

Plan Year 2023

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Díí baa akó nínízin: Díí saad bee yáníłti'go Diné Bizaad, saad bee áká'ánída'áwo'déé', t'áá jiik'eh, éí ná hóló, námboo ninaaltsoos yézhí, bee néé ho'dólzin bikáá'ígíí bee hólne' (TTY: 711)

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Administrative Office:
500 West Main Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Certificate of Coverage Humana Health Plan, Inc. and Humana Insurance Company

Group Plan Sponsor:

Group Plan Number:

Effective Date:

Product Name:

In accordance with the terms of the *master group contract* issued to the *group plan sponsor*, Humana Health Plan, Inc. and Humana Insurance Company certifies that a *covered person* has coverage for the benefits described in this *certificate*. This *certificate* becomes the Certificate of Coverage and replaces any and all certificates and certificate riders previously issued.



Bruce Broussard
President

**This booklet, referred to as a Benefit Plan Document,
is provided to describe your
Humana coverage.**

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COVERAGE

As you read the *certificate*, you will see some words are printed in italics. Italicized words may have different meanings in the *certificate* than in general. Please check the "Glossary" sections for the meaning of the italicized words as they apply to *your* plan.

The *certificate* gives you information about *your* plan. It tells you what is covered and what is not covered. It also tells you what you must do and how much you must pay for services. Your plan covers many services, but it is important to remember it has limits. Be sure to read *your certificate* carefully before using *your* benefits.

Essential health benefits

This *certificate* does not apply annual dollar limits or lifetime dollar limits to *covered expenses* that are *essential health benefits*.

Covered and non-covered expenses

We will provide coverage for services, equipment and supplies that are *covered expenses*. All requirements of the *master group contract* apply to *covered expenses*.

The date used on the bill we receive for *covered expenses* or the date confirmed in *your* medical records is the date that will be used when *your* claim is processed to determine the benefit period.

You must pay the health care provider any amount due that we do not pay. Not all services and supplies are a *covered expense*, even when they are ordered by a *health care practitioner*.

Refer to the "Schedule of Benefits," the "Covered Expenses" and the "Limitations and Exclusions" sections and any amendment attached to the *certificate* to see when services or supplies are *covered expenses* or are non-covered expenses.

How your master group contract works

We may apply a *copayment* or *deductible* before we pay for certain *covered expenses*. If a *deductible* applies, and it is met, we will pay *covered expenses* at the *coinsurance* amount. Refer to the "Schedule of Benefits" to see when a *copayment*, *deductible* and/or *coinsurance* may apply.

The service and diagnostic information submitted on the *qualified provider's* bill will be used to determine which provision of the "Schedule of Benefits" applies.

Covered expenses are subject to the *maximum allowable fee*. We will apply the applicable *network provider* or *non-network provider* benefit level to the total amount billed by the *qualified provider*, less any amounts such as:

- Those in excess of the negotiated amount by contract, directly or indirectly, between *us* and the *qualified provider*; or
- Those in excess of the *maximum allowable fee*; and
- Adjustments related to *our* claims processing procedures. Refer to the "Claims" section of this *certificate* for more information on *our* claims processing procedures.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COVERAGE (continued)

Unless stated otherwise in this *certificate*, you will be responsible to pay:

- The applicable *network provider* or *non-network provider copayment, deductible* and/or *coinsurance*;
- Any amount over the *maximum allowable fee* to a *non-network provider*; and
- Any amount not paid by *us*.

However, *we* will apply the *network provider* benefit level and *you* will only be responsible to pay the *network provider copayment, deductible* and/or *coinsurance* based on the *qualified payment amount* for *covered expenses* when *you* receive the following services from a *non-network provider*:

- *Emergency care* and *air ambulance* services;
- *Ancillary services* while *you* are at a *network facility*;
- Services that are not considered *ancillary services* while *you* are at a *network facility*, and *you* do not consent to the *non-network provider* to obtain such services; and
- *Post-stabilization services* when:
 - The attending *qualified provider* determines *you* are not able to travel by non-medical transportation to obtain services from a *network provider*; and
 - *You* do not consent to the *non-network provider* to obtain such services due to *your emergency medical condition*.

Any *copayment, deductible* and/or *coinsurance* *you* pay for services based on the *qualified payment amount* will be applied to the *network provider out-of-pocket limit*.

If an *out-of-pocket limit* applies and it is met, *we* will pay *covered expenses* at 100% the rest of the year, subject to any maximum benefit and all other terms, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the *master group contract*.

Your choice of providers affects your benefits

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* at a higher percentage most of the time, if *you* see a *network provider*, so the amount *you* pay will be lower. Be sure to check if *your qualified provider* is a *network provider* before seeing them.

We may designate certain *network providers* as preferred providers for specific services. If *you* do not see the *network provider* designated by *us* as a preferred provider for these services, *we* may pay less.

Unless stated otherwise in this *certificate*, *we* will pay a lower percentage if *you* see a *non-network provider*, so the amount *you* pay will be higher. *Non-network providers* have not signed an agreement with *us* for lower costs for services and they may bill *you* for any amount over the *maximum allowable fee*. If the *non-network provider* bills *you* any amount over the *maximum allowable fee*, *you* will have to pay that amount and any *copayment, deductible* and *coinsurance* to the *non-network provider*. Any amount *you* pay over the *maximum allowable fee* will not apply to *your deductible* or any *out-of-pocket limit*.

Some *non-network providers* work with *network facilities*. If possible, *you* may want to check if all health care providers working with *network facilities* are *network providers*.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COVERAGE (continued)

We will apply the *network provider* benefit level and you will only be responsible to pay the *network provider copayment, deductible and/or coinsurance*, based on the *qualified payment amount* for covered expenses when you receive the following services from a *non-network provider*:

- *Ancillary services* when you are at a *network facility*;
- Services that are not considered *ancillary services* when you are at a *network facility*, and you do not consent to the *non-network provider* to obtain such services; and
- *Post-stabilization services* when:
 - The attending *qualified provider* determines you are not able to travel by non-medical transportation to obtain services from a *network provider*; and
 - You did not consent to the *non-network provider* to obtain such services.

For all other services you receive from a *non-network provider*, you will be responsible to pay the *non-network provider copayment, deductible and/or coinsurance* and you may also be responsible to pay any amount over the *maximum allowable fee* for covered expenses including:

- Services that are not considered *ancillary services* when you are at a *network facility* and you consent to the *non-network provider* to obtain such services; and
- *Post-stabilization services* when:
 - The attending *qualified provider* determines you are able to travel by non-medical transportation to obtain services from a *network provider*; and
 - You consent to the *non-network provider* to obtain such services.

Refer to the "Schedule of Benefits" sections to see what your *network provider* and *non-network provider* benefits are.

How to find a network provider

You may find a list of *network providers* at www.humana.com. This list is subject to change. Please check this list before receiving services from a *qualified provider*. You may also call our customer service department at the number listed on your ID card to determine if a *qualified provider* is a *network provider*, or we can send the list to you. A *network provider* can only be confirmed by us.

How to use your point of service (POS) plan

You may receive services from a *network provider* or *non-network provider* with your POS plan without a referral from your *primary care physician*. Refer to the "Schedule of Benefits" for any *preauthorization* requirements.

Continuity of care

You may be eligible to elect continuity of care if you are a continuing care patient as of the date any of the following events occur:

- Your *qualified provider* terminates as a *network provider*;
- The terms of a *network provider's* participation in the network changes in a manner that terminates a benefit for a service you are receiving as a continuing care patient; or

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- The *master group contract* terminates.

You must be in a course of treatment with the *qualified provider* as a continuing care patient the day before *you* are eligible to elect continuity of care.

If *you* elect continuity of care, *we* will apply the *network provider* benefit level to *covered expenses* related to *your* treatment as a continuing care patient. *You* will be responsible for the *network provider copayment, deductible* and/or *coinsurance* until the earlier of:

- 120 days from the date *we* notify *you* the *qualified provider* is no longer a *network provider*;
- 90 days from the date *we* notify *you* the terms of a *network provider's* participation in the network changes in a manner that terminates a benefit for a service *you* are receiving as a continuing care patient; or
- 90 days from the date *we* notify *you* this *master group contract* terminates; or
- The date *you* are no longer a continuing care patient.

For the purposes of this "Continuity of care" provision, continuing care patient means at the time continuity of care becomes available, *you* are undergoing treatment from the *network provider* for:

- An acute *sickness* or *bodily injury* that is serious enough to require specialized medical treatment to avoid the reasonable possibility of death or permanent harm;
- A chronic *sickness* or *bodily injury* that is a life-threatening condition, degenerative, potentially disabling, or is a *congenital anomaly* and requires specialized medical care over a prolonged period of time;
- *Inpatient* care;
- A scheduled non-elective *surgery* and any related post-surgical care;
- A pregnancy; including 45 days postpartum, or if the pregnancy does not end in delivery, the date the pregnancy ends, if *you* were receiving treatment at the time of the termination of the *network provider's* contract. or
- A terminal illness.

For the purposes of this "Continuity of care" provision, a terminal illness means *you* have a medical prognosis with a life expectancy of 6 months or less.

Continuity of care is not available if:

- Medical incompetence or professional misconduct;
- *You* transition to another *qualified provider*;
- The services *you* receive are not related to *your* treatment as a continuing care patient;
- This "Continuity of care" provision is exhausted; or
- *Your* coverage terminates, however the *master group contract* remains in effect.

All terms and provisions of the *master group contract* are applicable to this "Continuity of care" provision.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COVERAGE (continued)

Seeking emergency care

If you need *emergency care*, go to the nearest emergency facility.

You, or someone on your behalf, must call us within 48 hours after your admission to a non-network hospital for emergency medical condition. If your condition does not allow you to call us within 48 hours after your admission, contact us as soon as your condition allows. We may transfer you to a network hospital in the service area when your condition is stable.

Seeking urgent care

If you need *urgent care*, you must go to the nearest *urgent care center* or call an *urgent care qualified provider*. You must receive *urgent care* services from a *network provider* for the *network provider copayment, deductible or coinsurance* to apply.

Our relationship with qualified providers

Qualified providers are not our agents, employees or partners. All providers are independent contractors. *Qualified providers* make their own clinical judgments or give their own treatment advice without coverage decisions made by us.

The *master group contract* will not change what is decided between you and *qualified providers* regarding your medical condition or treatment options. *Qualified providers* act on your behalf when they order services. You and your *qualified provider* make all decisions about your health care, no matter what we cover. We are not responsible for anything said or written by a *qualified provider* about *covered expenses* and/or what is not covered under this *certificate*. Please call our customer service department at the telephone number listed on your ID card if you have any questions.

Our financial arrangements with network providers

We have agreements with *network providers* that may have different payment arrangements:

- Many *network providers* are paid on a discounted fee-for-services basis. This means they have agreed to be paid a set amount for each *covered expense*;
- Some *network providers* may have capitation agreements. This means the *network provider* is paid a set dollar amount each month to care for each *covered person* no matter how many services a *covered person* may receive from the *network provider*, such as a *primary care physician* or a *specialty care physician*;
- *Hospitals* may be paid on a Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) basis or a flat fee per day basis for *inpatient* services. *Outpatient* services are usually paid on a flat fee per service or a procedure or discount from their normal charges.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COVERAGE (continued)

The certificate

The *certificate* is part of the *master group contract* and tells you what is covered and not covered and the requirements of the *master group contract*. Nothing in the *certificate* takes the place of or changes any of the terms of the *master group contract*. The final interpretation of any provision in the *certificate* is governed by the *master group contract*. If the *certificate* is different than the *master group contract*, the provisions of the *master group contract* will apply. The benefits in the *certificate* apply if you are a *covered person*.

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COVERED EXPENSES

This "Covered Expenses" section describes the services that will be considered *covered expenses* under the *master group contract* for *preventive services* and medical services for a *bodily injury* or *sickness*. Benefits will be as specified in the "How your master contract works" provision in the "Understanding Your Coverage" section and as shown on the "Schedules of Benefits," subject to any applicable:

- *Preauthorization* requirements;
- *Deductible*;
- *Copayment*;
- *Coinsurance* percentage; and
- Maximum benefit.

Refer to the "Limitations and Exclusions" section listed in this *certificate*. All terms and provisions of the *master group contract* apply.

Preventive services

Covered expenses include the *preventive services* appropriate for you as recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for *your plan year*. *Preventive services* include:

- Services with an A or B rating in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).
- Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Preventive care for infants, children and adolescents provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- Preventive care for women provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA.

For the recommended *preventive services* that apply to *your plan year*, refer to the www.healthcare.gov website and the preventive care services at www.doi.nv.gov or call the customer service telephone number on *your* ID card.

Health care practitioner office services

We will pay the following benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for *health care practitioner* home and office visit services. You must incur the *health care practitioner's* services as the result of a *sickness* or *bodily injury*.

Health care practitioner office visit

Covered expenses include:

- Home and office visits for the diagnosis and treatment of a *sickness* or *bodily injury*.
- Home and office visits for prenatal care.
- Home and office visits for diabetes.
- Diagnostic laboratory and radiology.

COVERED EXPENSES (continued)

- Allergy testing.
- Allergy serum.
- Allergy injections.
- Injections other than allergy.
- *Surgery*, including anesthesia.
- Second surgical opinions.

Health care practitioner services at a retail clinic

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for *health care practitioner* services at a *retail clinic* for a *sickness* or *bodily injury*.

Hospital services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you while *hospital confined* or for *outpatient* services. A *hospital confinement* must be ordered by a *health care practitioner*.

For *emergency care* benefits, refer to the "Emergency services" provision of this section.

Hospital inpatient services

Covered expenses include:

- Daily semi-private, ward, intensive care or coronary care *room and board* charges for each day of *confinement*. Benefits for a private or single-bed room are limited to the *maximum allowable fee* charged for a semi-private room in the *hospital* while *confined*.
- Services and supplies, other than *room and board*, provided by a *hospital* while *confined*.

Health care practitioner inpatient services when provided in a hospital

Services that are payable as a *hospital* charge are not payable as a *health care practitioner* charge.

Covered expenses include:

- Medical services furnished by an attending *health care practitioner* to you while you are *hospital confined*.
- *Surgery* performed on an *inpatient* basis.
- Services of an *assistant surgeon*.
- Services of a *surgical assistant*.

COVERED EXPENSES (continued)

- Anesthesia administered by a *health care practitioner* or certified registered anesthetist attendant for a *surgery*.
- Consultation charges requested by the attending *health care practitioner* during a *hospital confinement*. The benefit is limited to one consultation by any one *health care practitioner* per specialty during a *hospital confinement*.
- Services of a pathologist.
- Services of a radiologist.
- Services performed on an emergency basis in a *hospital* if the *sickness* or *bodily injury* being treated results in a *hospital confinement*.

Hospital outpatient services

Covered expenses include *outpatient* services and supplies, as outlined in the following provisions, provided in a *hospital's outpatient* department.

Covered expenses provided in a *hospital's outpatient* department will not exceed the average semi-private room rate when you are in *observation status*.

Hospital outpatient surgical services

Covered expenses include services provided in a *hospital's outpatient* department in connection with *outpatient surgery*.

Health care practitioner outpatient services when provided in a hospital

Services that are payable as a *hospital* charge are not payable as a *health care practitioner* charge.

Covered expenses include:

- *Surgery* performed on an *outpatient* basis.
- Services of an *assistant surgeon*.
- Services of a *surgical assistant*.
- Anesthesia administered by a *health care practitioner* or certified registered anesthetist attendant for a *surgery*.
- Services of a pathologist.
- Services of a radiologist.

COVERED EXPENSES (continued)

Hospital outpatient non-surgical services

Covered expenses include services provided in a *hospital's outpatient* department in connection with non-surgical services.

Hospital outpatient advanced imaging

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for *outpatient advanced imaging* in a *hospital's outpatient* department.

Pregnancy and newborn benefit

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by a *covered person* for a pregnancy.

Covered expenses include:

- A minimum stay in a *hospital* for 48 hours following an uncomplicated vaginal delivery and 96 hours following an uncomplicated cesarean section. If an earlier discharge is consistent with the most current protocols and guidelines of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or the American Academy of Pediatrics and is consented to by the mother and the attending *health care practitioner*, a post-discharge office visit to the *health care practitioner* or a home health care visit within the first 48 hours after discharge is also covered, subject to the terms of this *certificate*.
- For a newborn, *hospital confinement* during the first 48 hours or 96 hours following birth, as applicable and listed above for:
 - *Hospital charges for routine nursery care*;
 - *The health care practitioner's charges for circumcision of the newborn child*; and
 - *The health care practitioner's charges for routine examination of the newborn before release from the hospital*.
- If the covered newborn must remain in the *hospital* past the mother's *confinement*, services and supplies received for:
 - *A bodily injury or sickness*;
 - *Care and treatment for premature birth*; and
 - *Medically diagnosed birth defects and abnormalities*.

Covered expenses also include *cosmetic surgery* specifically and solely for:

- *Reconstruction due to bodily injury, infection or other disease of the involved part*; or
- *Congenital anomaly* of a covered *dependent* child that resulted in a *functional impairment*.

The newborn will not be required to satisfy a separate *deductible* and/or *copayment* for *hospital facility* or *birthing center* charges for the *confinement* period immediately following birth. A *deductible* and/or *copayment*, if applicable, will be required for any subsequent *hospital admission*.

COVERED EXPENSES (continued)

If determined by the *covered person* and your *health care practitioner*, coverage is available in a *birthing center*. *Covered expenses in a birthing center* include:

- An uncomplicated, vaginal delivery; and
- Immediate care after delivery for the *covered person* and the newborn.

Emergency services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for *emergency care*, including the treatment and stabilization of an *emergency medical condition*.

Emergency care provided by *non-network providers* will be covered at the *network provider* benefit level, as specified in the "Emergency services" benefit in the "Schedule of Benefits." However, you will only be responsible to pay the *network provider copayment, deductible and/or coinsurance* to the *non-network provider* for *emergency care* based on the *qualified payment amount*.

Benefits under this "Emergency services" provision are not available if the services provided are not for an *emergency medical condition*.

Ambulance services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for licensed *ambulance* and *air ambulance* services to, from or between medical facilities for an *emergency medical condition*.

Ambulance and *air ambulance* service for an *emergency medical condition* provided by a *non-network provider* will be covered at the *network provider* benefit, as specified in the "Ambulance services" benefit in the "Schedule of Benefits." You may be required to pay the *non-network provider* any amount not paid by us, as follows:

- For *ambulance services*, you will be responsible to pay the *network provider copayment, deductible and/or coinsurance*. You may also be responsible to pay any amount over the *maximum allowable fee* to a *non-network provider*. *Non-network providers* have not agreed to accept discounted or negotiated fees, and may bill you for charges in excess of the *maximum allowable fee* unless balance billing is prohibited by applicable law; and
- For *air ambulance* services, you will only be responsible to pay the *network provider copayment, deductible and/or coinsurance* based on the *qualified payment amount*.

Ambulatory surgical center services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for services provided in an *ambulatory surgical center* for the utilization of the facility and ancillary services in connection with *outpatient surgery*.

COVERED EXPENSES (continued)

Health care practitioner outpatient services when provided in an ambulatory surgical center

Services that are payable as an *ambulatory surgical center* charge are not payable as a *health care practitioner* charge.

Covered expenses include:

- Surgery performed on an *outpatient* basis.
- Services of an *assistant surgeon*.
- Services of a *surgical assistant*.
- Anesthesia administered by a *health care practitioner* or certified registered anesthetist attendant for a *surgery*.
- Services of a pathologist.
- Services of a radiologist.

Durable medical equipment and diabetes equipment

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for *durable medical equipment* and *diabetes equipment*.

At our option, *covered expense* includes the purchase or rental of *durable medical equipment* or *diabetes equipment*. If the cost of renting the equipment is more than you would pay to buy it, only the purchase price is considered a *covered expense*. In either case, total *covered expenses* for *durable medical equipment* or *diabetes equipment* shall not exceed its purchase price. In the event we determine to purchase the *durable medical equipment* or *diabetes equipment*, any amount paid as rent for such equipment will be credited toward the purchase price.

Repair and maintenance of purchased *durable medical equipment* and *diabetes equipment* is a *covered expense* if:

- Manufacturer's warranty is expired; and
- Repair or maintenance is not a result of misuse or abuse; and
- Repair cost is less than replacement cost.

Replacement of purchased *durable medical equipment* and *diabetes equipment* is a *covered expense* if:

- Manufacturer's warranty is expired; and
- Replacement cost is less than repair cost; and
- Replacement is not due to lost or stolen equipment, or misuse or abuse of the equipment; or
- Replacement is required due to a change in *your* condition that makes the current equipment non-functional.

