This Benefit Booklet provides You with a description of Your benefits while You are enrolled under the health care plan (the “Plan”) offered by Your Employer. You should read this booklet carefully to familiarize yourself with the Plan’s main provisions and keep it handy for reference. A thorough understanding of Your coverage will enable You to use Your benefits wisely. If You have any questions about the benefits as presented in this Benefit Booklet, please contact Your Employer’s Group Health Plan Administrator or call the Claims Administrator’s Member Services Department.

The Plan provides the benefits described in this Benefit Booklet only for eligible Members. The health care services are subject to the Limitations and Exclusions, Copayments, Deductible, and Coinsurance requirements specified in this Benefit Booklet. Any group plan or certificate which You received previously will be replaced by this Benefit Booklet.

Your Employer has agreed to be subject to the terms and conditions of Anthem’s provider agreements which may include precertification and utilization management requirements, timely filing limits, and other requirements to administer the benefits under this Plan.

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, or “Anthem” has been designated by Your Employer to provide administrative services for the Employer’s Group Health Plan, such as claims processing, care management, and other services, and to arrange for a network of health care providers whose services are covered by the Plan.

Important: This is not an insured benefit Plan. The benefits described in this Benefit Booklet or any rider or amendments attached hereto are funded by the Employer who is responsible for their payment. Anthem provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.

Anthem is an independent corporation operating under a license from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, permitting Anthem to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Marks in portions of the State of Kentucky. Although Anthem is the Claims Administrator and is licensed in Kentucky, You will have access to providers participating in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association BlueCard® network across the country. Anthem has entered into a contract with the Employer on its own behalf and not as the agent of the Association.

Verification of Benefits
Verification of Benefits is available for Members or authorized healthcare Providers on behalf of Members. You may call Member Services with a benefits inquiry or verification of benefits during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. eastern time). Please remember that a benefits inquiry or verification of benefits is NOT a verification of coverage of a specific medical procedure. Verification of benefits is NOT a guarantee of payment. CALL THE MEMBER SERVICES NUMBER ON YOUR IDENTIFICATION CARD or see the section titled Health Care Management for Precertification rules.

Identity Protection Services
Identity protection services are available with Your Employer’s Anthem health plans. To learn more about these services, please visit www.anthem.com/resources.
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MEMBER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Member You have rights and responsibilities when receiving health care. As Your health care partner, the Claims Administrator wants to make sure Your rights are respected while providing Your health benefits. That means giving You access to the Claims Administrator’s network health care Providers and the information You need to make the best decisions for Your health. As a Member, You should also take an active role in Your care.

You have the right to:

- Speak freely and privately with Your health care Providers about all health care options and treatment needed for Your condition no matter what the cost or whether it is covered under Your Plan.
- Work with your Doctors to make choices about your health care.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Expect the Claims Administrator to keep Your personal health information private by following the Claims Administrator’s privacy policies, and state and Federal laws.
- Get the information You need to help make sure You get the most from Your health Plan, and share Your feedback. This includes information on:
  - The Claims Administrator’s company and services.
  - The Claims Administrator network of health care Providers.
  - Your rights and responsibilities.
  - The rules of Your health Plan.
  - The way Your health Plan works.
- Make a complaint or file an appeal about:
  - Your health Plan and any care You receive.
  - Any Covered Service or benefit decision that Your health Plan makes.
- Say no to care, for any condition, sickness or disease, without having an effect on any care You may get in the future. This includes asking Your Doctor to tell You how that may affect Your health now and in the future.
- Get the most up-to-date information from a health care Provider about the cause of Your illness, Your treatment and what may result from it. You can ask for help if You do not understand this information.

