Drugs**

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.

**Specialty Pharmacy**

A Pharmacy that is designated by Us, other than a Retail Pharmacy or Home Delivery Pharmacy that provides high cost, biotech drugs which are used for the treatment of acute or chronic diseases.

**State**

Each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

**Subscriber**

The Member who applied for coverage and in whose name this Contract is issued.

**Surprise Bill**

The following only applies when Providers licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of Georgia have rendered a service to You.

A surprise bill means a bill for Covered Services, other than Emergency Care, received by a Member for services rendered by an Out-of-Network Provider, where such Covered Services were rendered by such Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility (1) during a service or procedure performed by an In-Network Provider; (2) during a service or procedure performed by previously approved or authorized by Anthem, or (3) upon Referral by an In-Network Provider to the Out-of-Network Provider and the Member did not knowingly elect to obtain such Covered Services from the Out-of-Network Provider. A Member is only responsible for what the Member would have paid (any applicable Coinsurance, Copayment, Deductible) for an In-Network Provider. The Out-of-Network Provider is prohibited by law from billing You the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount.

A surprise bill does not include a bill for Covered Services received by a Member when an In-Network Provider was available to render such service or procedure and the Member knowingly elected to obtain such services from an Out-of-Network Provider.

**Surprise Billing Claims**

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

- Emergency Services provided by Out-of-Network Providers;
- Covered Services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility; and
- Out-of-Network air ambulance services.

**Tax Dependent**

Tax Dependent has the same meaning as the term Dependent under the Internal Revenue Code.

**Tax Filer**

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.

**Urgent Care**

Medical care for an unexpected illness or injury 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 Care Center**

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

**Utilization Review**

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

**We, Us, Our**

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem).

**Year and Yearly**

A 12-month period.

**You and Your**

The Member, Subscriber and each covered Dependent.

## Get help in your language

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

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

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

### Spanish

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

### 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)

### 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)

### Korean

귀하에게는 무료로 이 정보를 얻고 귀하의 언어로 도움을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 도움을 얻으려면 귀하의 ID 카드에 있는 회원 서비스 번호로 전화하십시오. (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)

### 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)

### 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)

### Farsi

شما این حق را دارید که این اطلاعات و کمکها را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. برای دریافت کمک به شماره مرکز خدمات اعضاء که بر روی کارت شناساییتان درج شده است، تماس بگیرید. (TTY/TDD: 711)

## 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)

## 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。支援を受けるには、IDカードに記載されているメンバーサービス番号に電話してください。(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)

## 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)

## 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)

## Punjabi

ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਮਦਦ ਮੁਫਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਈਡੀ ਕਾਰਡ ਉੱਤੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸਰਵਿਸਿਜ਼ ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। (TTY/TDD: 711)

## Navajo

Bee ná ahoot'í t'áá ní nizaad k'ehjí níká a'doowoł t'áá jík'e. Naaltsoos bee atah nílínígíí bee néécho'dólzingo nanitinígíí bécésh bee hane'í bikáá' ááji' hodiílnih. (TTY/TDD: 711)

## It's important we treat you fairly

That's why we follow federal civil rights laws in our health programs and activities. We don't discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For people with disabilities, we offer free aids and services. For people whose primary language isn't English, we offer free language assistance services through interpreters and other written languages. Interested in these services? Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help (TTY/TDD: 711). If you think we failed to offer these services or discriminated based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a complaint, also known as a grievance. You can file a complaint with our Compliance Coordinator in writing to Compliance Coordinator, P.O. Box 27401, Mail Drop VA2002-N160, Richmond, VA 23279. Or you can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights at 200 Independence Avenue, SW; Room 509F, HHH Building; Washington, D.C. 20201 or by calling 1-800-368-1019 (TDD: 1-800-537-7697) or online at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>. Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.