Free-standing facility services

Free-standing facility diagnostic laboratory and radiology services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* for services provided in a *free-standing facility*.

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Health care practitioner services when provided in a free-standing facility

We will pay benefits for *outpatient* non-surgical services provided by a *health care practitioner* in a *free-standing facility*.

Free-standing facility advanced imaging

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for *outpatient advanced imaging* in a *free-standing facility*.

Home health care services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you in connection with a *home health care plan* provided by a *home health care agency*. All home health care services and supplies must be provided on a part-time or intermittent basis to you in conjunction with the approved *home health care plan*.

The "Schedule of Benefits" shows the maximum number of visits allowed by a representative of a *home health care agency*, if any. A visit by any representative of a *home health care agency* of two hours or less will be counted as one visit. Each additional two hours or less is considered an additional visit.

Home health care *covered expenses* are limited to:

- Care provided by a *nurse*;
- Physical, occupational, respiratory, or speech therapy;
- Medical social work and nutrition services;
- Medical supplies, except for *durable medical equipment*; and
- Laboratory services.

Home health care *covered expenses* do not include:

- Charges for mileage or travel time to and from the *covered person's* home;
- Wage or shift differentials for any representative of a *home health care agency*;
- Charges for supervision of *home health care agencies*;
- Charges for services of a home health aide;
- *Custodial care*; or
- The provision or administration of *self-administered injectable drugs*, unless otherwise determined by *us*.

Hospice services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for a *hospice care program*. A *health care practitioner* must certify that the *covered person* is terminally ill with a life expectancy of 18 months or less.

If the above criteria is not met, no benefits will be payable under the *master group contract*.

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Hospice care benefits are payable as shown in the "Schedule of Benefits" for the following hospice services:

- *Room and board* at a hospice, when it is for management of acute pain or for an acute phase of chronic symptom management;
- Part-time nursing care provided by or supervised by a registered nurse (R.N.) for up to eight hours in any one day;
- Counseling for the terminally ill *covered person* and his/her immediate covered *family members* by a licensed:
 - Clinical social worker; or
 - Pastoral counselor.
- Medical social services provided to the terminally ill *covered person* or his/her immediate covered *family members* under the direction of a *health care practitioner*, including:
 - Assessment of social, emotional and medical needs, and the home and family situation; and
 - Identification of the community resources available;
- Psychological and dietary counseling;
- Physical therapy;
- Part-time home health aide services for up to eight hours in any one day; and
- Medical supplies, drugs and medicines for *palliative care*.

Hospice care *covered expenses* do not include:

- A *confinement* not required for acute pain control or other treatment for an acute phase of chronic symptom management;
- Services by volunteers or persons who do not regularly charge for their services;
- Services by a licensed pastoral counselor to a member of his or her congregation. These are services in the course of the duties to which he or she is called as a pastor or minister; and
- Bereavement counseling services for *family members* not covered under the *master group contract*.

Jaw joint benefit

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you during a plan of treatment for any jaw joint problem, including temporomandibular joint disorder, craniomaxillary disorder, craniomandibular disorder, head and neck neuromuscular disorder or other conditions of the joint linking the jaw bone and the skull, subject to the maximum benefit shown in the "Schedule of Benefits," if any. Expenses covered under this jaw joint benefit are not covered under any other provision of this *certificate*.

The following are *covered expenses*:

- A single examination including a history, physical examination, muscle testing, range of motion measurements, and psychological evaluation;
- Diagnostic x-rays;
- Physical therapy of necessary frequency and duration, limited to a multiple modality benefit when more than one therapeutic treatment is rendered on the same date of service;

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- Therapeutic injections;
- Appliance therapy utilizing an appliance that does not permanently alter tooth position, jaw position or bite. Benefits for reversible appliance therapy will be based on the *maximum allowable fee* for use of a single appliance, regardless of the number of appliances used in treatment. The benefit for the appliance therapy will include an allowance for all jaw relation and position diagnostic services, office visits, adjustments, training, repair, and replacement of the appliance; and
- Surgical procedures.

Covered expenses do not include charges for:

- Computed Tomography (CT) scans or magnetic resonance imaging **except** in conjunction with surgical management;
- Electronic diagnostic modalities;
- Occlusal analysis; or
- Any irreversible procedure, including, but not limited to: orthodontics, occlusal adjustment, crowns, onlays, fixed or removable partial dentures, and full dentures.

Physical medicine and rehabilitative services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by *you* for the following physical medicine and/or rehabilitative services for a documented *functional impairment*, pain or developmental delay or defect as ordered by a *health care practitioner* and performed by a *health care practitioner*:

- Physical therapy services;
- Occupational therapy services;
- Spinal manipulations/adjustments;
- Speech therapy or speech pathology services;
- Audiology services;
- Cognitive rehabilitation services;
- Respiratory or pulmonary rehabilitation services; and
- Cardiac rehabilitation services.

The "Schedule of Benefits" shows the maximum number of visits for physical medicine and/or rehabilitative services, if any.

Skilled nursing facility services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by *you* for charges made by a *skilled nursing facility* for *room and board*, and for services and supplies. *Your confinement* to a *skilled nursing facility* must be based upon a written recommendation of a *health care practitioner*.

The "Schedule of Benefits" shows the maximum length of time for which *we* will pay benefits for charges made by a *skilled nursing facility*, if any.

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Health care practitioner services when provided in a skilled nursing facility

Services that are payable as a *skilled nursing facility* charge are not payable as a *health care practitioner* charge.

Covered expenses include:

- Medical services furnished by an attending *health care practitioner* to you while you are confined in a *skilled nursing facility*;
- Consultation charges requested by the attending *health care practitioner* during a *confinement* in a *skilled nursing facility*;
- Services of a pathologist.
- Services of a radiologist.

Specialty drug medical benefit

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for *specialty drugs* provided by or obtained from a *qualified provider* in the following locations:

- *Health care practitioner's office*;
- *Free-standing facility*;
- *Urgent care center*;
- A home;
- *Hospital*;
- *Skilled nursing facility*;
- *Ambulance*; and
- Emergency room.

Specialty drugs may be subject to *preauthorization* requirements. Refer to the "Schedule of Benefits" in this *certificate* for *preauthorization* requirements and contact us prior to receiving *specialty drugs*. Coverage for certain *specialty drugs* administered to you by a *qualified provider* in a *hospital's outpatient* department may only be granted as described in the "Access to non-formulary drugs" provision in the "Covered Expenses – Pharmacy Services" section in this *certificate*.

Specialty drug benefits do not include the charge for the actual administration of the *specialty drug*. Benefits for the administration of *specialty drugs* are based on the location of the service and type of provider.

Transplant services and immune effector cell therapy

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for covered transplants and *immune effector cell therapies* approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, including but not limited to Chimeric Antigen Receptor Therapy (CAR-T). The transplant services and *immune effector cell therapy* must be preauthorized and approved by us.

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You or your health care practitioner must call *our* Transplant Department at 1-866-421-5663 to request and obtain *preauthorization* from *us* for covered transplants and *immune effector cell therapies*. *We* must be notified of the initial evaluation and given a reasonable opportunity to review the clinical results to determine if the requested transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* will be covered. *We* will advise *your health care practitioner* once coverage is approved by *us*. Benefits are payable only if the transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* is approved by *us*.

Covered expenses for a transplant include pre-transplant services, transplant inclusive of any integral chemotherapy and associated services, post-discharge services, and treatment of complications after transplantation for or in connection with only the following procedures:

- Heart;
- Lung(s);
- Liver;
- Kidney;
- *Stem cell*;
- Intestine;
- Pancreas;
- Auto islet cell;
- Any combination of the above listed transplants; and
- Any transplant not listed above required by state or federal law.

Multiple solid organ transplants performed simultaneously are considered one transplant *surgery*. Multiple *stem cell* or *immune effector cell therapy* infusions occurring as part of one treatment plan is considered one event.

Corneal transplants and porcine heart valve implants are tissues, which are considered part of regular plan benefits and are subject to other applicable provisions of the *master group contract*.

The following are *covered expenses* for an approved transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* and all related complications:

- *Hospital* and *health care practitioner* services.
- Acquisition of cell therapy products for *immune effector cell therapy*, acquisition of *stem cells* or solid organs for transplants and associated donor costs, including pre-transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* services, the acquisition procedure, and any complications resulting from the harvest and/or acquisition. Donor costs for post-discharge services and treatment of complications will not exceed the treatment period of 365 days from the date of discharge following harvest and/or acquisition.
- Non-medical travel and lodging costs for:
 - The *covered person* receiving the transplant or *immune effector cell therapy*, if the *covered person* lives more than 100 miles from the transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* facility designated by *us*; and

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- One caregiver or support person (two, when the *covered person* receiving the transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* is under 18 years of age), if the caregiver or support person lives more than 100 miles from the transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* facility designated by *us*.

Non-medical travel and lodging costs include:

- Transportation to and from the designated transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* facility where the transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* is performed; and
- Temporary lodging at a prearranged location when requested by the designated transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* facility and approved by *us*.

All non-medical travel and lodging costs for transplant and *immune effector cell therapy* are payable as specified in the "Schedule of Benefits" section in this *certificate*.

Covered expenses for post-discharge services and treatment of complications for or in connection with an approved transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* are limited to the treatment period of 365 days from the date of discharge following transplantation of an approved transplant received while *you* were covered by *us*. After this transplant treatment period, regular plan benefits and other provisions of the *master group contract* are applicable.

Urgent care services

We will pay benefits for *urgent care covered expenses* incurred by *you* for charges made by an *urgent care center* or an *urgent care qualified provider*.

Additional covered expenses

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by *you* based upon the location of the services and the type of provider for:

- Blood and blood plasma, which is not replaced by donation; administration of the blood and blood products including blood extracts or derivatives.
- Oxygen and rental of equipment for its administration.
- Prosthetic devices and supplies, including but not limited to limbs and eyes. Coverage will be provided for prosthetic devices to:
 - Restore the previous level of function lost as a result of a *bodily injury* or *sickness*; or
 - Improve function caused by a *congenital anomaly*.

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Covered expense for prosthetic devices includes repair or replacement, if not covered by the manufacturer, and if due to:

- A change in the *covered person's* physical condition causing the device to become non-functional; or
 - Normal wear and tear.
- Cochlear implants, when approved by *us*, for a *covered person* with bilateral severe to profound sensorineural deafness.

Replacement or upgrade of a cochlear implant and its external components may be a *covered expense* if:

- The existing device malfunctions and cannot be repaired;
 - Replacement is due to a change in the *covered person's* condition that makes the present device non-functional; or
 - The replacement or upgrade is not for cosmetic purposes.
- Orthotics used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities.

Covered expense does not include:

- Replacement orthotics;
 - Dental braces; or
 - Oral or dental splints and appliances, unless custom made for the treatment of documented obstructive sleep apnea.
- The following special supplies, dispensed up to a 30-day supply, when prescribed by *your* attending *health care practitioner*:
 - Surgical dressings;
 - Catheters;
 - Colostomy bags, rings and belts; and
 - Flotation pads.
 - The initial pair of eyeglasses or contacts needed due to cataract *surgery* or an *accident* if the eyeglasses or contacts were not needed prior to the *accident*.
 - Dental treatment only if the charges are incurred for treatment of a *dental injury* to a *sound natural tooth*.

However, benefits will be paid only for the least expensive service that will, in *our* opinion, produce a professionally adequate result.

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- Certain oral surgical operations as follows:
 - Excision of partially or completely impacted teeth;
 - Surgical preparation of soft tissues and excision of bone or bone tissue performed with or without extraction or excision of erupted, partially erupted or completely un-erupted teeth;
 - Excisions of tumors and cysts of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, and roof, and floor of the mouth and related biopsy of bone, tooth or related tissues when such conditions require pathological examinations;
 - Surgical procedures related to repositioning of teeth, tooth transplantation or re-implantation;
 - Services required to correct accidental injuries of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, roof, and floor of the mouth;
 - Reduction of fractures and dislocation of the jaw;
 - External incision and drainage of cellulitis and abscess;
 - Incision and closure of accessory sinuses, salivary glands or ducts;
 - Frenectomy (the cutting of the tissue in the midline of the tongue); and
 - Orthognathic *surgery* for a *congenital anomaly*, *bodily injury* or *sickness* causing a *functional impairment*.
- Anesthesia services for dental care provided in a *hospital*, *ambulatory surgical center*, independent center for emergency medical care or a *rural clinic* when determined *medically necessary* by a licensed dentist for a *dependent* child who:
 - Has a physical, mental or medically compromising condition;
 - Has dental needs for which local anesthesia is ineffective because of an acute infection, an anatomic anomaly or an allergy;
 - Is extremely uncooperative, unmanageable or anxious; or
 - Has sustained extensive orofacial and dental trauma to a degree that would require unconscious sedation.
- For a *covered person*, who is receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy, service for:
 - Reconstructive *surgery* of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
 - *Surgery* and reconstruction on the non-diseased breast to achieve symmetrical appearance; and
 - Prosthesis and treatment of physical complications for all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

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- Reconstructive *surgery* resulting from:
 - A *bodily injury*, infection or other disease of the involved part, when a *functional impairment* is present; or
 - A *congenital anomaly* that resulted in a *functional impairment*.

Expenses for reconstructive *surgery* due to a psychological condition are not considered a *covered expense*, unless the condition(s) described above are also met.

- Enteral formulas, nutritional supplements and low protein modified foods for use at home by a *covered person* that are prescribed or ordered by a *health care practitioner* and are for the treatment of an inherited metabolic disease, e.g. phenylketonuria (PKU).
- The following *habilitative services*, as ordered and performed by a *health care practitioner*, for a *covered person*, with a developmental delay or defect or *congenital anomaly*:
 - Physical therapy services;
 - Occupational therapy services;
 - Spinal manipulations/adjustments;
 - Speech therapy or speech pathology services; and
 - Audiology services.

Habilitative services apply toward the "Physical medicine and rehabilitative services" maximum number of visits specified in the "Schedule of Benefits."

- *Telehealth* and *telemedicine* services for the diagnosis and treatment of a *sickness* or *bodily injury*. *Telehealth* or *telemedicine* services must be:
 - Services that would otherwise be a *covered expense* if provided during a face-to-face consultation between a *covered person* and a *health care practitioner*;
 - Provided to a *covered person* at the *originating site*; and
 - Provided by a *health care practitioner* at the *distant site*.

Telehealth and *telemedicine* services must comply with:

- Federal and state licensure requirements;
 - Accreditation standards; and
 - Guidelines of the American Telemedicine Association or other qualified medical professional societies to ensure quality of care.
- *Palliative care*.
 - *Diabetes self-management training*.
 - Routine costs for a *covered person* participating in an approved Phase I, II, III, or IV clinical trial.
 - Routine costs include health care services that are otherwise a *covered expense* if the *covered person* were not participating in a clinical trial.

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- Routine costs do not include services or items that are:
 - *Experimental, investigational or for research purposes;*
 - Provided only for data collection and analysis that is not directly related to the clinical management of the *covered person*; or
 - Inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a diagnosis.

The *covered person* must be eligible to participate in a clinical trial according to the trial protocol and:

- Referred by a *health care practitioner*; or
- Provide medical and scientific information supporting their participation in the clinical trial is appropriate.

For the routine costs to be considered a *covered expense*, the approved clinical trial must be a Phase I, II, III, or IV clinical trial for the prevention, detection or treatment of cancer or other life threatening condition or disease and is:

- Federally funded or approved by the appropriate federal agency;
- The study or investigation is conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Federal Food and Drug Administration; or
- The study or investigation is a drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application.

- *Covered expenses* incurred in a Phase I, Phase II, Phase III, or Phase IV clinical trial or study for the treatment of cancer or in a Phase II, Phase III, or Phase IV clinical trial or study for the treatment of chronic fatigue syndrome if the treatment is being conducted by a *health care practitioner*. The treatment must be provided in a clinical trial or study approved by:

- The National Cancer Institute (NCI) or an NCI cooperative group or an NCI center;
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the form of an investigational new drug application;
- The Federal Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- The United States Department of Defense.

Benefits are available only if:

- The medical treatment is provided by a provider of health care and the facility and personnel have the experience and training to provide the treatment in a capable manner;
- There is no medical treatment available which is considered a more appropriate alternative medical treatment than the medical treatment provided in the clinical trial or study;
- There is a reasonable expectation based on clinical data that the medical treatment provided in the clinical trial or study will be at least as effective as any other medical treatment;
- The clinical trial or study is conducted in the state of Nevada;
- The *covered person* has signed, before his/her participation in the clinical trial or study, a statement of consent indicating that he/she has been informed of, without limitation:

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- The procedure to be undertaken;
 - Alternative methods of treatment; and
 - The risks associated with participation in the clinical trial or study, including without limitation, the general nature and extent of such risks.
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- *Medically necessary* medication, equipment, supplies, appliances, and *diabetes self-management training*, when prescribed by a *health care practitioner*, for the treatment of gestational, type I and type II diabetes.
 - Hormone replacement therapy, except for fertility drugs, for the treatment of a *sickness* when prescribed by a *health care practitioner* and approved by the Food and Drug Administration.
 - *Outpatient* care for any health care service related to hormone replacement therapy.

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COVERED EXPENSES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

This "Covered Expenses – Behavioral Health" section describes the services that will be considered *covered expenses* for *mental health services* and *chemical dependency services* under the *master group contract*. Benefits will be paid as specified in the "How your master group contract works" provision of the "Understanding Your Coverage" section and as shown in the "Schedule of Benefits – Behavioral Health." Refer to the "Schedule of Benefits" for any service not specifically listed in the "Schedule of Benefits – Behavioral Health." Benefits are subject to any applicable:

- *Preauthorization* requirements;
- *Deductible*;
- *Copayment*;
- *Coinsurance* percentage; and
- Maximum benefit.

Refer to the "Limitations and Exclusions" section listed in this *certificate*. All terms and provisions of the *master group contract* apply.

Acute inpatient services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by *you* due to an *admission* or *confinement* for *acute inpatient services* for *mental health services* and *chemical dependency services* provided in a *hospital* or *health care treatment facility*.

Acute inpatient health care practitioner services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by *you* for *mental health services* and *chemical dependency services* provided by a *health care practitioner*, including *telehealth* or *telemedicine*, in a *hospital* or *health care treatment facility*.

Emergency services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by *you* for *emergency care*, including the treatment and stabilization of an *emergency medical condition* for *mental health services* and *chemical dependency services*.

Emergency care provided by a *non-network provider* will be covered at the *network provider* benefit level, as specified in the "Emergency services" benefit in the "Schedule of Benefits" or "Schedule of Benefits – Behavioral Health" sections of this *certificate*. However, *you* will only be responsible to pay the *network provider copayment*, *deductible* and/or *coinsurance* to the *non-network provider* for *emergency care* based on the *qualified payment amount*.

Benefits under this "Emergency services" provision are not available if the services provided are not for an *emergency medical condition*.

Urgent care services

We will pay benefits for *urgent care covered expenses* incurred by *you* for charges made by an *urgent care center* or an *urgent care qualified provider* for *mental health services* and *chemical dependency services*.

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Outpatient services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for *mental health services* and *chemical dependency services*, including services in a *health care practitioner office, retail clinic, or health care treatment facility*. Coverage includes *outpatient therapy, intensive outpatient programs, partial hospitalization, telehealth and telemedicine, and other outpatient services*.

Skilled nursing facility services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you in a *skilled nursing facility* for *mental health services* and *chemical dependency services*. *Your confinement to a skilled nursing facility must be based upon a written recommendation of a health care practitioner*.

Covered expenses also include *health care practitioner services for behavioral health during your confinement in a skilled nursing facility*.

Home health care services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you, in connection with a *home health care plan*, for *mental health services* and *chemical dependency services*. All home health care services and supplies must be provided on a part-time or intermittent basis to you in conjunction with the approved *home health care plan*.

Home health care *covered expenses* include services provided by a *health care practitioner* who is a *behavioral health professional*, such as a *counselor, psychologist, or psychiatrist*.

Home health care *covered expenses* do not include:

- Charges for mileage or travel time to and from the *covered person's home*;
- Wage or shift differentials for any representative of a *home health care agency*;
- Charges for supervision of *home health care agencies*;
- Charges for services of a home health aide;
- *Custodial care*; or
- The provision or administration of *self-administered injectable drugs*, unless otherwise determined by us.

Specialty drug benefit

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by you for *behavioral health specialty drugs* provided by or obtained from a *qualified provider* in the following locations:

- *Health care practitioner's office*;
- *Free-standing facility*;
- *Urgent care center*;
- A home;

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- *Hospital;*
- *Skilled nursing facility;*
- *Ambulance;* and
- *Emergency room.*

Specialty drugs may be subject to *preauthorization* requirements. Refer to the "Schedule of Benefits" in this *certificate* for *preauthorization* requirements and contact *us* prior to receiving *specialty drugs*. Coverage for certain *specialty drugs* administered to *you* by a *qualified provider* in a *hospital's outpatient* department may only be granted as described in the "Access to non-formulary drugs" provision in the "Covered Expenses – Pharmacy Services" section in this *certificate*.

Specialty drug benefits do not include the charge for the actual administration of the *specialty drug*. Benefits for the administration of *specialty drugs* are based on the location of the service and type of provider.

Residential treatment facility services

We will pay benefits for *covered expenses* incurred by *you* for *mental health services* and *chemical dependency* services provided while *inpatient* or *outpatient* in a *residential treatment facility*.

Autism spectrum disorders

We will pay benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of *medically necessary autism spectrum disorders* for covered *dependents*.

Covered services include:

- *Psychiatric care;*
- *Psychological care;*
- *Habilitative or rehabilitative care (counseling and treatment programs intended to develop, maintain, and restore the functioning of an individual); and*
- *Therapeutic care (including services provided by licensed or certified speech pathologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists).*
- *Prescription care (medications prescribed by a licensed physician and any health-related services deemed medically necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications).*
- *Behavioral therapy.*

Autism spectrum disorders are payable as shown on the "Schedule of Benefits - Behavioral Health."

COVERED EXPENSES - PHARMACY SERVICES

This "Covered Expenses – Pharmacy Services" section describes *covered expenses* under the *master group contract* for *prescription* drugs, including *specialty drugs*, dispensed by a *pharmacy*. Benefits are subject to applicable *cost share* shown on the "Schedule of Benefits – Pharmacy Services" section of this *certificate*.

Refer to the "Limitations and Exclusions," "Limitations and Exclusions – Pharmacy Services," "Glossary," and "Glossary – Pharmacy Services" sections in this *certificate*. All terms and provisions of the *master group contract* apply, including *prior authorization* requirements specified in the "Schedule of Benefits – Pharmacy Services" of this *certificate*.

Coverage description

We will cover *prescription* drugs that are received by *you* under this "Covered Expenses – Pharmacy Services" section. Benefits may be subject to *dispensing limits*, *prior authorization* and *step therapy* requirements, if any.

Covered *prescription* drugs are:

- Drugs, medicines or medications and *specialty drugs* that under federal or state law may be dispensed only by *prescription* from a *health care practitioner*.
- Drugs, medicines or medications and *specialty drugs* included on *our drug list*.
- Insulin and *diabetes supplies*.
- *Self-administered injectable drugs* approved by *us*.
- Hypodermic needles, syringes or other methods of delivery when prescribed by a *health care practitioner* for use with insulin or *self-administered injectable drugs*. (Hypodermic needles, syringes or other methods of delivery used in conjunction with covered drugs may be available at no cost to *you*).
- Enteral formulas and nutritional supplements for the treatment of phenylketonuria (PKU) or other inherited metabolic disease, or as otherwise determined by *us*.
- Spacers and/or peak flow meters for the treatment of asthma.
- Drugs, medicines or medications on the Preventive Medication Coverage *drug list* with a *prescription* from a *health care practitioner*.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the *master group contract*, we may decline coverage or, if applicable, exclude from the *drug list* any and all *prescriptions* until the conclusion of a review period not to exceed six months following FDA approval for the use and release of the *prescriptions* into the market.

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Restrictions on choice of providers

If we determine you are using *prescription* drugs in a potentially abusive, excessive, or harmful manner, we may restrict your coverage of *pharmacy* services in one or more of the following ways:

- By restricting your choice of *pharmacy* to a single *network pharmacy* store or physical location for *pharmacy* services;
- By restricting your choice of *pharmacy* for covered *specialty pharmacy* services to a specific *specialty pharmacy*, if the *network pharmacy* store or physical location for *pharmacy* services is unable to provide or is not contracted with us to provide covered *specialty pharmacy* services; and
- By restricting your choice of a prescribing *network health care practitioner* to a specific *network health care practitioner*.

We will determine if we will allow you to change a selected *network provider*. Only *prescriptions* obtained from the *network pharmacy* store or physical location or *specialty pharmacy* to which you have been restricted will be eligible to be considered *covered expenses*. Additionally, only *prescriptions* prescribed by the *network health care practitioner* to whom you have been restricted will be eligible to be considered *covered expenses*.

About our drug list

Prescription drugs, medicines or medications, including *specialty drugs* and *self-administered injectable drugs* prescribed by *health care practitioners* and covered by us are specified on our printable *drug list*. The *drug list* identifies categories of drugs, medicines or medications by levels and indicates *dispensing limits*, *specialty drug* designation, any applicable *prior authorization* and/or *step therapy* requirements. This information is reviewed on a regular basis by a Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee made up of physicians and *pharmacists*. Placement on the *drug list* does not guarantee your *health care practitioner* will prescribe that *prescription* drug, medicine or medication for a particular medical condition. You can obtain a copy of our *drug list* by visiting our website at www.humana.com or calling the customer service telephone number on your ID card.

COVERED EXPENSES - PHARMACY SERVICES (continued)

Access to non-formulary drugs

A drug not included on *our drug list* is a non-formulary drug. If a *health care practitioner* prescribes a clinically appropriate non-formulary drug, *you* can request coverage of the non-formulary drug through a standard exception request or an expedited exception request. If *you* are dissatisfied with *our* decision of an exception request, *you* have the right to an external review as described in the "Non-formulary drug exception request external review" provision of this section.

Non-formulary drug standard exception request

A standard exception request for coverage of a clinically appropriate non-formulary drug may be initiated by *you*, *your* appointed representative, or the prescribing *health care practitioner* by calling the customer service number on *your* ID card, in writing, *electronically* or by visiting *our* website at www.humana.com. *We* will respond to a standard exception request no later than 72 hours after the receipt date of the request.

As part of the standard exception request, the prescribing *health care practitioner* should include an oral or written statement that provides justification to support the need for the prescribed non-formulary drug to treat the *covered person's* condition, including a statement that all covered drugs on the *drug list* on any tier:

- Will be or have been ineffective;
- Would not be as effective as the non-formulary drug; or
- Would have adverse effects.

If *we* grant a standard exception request to cover a prescribed clinically appropriate non-formulary drug, *we* will cover the prescribed non-formulary drug for the duration of the *prescription*, including refills. Any applicable *cost share* for the *prescription* will apply toward the *out-of-pocket limit*.

If *we* deny a standard exception request, *you* have the right to an external review as described in the "Non-formulary drug exception request external review" provision of this section.

Non-formulary drug expedited exception request

An expedited exception request for coverage of a clinically appropriate non-formulary drug based on exigent circumstances may be initiated by *you*, *your* appointed representative, or *your* prescribing *health care practitioner* by calling the customer service number on *your* ID card, in writing, or *electronically* by visiting *our* website at www.humana.com. *We* will respond to an expedited exception request within 24 hours of receipt of the request. An exigent circumstance exists when a *covered person* is:

- Suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize their life, health, or ability to regain maximum function; or
- Undergoing a current course of treatment using a non-formulary drug.

COVERED EXPENSES - PHARMACY SERVICES (continued)

As part of the expedited review request, the prescribing *health care practitioner* should include an oral or written:

- Statement that an exigent circumstance exists and explain the harm that could reasonably be expected to the *covered person* if the requested non-formulary drug is not provided within the timeframes of the standard drug exception request; and
- Justification supporting the need for the prescribed non-formulary drug to treat the *covered person's* condition, including a statement that all covered drugs on the *drug list* on any tier:
 - Will be or have been ineffective;
 - Would not be as effective as the non-formulary drug; or
 - Would have adverse effects.

If *we* grant an expedited exception request to cover a prescribed, clinically appropriate non-formulary drug based on exigent circumstances, *we* will provide access to the prescribed non-formulary drug:

- Without unreasonable delay; and
- For the duration of the exigent circumstance.

Any applicable *cost share* for the *prescription* will apply toward the *out-of-pocket limit*.

If *we* deny an expedited exception request, *you* have the right to an external review as described in the "Non-formulary drug exception request external review" provision of this section.

Non-formulary drug exception request external review

You, *your* appointed representative or *your* prescribing *health care practitioner* have the right to appeal *our* decision to an external review by an independent review organization if *we* deny a non-formulary drug standard or expedited exception request. To request an external review, refer to the exception request decision letter for instructions or call the customer service number on *your* ID card for assistance.

Step therapy exception request

Your health care practitioner may submit to *us* a written *step therapy* exception request for a clinically appropriate *prescription* drug. The *health care practitioner* should use the *prior authorization* form on *our* website at www.humana.com or call the customer service telephone number on *your* ID card.

From the time a *step therapy* exception request is received by *us*, *we* will either approve or deny the request within:

- 24 hours for an expedited request.
- 72 hours for a standard request.

COVERED EXPENSES - PHARMACY SERVICES (continued)

A written *step therapy* exception request will be approved when the request includes the prescribing *health care practitioner's* written statement and supporting documentation that:

- The *prescription* drug requiring *step therapy* has been ineffective in the treatment of *your* disease or medical condition; or
- Based on sound clinical evidence or medical and scientific evidence, the *prescription* drug requiring *step therapy*:
 - Is expected or likely to be ineffective based on *your* known relevant clinical characteristics and the known characteristics of the *prescription* drug regimen; or
 - Will cause or will likely cause an adverse reaction or physical harm to *you*.

If we deny a *step therapy* exception request, we will provide *you* or *your* appointed representative, and *your* prescribing *health care practitioner*:

- The reason for the denial;
- An alternative covered medication; and
- The right to appeal *our* decision as described in the "Complaint and Appeals Procedures" section of this *certificate*.

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LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

These limitations and exclusions apply even if a *health care practitioner* has performed or prescribed a medically appropriate procedure, treatment or supply. This does not prevent *your health care practitioner* from providing or performing the procedure, treatment or supply. However, the procedure, treatment or supply will not be a *covered expense*.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, no benefits will be provided for, or on account of, the following items:

- Treatments, services, supplies, or *surgeries* that are not *medically necessary*, except *preventive services*.
- A *sickness* or *bodily injury* arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage, gain or profit. This exclusion applies whether or not *you* have Workers' Compensation coverage.
- Care and treatment given in a *hospital* owned or run by any government entity, unless *you* are legally required to pay for such care and treatment. However, care and treatment provided by military *hospitals* to *covered persons* who are armed services retirees and their *dependents* are not excluded.
- Any service furnished while *you* are *confined* in a *hospital* or institution owned or operated by the United States government or any of its agencies for any military service-connected *sickness* or *bodily injury*.
- Services, or any portion of a service, for which no charge is made.
- Services, or any portion of a service, *you* would not be required to pay for, or would not have been charged for, in the absence of this coverage.
- Any portion of the amount *we* determine *you* owe for a services that the provider waives, rebates or discounts, including *your copayment*, *deductible* or *coinsurance*.
- *Sickness* or *bodily injury* for which *you* are in any way paid or entitled to payment or care and treatment by or through a government program, except *Medicaid*.
- Any service not ordered by a *health care practitioner*.
- Services provided to *you*, if *you* do not comply with the *master group contract's* requirements. These include services:
 - Not provided by a *network provider*, unless required for *emergency care* or as otherwise specified in this *certificate*; and
 - Received in an emergency room, unless required because of *emergency care*.
- Private duty nursing.
- Services rendered by a standby physician, *surgical assistant* or *assistant surgeon* unless *medically necessary*.
- Any service not rendered by the billing provider.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS (continued)

- Any service not substantiated in the medical records of the billing provider.
- Any amount billed for a professional component of an automated:
 - Laboratory service; or
 - Pathology service.
- Education or training, except for *diabetes self-management training* and *habilitative services*.
- Educational or vocational therapy, testing, services, or schools, including therapeutic boarding schools and other therapeutic environments. Educational or vocational videos, tapes, books, and similar materials are also excluded.
- Services provided by a *covered person's family member*.
- *Ambulance* or *air ambulance* services for routine transportation to, from or between medical facilities and/or a *health care practitioner's* office.
- Any drug, biological product, device, medical treatment, or procedure which is *experimental, investigational or for research purposes*.
- Vitamins, except for *preventive services* with a *prescription* from a *health care practitioner*, dietary supplements, and dietary formulas, except enteral formulas, nutritional supplements or low protein modified food products for the treatment of an inherited metabolic disease, e.g. phenylketonuria (PKU).
- Over the counter, non-prescription medications, unless for drugs, medicines or medications or supplies on the Preventive Medication Coverage *drug list* with a *prescription* from a *health care practitioner*.
- Over-the-counter medical items or supplies that can be provided or prescribed by a *health care practitioner* but are also available without a written order or *prescription*, except for *preventive services*.
- Growth hormones, except as otherwise specified in the pharmacy services sections of this *certificate*.
- *Prescription* drugs and *self-administered injectable* drugs, except as specified in the "Covered Expenses – Pharmacy Services" section in this *certificate* or unless administered to you:
 - While an *inpatient* in a *hospital, skilled nursing facility, health care treatment facility* or *residential treatment facility*;
 - By the following, when deemed appropriate by us:
 - A *health care practitioner*:
 - During an office visit; or
 - While an *outpatient*; or
 - A *home health care agency* as part of a covered *home health care plan*.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS (continued)

- Certain *specialty drugs* administered by a *qualified provider* in a *hospital's outpatient* department, except as specified in the "Access to non-formulary drugs" provision in the "Covered Expenses - Pharmacy Services" section of this *certificate*.
- Hearing aids, the fitting of hearing aids or advice on their care; implantable hearing devices, except for cochlear implants as otherwise stated in this *certificate*.
- Services received in an emergency room, unless required because of *emergency care*.
- Weekend non-emergency *hospital admissions*, specifically *admissions* to a *hospital* on a Friday or Saturday at the convenience of the *covered person* or his or her *health care practitioner* when there is no cause for an emergency *admission* and the *covered person* receives no *surgery* or therapeutic treatment until the following Monday.
- *Hospital inpatient* services when you are in *observation status*.
- *Infertility services*; or reversal of elective sterilization.
- In vitro fertilization regardless of the reason for treatment.
- Services for or in connection with a transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* if:
 - The expense relates to storage of cord blood and stem cells, unless it is an integral part of a transplant approved by *us*.
 - Not approved by *us*, based on *our* established criteria.
 - Expenses are eligible to be paid under any private or public research fund, government program except *Medicaid*, or another funding program, whether or not such funding was applied for or received.
 - The expense relates to the transplantation of any non-human organ or tissue, unless otherwise stated in the *master group contract*.
 - The expense relates to the donation or acquisition of an organ or tissue for a recipient who is not covered by *us*.
 - The expense relates to a transplant or *immune effector cell therapy* performed outside of the United States and any care resulting from that transplant or *immune effector cell therapy*. This exclusion applies even if the *employee* and *dependents* live outside the United States and the *employee* is in *active status* with the *employer* sponsoring the *master group contract*.
- Services provided for:
 - Immunotherapy for recurrent abortion;
 - Chemonucleolysis;
 - Sleep therapy;
 - Light treatments for Seasonal Affective Disorder (S.A.D.);
 - Immunotherapy for food allergy;
 - Prolotherapy; or
 - Sensory integration therapy.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS (continued)

- *Cosmetic surgery* and cosmetic services or devices.
- Hair prosthesis, hair transplants or implants and wigs.
- Dental services, appliances or supplies for treatment of the teeth, gums, jaws or alveolar processes, including but not limited to, any *oral surgery*, *endodontic services* or *periodontics*, implants and related procedures, orthodontic procedures, and any dental services related to a *bodily injury* or *sickness* unless otherwise stated in this *certificate*.
- The following types of care of the feet:
 - Shock wave therapy of the feet;
 - The treatment of weak, strained, flat, unstable, or unbalanced feet;
 - Hygienic care, and the treatment of superficial lesions of the feet, such as corns, calluses or hyperkeratosis;
 - The treatment of tarsalgia, metatarsalgia or bunion, except surgically;
 - The cutting of toenails, except the removal of the nail matrix;
 - Heel wedges, lifts or shoe inserts; and
 - Arch supports (foot orthotics) or orthopedic shoes, except for diabetes or hammer toe.

- *Custodial care* and *maintenance care*.
- Any loss contributed to, or caused by:
 - War or any act of war, whether declared or not;
 - Insurrection; or
 - Any conflict involving armed forces of any authority.
- Services relating to a *sickness* or *bodily injury* resulting from the commission of, or an attempt to commit a felony, for which the *covered person* has been convicted.

This exclusion does not apply to any *sickness* or *bodily injury* resulting from an act of domestic violence or a medical condition (including both physical and mental health conditions).

- Expenses for any membership fees or program fees, including but not limited to, health clubs, health spas, aerobic and strength conditioning, work-hardening programs, and weight loss or surgical programs, and any materials or products related to these programs.
- Surgical procedures for the removal of excess skin and/or fat in conjunction with or resulting from weight loss or a weight loss *surgery*.
- Expenses for services that are primarily and customarily used for environmental control or enhancement (whether or not prescribed by a *health care practitioner*) and certain medical devices including, but not limited to:
 - Common household items including air conditioners, air purifiers, water purifiers, vacuum cleaners, waterbeds, hypoallergenic mattresses or pillows, or exercise equipment;
 - Motorized transportation equipment (e.g. scooters), escalators, elevators, ramps or modifications or additions to living/working quarters or transportation vehicles;

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS (continued)

- Personal hygiene equipment including bath/shower chairs, transfer equipment or supplies or bed side commodes;
 - Personal comfort items including cervical pillows, gravity lumbar reduction chairs, swimming pools, whirlpools, spas, or saunas;
 - Medical equipment including:
 - Blood pressure monitoring devices, unless prescribed by a *health care practitioner* for *preventive services* and ambulatory blood pressure monitoring is not available to confirm diagnosis of hypertension;
 - PUVA lights; and
 - Stethoscopes;
 - Communication systems, telephone, television or computer systems and related equipment or similar items or equipment;
 - Communication devices, except after surgical removal of the larynx or a diagnosis of permanent lack of function of the larynx.
- Duplicate or similar rentals or purchases of *durable medical equipment* or *diabetes equipment*.
 - Therapy and testing for treatment of allergies including, but not limited to, services related to clinical ecology, environmental allergy and allergic immune system dysregulation and sublingual antigen(s), extracts, neutralization tests and/or treatment unless such therapy or testing is approved by:
 - The American Academy of Allergy and Immunology; or
 - The Department of Health and Human Services or any of its offices or agencies.
 - Lodging accommodations or transportation.
 - Communications or travel time.
 - Bariatric *surgery*, any services or complications related to bariatric *surgery*, and other weight loss products or services.
 - *Sickness* or *bodily injury* for which no-fault medical payment or expense coverage benefits are paid or payable under any automobile, homeowners, premises or any other similar coverage.
 - Elective medical or surgical abortion unless:
 - The pregnancy would endanger the life of the mother; or
 - The pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.
 - *Alternative medicine*.
 - Acupuncture, unless:
 - The treatment is *medically necessary*, appropriate and is provided within the scope of the acupuncturist's license; and
 - *You* are directed to the acupuncturist for treatment by a licensed physician.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS (continued)

- Services rendered in a premenstrual syndrome clinic or holistic medicine clinic.
- Services of a midwife, unless the midwife is licensed.
- Vision examinations or testing for the purposes of prescribing corrective lenses.
- Orthoptic/vision training (eye exercises).
- Radial keratotomy, refractive keratoplasty or any other *surgery* or procedure to correct myopia, hyperopia or stigmatic error.
- The purchase or fitting of eyeglasses or contact lenses, except as the result of an *accident* or following cataract *surgery* as stated in this *certificate*.
- Services and supplies which are:
 - Rendered in connection with mental illnesses not classified in the International Classification of Diseases of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; or
 - Extended beyond the period necessary for evaluation and diagnosis of learning and behavioral disabilities or for mental retardation.
- Marriage counseling.
- Expenses for:
 - Employment;
 - School;
 - Sport;
 - Camp;
 - Travel; or
 - The purposes of obtaining insurance.
- Expenses for care and treatment of non-covered procedures or services.
- Expenses for treatment of complications of non-covered procedures or services.
- Expenses incurred for services prior to the *effective date* or after the termination date of *your* coverage under the *master group contract*.
- Expenses for services, *prescriptions*, equipment or supplies received outside the United States or from a foreign provider unless:
 - For *emergency care*;
 - The *employee* is traveling outside the United States due to employment with the *employer* sponsoring the *master group contract* and the services are not covered under any Workers' Compensation or similar law; or
 - The *employee* and *dependents* live outside the United States and the *employee* is in *active status* with the *employer* sponsoring the *master group contract*.
- *Pre-surgical/procedural testing* duplicated during a *hospital confinement*.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS - PHARMACY SERVICES

This "Limitations and Exclusions – Pharmacy Services" section describes the limitations and exclusions under the *master group contract* that apply to *prescription* drugs, including *specialty drugs*, dispensed by a *pharmacy*. Please refer to the "Limitations and Exclusions" section of this *certificate* for additional limitations.

These limitations and exclusions apply even if a *health care practitioner* has prescribed a medically appropriate service, treatment, supply, or *prescription*. This does not prevent your *health care practitioner* or *pharmacist* from providing the service, treatment, supply, or *prescription*. However, the service, treatment, supply, or *prescription* will not be a *covered expense*.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, no benefit will be provided for, or on account of, the following items:

- *Legend drugs*, which are not deemed *medically necessary* by us.
- *Prescription* drugs not included on the *drug list*.
- Any amount exceeding the *default rate*.
- *Specialty drugs* for which coverage is not approved by us.
- Drugs not approved by the FDA.
- Any drug prescribed for intended use other than for:
 - Indications approved by the FDA; or
 - Off-label indications recognized through peer-reviewed medical literature.
- Any drug prescribed for a *sickness* or *bodily injury* not covered under the *master group contract*.
- Any drug, medicine or medication that is either:
 - Labeled "Caution-limited by federal law to investigational use;" or
 - *Experimental, investigational or for research purposes*,even though a charge is made to *you*.
- Allergen extracts.
- Therapeutic devices or appliances, including, but not limited to:
 - Hypodermic needles and syringes (except when prescribed by a *health care practitioner* for use with insulin and *self-administered injectable drugs*, whose coverage is approved by us);
 - Support garments;
 - Test reagents;
 - Mechanical pumps for delivery of medications; and
 - Other non-medical substances.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS - PHARMACY SERVICES (continued)

- Dietary supplements and nutritional products, except enteral formulas and nutritional supplements for the treatment of phenylketonuria (PKU) or other inherited metabolic disease. Refer to the "Covered Expenses" section of the *certificate* for coverage of low protein modified foods.
- Non-prescription, over-the-counter minerals, except as specified on the Preventive Medication Coverage *drug list* when obtained from a *network pharmacy* with a *prescription* from a *health care practitioner*.
- Growth hormones for idiopathic short stature or any other condition, unless there is a laboratory confirmed diagnosis of growth hormone deficiency, or as otherwise determined by *us*.
- Herbs and vitamins, except prenatal (including greater than one milligram of folic acid), pediatric multi-vitamins with fluoride and vitamins on the Preventive Medication Coverage *drug list* when obtained from a *network pharmacy* with a *prescription* from a *health care practitioner*.
- Anabolic steroids.
- Any drug used for the purpose of weight loss.
- Any drug used for cosmetic purposes, including, but not limited to:
 - Dermatologicals or hair growth stimulants; or
 - Pigmenting or de-pigmenting agents.
- Any drug or medicine that is lawfully obtainable without a *prescription* (over-the-counter drugs), except:
 - Insulin; and drugs, medicines or medications and supplies on the Preventive Medication Coverage *drug list* when obtained from a *network pharmacy* with a *prescription* from a *health care practitioner*.
- Compounded drugs that:
 - Are prescribed for a use or route of administration that is not FDA approved or compendia supported;
 - Are prescribed without a documented medical need for specialized dosing or administration;
 - Only contain ingredients that are available over-the-counter;
 - Only contain non-commercially available ingredients; or
 - Contain ingredients that are not FDA approved, including bulk compounding powders.
- Abortifacients (drugs used to induce abortions).
- *Infertility services* including medications.
- Any drug prescribed for impotence and/or sexual dysfunction.
- Any drug, medicine or medication that is consumed or injected at the place where the *prescription* is given, or dispensed by the *health care practitioner*.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS - PHARMACY SERVICES (continued)

- The administration of covered medication(s).
- *Prescriptions* that are to be taken by or administered to *you*, in whole or in part, while *you* are a patient in a facility where drugs are ordinarily provided on an *inpatient* basis by the facility. *Inpatient* facilities include, but are not limited to:
 - *Hospital*;
 - *Skilled nursing facility*; or
 - *Hospice facility*.
- Injectable drugs, including, but not limited to:
 - Immunizing agents, unless for *preventive services* determined by *us* to be dispensed by or administered in a *pharmacy*;
 - Biological sera;
 - Blood;
 - Blood plasma; or
 - *Self-administered injectable drugs* or *specialty drugs* for which *prior authorization* or *step therapy* is not obtained from *us*.
- *Prescription* fills or refills:
 - In excess of the number specified by the *health care practitioner*; or
 - Dispensed more than one year from the date of the original order.
- Any portion of a *prescription* fill or refill that exceeds a 90-day supply when received from a *mail order pharmacy* or a retail *pharmacy* that participates in *our* program, which allows *you* to receive a 90-day supply of a *prescription* fill or refill. This exclusion does not apply to a *prescription* fill or refill for up to a 12-month supply of contraceptives.
- Any portion of a *prescription* fill or refill that exceeds a 30-day supply when received from a retail *pharmacy* that does not participate in *our* program, which allows *you* to receive a 90-day supply of a *prescription* fill or refill. This exclusion does not apply to a *prescription* fill or refill for up to a 12-month supply of contraceptives.
- Any portion of a *specialty drug prescription* fill or refill that exceeds a 30-day supply, unless otherwise determined by *us*.
- Any portion of a *prescription* fill or refill that:
 - Exceeds *our* drug specific *dispensing limit*;
 - Is dispensed to a *covered person*, whose age is outside the drug specific age limits defined by *us*;
 - Is refilled early, as defined by *us* except for *prescription* refills of a topical ophthalmic product due to inadvertent waste; or
 - Exceeds the duration-specific *dispensing limit*.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS - PHARMACY SERVICES (continued)

- Any drug for which *we* require *prior authorization* or *step therapy* and it is not obtained.
- Any drug for which a charge is customarily not made.
- Any drug, medicine or medication received by *you*:
 - Before becoming covered; or
 - After the date *your* coverage has ended.
- Any costs related to the mailing, sending or delivery of *prescription* drugs.
- Any intentional misuse of this benefit, including *prescriptions* purchased for consumption by someone other than *you*.
- Any *prescription* fill or refill for drugs, medicines or medications that are lost, stolen, spilled, spoiled, or damaged.
- Drug delivery implants and other implant systems or devices.
- Treatment for onychomycosis (nail fungus).
- Any amount *you* paid for a *prescription* that has been filled, regardless of whether the *prescription* is revoked or changed due to adverse reaction or change in dosage or *prescription*.

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ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES

Eligibility date

Employee eligibility date

The *employee* is eligible for coverage on the date:

- The eligibility requirements are satisfied as stated in the Employer Group Application, or as otherwise agreed to by the *group plan sponsor* and *us*; and
- The *employee* is in an *active status*.

Dependent eligibility date

Each *dependent* is eligible for coverage on:

- The date the *employee* is eligible for coverage, if he or she has *dependents* who may be covered on that date;
- The date of the *employee's* marriage for any *dependents* (spouse or child) acquired on that date;
- The date of birth of the *employee's* natural-born child;
- The date of placement of the child for the purpose of adoption by the *employee*; or
- The date specified in a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO), or National Medical Support Notice (NMSN) for a child, or a valid court or administrative order for a spouse, which requires the *employee* to provide coverage for a child or spouse as specified in such orders.

The *employee* may cover his or her *dependents* only if the *employee* is also covered.

Enrollment

Employees and *dependents* eligible for coverage under the *master group contract* may enroll for coverage as specified in the enrollment provisions outlined below.

Employee enrollment

The *employee* must enroll, as agreed to by the *group plan sponsor* and *us*, within 31 days of the *employee's eligibility date* or within the time period specified in the "Special enrollment" provision.

The *employee* is a *late applicant* if enrollment is requested more than 31 days after the *employee's eligibility date* or later than the time period specified in the "Special enrollment" provision. A *late applicant* must wait to enroll for coverage during the *open enrollment period*, unless the *late applicant* becomes eligible for special enrollment as specified in the "Special enrollment" provision.

ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES (continued)

We reserve the right to require an eligible *employee* to submit evidence of health status. No eligible *employee* will be refused enrollment or charged a different premium than other *group* members based on *health status-related factors*. We will administer this provision in a non-discriminatory manner.

Dependent enrollment

If electing *dependent* coverage, the *employee* must enroll eligible *dependents*, as agreed to by the *group plan sponsor* and us, within 31 days of the *dependent's eligibility date* or within the time period specified in the "Special enrollment" provision.

The *dependent* is a *late applicant* if enrollment is requested more than 31 days after the *dependent's eligibility date* or later than the time period specified in the "Special enrollment" provision. A *late applicant* must wait to enroll for coverage during the *open enrollment period*, unless the *late applicant* becomes eligible for special enrollment as specified in the "Special enrollment" provision.

We reserve the right to require an eligible *dependent* to submit evidence of health status. No eligible *dependent* will be refused enrollment or charged a different premium than other *group* members based on *health status-related factors*. We will administer this provision in a non-discriminatory manner.

Newborn and adopted dependent enrollment

A newborn *dependent* will be covered from the date of birth to 31 days of age. An adopted *dependent* will be covered from the date of adoption or placement of the child with the *employee* for the purpose of adoption, whichever occurs first, for 31 days.

If additional premium is not required to add additional *dependents* and if *dependent* child coverage is in force as of the newborn's date of birth in the case of newborn *dependents* or the earlier of the date of adoption or placement of the child with the *employee* for purposes of adoption in case of adopted *dependents*, coverage will continue beyond the initial 31 days. You must notify us to make sure we have accurate records to administer benefits.

If premium is required to add *dependents* you must enroll the *dependent* child and pay the additional premium within 31 days:

- Of the newborn's date of birth; or
- Of the date of adoption or placement of the child with the *employee* for the purpose of adoption to add the child to *your* plan, whichever occurs first.

If enrollment is requested more than 31 days after the date of birth, date of adoption or placement with the *employee* for the purpose of adoption, and additional premium is required, the *dependent* is a *late applicant*. A *late applicant* must wait to enroll for coverage during the *open enrollment period*, unless the *late applicant* becomes eligible for special enrollment as specified in the "Special enrollment" provision.

ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES (continued)

Special enrollment

Special enrollment is available if the following apply:

- You have a change in family status due to:
 - Marriage;
 - Divorce;
 - A Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO);
 - A National Medical Support Notice (NMSN);
 - The birth of a natural born child; or
 - The adoption of a child or placement of a child with the *employee* for the purpose of adoption; and
 - You enroll within 31 days after the *special enrollment date*; or
- You are an *employee* or *dependent* eligible for coverage under the *master group contract*, and:
 - You previously declined enrollment stating you were covered under another group health plan or other *health insurance coverage*; and
 - Loss of eligibility of such other coverage occurs, regardless of whether you are eligible for, or elect COBRA; and
 - You enroll within 31 days after the *special enrollment date*.

Loss of eligibility of other coverage includes, but is not limited to:

- Termination of employment or eligibility;
 - Reduction in number of hours of employment;
 - Divorce, legal separation or death of a spouse;
 - Loss of dependent eligibility, such as attainment of the limiting age;
 - Termination of your employer's contribution for the coverage;
 - Loss of individual HMO coverage because you no longer reside, live or work in the service area;
 - Loss of group HMO coverage because you no longer reside, live or work in the service area, and no other benefit package is available; or
 - The plan no longer offers benefits to a class of similarly situated individuals; or
- You had COBRA continuation coverage under another plan at the time of eligibility, and:
 - Such coverage has since been exhausted; and
 - You stated at the time of the initial enrollment that coverage under COBRA was your reason for declining enrollment; and
 - You enroll within 31 days after the *special enrollment date*; or
 - You were covered under an alternate plan provided by the *employer* that terminates, and:
 - You are replacing coverage with the *master group contract*; and
 - You enroll within 31 days after the *special enrollment date*; or

ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES (continued)

- You are an *employee* or *dependent* eligible for coverage under the *master group contract*, and:
 - Your *Medicaid* coverage or your Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage terminated as a result of loss of eligibility; and
 - You enroll within 60 days after the *special enrollment date*; or
- You are an *employee* or *dependent* eligible for coverage under the *master group contract*, and:
 - You become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under *Medicaid* or CHIP; and
 - You enroll within 60 days after the *special enrollment date*.

The *employee* or *dependent* is a *late applicant* if enrollment is requested later than the time period specified above. A *late applicant* must wait to enroll for coverage during the *open enrollment period*.

Dependent special enrollment

The *dependent* special enrollment is the time period specified in the "Special enrollment" provision.

If *dependent* coverage is available under the *employer's master group contract* or added to the *master group contract*, an *employee* who is a *covered person* can enroll eligible *dependents* during the special enrollment. An *employee*, who is otherwise eligible for coverage and had waived coverage under the *master group contract* when eligible, can enroll himself/herself and eligible *dependents* during the special enrollment.

The *employee* or *dependent* is a *late applicant* if enrollment is requested later than the time period specified above. A *late applicant* must wait to enroll for coverage during the *open enrollment period*.

Open enrollment

Eligible *employees* or *dependents*, who did not enroll for coverage under the *master group contract* following their *eligibility date* or *special enrollment date*, have an opportunity to enroll for coverage during the *open enrollment period*. The *open enrollment period* is also the opportunity for *late applicants* to enroll for coverage.

Eligible *employees* or *dependents*, including *late applicants*, must request enrollment during the *open enrollment period*. If enrollment is requested after the *open enrollment period*, the *employee* or *dependent* must wait to enroll for coverage during the next *open enrollment period*, unless they become eligible for special enrollment as specified in the "Special enrollment" provision.

Effective date

The provisions below specify the *effective date* of coverage for *employees* or *dependents*, if enrollment is requested within 31 days of their *eligibility date* or within the time period specified in the "Special enrollment" provision. If enrollment is requested during an *open enrollment period*, the *effective date* of coverage is specified in the "Open enrollment effective date" provision.

ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES (continued)

Employee effective date

The *employee's effective date* provision is stated in the Employer Group Application. The *employee's effective date* of coverage may be the date immediately following completion of the *waiting period*, or the first of the month following completion of the *waiting period*, if enrollment is requested within 31 days of the *employee's eligibility date*. The *special enrollment date* is the *effective date* of coverage for an *employee* who requests enrollment within the time period specified in the "Special enrollment" provision. The *employee effective dates* specified in this provision apply to an *employee* who is not a *late applicant*.

Dependent effective date

The *dependent's effective date* is the date the *dependent* is eligible for coverage if enrollment is requested within 31 days of the *dependent's eligibility date*. The *special enrollment date* is the *effective date* of coverage for the *dependent* who requests enrollment within the time period specified in the "Special enrollment" provision. The *dependent effective dates* specified in this provision apply to a *dependent* who is not a *late applicant*.

In no event will the *dependent's effective date* of coverage be prior to the *employee's effective date* of coverage.

Newborn and adopted dependent effective date

The *effective date* of coverage for a newborn *dependent* is the date of birth if the newborn is not a *late applicant*.

The *effective date* of coverage for an adopted *dependent* is the date of adoption or the date of placement with the *employee* for the purpose of adoption, whichever occurs first, if the *dependent* child is not a *late applicant*.

Premium is due for any period of *dependent* coverage whether or not the *dependent* is subsequently enrolled, unless specifically not allowed by applicable law. Additional premium may not be required when *dependent* coverage is already in force.

Open enrollment effective date

The *effective date* of coverage for an *employee* or *dependent*, including a *late applicant*, who requests enrollment during an *open enrollment period*, is the first day of the *master group contract year* as agreed to by the *group plan sponsor* and *us*.

ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES (continued)

Retired employee coverage

Retired employee eligibility date

Retired *employees* are an eligible class of *employees* if requested on the Employer Group Application and if approved by *us*. An *employee*, who retires while covered under the *master group contract*, is considered eligible for retired *employee* medical coverage on the date of retirement if the eligibility requirements stated in the Employer Group Application are satisfied.

Retired employee enrollment

The *employer* must notify *us* of the *employee's* retirement within 31 days of the date of retirement. If *we* are notified more than 31 days after the date of retirement, the retired *employee* is a *late applicant*. A *late applicant* must wait to enroll for coverage during the *open enrollment period*, unless the *late applicant* becomes eligible for special enrollment as specified in the "Special enrollment" provision.

Retired employee effective date

The *effective date* of coverage for an eligible retired *employee* is the date of retirement for an *employee* who retires after the date *we* approve the *employer's* request for a retiree classification, provided *we* are notified within 31 days of the retirement. If *we* are notified more than 31 days after the date of retirement, the *effective date* of coverage, for the *late applicant* is the date *we* specify.

REPLACEMENT OF COVERAGE

Applicability

This "Replacement of Coverage" section applies when an *employer's* previous group health plan not offered by *us* or *our* affiliates (Prior Plan) is terminated and replaced by coverage under the *master group contract* and:

- You are eligible to become covered for medical coverage on the effective date of the *master group contract*; and
- You were covered under the *employer's* Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of the *master group contract*.

Benefits available for *covered expense* under the *master group contract* will be reduced by any benefits payable by the Prior Plan during an extension period.

Deductible credit

Medical expense incurred while *you* were covered under the Prior Plan may be used to satisfy *your network provider deductible* amount under the *master group contract* if the expense incurred:

- Was applied to the deductible amount under the Prior Plan; and
- Will partially or fully satisfy the *deductible* amount under the *master group contract* for the year in which *your* coverage becomes effective.

Waiting period credit

If the *employee* had not completed the *initial waiting period* under the *group plan sponsor's* Prior Plan on the day that it ended, any period of time that the *employee* satisfied will be applied to the appropriate *waiting period* under the *master group contract*, if any. The *employee* will then be eligible for coverage under the *master group contract* when the balance of the *waiting period* has been satisfied.

Out-of-pocket limit

Any amount applied to the Prior Plan's *network out-of-pocket limit* or stop-loss limit will be credited toward the satisfaction of any *network provider out-of-pocket limit* of the *master group contract* if the amount applied under the Prior Plan will partially or fully satisfy the *out-of-pocket limit* under the *master group contract* for the year in which *your* coverage becomes effective.

TERMINATION PROVISIONS

Termination of coverage

The date of termination, as described in this "Termination Provisions" section, may be the actual date specified or the end of that month, as selected by *your employer* on the Employer Group Application (EGA).

You and your employer must notify *us* as soon as possible if *you* or *your dependent* no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the *master group contract*. Notice must be provided to *us* within 31 days of the change.

When *we* receive notification of a change in eligibility status in advance of the effective date of the change, coverage will terminate on the actual date specified by the *employer* or *employee* or at the end of that month, as selected by *your employer* on the EGA.

When *we* receive the *employer's* request to terminate coverage retroactively, the *employer's* termination request is their representation to *us* that *you* did not pay any premium or make contribution for coverage past the requested termination date.

Otherwise, coverage terminates on the earliest of the following:

- The date the *master group contract* terminates;
- The end of the period for which required premiums were paid to *us*;
- The date the *employee* terminated employment with the *employer*;
- The date the *employee* no longer qualified as an *employee*;
- The date *you* fail to be in an eligible class of persons as stated in the EGA;
- The date the *employee* entered full-time military, naval or air service;
- The date the *employee* retired, except if the EGA provides coverage for a retiree class of *employees* and the retiree is in an eligible class of retirees, selected by the *employer*;
- The date of an *employee* request for termination of coverage for the *employee* or *dependents*;
- For a *dependent*, the date the *employee's* coverage terminates;
- For a *dependent*, the date the *employee* ceases to be in a class of *employees* eligible for *dependent* coverage;
- The date *your dependent* no longer qualifies as a *dependent*;
- For any benefit, the date the benefit is deleted from the *master group contract*; or
- The date fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact has been committed by *you*. For more information on fraud and intentional misrepresentation, refer to the "Fraud" provision in the "Miscellaneous Provisions" section of this *certificate*.

TERMINATION PROVISIONS (continued)

Termination for cause

We will terminate *your* coverage for cause under the following circumstances:

- If *you* allow an unauthorized person to use *your* identification card or if *you* use the identification card of another *covered person*. Under these circumstances, the person who receives the services provided by use of the identification card will be responsible for paying *us* any amount *we* paid for those services.
- If *you* or the *group plan sponsor* perpetrate fraud or intentional misrepresentation on claims, identification cards or other identification in order to obtain services or a higher level of benefits. This includes, but is not limited to, the fabrication or alteration of a claim, identification card or other identification.

Special provisions for not being in active status

If the *employer* continues to pay required premiums and continues coverage under the *policy* while the *employee* is on leave without pay as a result of a *total disability*. Coverage will continue for an employee and the *employee's* covered *dependents* until:

- The date on which the employment of the *employee* is terminated;
- The date on which the *employee* obtains other group health coverage;
- The date on which the *master group contract* terminates; or
- After a period of 12 months in which benefits under such coverage are provided to the *employee*, whichever occurs first.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

This "Coordination of Benefits" (COB) provision applies when a person has health care coverage under more than one *plan*. The order of benefit determination rules below determine which *plan* will pay as the *primary plan*. The *primary plan* pays first without regard to the possibility another *plan* may cover some expenses. A *secondary plan* pays after the *primary plan* and may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all *plans* do not exceed 100% of the total *allowable expense*.

Definitions

The following definitions are used exclusively in this provision.

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

Plan includes:

- Individual or family insurance;
- Group insurance, closed panel or other forms of group or group-type coverage (whether insured or uninsured);
- Medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care;
- *Medicare* or other governmental benefits, as permitted by law; and
- A state plan under *Medicaid*.

Plan does not include:

- Closed panel or other individual coverage (except for group-type coverage);
- Hospital indemnity benefits;
- School accident type coverage;
- Benefits for non-medical care components of group long-term care contracts;
- Medicare supplement policies; and
- Coverage under other governmental plans, unless permitted by law.

Each contract for coverage is a separate *plan*. If a *plan* has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate *plan*.

Notwithstanding any statement to the contrary, for the purposes of COB, prescription drug coverage under this *plan* will be considered a separate *plan* and will therefore only be coordinated with other prescription drug coverage.

Primary/secondary means the order of benefit determination stating whether this *plan* is *primary* or *secondary* covering the person when compared to another *plan* also covering the person.

When this *plan* is *primary*, its benefits are determined before those of any other *plan* and without considering any other *plan's* benefits. When this *plan* is *secondary*, its benefits are determined after those of another *plan* and may be reduced because of the *primary plan's* benefits.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)

Allowable expense means a health care service or expense, including deductibles, if any, and copayments, that is covered at least in part by any of the *plans* covering the person. When a *plan* provides benefits in the form of services (e.g. an HMO), the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an *allowable expense* and a benefit paid. An expense or service that is not covered by any of the *plans* is not an *allowable expense*. The following are examples of expenses or services that are not *allowable expenses*:

- If a *covered person* is confined in a private *hospital* room, the difference between the cost of a semi-private room in the *hospital* and the private room, (unless the patient's stay in a private *hospital* room is medically necessary in terms of generally accepted medical practice, or one of the *plans* routinely provides coverage for *hospital* private rooms) is not an *allowable expense*.
- If a person is covered by two or more *plans* that compute their benefits payments on the basis of usual and customary fees, any amount in excess of the highest usual and customary fees for a specific benefit is not an *allowable expense*.
- If a person is covered by two or more *plans* that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, any amount in excess of the highest of the fees is not an *allowable expense*.
- If a person is covered by one *plan* that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees and another *plan* that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the *primary plan's* payment arrangement shall be the *allowable expense* for all *plans*.
- The amount a benefit is reduced by the *primary plan* because a *covered person* does not comply with the *plan* provisions. Examples of these provisions are second surgical opinions, precertification of *admissions* and preferred provider arrangements.

Claim determination period means a calendar year. However, it does not include any part of a year during which a person has no coverage under this *plan*, or before the date this COB provision or a similar provision takes effect.

Closed panel plan is a *plan* that provides health benefits to covered persons primarily in the form of services through a panel of providers that has contracted with or are employed by the *plan*, and that limits or excludes benefits for services provided by other providers, except in the cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.

Custodial parent means a parent awarded custody by a court decree. In the absence of a court decree, it is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year without regard to any temporary visitation.

Stand-alone dental benefit means any policy that only pays for or reimburses any part of the cost of dental care and is offered or issued separately from any policy of health insurance.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)

Order of determination rules

General

When two or more *plans* pay benefits, the rules for determining the order of payment are as follows:

- The *primary plan* pays or provides its benefits as if the *secondary plan* or *plans* did not exist.
- A *plan* that does not contain a COB provision that is consistent with applicable promulgated regulation is always *primary*. There is one exception: coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits may provide that the supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the *plan* provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are superimposed over base *plan* hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a *closed panel plan* to provide out-of-network benefits.
- A *plan* may consider the benefits paid or provided by another *plan* in determining its benefits only when it is *secondary* to that other *plan*. A *plan* is always *secondary* to a *stand-alone dental plan* for services provided by an oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

Rules

The first of the following rules that describes which *plan* pays its benefits before another *plan* is the rule to use.

- **Non-dependent or dependent.** The *plan* that covers the person other than as a *dependent*, for example as an *employee*, member, subscriber or retiree is *primary* and the *plan* that covers the person as a *dependent* is *secondary*. 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. retired *employee*); then the order of benefits between the two *plans* is reversed so that the *plan* covering the person as an *employee*, member, subscriber or retiree is *secondary* and the other *plan* is *primary*.
- **Dependent child covered under more than one *plan*.** The order of benefits when a child is covered by more than one *plan* is:
 - The *primary plan* is the *plan* of the parent whose birthday is earlier in the year if:
 - The parents are married;
 - The parents are not separated (whether or not they have been married); or
 - A court decree awards joint custody without specifying that one parent has the responsibility to provide health care coverage.
 - If both the parents have the same birthday, the *plan* that covered either of the parents longer is *primary*.

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- If the specific terms of a court decree state that one parent is responsible for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the *plan* of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that *plan* is *primary*. This rule applies to *claim determination periods* or plan years commencing after the *plan* is given notice of the court decree.
- If the parents are not married, or are separated (whether or not they ever have been married) or are divorced, the order of benefits is:
 - The *plan* of the *custodial parent*;
 - The *plan* of the spouse of the *custodial parent*;
 - The *plan* of the non-*custodial parent*; and then
 - The *plan* of the spouse of the non-*custodial parent*.
- **Active or inactive employee.** The *plan* that covers a person as an *employee* who is neither laid off nor retired, is *primary*. The same would hold true if a person is a *dependent* of a person covered as a retiree and an *employee*. If the other *plan* does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the *plans* do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.
- **Continuation coverage.** If a person whose coverage is provided under a right of continuation provided by federal or state law also is covered under another *plan*, the *plan* covering the person as an *employee*, member, subscriber or retiree (or as that person's *dependent*) is *primary*, and the continuation coverage is *secondary*. If the other *plan* does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the *plans* do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.
- **Longer or shorter length of coverage.** The *plan* that covered the person as an *employee*, member, subscriber or retiree longer is *primary*.

If the preceding rules do not determine the *primary plan*, the *allowable expenses* shall be shared equally between the *plans* meeting the definition of *plan* under this provision. In addition, this *plan* will not pay more than it would have had it been *primary*.

Effects on the benefits of this plan

When this *plan* is *secondary*, benefits may be reduced to the difference between the allowable expense (determined by the *primary plan*) and the benefits paid by any *primary plan* during the *claim determination period*. Payment from all *plans* will not exceed 100% of the total *allowable expense*.

If a *covered person* is enrolled in two or more *closed panel plans* and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel provider, benefits are not payable by one *closed panel plan*, COB shall not apply between that *plan* and the other *closed panel plan*.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)

Right to receive and release needed information

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

Facility of payment

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

Right of recovery

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

General coordination of benefits with Medicare

If you are covered under both *Medicare* and this *certificate*, federal law mandates that *Medicare* is the secondary plan in most situations. When permitted by law, this plan is the secondary plan. In all cases, coordination of benefits with *Medicare* will conform to federal statutes and regulations. If you are enrolled in *Medicare*, your benefits under this *certificate* will be coordinated to the extent benefits are payable under *Medicare*, as allowed by federal statutes and regulations.

CLAIMS

Notice of claim

Network providers will submit claims to *us* on *your* behalf. If you utilize a *non-network provider* for *covered expenses*, you may have to submit a notice of claim to *us*. Notice of claim must be given to *us* in writing or by *electronic mail* as required by *your* plan, or as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter. Notice must be sent to *us* at *our* mailing address shown on *your* ID card or at *our* website at www.humana.com.

Claims must be complete. At a minimum a claim must contain:

- Name of the *covered person* who incurred the *covered expenses*;
- Name and address of the provider;
- Diagnosis;
- Procedure or nature of the treatment;
- Place of service;
- Date of service; and
- Billed amount.

If you receive services outside the United States or from a foreign provider, you must also submit the following information along with *your* complete claim:

- *Your* proof of payment to the provider for the services received outside the United States or from a foreign provider;
- Complete medical information and medical records;
- *Your* proof of travel outside of the United States, such as airline tickets or passport stamps, if you traveled to receive the services; and
- The foreign provider's fee schedule if the provider uses a billing agency.

The forms necessary for filing proof of loss are available at www.humana.com. When requested by you, we will send you the forms for filing proof of loss. If the requested forms are not sent to you within 15 days, you will have met the proof of loss requirements by sending us a written or *electronic* statement of the nature and extent of the loss containing the above elements within the time limit stated in the "Proof of loss" provision.

Proof of loss

You must give written or *electronic* proof of loss within 90 days after the date you incur such loss. Your claims will not be reduced or denied if it was not reasonably possible to give such proof within that time period.

Your claims may be reduced or denied if written or *electronic* proof of loss is not provided to us within one year after the date proof of loss is required, unless your failure to timely provide that proof of loss is due to your legal incapacity as determined by an appropriate court of law.

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Claims processing procedures

Qualified provider services are subject to *our* claims processing procedures. *We* use *our* claims processing procedures to determine payment of *covered expenses*. *Our* claims processing procedures include, but are not limited to, claims processing edits and claims payment policies, as determined by *us*. *Your qualified provider* may access *our* claims processing edits and claim payment policies on *our* website at www.humana.com by clicking on "For Providers" and "Claims Resources."

Claims processing procedures include the interaction of a number of factors. The amount determined to be payable for a *covered expense* may be different for each claim because the mix of factors may vary. Accordingly, it is not feasible to provide an exhaustive description of the claims processing procedures, but examples of the most commonly used factors are:

- The complexity of a service;
- Whether a service is one of multiple same-day services such that the cost of the service to the *qualified provider* is less than if the service had been provided on a different day. For example:
 - Two or more *surgeries* performed the same day;
 - Two or more endoscopic procedures performed during the same day; or
 - Two or more therapy services performed the same day;
- Whether a *co-surgeon, assistant surgeon, surgical assistant*, or any other *qualified provider*, who is billing independently is involved;
- When a charge includes more than one claim line, whether any service is part of or incidental to the primary service that was provided, or if these services cannot be performed together;
- Whether the service is reasonably expected to be provided for the diagnosis reported;
- Whether a service was performed specifically for *you*; or
- Whether services can be billed as a complete set of services under one billing code.

We develop *our* claims processing procedures in *our* sole discretion based on *our* review of correct coding initiatives, national benchmarks, industry standards, and industry sources such as the following, including any successors of the same:

- *Medicare* laws, regulations, manuals and other related guidance;
- Federal and state laws, rules and regulations, including instructions published in the Federal Register;
- National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) guidance, including instructions published in the Federal Register;
- American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated AMA publications and services;
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and associated CMS publications and services;
- International Classification of Diseases (ICD);
- American Hospital Association's Coding Clinic Guidelines;
- Uniform Billing Editor;
- American Psychiatric Association's (APA) Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and associated APA publications and services;

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- Food and Drug Administration guidance;
- *Our* medical and pharmacy coverage policies; or
- Generally accepted standards of medical, behavioral health and dental practice based on credible scientific evidence recognized in published peer reviewed literature.

Changes to any one of the sources may or may not lead *us* to modify current or adopt new claims processing procedures.

Subject to applicable law, *qualified providers* who are *non-network providers* may bill *you* for any amount *we* do not pay even if such amount exceeds the allowed amount after *we* apply claims processing procedures. Any such amount paid by *you* will not apply to *your deductible* or any *out-of-pocket limit*. *You* will also be responsible for any applicable *deductible, copayment* or *coinsurance*.

You should discuss *our* claims processing edits, claims payment policies and medical or pharmacy coverage policies and their availability with any *qualified provider* prior to receiving any services. *You* or *your qualified provider* may access *our* claims processing edits and claims payment policies on *our* website at www.humana.com by clicking on "For Providers" and "Coverage Policies." Our medical and pharmacy coverage policies may be accessed on *our* website at www.humana.com under "Medical Resources" by clicking "Coverage Policies." *You* or *your qualified provider* may also call *our* toll-free customer service number listed on *your* ID card to obtain a copy of a claims processing edit, claims payment policy or coverage policy.

Other programs and procedures

We may introduce new programs and procedures that apply to *your* coverage under the *master group contract*. *We* may also introduce limited pilot or test programs including, but not limited to, disease management, care management, expanded accessibility, or wellness initiatives.

We reserve the right to discontinue or modify a program or procedure at any time.

Right to require medical examinations

We have the right to require a medical examination on any *covered person* as often as *we* may reasonably require and in accordance with state law and the American Arbitration Association. If *we* require a medical examination, it will be performed at *our* expense. *We* also have a right to request an autopsy in the case of death, if state law so allows.

To whom benefits are payable

If *you* receive services from a *network provider*, *we* will pay the provider directly for all *covered expenses*. *You* will not have to submit a claim for payment.

Benefit payments for *covered expenses* rendered by a *non-network provider* are due and owing solely to *you*, unless:

- *You* request that *we* direct a payment of selected medical benefits to the health care provider on whose charge the claim is based.
- *Your* responsibility for the *covered expenses* is based off the *qualified payment amount*.

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For *behavioral health covered expenses*, we will pay the *non-network provider* directly if the *non-network provider* has obtained and delivered to us a written assignment of benefits from the *covered person* or their authorized representative.

Any payment made directly to the *non-network provider* will not constitute the assignment of any legal obligation to the *non-network provider*.

Except as specified above, if you submit a claim for payment to us, we will pay you directly for the *covered expenses*. You are responsible to pay all charges to the provider when we pay you directly for *covered expenses*.

If any *covered person* to whom benefits are payable is a minor or, in our opinion, not able to give a valid receipt for any payment due him or her, such payment will be made to his or her parent or legal guardian. However, if no request for payment has been made by the parent or legal guardian, we may, at our option, make payment to the person or institution appearing to have assumed his or her custody and support.

Time of payment of claims

Payments due under the *master group contract* will be paid no more than 30 days after receipt of written or *electronic* proof of loss.

If we require additional information in order to make a determination, we will notify you within 20 days after receipt of written or *electronic* proof of loss. Upon receipt of additional information, we then have 30 days to either pay or deny the claim. We will notify you within 10 days of an adverse determination of your *appeal* rights.

If the approved claim is not paid within that period, we will pay interest on the claim at a rate equal to the prime rate at the largest bank in Nevada, immediately preceding the date on which the payment was due, plus 6%. The interest must be calculated from 30 days after the date on which the claim is approved until the date on which the claim is paid. The payment of interest may be waived if the payment was delayed due to an act of God or another cause beyond our control.

Right to request overpayments

We reserve the right to recover any payments made by us that were:

- Made in error;
- Made to you or any party on your behalf, where we determine such payment made is greater than the amount payable under the *master group contract*;
- Made to you and/or any party on your behalf, based on fraudulent or misrepresented information; or
- Made to you and/or any party on your behalf for charges that were discounted, waived or rebated.

We reserve the right to adjust any amount applied in error to the *deductible, out-of-pocket limit* or *copayment limit*, if any.

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Right to collect needed information

You must cooperate with *us* and when asked, assist *us* by:

- Authorizing the release of medical information including the names of all providers from whom *you* received medical attention;
- Obtaining medical information or records from any provider as requested by *us*;
- Providing information regarding the circumstances of *your* *sickness, bodily injury* or *accident*;
- Providing information about other insurance coverage and benefits, including information related to any *bodily injury* or *sickness* for which another party may be liable to pay compensation or benefits;
- Providing copies of claims and settlement demands submitted to third parties in relation to a *bodily injury* or *sickness*;
- Disclosing details of liability settlement agreements reached with third parties in relation to a *bodily injury* or *sickness*; and
- Providing information *we* request to administer the *master group contract*.

If *you* fail to cooperate or provide the necessary information, *we* may recover payments made by *us* and deny any pending or subsequent claims for which the information is requested.

Exhaustion of time limits

If *we* fail to complete a claim determination or appeal within the time limits set forth in the *master group contract*, the claim shall be deemed to have been denied and *you* may proceed to the next level in the review process outlined under the "Complaint and Appeal Procedures" section of this *certificate* or as required by law.

Recovery rights

You as well as *your dependents* agree to the following, as a condition of receiving benefits under the *master group contract*.

Duty to cooperate in good faith

You are obligated to cooperate with *us* and *our* agents in order to protect *our* recovery rights. Cooperation includes promptly notifying *us* *you* may have a claim, providing *us* relevant information, and signing and delivering such documents as *we* or *our* agents reasonably request to secure *our* recovery rights. *You* agree to obtain *our* consent before releasing any party from liability for payment of medical expenses. *You* agree to provide *us* with a copy of any summons, complaint or any other process served in any lawsuit in which *you* seek to recover compensation for *your* injury and its treatment.

You will do whatever is necessary to enable *us* to enforce *our* recovery rights and will do nothing after loss to prejudice *our* recovery rights.

CLAIMS (continued)

You agree that *you* will not attempt to avoid *our* recovery rights by designating all (or any disproportionate part) of any recovery as exclusively for pain and suffering.

In the event that *you* fail to cooperate with *us*, *we* shall be entitled to recover from *you* any payments made by *us*.

Duplication of benefits/other insurance

We will not provide duplicate coverage for benefits under the *master group contract* when a person is covered by *us* and has, or is entitled to, benefits as a result of their injuries from any other coverage including, but not limited to, first party uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage, any no-fault insurance, medical payment coverage (auto, homeowners or otherwise), Workers' Compensation settlement or awards, other group coverage (including student plans), direct recoveries from liable parties, premises medical pay or any other insurer providing coverage that would apply to pay *your* medical expenses, except another "plan," as defined in the "Coordination of Benefits" section (e.g., group health coverage), in which case priority will be determined as described in the "Coordination of Benefits" section.

Where there is such coverage, *we* will not duplicate other coverage available to *you* and shall be considered secondary, except where specifically prohibited. Where double coverage exists, *we* shall have the right to be repaid from whomever has received the overpayment from *us* to the extent of the duplicate coverage.

We will not duplicate coverage under the *master group contract* whether or not *you* have made a claim under the other applicable coverage.

When applicable, *you* are required to provide *us* with authorization to obtain information about the other coverage available, and to cooperate in the recovery of overpayments from the other coverage, including executing any assignment of rights necessary to obtain payment directly from the other coverage available.

Workers' compensation

This *master group contract* excludes coverage for *sickness* or *bodily injury* for which Workers' Compensation or similar coverage is available.

If benefits are paid by *us* and *we* determine that the benefits were for treatment of *bodily injury* or *sickness* that arose from or was sustained in the course of, any occupation or employment for compensation, profit or gain, *we* have the right to recover as described below.

We shall have first priority to recover amounts *we* have paid and the reasonable value of services and benefits provided under a managed care agreement from any funds that are paid or payable by Workers' Compensation or similar coverage as a result of any *sickness* or *bodily injury*, and *we* shall not be required to contribute to attorney fees or recovery expenses under a Common Fund or similar doctrine.

CLAIMS (continued)

Our right to recover from funds that are paid or payable by Workers' Compensation or similar coverage will apply even though:

- The Workers' Compensation carrier does not accept responsibility to provide benefits;
- There is no final determination that *bodily injury* or *sickness* was sustained in the course of or resulted from, *your* employment;
- The amount of Workers' Compensation due to medical or health care is not agreed upon or defined by *you* or the Workers' Compensation carrier; or
- Medical or health care benefits are specifically excluded from the Workers' Compensation settlement or compromise.

As a condition to receiving benefits from *us*, *you* hereby agree, in consideration for the coverage provided by the *master group contract*, *you* will notify *us* of any Workers' Compensation claim *you* make, and *you* agree to reimburse *us* as described above. If *we* are precluded from exercising *our* recovery rights to recover from funds that are paid by Workers' Compensation or similar coverage *we* will exercise *our* right to recover against *you*.

Right of subrogation

As a condition to receiving benefits from *us*, *you* agree to transfer to *us* any rights *you* may have to make a claim, take legal action or recover any expenses paid under the *master group contract*. *We* will be subrogated to *your* rights to recover from any funds paid or payable as a result of a personal injury claim or any reimbursement of expenses by:

- Any legally liable person or their carrier, including self-insured entities;
- Any uninsured motorist or underinsured motorist coverage;
- Medical payments/expense coverage under any automobile, homeowners, premises or similar coverages;
- Workers' Compensation or other similar coverage; and
- No-fault or other similar coverage.

We may enforce *our* subrogation rights by asserting a claim to any coverage to which *you* may be entitled. *We* shall have first priority to recover amounts *we* have paid and the reasonable value of services and benefits provided under a managed care agreement from any funds that are paid or payable as a result of any *sickness* or *bodily injury*, regardless of whether available funds are sufficient to fully compensate *you* for *your sickness* or *bodily injury*.

If *we* are precluded from exercising *our* rights of subrogation, *we* may exercise *our* right of reimbursement.

Right of reimbursement

If benefits are paid under the *master group contract* and *you* recover from any legally responsible person, their insurer, or any uninsured motorist, underinsured motorist, medical payment/expense, Workers' Compensation, no-fault, or other similar coverage, *we* have the right to recover from *you* an amount equal to the amount *we* paid and for the reasonable value of services and benefits provided under a managed care agreement.

CLAIMS (continued)

You shall notify *us*, in writing or by *electronic mail*, within 31 days of any settlement, compromise or judgment. Any *covered person* who waives, abrogates or impairs *our* right of reimbursement or fails to comply with these obligations, relieves *us* from any obligation to pay past or future benefits or expenses until all outstanding lien(s) are resolved.

If, after the inception of coverage with *us*, *you* recover payment from and release any legally responsible person, their insurer, or any uninsured motorist, underinsured motorist, medical payment/expense, Workers' Compensation, no-fault, or other similar insurer from liability for future medical expenses relating to a *sickness* or *bodily injury*, *we* shall have a continuing right to reimbursement from *you* to the extent of the benefits *we* provided with respect to that *sickness* or *bodily injury*. This right, however, shall apply only to the extent of such payment and only to the extent not limited or precluded by law in the state whose laws govern the *master group contract*, including any made whole or similar rule.

The obligation to reimburse *us* in full exists, regardless of whether the settlement, compromise, or judgment designates the recovery as including or excluding medical expenses.

Assignment of recovery rights

The *master group contract* contains an exclusion for *sickness* or *bodily injury* for which there is medical payment/expenses coverage provided under any automobile, homeowner's, premises, or other similar coverage.

If *your* claim against the other insurer is denied or partially paid, *we* will process *your* claim according to the terms and conditions of the *master group contract*. If payment is made by *us* on *your* behalf, *you* agree to assign to *us* the right *you* have against the other insurer for medical expenses *we* pay.

If benefits are paid under the *master group contract* and *you* recover under any automobile, homeowner's, premises or similar coverage, *we* have the right to recover from *you*, or whomever *we* have paid, an amount equal to the amount *we* paid.

Cost of legal representation

The costs of *our* legal representation in matters related to *our* recovery rights shall be borne solely by *us*.

The costs of legal representation incurred by *you* shall be borne solely by *you*. *We* shall not be responsible to contribute to the cost of legal fees or expenses incurred by *you* under any Common Fund or similar doctrine unless *we* were given timely notice of the claim and an opportunity to protect *our* own interests and *we* failed or declined to do so.

COMPLAINT AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

If *you* are dissatisfied with *our* determination of *your* claim, *you* may *appeal* the decision. *You* should appeal in writing to the address provided on the denial letter *you* received or to *us* at the following address:

Grievance and Appeal Department
P.O. Box 14546
Lexington, KY 40512-4546

The appeal must be submitted to *us* within 180 days after *you* receive written notice of the denial (or partial denial). Such appeals will be handled on a timely basis and appropriate records will be kept on all appeals.

Definitions

An ***adverse determination*** means a determination by *us* that an admission, availability of care, continued stay or other health care services that is a *covered expense* has been reviewed and, based on the information provided, does not meet *our* requirements for *medical necessity*, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness, and the requested *service is denied, reduced or terminated*.

An ***appeal*** is a request for reconsideration of an *adverse determination*.

An ***authorized representative*** means someone *you* have appropriately authorized to act on *your* behalf, including *your* health care provider.

A ***grievance*** is any complaint from a member or representative expressing dissatisfaction with any aspect of the plan, other than a *claim* or *service denial*, including a previous problem that is not resolved to the satisfaction of the member.

Appeal process for adverse determination

Grievance process

A *grievance* can be submitted to *us* at any time. *We* will acknowledge *your grievance* in writing within five (5) business days of receipt. *Our* review board will complete an investigation and advise *you* or *your authorized representative* in writing of *our* resolution within 30 calendar days of receipt.

Second level grievance process

If *you* are not satisfied with the decision of the *grievance* review board, *you* or *your authorized representative* may submit a written request for a hearing by the review board. *We* will acknowledge receipt of *your* request in writing within 5 business days. *You* or *your authorized representative* has the right to attend and submit documentation at least 5 business days before the review board meeting. *Our* review board will complete an investigation and advise *you* or *your authorized representative* in writing of *our* resolution within 30 calendar days of receipt.

COMPLAINT AND APPEAL PROCEDURES (continued)

Appeal process

You can appeal in writing to the address provided on the denial letter *you* received. The *appeal* must be submitted to *us* within 180 days after *you* receive written notice of the denial (or partial denial).

Our review board will complete an investigation and send written notice of *our* decision:

- Within 15 calendar days of receipt for pre-service or concurrent denials; and
- Within 30 calendar days of receipt for post-service denials.

Second level appeal process

If *you* are not satisfied with the decision of the appeal review board, *you* or *your authorized representative* may submit a written request for a hearing by *our* review board, during which *you* may present testimony. Any documentation necessary for review of the *appeal* must be submitted as evidence, no later than five (5) business days prior to the hearing. *Our* review board will complete an investigation and send written notice of *our* decision:

- Within 15 calendar days of receipt for pre-service or concurrent denials; and
- Within 30 calendar days of receipt for post service denials.

Expedited appeal review

An expedited review may be requested when standard *appeal* review time frames would seriously jeopardize *your* life, health or ability to regain maximum function. *We* will accept requests for an expedited review, in writing or orally. *We* will orally acknowledge receipt of the expedited *appeal* within twenty-four (24) hours. *We* will notify *you* of the decision within forty-eight (48) hours.

Second level expedited appeal review

If *you* are not satisfied with the decision of the expedited appeal review board, *you* or *your authorized representative* may submit a request orally or in writing for a second level expedited review. *We* will orally acknowledge receipt of the request immediately. A decision will be made and *you* or *your authorized representative* will be notified not later than twenty-four (24) hours of receipt.

External review and decision

If *we* have denied *your* request for the provision of or payment for a health care service or course of treatment, *you* may have the right to have *our* decision reviewed by health care professionals who have no association with *us* if *our* decision involved making a judgment as to the *medical necessity*, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness of the health care service or treatment *you* requested by submitting a request for external review to the Office for Consumer Health Assistance (OCHA). The OCHA address is provided on the denial letter *you* received from *us*.

COMPLAINT AND APPEAL PROCEDURES (continued)

If *you* or *your authorized representative* receives notice of a final *adverse determination* from *us*, *you* or *your authorized representative* may, within 4 months, submit a written request to the OCHA for an external review.

The OCHA will notify *us* of the request for external review. Within 5 working days of receiving this notice *we* will provide a preliminary review of the request and notify the OCHA, *you* and *your authorized representative* (if applicable), in writing whether the request is incomplete, complete and eligible for external review, or complete and not eligible for external review.

Within 5 working days after receipt of the notice of the assigned Independent Review Organization (IRO), *we* will provide the IRO with the documents and information considered in making the *adverse determination*. Within 45 days after receipt of the request for external review, the IRO will make a decision and provide written notice of the decision to *you* and *your authorized representative* (if applicable), *us* and the OCHA.

Expedited external review

If *you* have a condition that requires an expedited external review, *you* or *your authorized representative* may make an oral or written request for an expedited external review. The treating physician must certify in writing that a delay would seriously jeopardize *your* life or health or would jeopardize *your* ability to regain maximum function.

The OCHA will immediately notify *us* and *we* will determine if the request is eligible for review and immediately notify the OCHA, *you* and *your authorized representative* (if applicable). The OCHA will then immediately assign an IRO. The expedited external review will be completed within 72 hours of the request for an expedited external review.

Exhaustion of remedies

You must complete all levels of the *appeal* process available to *you* under state or federal law, before filing a lawsuit. This assures that both *you* and *we* have a full and fair opportunity to complete the record and resolve the dispute. Contact *us* if *you* believe *your* condition requires the use of the shorter time lines applicable to emergency health conditions.

The *appeal* process, however, does not stop *you* from pursuing other appropriate remedies, including seeking injunctive relief or equitable relief, if the requirement of exhausting the process for *appeals*, including the emergency *appeal* process, would place *your* health in serious jeopardy.

A coverage denial does not mean that *your* provider cannot provide the service or supply. *Our* denial only means *we* will not pay for the service or supply, unless *our* decision is reversed on appeal or in a subsequent lawsuit.

COMPLAINT AND APPEAL PROCEDURES (continued)

Legal actions and limitations

No legal action to recover on the *master group contract* may be brought until 60 days after written proof of loss has been given in accordance with the "Proof of loss" provision of the *master group contract*.

No legal action to recover on the *master group contract* may be brought after one year from the date written proof of loss is required to be given.

SAMPLE

DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS

Employee assistance program

We may provide *you* access to an employee assistance program (EAP). The EAP may include confidential, telephonic consultations and work-life services. The EAP provides *you* with short-term, problem solving services for issues that may otherwise affect *your* work, personal life or health. The EAP is designed to provide *you* with information and assistance regarding *your* issue and may also assist *you* with finding a medical provider or local community resource.

The services provided by the EAP are not *covered expenses* under the *master group contract*, therefore the *copayments*, *deductible* or *coinsurance* do not apply. However, there may be additional costs to *you*, if *you* obtain services from a professional or organization the EAP has recommended or has referred *you* to. The EAP does not provide medical care. *You* are not required to participate in the EAP before using *your* benefits under the *master group contract*, and the EAP services are not coordinated with *covered expenses* under the *master group contract*. The decision to participate in the EAP is voluntary, and *you* may participate at any time during the *year*. Refer to the marketing literature for additional information.

Discount programs

From time to time, *we* may offer or provide access to discount programs to *you*. In addition, *we* may arrange for third party service providers such as pharmacies, optometrists, dentists, and alternative medicine providers to provide discounts on goods and services to *you*. Some of these third party service providers may make payments to *us* when *covered persons* take advantage of these discount programs. These payments offset the cost to *us* of making these programs available and may help reduce the costs of *your* plan administration. Although *we* have arranged for third parties to offer discounts on these goods and services, these discount programs are not covered services under the *master group contract*. The third party service providers are solely responsible to *you* for the provision of any such goods and/or services. *We* are not responsible for any such goods and/or services, nor are *we* liable if vendors refuse to honor such discounts. Further, *we* are not liable to *covered persons* for the negligent provision of such goods and/or services by third party service providers. Discount programs may not be available to persons who "opt out" of marketing communications and where otherwise restricted by law.

Wellness programs

From time to time *we* may offer directly, or enter into agreements with third parties who administer participatory or health-contingent wellness programs to *you*.

"Participatory" wellness programs do not require *you* to meet a standard related to a health factor. Examples of participatory wellness programs may include, but are not limited to, membership in a fitness center, certain preventive testing, or attending a no-cost health education seminar.

"Health-contingent" wellness programs require *you* to attain certain wellness goals that are related to a health factor. Examples of health contingent wellness programs may include, but are not limited to, completing a 5k event, lowering blood pressure or ceasing the use of tobacco.

DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS (continued)

The rewards may include, but are not limited to, payment for all or a portion of a participatory wellness program, merchandise, gift cards, debit cards, discounts or contributions to *your* health spending account. *We* are not responsible for any rewards provided by third parties that are non-insurance benefits or for *your* receipt of such reward(s).

The rewards may be taxable income. *You* may consult a tax advisor for further guidance.

Our agreement with any third party does not eliminate any of *your* obligations under this *master group contract* or change any of the terms of this *master group contract*. *Our* agreement with the third parties and the program may be terminated at any time, although insurance benefits will be subject to applicable state and federal laws.

We are committed to helping *you* achieve *your* best health. Some wellness programs may be offered only to *covered persons* with particular health factors. If *you* think *you* might be unable to meet a standard for a reward under a health contingent wellness program, *you* might qualify for an opportunity to earn the same reward by different means. Contact *us* at the number listed on *your* ID card or in the marketing literature issued by the wellness program administrator for more information.

The wellness program administrator or *we* may require proof in writing from *your health care practitioner* that *your* medical condition prevents *you* from taking part in the available activities.

The decision to participate in wellness program activities is voluntary and if eligible, *you* may decide to participate anytime during the *year*. Refer to the marketing literature issued by the wellness program administrator for their program's eligibility, rules and limitations.

Shared savings program

As a *covered person* under the health benefit plan, *you* may obtain services from *network providers* who participate in the Point of Service network or *non-network providers* who do not participate in the Point of Service network. If *you* choose a *network provider*, *your* out-of-pocket expenses are normally lower than if *you* choose a *non-network provider*.

If *you* choose to obtain services from a *non-network provider*, the services may be eligible for a discount to *you* under the Shared Savings Program. It is not necessary for *you* to inquire in advance about services that may be discounted. When processing *your* claim, *we* will automatically determine if the services are subject to the Shared Savings Program and calculate *your deductible* and *coinsurance* on the discounted amount. Whether the services are subject to the Shared Savings Program is at *our* discretion, and *we* apply the discounts in a non-discriminatory manner. *Your* Explanation of Benefits statement will reflect any savings with a remark code that the services have been discounted. *We* cannot guarantee that the services rendered by *non-network providers* will be discounted. The *non-network provider* discounts in the Shared Savings Program may not be as favorable as *network provider* discounts.

DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS (continued)

If *you* would like to inquire in advance to determine if services rendered by a *non-network provider* may be subject to the Shared Savings Program, please contact *our* customer service department at the telephone number shown on *your* ID card. Provider arrangements in the Shared Savings Program are subject to change without notice. *We* cannot guarantee that the services *you* receive from a *non-network provider* are still subject to the Shared Savings Program at the time services are received. Discounts are dependent upon availability and cannot be guaranteed.

We reserve the right to modify, amend or discontinue the Shared Savings Program at any time.

SAMPLE

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Entire contract

The entire contract is made up of the *master group contract*, the Employer Group Application of the *group plan sponsor*, incorporated by reference herein, and the applications or enrollment forms, if any, of the *covered persons*. All statements made by the *group plan sponsor* or by a *covered person* are considered to be representations, not warranties. This means that the statements are made in good faith. No statement will void the *master group contract*, reduce the benefits it provides or be used in defense to a claim unless it is contained in a written or *electronic* application or enrollment form and a copy is furnished to the person making such statement or his or her beneficiary.

Additional group plan sponsor responsibilities

In addition to responsibilities outlined in the *master group contract*, the *group plan sponsor* is responsible for:

- Collection of premium; and
- Distributing and providing *covered persons* access to:
 - Benefit plan documents and the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC);
 - Renewal notices and *master group contract* modification information;
 - Discontinuance notices; and
 - Information regarding continuation rights.

No *group plan sponsor* may change or waive any provision of the *master group contract*.

Certificates

A *certificate* setting forth the benefits available to the *employee* and the *employee's* covered dependents will be available at www.humana.com or in writing when requested. The *employer* is responsible for providing *employees* access to the *certificate*.

No document inconsistent with the *master group contract* shall take precedence over it. This is true, also, when the *certificate* is incorporated by reference into a summary description of plan benefits by the administrator of a group plan subject to ERISA. If the terms of a summary plan description differ with the terms of this *certificate*, the terms of this *certificate* will control.

Incontestability

No misstatement made by the *group plan sponsor*, except for fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact made in the application may be used to void the *master group contract*.

After *you* are covered without interruption for two years, *we* cannot contest the validity of *your* coverage except for:

- Nonpayment of premiums; or
- Any fraud or intentional misrepresentation of a material fact made by *you*.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (continued)

At any time, *we* may assert defenses based upon provisions in the *master group contract* which relate to *your* eligibility for coverage under the *master group contract*.

No statement made by *you* can be contested unless it is in a written or *electronic* form signed by *you*. A copy of the form must be given to *you* or *your* beneficiary.

An independent incontestability period begins for each type of change in coverage or when a new application or enrollment form of the *covered person* is completed.

Fraud

Health insurance fraud is a criminal offense that can be prosecuted. Any person(s) who willingly and knowingly engages in an activity intended to defraud *us* by filing a claim or form that contains a false or deceptive statement may be guilty of insurance fraud.

If *you* commit fraud against *us* or *your employer* commits fraud pertaining to *you* against *us*, as determined by *us*, *we* reserve the right to *rescind your coverage* after *we* provide *you* a 60 calendar day advance written notice that coverage will be *rescinded*. *You* have the right to appeal the *rescission*. *We* will not recover benefits paid for valid claims with a date of service prior to the date membership is rescinded.

Clerical error or misstatement

If it is determined that information about a *covered person* was omitted or misstated in error, an adjustment may be made in premiums and/or coverage in effect. This provision applies to *you* and to *us*.

Modification of master group contract

The *master group contract* may be modified by *us*, upon renewal of the *master group contract*, as permitted by state and federal law. The *group plan sponsor* will be notified in writing or *electronically* at least 60 days prior to the effective date of the change.

The *master group contract* may be modified by agreement between *us* and the *group plan sponsor* without the consent of any *covered person* or any beneficiary. No modification will be valid unless approved by *our* President, Secretary or Vice-President. The approval must be endorsed on or attached to the *master group contract*. No agent has authority to modify the *master group contract*, or waive any of the *master group contract* provisions, to extend the time of premium payment, or bind *us* by making any promise or representation.

Corrections due to clerical errors or clarifications that do not change benefits are not modifications of the *master group contract* and may be made by *us* at any time without prior consent of, or notice to, the *group plan sponsor*.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (continued)

Discontinuation of coverage

If we decide to discontinue offering a particular group health plan:

- The *group plan sponsor*, and the *employees* will be notified of such discontinuation at least 90 days prior to the date of discontinuation of such coverage; and
- The *group plan sponsor* will be given the option to purchase any other group plan providing medical benefits that are being offered by *us* at such time.

If we cease doing business in the *small employer* or the large *employer* group market, the *policyholders*, *covered persons*, and the Commissioner of Insurance will be notified of such discontinuation at least 180 days prior to the date of discontinuation of such coverage.

Premium contributions

Your employer must pay the required premium to *us* as they become due. *Your employer* may require *you* to contribute toward the cost of *your* coverage. Failure of *your employer* to pay any required premium to *us* when due may result in the termination of *your* coverage.

Premium rate change

We reserve the right to change any premium rates in accordance with applicable law upon notice to the *employer*. We will provide notice to the *employer* of any such premium changes. Questions regarding changes to premium rates should be addressed to the *employer*.

Assignment

The *master group contract* and its benefits may not be assigned by the *group plan sponsor*.

Emergency declarations

We may alter or waive the requirements of the *master group contract* as a result of a state or federal emergency declaration including, but not limited to:

- *Prior authorization* or *preauthorization* requirements;
- *Prescription* quantity limits; and
- *Your copayment, deductible* and/or *coinsurance*.

We have the sole authority to waive any *master group contract* requirements in response to an emergency declaration.

Conformity with statutes

Any provision of the *master group contract* which is not in conformity with applicable state law(s) or other applicable law(s) shall not be rendered invalid, but shall be construed and applied as if it were in full compliance with the applicable state law(s) and other applicable law(s).

GLOSSARY

Terms printed in italic type in this *certificate* have the meaning indicated below. Defined terms are printed in italic type wherever found in this *certificate*.

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Accident means a sudden event that results in a *bodily injury* or *dental injury* and is exact as to time and place of occurrence.

Active status means the *employee* is performing all of his or her customary duties, whether performed at the *employer's* business establishment, some other location which is usual for the *employee's* particular duties or another location, when required to travel on the job:

- On a regular *full-time* basis or for the number of hours per week determined by the *group plan sponsor*;
- For 48 weeks a year; and
- Is maintaining a bona fide *employer-employee* relationship with the *group plan sponsor* of the *master group contract* on a regular basis.

Each day of a regular vacation and any regular non-working holiday are deemed *active status*, if the *employee* was in *active status* on his or her last regular working day prior to the vacation or holiday. An *employee* is deemed to be in *active status* if an absence from work is due to a *sickness* or *bodily injury*, provided the individual otherwise meets the definition of *employee*.

Acute inpatient services mean care given in a *hospital* or *health care treatment facility* which:

- Maintains permanent full-time facilities for *room and board* of resident patients;
- Provides emergency, diagnostic and therapeutic services with a capability to provide life-saving medical and psychiatric interventions;
- Has physician services, appropriately licensed behavioral health practitioners and skilled nursing services available 24-hours a day;
- Provides direct daily involvement of the physician; and
- Is licensed and legally operated in the jurisdiction where located.

Acute inpatient services are utilized when there is an immediate risk to engage in actions, which would result in death or harm to self or others, or there is a deteriorating condition in which an alternative treatment setting is not appropriate.

Admission means entry into a facility as a registered bed patient according to the rules and regulations of that facility. An *admission* ends when you are discharged, or released, from the facility and are no longer registered as a bed patient.

Advanced imaging, for the purpose of this definition, includes Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA), Positron Emission Tomography (PET), Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT), and Computed Tomography (CT) imaging.

GLOSSARY (continued)

Air ambulance means a professionally operated helicopter or airplane, provided by a licensed ambulance service, equipped for the transportation of a sick or injured person to or from the nearest medical facility qualified to treat the person's *sickness* or *bodily injury*. Use of the *air ambulance* must be *medically necessary*. When transporting the sick or injured person from one medical facility to another, the *air ambulance* must be ordered by a *health care practitioner*.

Alternative medicine, for the purposes of this definition, includes, but is not limited to: acupressure, aromatherapy, ayurveda, biofeedback, faith healing, guided mental imagery, herbal supplements and medicine, holistic medicine, homeopathy, hypnosis, macrobiotics, massage therapy, naturopathy, ozone therapy, reflexotherapy, relaxation response, rolfing, shiatsu, yoga, and chelation therapy.

Ambulance means a professionally operated ground vehicle, provided by a licensed ambulance service, equipped for the transportation of a sick or injured person to or from the nearest medical facility qualified to treat the person's *sickness* or *bodily injury*. Use of the *ambulance* must be *medically necessary*. When transporting the sick or injured person from one medical facility to another, the *ambulance* must be ordered by a *health care practitioner*.

Ambulatory surgical center means an institution which meets all of the following requirements:

- It must be staffed by physicians and a medical staff which includes registered nurses.
- It must have permanent facilities and equipment for the primary purpose of performing *surgery*.
- It must provide continuous physicians' services on an *outpatient* basis.
- It must admit and discharge patients from the facility within a 24-hour period.
- It must be licensed in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction where it is located. It must be operated as an *ambulatory surgical center* as defined by those laws.
- It must not be used for the primary purpose of terminating pregnancies, or as an office or clinic for the private practice of any physician or dentist.

Ancillary services mean *covered expenses* that are:

- Items or services related to emergency medicine, anesthesiology, pathology, radiology, or neonatology;
- Provided by *assistant surgeons*, hospitalists or intensivists;
- Diagnostic laboratory or radiology services; and
- Items or services provided by a *non-network provider* when a *network provider* is not available to provide the services at a *network facility*.

Assistant surgeon means a *health care practitioner* who assists at *surgery* and is a Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) or where state law requires a specific *health care practitioner* be treated and reimbursed the same as an MD, DO or DPM.

Autism spectrum disorder means a condition that meets the diagnostic criteria for *autism spectrum disorder* published in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association, or in the edition that was in effect at the time the condition was diagnosed or determined.

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B

Behavioral health means *mental health services* and *chemical dependency* services.

Birth center means a *free-standing facility* that is specifically licensed to perform uncomplicated pregnancy care, delivery and immediate care after delivery for a *covered person*.

Bodily injury means bodily damage other than a *sickness*, including all related conditions and recurrent symptoms. However, bodily damage resulting from infection or muscle strain due to athletic or physical activity is considered a *sickness* and not a *bodily injury*.

C

Certificate means this benefit plan document that describes the benefits, provisions and limitations of the *master group contract*. This *certificate* is part of the *master group contract* and is subject to the terms of the *master group contract*.

Chemical dependency means the abuse of, or psychological or physical dependence on, or addiction to alcohol or a controlled substance.

Coinsurance means the amount expressed as a percentage of the *covered expense* that you must pay.

Confinement or **confined** means you are a registered bed patient as the result of a *health care practitioner's* recommendation. It does not mean you are in *observation status*.

Congenital anomaly means an abnormality of the body that is present from the time of birth.

Copayment means the specified dollar amount you must pay to a provider for *covered expenses*, regardless of any amounts that may be paid by us.

Cosmetic surgery means *surgery* performed to reshape normal structures of the body in order to improve or change your appearance or self-esteem.

Co-surgeon means one of two or more *health care practitioners* furnishing a single *surgery* which requires the skill of multiple surgeons each in a different specialty, performing parts of the same *surgery* simultaneously.

Covered expense means:

- *Medically necessary* services to treat a *sickness* or *bodily injury*, such as:
 - Procedures;
 - *Surgeries*;
 - Consultations;
 - Advice;
 - Diagnosis;
 - Referrals;

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- Treatment;
- Supplies;
- Drugs, including *prescription* and *specialty drugs*;
- Devices; or
- Technologies;

- *Preventive services.*

To be considered a *covered expense*, services must be:

- Ordered by a *health care practitioner*;
- Authorized or prescribed by a *qualified provider*;
- Provided or furnished by a *qualified provider*;
- For the benefits described herein, subject to any maximum benefit and all other terms, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the *master group contract*; and
- Incurred when *you* are insured for that benefit under the *master group contract* on the date that the service is rendered.

Covered person means the *employee* or the *employee's dependents*, who are enrolled for benefits provided under the *master group contract*.

Custodial care means services given to *you* if:

- *You* need services including, but not limited to, assistance with dressing, bathing, preparation and feeding of special diets, walking, supervision of medication which is ordinarily self-administered, getting in and out of bed, and maintaining continence;
- The services *you* require are primarily to maintain, and not likely to improve, *your* condition; or
- The services involve the use of skills which can be taught to a layperson and do not require the technical skills of a *nurse*.

Services may still be considered *custodial care* by *us* even if:

- *You* are under the care of a *health care practitioner*;
- The *health care practitioner* prescribed services are to support or maintain *your* condition; or
- Services are being provided by a *nurse*.

D

Deductible means the amount of *covered expenses* that *you*, either individually or combined as a covered family, must pay per *year* before *we* pay benefits for certain specified *covered expenses*. Any amount *you* pay exceeding the *maximum allowable fee* is not applied to the individual or family *deductibles*.

Dental injury means an injury to a *sound natural tooth* caused by a sudden and external force that could not be predicted in advance and could not be avoided. It does not include biting or chewing injuries, unless the biting or chewing injury is a result of an act of domestic violence or a medical condition (including both physical and mental health conditions).

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Dependent means a covered *employee's*:

- Legally recognized spouse or *domestic partner*;
- Natural born child, step-child, legally adopted child, or child placed for adoption, whose age is less than the limiting age;
- Unmarried child of any age who is medically certified as disabled and dependent upon the parent; or
- Child whose age is less than the limiting age and for whom the *employee* has received a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) or National Medical Support Notice (NMSN) to provide coverage, if the *employee* is eligible for family coverage until:
 - Such QMCSO or NMSN is no longer in effect; or
 - The child is enrolled for comparable health coverage, which is effective no later than the termination of the child's coverage under the *master group contract*.
- *Domestic partner's* natural born child, step-child, legally adopted child, or child placed for adoption whose age is less than the limiting age and an unmarried child of any age who is medically certified as disabled and is dependent upon the *domestic partner*;

The *domestic partner's* child cannot qualify as a *dependent* prior to the *employee's domestic partner* becoming a qualified *dependent*.

Under no circumstances shall *dependent* mean a grandchild, great grandchild or foster child, including where the grandchild, great grandchild, or foster child meets all of the qualifications of a dependent as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

The limiting age means the end of the month the *dependent* child attains age 26. Each *dependent* child is covered to the limiting age, regardless if the child is:

- Married;
- A tax dependent;
- A student;
- Employed;
- Residing with or receiving financial support from *you*; or
- Eligible for other coverage through employment.

A covered *dependent* child who attains the limiting age while covered under the *master group contract*, remains eligible if the covered *dependent* child is:

- Permanently mentally or physically handicapped; and
- Incapable of self-sustaining employment.

In order for the covered *dependent* child to remain eligible as specified above, *we* must receive notification within 31 days prior to the covered *dependent* child attaining the limiting age.

You must furnish satisfactory proof to *us*, upon *our* request, that the conditions, as defined in the bulleted items above, continuously exist on and after the date the limiting age is reached. After two years from the date the first proof was furnished, *we* may not request such proof more often than annually. If satisfactory proof is not submitted to *us*, the child's coverage will not continue beyond the last date of eligibility.

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Diabetes equipment means blood glucose monitors, including monitors designed to be used by blind individuals; insulin pumps and associated accessories; insulin infusion devices; and podiatric appliances for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes.

Diabetes self-management training means the training provided to a *covered person* after the initial diagnosis of diabetes for care and management of the condition including nutritional counseling and use of *diabetes equipment* and supplies. It also includes training when changes are required to the self-management regime and when new techniques and treatments are developed.

Diabetes supplies means test strips for blood glucose monitors; visual reading and urine test strips; lancets and lancet devices; insulin and insulin analogs; injection aids; syringes; prescriptive-agents for controlling blood sugar levels; prescriptive non-insulin injectable agents for controlling blood sugar levels; glucagon emergency kits; and alcohol swabs.

Distant site means the location of a *health care practitioner* at the time a *telehealth* or *telemedicine* service is provided.

Domestic partner means an individual of the same or opposite gender, who resides with the covered *employee* in a long-term relationship of indefinite duration; and, there is an exclusive, mutual commitment in which the partners agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and share financial obligations. We will allow coverage for only one *domestic partner* of the covered *employee* at any one time. The *employee* and *domestic partner* must each be at a minimum 18 years of age, competent to contract, and not related by blood to a degree of closeness which would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which the *employee* and *domestic partner* both legally reside.

Durable medical equipment means equipment that meets all of the following criteria:

- It is prescribed by a *health care practitioner*;
- It can withstand repeated use;
- It is primarily and customarily used for a medical purpose rather than being primarily for comfort or convenience;
- It is generally not useful to *you* in the absence of *sickness* or *bodily injury*;
- It is appropriate for home use or use at other locations as necessary for daily living;
- It is related to and meets the basic functional needs of *your* physical disorder;
- It is not typically furnished by a *hospital* or *skilled nursing facility*; and
- It is provided in the most cost effective manner required by *your* condition, including, at *our* discretion, rental or purchase.

E

Effective date means the date *your* coverage begins under the *master group contract*.

Electronic or electronically means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

Electronic mail means a computerized system that allows a user of a network computer system and/or computer system to send and receive messages and documents among other users on the network and/or with a computer system.

Electronic signature means an electronic sound, symbol or process attached to, or logically associated with, a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.

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Eligibility date means the date the *employee* or *dependent* is eligible to participate in the plan.

Emergency care means services provided in an emergency facility for an *emergency medical condition*.

Emergency care does not mean services for the convenience of the *covered person* or the provider of treatment or services.

Emergency medical condition means a *bodily injury* or *sickness* manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such 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:

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

Employee means a person who is in *active status* for the *employer* on a *full-time* basis. The *employee* must be paid a salary or wage by the *employer* that meets the minimum wage requirements of *your* state or federal minimum wage law for work done at the *employer's* usual place of business or some other location, which is usual for the *employee's* particular duties.

Employee also includes a sole proprietor, partner or corporate officer, where:

- The *employer* is a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation;
- The sole proprietorship or other entity (other than a partnership) has at least one common-law employee (other than the business owner and his or her spouse); and
- The sole proprietor, partner or corporate officer is actively performing activities relating to the business, gains their livelihood from the sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation and is in an *active status* at the *employer's* usual place of business or some other location which is usual for the sole proprietor's, partner's or corporate officer's particular duties.

If specified on the Employer Group Application and approved by *us*, *employee* also includes retirees of the *employer*. A retired *employee* is not required to be in *active status* to be eligible for coverage under the *master group contract*.

Employer means the sponsor of this *group* plan or any subsidiary or affiliate described in the Employer Group Application. An *employer* must either employ at least one common-law employee or be a partnership with a bona fide partner who provides services on behalf of the partnership. A business owner and his or her spouse are not considered common-law employees for this purpose if the entity is considered to be wholly owned by one individual or one individual and his or her spouse.

Endodontic services mean the following dental procedures, related tests or treatment and follow-up care:

- Root canal therapy and root canal fillings;
- Periradicular *surgery*;
- Apicoectomy;
- Partial pulpotomy; or
- Vital pulpotomy.

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Essential health benefits mean the following categories, as defined by the United States Health and Human Services (HHS) as set forth by the Affordable Care Act, and federal regulations:

- Ambulatory patient services;
- Emergency services;
- Hospitalization;
- Maternity and newborn care;
- Mental health and substance use disorders, including *behavioral health* treatment;
- *Prescription* drugs;
- Rehabilitative and *habilitative services* and devices;
- Laboratory services;
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and
- Pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

Experimental, investigational or for research purposes means a drug, biological product, device, treatment, or procedure that meets any one of the following criteria, as determined by *us*:

- Cannot be lawfully marketed without the final approval of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and lacks such final FDA approval for the use or proposed use, unless (a) found to be accepted for that use in the most recently published edition of the United States Pharmacopeia-Drug Information for Healthcare Professional (USP-DI) or in the most recently published edition of the American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS) Drug Information; (b) identified as safe, widely used and generally accepted as effective for that use as reported in nationally recognized peer reviewed medical literature published in the English language as of the date of service; or (c) is mandated by state law;
- Is a device required to receive Premarket Approval (PMA) or 510K approval by the FDA but has not received a PMA or 510K approval;
- Is not identified as safe, widely used and generally accepted as effective for the proposed use as reported in nationally recognized peer reviewed medical literature published in the English language as of the date of service;
- Is the subject of a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Phase I, II or III trial or a treatment protocol comparable to a NCI Phase I, II or III trial, or any trial not recognized by NCI regardless of phase; or
- Is identified as not covered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Coverage Issues Manual, a CMS Operational Policy Letter or a CMS National Coverage Decision, except as required by state or federal law.

F

Family member means *you* or *your spouse* or *domestic partner*. It also means *your* or *your spouse's* or *domestic partner's* child, brother, sister, or parent.

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Free-standing facility means any licensed public or private establishment other than a *hospital* which has permanent facilities equipped and operated to provide laboratory and diagnostic laboratory, *outpatient* radiology, *advanced imaging*, chemotherapy, inhalation therapy, radiation therapy, lithotripsy, physical, cardiac, speech and occupational therapy, or renal dialysis services.

Full-time, for an *employee*, means a work week of the number of hours determined by the *group plan sponsor*.

Functional impairment means a direct and measurable reduction in physical performance of an organ or body part.

G

Group means the persons for whom this health coverage has been arranged to be provided.

Group plan sponsor means the legal entity identified as the *group plan sponsor* on the face page of the *master group contract* or "Certificate of Coverage" who establishes, sponsors and endorses an employee benefit plan for health care coverage.

H

Habilitative services mean health care services and devices that help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who 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.

Health care practitioner means a practitioner professionally licensed by the appropriate state agency to provide *preventive services* or diagnose or treat a *sickness* or *bodily injury* and who provides services within the scope of that license.

Health care treatment facility means a facility, institution or clinic, duly licensed by the appropriate state agency to provide medical services or *behavioral health* services, and is primarily established and operating within the scope of its license.

Health insurance coverage means medical coverage under any hospital or medical service policy or certificate, hospital or medical service plan contract or health maintenance organization (HMO) contract offered by a health insurance issuer. "Health insurance issuer" means an insurance company, insurance service or insurance organization (including an HMO) that is required to be licensed to engage in the business of insurance in a state and that is subject to the state law that regulates insurance.

Health status-related factor means any of the following:

- Health status or medical history;
- Medical condition, either physical or mental;
- Claims experience;
- Receipt of health care;
- Genetic information;
- Disability; or
- Evidence of insurability, including conditions arising out of acts of domestic violence.

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Home health care agency means a *home health care agency* or *hospital*, which meets all of the following requirements:

- It must primarily provide skilled nursing services and other therapeutic services under the supervision of physicians or registered nurses;
- It must be operated according to established processes and procedures by a group of medical professionals, including *health care practitioners* and *nurses*;
- It must maintain clinical records on all patients; and
- It must be licensed by the jurisdiction where it is located, if licensure is required. It must be operated according to the laws of that jurisdiction which pertains to agencies providing home health care.

Home health care plan means a plan of care and treatment for *you* to be provided in *your* home. To qualify, the *home health care plan* must be established and approved by a *health care practitioner*. The services to be provided by the plan must require the skills of a *nurse*, or another *health care practitioner* and must not be for *custodial care*.

Hospice care program means a coordinated, interdisciplinary program provided by a hospice that is designed to meet the special physical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of a terminally ill *covered person* and his or her immediate covered *family members*, by providing *palliative care* and supportive medical, nursing and other services through *at-home* or *inpatient* care. A hospice must be licensed by the laws of the jurisdiction where it is located and must be operated as a hospice as defined by those laws. It must provide a program of treatment for at least two unrelated individuals who have been medically diagnosed as having no reasonable prospect for cure for their *sickness* and, as estimated by their physicians, are expected to live 18 months or less as a result of that *sickness*.

Hospital means an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- It must provide, for a fee, medical care and treatment of sick or injured patients on an *inpatient* basis;
- It must provide or operate, either on its premises or in facilities available to the *hospital* on a pre-arranged basis, medical, diagnostic and surgical facilities;
- Care and treatment must be given by and supervised by physicians. Nursing services must be provided on a 24-hour basis and must be given by or supervised by registered nurses;
- It must be licensed by the laws of the jurisdiction where it is located. It must be operated as a *hospital* as defined by those laws; and
- It must not be primarily a:
 - Convalescent, rest or nursing home; or
 - Facility providing custodial, educational or rehabilitative care.

The *hospital* must be accredited by one of the following:

- The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals;
- The American Osteopathic Hospital Association; or
- The Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities.

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I

Immune effector cell therapy means immune cells or other blood products that are engineered outside of the body and infused into a patient. *Immune effector cell therapy* may include acquisition, integral chemotherapy components and engineered immune cell infusion.

Infertility services mean any treatment, supply, medication, or service provided to achieve pregnancy or to achieve or maintain ovulation. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Artificial insemination;
- In vitro fertilization;
- Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer (GIFT);
- Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer (ZIFT);
- Tubal ovum transfer;
- Embryo freezing or transfer;
- Sperm storage or banking;
- Ovum storage or banking;
- Embryo or zygote banking; and
- Any other assisted reproductive techniques or cloning methods.

Inpatient means you are *confined* as a registered bed patient.

Intensive outpatient program means *outpatient* services providing:

- Group therapeutic sessions greater than one hour a day, three days a week;
- *Behavioral health* therapeutic focus;
- Group sessions centered on cognitive behavioral constructs, social/occupational/educational skills development and family interaction;
- Additional emphasis on recovery strategies, monitoring of participation in 12-step programs and random drug screenings for the treatment of *chemical dependency*; and
- Physician availability for medical and medication management.

Intensive outpatient program does not include services that are for:

- *Custodial care*; or
- Day care.

J

K

L

Late applicant means an *employee* or *dependent* who requests enrollment for coverage under the *master group contract* more than 31 days after his or her *eligibility date*, later than the time period specified in the "Special enrollment" provision, or after the *open enrollment period*.

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M

Maintenance care means services and supplies furnished mainly to:

- Maintain, rather than improve, a level of physical or mental function; or
- Provide a protected environment free from exposure that can worsen the *covered person's* physical or mental condition.

Master group contract means the legal agreement between *us* and the *group plan sponsor*, including the Employer Group Application and *certificate*, together with any riders, amendments and endorsements.

Maximum allowable fee for a *covered expense* is the lesser of:

- The fee charged by the provider for the services;
- The fee that has been negotiated with the provider whether directly or through one or more intermediaries or shared savings contracts for the services;
- The fee established by *us* by comparing rates from one or more regional or national databases or schedules for the same or similar services from a geographical area determined by *us*;
- The fee based upon rates negotiated by *us* or other payors with one or more *network providers* in a geographic area determined by *us* for the same or similar services;
- The fee based upon the provider's cost for providing the same or similar services as reported by such provider in its most recent publicly available *Medicare* cost report submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) annually; or
- The fee based on a percentage determined by *us* of the fee *Medicare* allows for the same or similar services provided in the same geographic area.

Medicaid means a state program of medical care, as established under Title 19 of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended.

Medically necessary means health care services that a *health care practitioner* exercising prudent clinical judgment would provide to his or her patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating a *sickness* or *bodily injury*, or its symptoms. Such health care service must be:

- In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
- Clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient's *sickness* or *bodily injury*;
- Neither sourced from a location, nor provided primarily for the convenience of the patient, physician or other health care provider;
- Not more costly than an alternative source, service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of the patient's *sickness* or *bodily injury*; and

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- Performed in the least costly site or sourced from, or provided by the least costly *qualified provider*.

For the purpose of *medically necessary*, generally accepted standards of medical practice means standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, Physician Specialty Society recommendations, the views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

Medicare means a program of medical insurance for the aged and disabled, as established under Title 18 of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended.

Mental health services mean those diagnoses and treatments related to the care of a *covered person* who exhibits a mental, nervous or emotional condition classified in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

Morbid obesity means a body mass index (BMI) as determined by a *health care practitioner* as of the date of service of:

- 40 kilograms or greater per meter squared (kg/m^2); or
- 35 kilograms or greater per meter squared (kg/m^2) with an associated comorbid condition such as hypertension, type II diabetes, life-threatening cardiopulmonary conditions, or joint disease that is treatable, if not for the obesity.

N

Network facility means a *hospital*, *hospital outpatient* department or *ambulatory surgical center* that has been designated as such or has signed an agreement with *us* as an independent contractor, or has been designated by *us* to provide services to all *covered persons*. *Network facility* designation by *us* may be limited to specified services.

Network health care practitioner means a *health care practitioner* who has been designated as such or has signed an agreement with *us* as an independent contractor, or who has been designated by *us* to provide services to all *covered persons*. *Network health care practitioner* designation by *us* may be limited to specified services.

Network hospital means a *hospital* which has been designated as such or has signed an agreement with *us* as an independent contractor, or has been designated by *us* to provide services to all *covered persons*. *Network hospital* designation by *us* may be limited to specified services.

Network provider means a *hospital*, *health care treatment facility*, *health care practitioner*, or other health services provider who is designated as such or has signed an agreement with *us* as an independent contractor, or who has been designated by *us* to provide services to all *covered persons*. *Network provider* designation by *us* may be limited to specified services.

Non-network health care practitioner means a *health care practitioner* who has not been designated by *us* as a *network health care practitioner*.

Non-network hospital means a *hospital* which has not been designated by *us* as a *network hospital*.

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Non-network provider means a *hospital, health care treatment facility, health care practitioner, or other health services provider* who has not been designated by *us* as a *network provider*.

Nurse means a registered nurse (R.N.), a licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.), or a licensed vocational nurse (L.V.N.).

O

Observation status means *you* are receiving *hospital outpatient* services to help the *health care practitioner* decide if *you* need to be admitted as an *inpatient*.

Open enrollment period means no less than a 31-day period of time, occurring annually for the *group*, during which *employees* have an opportunity to enroll themselves and their eligible *dependents* for coverage under the *master group contract*.

Oral surgery means procedures to correct diseases, injuries and defects of the jaw and mouth structures. These procedures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Surgical removal of full bony impactions;
- Mandibular or maxillary implant;
- Maxillary or mandibular frenectomy;
- Alveolectomy and alveoplasty;
- Orthognathic *surgery*;
- *Surgery* for treatment of temporomandibular joint syndrome/dysfunction; and
- Periodontal surgical procedures, including gingivectomies.

Originating site means the location of a *covered person* at the time a *telehealth* or *telemedicine* service is being furnished.

Out-of-pocket limit means the amount of *copayments, deductibles* and *coinsurance* you must pay for *covered expenses*, as specified in the "Out-of-pocket limit" provision in the "Schedule of Benefits" section, either individually or combined as a covered family, per *year* before a benefit percentage is increased. Any amount you pay exceeding the *maximum allowable fee* is not applied to the *out-of-pocket limits*.

Outpatient means *you* are not *confined* as a registered bed patient.

Outpatient surgery means *surgery* performed in a *health care practitioner's* office, *ambulatory surgical center*, or the *outpatient* department of a *hospital*.

P

Palliative care means care given to a *covered person* to relieve, ease, or alleviate, but not to cure, a *bodily injury* or *sickness*.

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Partial hospitalization means *outpatient* services provided by a *hospital* or *health care treatment facility* in which patients do not reside for a full 24-hour period and:

- Has a comprehensive and intensive interdisciplinary psychiatric treatment under the supervision of a psychiatrist for *mental health services* or a psychiatrist or addictionologist for *chemical dependency*, and patients are seen by a psychiatrist or addictionologist, as applicable, at least once a week;
- Provides for social, psychological and rehabilitative training programs with a focus on reintegration back into the community and admits children and adolescents who must have a treatment program designed to meet the special needs of that age range; and
- Has physicians and appropriately licensed behavioral health practitioners readily available for the emergent and urgent needs of the patients.

The *partial hospitalization* program must be accredited by the Joint Commission of the Accreditation of Hospitals or in compliance with an equivalent standard.

Licensed drug abuse rehabilitation programs and alcohol rehabilitation programs accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or approved by the appropriate state agency are also considered *partial hospitalization* services.

Partial hospitalization does not include services that are for:

- *Custodial care*; or
- *Day care*.

Periodontics means the branch of dentistry concerned with the study, prevention, and treatment of diseases of the tissues and bones supporting the teeth. *Periodontics* includes the following dental procedures, related tests or treatment and follow-up care:

- Periodontal maintenance;
- Scaling and root planing;
- Gingivectomy;
- Gingivoplasty; or
- Osseous surgical procedures.

Post-stabilization services means services you receive in *observation status* or during an *inpatient* or *outpatient* stay in a *network facility* related to an *emergency medical condition* after you are stabilized.

Pre-surgical/procedural testing means:

- Laboratory tests or radiological examinations done on an *outpatient* basis in a *hospital* or other facility accepted by the *hospital* before *hospital confinement* or *outpatient surgery* or procedure;
- The tests must be accepted by the *hospital* or *health care practitioner* in place of like tests made during *confinement*; and
- The tests must be for the same *bodily injury* or *sickness* causing you to be *hospital confined* or to have the *outpatient surgery* or procedure.

Preauthorization means approval by *us*, or *our* designee, of a service prior to it being provided. Certain services require medical review by *us* in order to determine eligibility for coverage.

Preauthorization is granted when such a review determines that a given service is a *covered expense* according to the terms and provisions of the *master group contract*.

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Prescription means a direct order for the preparation and use of a drug, medicine or medication. The *prescription* must be ordered by a *pharmacist* or written by a *health care practitioner* and provided to a *pharmacist* for *your* benefit and used for the treatment of a *sickness* or *bodily injury*, which is covered under this plan, or for drugs, medicines or medications on the Preventive Medication Coverage *drug list*. The drug, medicine or medication must be obtainable only by *prescription* or must be obtained by *prescription* for drugs, medicines or medications on the Preventive Medication Coverage *drug list*. The *prescription* may be given to the *pharmacist* verbally, *electronically* or in writing by the *health care practitioner*. The *prescription* must include at least:

- *Your* name;
- The type and quantity of the drug, medicine or medication prescribed, and the directions for its use;
- The date the *prescription* was prescribed; and
- The name and address of the prescribing *health care practitioner*.

Preventive services means services in the following recommendations appropriate for *you* during *your* plan year:

- Services with an A or B rating in the current recommendations of the USPSTF.
- Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the CDC.
- Preventive care for infants, children and adolescents provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the HRSA.
- Preventive care for women provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the HRSA.

For the recommended *preventive services* that apply to *your* plan year, refer to the www.healthcare.gov website and the preventive care services at www.doi.nv.gov or call the customer service telephone number on *your* ID card.

Primary care physician means a *network health care practitioner* who provides initial and primary care services to *covered persons*, maintains the continuity of *covered persons* medical care and helps direct *covered persons* to *specialty care physicians* and other providers.

A *primary care physician* is a *health care practitioner* in one of the following specialties:

- Family medicine/General practice;
- Internal medicine; and
- Pediatrics.

Q

Qualified payment amount means the lesser of:

- Billed charges; or
- The median of the contracted rates negotiated by *us* with three or more *network providers* in the same geographic area for the same or similar services.

If sufficient information is not available for *us* to calculate the median of the contracted rates, the rate established by *us* through use of any database that does not have any conflict of interest and has sufficient information reflecting allowed amounts paid to a *qualified provider* for relevant services furnished in the applicable geographic region.

The *qualified payment amount* applies to *covered expenses* when *you* receive the following services from a *non-network provider*:

GLOSSARY (continued)

- *Emergency care and air ambulance services;*
- *Ancillary services while you are at a network facility;*
- *Services that are not considered ancillary services while you are at a network facility, and you do not consent to the non-network provider to obtain such services; and*
- *Post-stabilization services when:*
 - *The attending qualified provider determines you are not able to travel by non-medical transportation to obtain services from a network provider; and*
 - *You do not consent to the non-network provider to obtain such services.*

Qualified provider means a person, facility, supplier, or any other health care provider:

- That is licensed by the appropriate state agency to:
 - Diagnose, prevent or treat a *sickness or bodily injury*; or
 - Provide *preventive services*.

A *qualified provider* must provide services within the scope of their license and their primary purpose must be to provide health care services.

R

Rehabilitation facility means any licensed public or private establishment which has permanent facilities that are equipped and operated primarily to render physical and occupational therapies, diagnostic services and other therapeutic services.

Rescission, rescind or rescinded means a cancellation or discontinuance of coverage that has a retroactive effect.

Residential treatment facility means an institution that:

- Is licensed as a 24-hour residential facility for *behavioral health* treatment, although not licensed as a *hospital*;
- Provides a multidisciplinary treatment plan in a controlled environment, under the supervision of a physician who is able to provide treatment on a daily basis;
- Provides supervision and treatment by a Ph.D. psychologist, licensed therapist, psychiatric nursing staff or registered nurse;
- Provides programs such as social, psychological, family counseling and rehabilitative training, age appropriate for the special needs of the age group of patients, with focus on reintegration back into the community; and
- Provides structured activities throughout the day and evening.

Residential treatment is utilized to provide structure, support and reinforcement of the treatment required to reverse the course of behavioral deterioration.

GLOSSARY (continued)

Retail clinic means a *health care treatment facility*, located in a retail store, that is often staffed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants who provide minor medical services on a "walk-in" basis (no appointment required).

Room and board means all charges made by a *hospital* or other *health care treatment facility* on its own behalf for room and meals and all general services and activities needed for the care of registered bed patients.

Routine nursery care means the charges made by a *hospital* or licensed birthing center for the use of the nursery. It includes normal services and supplies given to well newborn children following birth.

Health care practitioner visits are not considered *routine nursery care*. Treatment of a *bodily injury*, *sickness*, birth abnormality, or *congenital anomaly* following birth and care resulting from prematurity is not considered *routine nursery care*.

S

Self-administered injectable drugs means an FDA approved medication which a person may administer to himself or herself by means of intramuscular, intravenous or subcutaneous injection, excluding insulin, and prescribed for use by *you*.

Service area means the geographic area designated by *us*, or as otherwise agreed upon between the *group plan sponsor* and *us* and approved by the Department of Insurance of the state in which the *master group contract* is issued, if such approval is required. The *service area* is the geographic area where the *network provider* services are available to *you*. A description of the *service area* is provided in the provider directories.

Sickness means a disturbance in function or structure of the body which causes physical signs or physical symptoms and which, if left untreated, will result in a deterioration of the health state of the structure or system(s) of the body. The term also includes: (a) pregnancy; (b) any medical complications of pregnancy; and (c) *behavioral health*.

Skilled nursing facility means a licensed institution (other than a *hospital*, as defined) which meets all of the following requirements:

- It must provide permanent and full-time bed care facilities for resident patients;
- It must maintain, on the premises and under arrangements, all facilities necessary for medical care and treatment;
- It must provide such services under the supervision of physicians at all times;
- It must provide 24-hours-a-day nursing services by or under the supervision of a registered nurse; and
- It must maintain a daily record for each patient.

A *skilled nursing facility* is not, except by incident, a rest home or a home for the care of the aged.

Small employer means an *employer* who employed an average of one but not more than 50 *employees* on business days during the preceding calendar year and who employs at least one *employee* on the first day of the *year*. All subsidiaries or affiliates of the *group plan sponsor* are considered one *employer* when the conditions specified in the "Subsidiaries or Affiliates" section of the *master group contract* are met.

GLOSSARY (continued)

Sound natural tooth means a tooth that:

- Is organic and formed by the natural development of the body (not manufactured, capped, crowned, or bonded);
- Has not been extensively restored;
- Has not become extensively decayed or involved in periodontal disease; and
- Is not more susceptible to injury than a whole natural tooth, (for example a tooth that has not been previously broken, chipped, filled, cracked, or fractured).

Special enrollment date means the date of:

- Change in family status after the *eligibility date*;
- Loss of other coverage under another group health plan or other *health insurance coverage*;
- COBRA exhaustion;
- Loss of coverage under *your employer's* alternate plan;
- Termination of *your Medicaid* coverage or *your* Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage as a result of loss of eligibility; or
- Eligibility for a premium assistance subsidy under *Medicaid* or CHIP.

To be eligible for special enrollment, *you* must meet the requirements specified in the "Special enrollment" provision within the "Eligibility and Effective Dates" section of this *certificate*.

Specialty care physician means a *health care practitioner* who has received training in a specific medical field other than the specialties listed as primary care.

Specialty drug means a drug, medicine, medication, or biological used as a specialized therapy developed for chronic, complex *sicknesses* or *bodily injuries*. *Specialty drugs* may:

- Be injected, infused or require close monitoring by a *health care practitioner* or clinically trained individual;
- Require nursing services or special programs to support patient compliance;
- Require disease-specific treatment programs;
- Have limited distribution requirements; or
- Have special handling, storage or shipping requirements.

Stem cell means the transplant of human blood precursor cells. Such cells may be derived from bone marrow, circulating blood, or a combination of bone marrow and circulating blood obtained from the patient in an autologous transplant, from a matched related or unrelated donor, or cord blood. The *stem cell* transplant includes the harvesting, integral chemotherapy components and the *stem cell* infusion. A *stem cell* transplant is commonly referred to as a bone marrow transplant.

Surgery means procedures categorized as Surgery in either the:

- Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manuals published by the American Medical Association; or
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II manual published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

GLOSSARY (continued)

The term *surgery* includes, but is not limited to:

- Excision or incision of the skin or mucosal tissues;
- Insertion for exploratory purposes into a natural body opening;
- Insertion of instruments into any body opening, natural or otherwise, done for diagnostic or other therapeutic purposes;
- Treatment of fractures;
- Procedures to repair, remove or replace any body part or foreign object in or on the body;
- Endoscopic procedures.

Surgical assistant means a *health care practitioner* who assists at *surgery* and is not a Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) or Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM), or where state law does not require that specific *health care practitioners* be treated and reimbursed the same as an MD, DO or DPM.

T

Telehealth means services, other than *telemedicine*, provided via telephonic or *electronic* communications. *Telehealth* services must comply with the following, as applicable:

- Federal and state licensure requirements;
- Accreditation standards; and
- Guidelines of the American Telemedicine Association or other qualified medical professional societies to ensure quality of care.

Telemedicine means audio and video real-time interactive communication between a *covered person* at an *originating site* and a *health care practitioner* at a *distant site*. *Telemedicine* services must comply with the following, as applicable:

- Federal and state licensure requirements;
- Accreditation standards; and
- Guidelines of the American Telemedicine Association or other qualified medical professional societies to ensure quality of care.

U

Urgent care means health care services provided on an *outpatient* basis for an unforeseen condition that usually requires attention without delay but does not pose a threat to life, limb or permanent health of the *covered person*.

Urgent care center means any licensed public or private non-hospital free-standing facility which has permanent facilities equipped to provide *urgent care services*.

V

GLOSSARY (continued)

W

Waiting period means the period of time, elected by the *group plan sponsor*, that must pass before an *employee* is eligible for coverage under the *master group contract*.

We, us or **our** means the offering company as shown on the cover page of the *master group contract* and *certificate*.

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Year means the period of time which begins on any January 1st and ends on the following December 31st. When you first become covered by the *master group contract*, the first *year* begins for you on the *effective date* of your coverage and ends on the following December 31st.

You or **your** means any *covered person*.

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GLOSSARY – PHARMACY SERVICES

All terms used in the "Schedule of Benefits – Pharmacy Services," "Covered Expenses – Pharmacy Services" and "Limitations and Exclusions – Pharmacy Services" sections have the same meaning given to them in the "Glossary" section of this *certificate*, unless otherwise specifically defined below:

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Brand-name drug means a drug, medicine or medication that is manufactured and distributed by only one pharmaceutical manufacturer, or any drug product that has been designated as brand-name by an industry-recognized source used by *us*.

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Coinsurance means the amount expressed as a percentage of the *covered expense* that *you* must pay toward the cost of each separate *prescription* fill or refill dispensed by a *pharmacy*.

Copayment means the specified dollar amount to be paid by *you* toward the cost of each separate *prescription* fill or refill dispensed by a *pharmacy*.

Cost share means any applicable *prescription drug deductible*, *copayment* and *coinsurance* that *you* must pay per *prescription* fill or refill.

D

Default rate means the fee based on rates negotiated by *us* or other payers with one or more *network providers* in a geographic area determined by *us* for the same or similar *prescription* fill or refill.

Dispensing limit means the monthly drug dosage limit and/or the number of months the drug usage is commonly prescribed to treat a particular condition, as determined by *us*.

Drug list means a list of covered *prescription* drugs, medicines or medications and supplies specified by *us*.

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GLOSSARY – PHARMACY SERVICES (continued)

G

Generic drug means a drug, medicine or medication that is manufactured, distributed, and available from a pharmaceutical manufacturer and identified by the chemical name, or any drug product that has been designated as generic by an industry-recognized source used by *us*.

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Legend drug means any medicinal substance, the label of which, under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, is required to bear the legend: "Caution: Federal Law Prohibits dispensing without prescription".

Level 1 drugs mean a category of *prescription* drugs, medicines or medications within the *drug list* that are designated by *us* as level 1.

Level 2 drugs mean a category of *prescription* drugs, medicines or medications within the *drug list* that are designated by *us* as level 2.

Level 3 drugs mean a category of *prescription* drugs, medicines or medications within the *drug list* that are designated by *us* as level 3.

M

Mail order pharmacy means a *pharmacy* that provides covered *mail order pharmacy* services, as defined by *us*, and delivers covered *prescription* drug, medicine or medication fills or refills through the mail to *covered persons*.

GLOSSARY – PHARMACY SERVICES (continued)

N

Network pharmacy means a *pharmacy* that has signed a direct agreement with *us* or has been designated by *us* to provide:

- Covered *pharmacy* services;
- Covered *specialty pharmacy* services; or
- Covered *mail order pharmacy* services,

as defined by *us*, to *covered persons*, including covered *prescription* fills or refills delivered to *your* home or health care provider.

Non-network pharmacy means a *pharmacy* that has not signed a direct agreement with *us* or has not been designated by *us* to provide:

- Covered *pharmacy* services;
- Covered *specialty pharmacy* services; or
- Covered *mail order pharmacy* services,

as defined by *us*, to *covered persons*, including covered *prescription* fills or refills delivered to *your* home or health care provider.

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P

Pharmacist means a person, who is licensed to prepare, compound and dispense medication, and who is practicing within the scope of his or her license.

Pharmacy means a licensed establishment where *prescription* drugs, medicines or medications are dispensed by a *pharmacist*.

Prescription drug deductible means the specified dollar amount for *prescription* drug *covered expenses* which *you*, either individually or combined as a covered family, must pay per *year* before *we* pay *prescription* drug benefits under the *master group contract*. These expenses do not apply toward any other *deductible*, if any, stated in the *master group contract*.

Prior authorization means the required prior approval from *us* for the coverage of certain *prescription* drugs, medicines or medications, including *specialty drugs*. The required prior approval from *us* for coverage includes the dosage, quantity and duration, as *medically necessary* for the *covered person*.

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GLOSSARY – PHARMACY SERVICES (continued)

R

S

Specialty pharmacy means a *pharmacy* that provides covered *specialty pharmacy* services, as defined by *us*, to *covered persons*.

Step therapy means a requirement for *you* to first try certain drugs, medicines or medications or *specialty drugs* to treat *your* medical condition before *we* will cover another *prescription* drug, medicine, medication or *specialty drug* for that condition.

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