You have the responsibility to:

- Read all information about Your health benefits and ask for help if You have questions.
- Follow all health Plan rules and policies.
- Choose a Network Primary Care Physician, also called a PCP, if Your health Plan requires it.
- Treat all Doctors, health care Providers and staff with respect.
- Keep all scheduled appointments. Call Your health care Provider’s office if You may be late or need to cancel.
- Understand Your health problems as well as You can and work with Your health care Providers to make a treatment plan that You all agree on.
- Inform Your health care Providers if You don’t understand any type of care you’re getting or what they want You to do as part of Your care plan.
- Follow the health care plan that You have agreed on with Your health care Providers.
- Give the Claims Administrator, Your Doctors and other health care Providers the information needed to help You get the best possible care and all the benefits You are eligible for under Your health Plan. This may include information about other health insurance benefits You have along with Your coverage with the Plan.
- Inform Member Services if You have any changes to Your name, address or family members covered under Your Plan.
If you would like more information, have comments, or would like to contact the Claims Administrator, please go to anthem.com and select Customer Support > Contact Us. Or call the Member Services number on your Identification Card.

The Claims Administrator wants to provide high-quality customer service to our Members. Benefits and coverage for services given under the Plan are governed by the Employer’s Plan and not by this Member Rights and Responsibilities statement.

**How to Obtain Language Assistance**

Anthem is committed to communicating with our members about their health plan, regardless of their language. Anthem employs a Language Line interpretation service for use by all of our Member Services Call Centers. Simply call the Member Services phone number on the back of your ID card and a representative will be able to assist you. Translation of written materials about your benefits can also be requested by contacting Member Services. TTY/TDD services also are available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with us to help with your needs.
The Maximum Allowed Amount is the amount the Claims Administrator will reimburse for services and supplies which meet its definition of Covered Services, as long as such services and supplies are not excluded under the Member's Plan; are Medically Necessary; and are provided in accordance with the Member's Plan. See the Definitions and Claims Payment sections for more information. Under certain circumstances, if the Claims Administrator pays the healthcare provider amounts that are Your responsibility, such as Deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance, the Claims Administrator may collect such amounts directly from You. You agree that the Claims Administrator has the right to collect such amounts from You.

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Copayments and charges in excess of the Maximum Allowed Amount do not contribute to the Deductible.

All Covered Services are subject to the Deductible unless otherwise specified in this booklet.

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Out-of-Pocket Maximum Per Plan Year
Includes Emergency Room Copayment, Deductible and Coinsurance.

Does NOT include Prescription, precertification penalties, charges in excess of the Maximum Allowed Amount, Non-Covered Services, services deemed not medically necessary and pharmacy claims.

| Individual | $3,000 |
| Family | $6,000 |
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#### Note:
All Covered Services are subject to the Deductible, unless a Copayment applies then the Deductible is waived.

### Allergy Care
- Testing and Treatment: 20%

### Autism
Covered age 1-21: 20%

### ABA Therapy
Covered age 1-21: 20%
ABA therapy is considered autism therapy, but a covered person cannot combine ABA therapy with respite care.
Precertification is required.

### Respite Care
Covered age 2-21. This is NOT included in the mandated Autism amount. Respite care cannot be combined with ABA therapy.

### Behavioral Health / Substance Abuse Care
- Hospital Inpatient Services: 20%
- Outpatient Services: 20%

Coverage for the treatment of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Care conditions is provided in compliance with federal law.

### Clinical Trials
Please see Clinical Trials under Benefits section for further information.

### Dental, Oral Surgery and TMJ Services
Accidental Injury to Natural Teeth, regardless of age. Treatment must be completed within 12 months of the Injury.

### Note:
All Covered Services are subject to the Deductible, unless a Copayment applies then the Deductible is waived.

### Diagnostic Services
20%

Note: Diagnostic services are defined as any claim for services performed to diagnose an illness or injury.
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**Note:** All Covered Services are subject to the Deductible, unless a Copayment applies then the Deductible is waived.

**Emergency Room, Urgent Care, and Ambulance Services**

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**Eye Care (Non-Routine)**

- Office visit – medical eye care exams (treatment of disease or Injury to the eye) 20%

**Hearing Care (Non-Routine)**

- Office visit – Audiometric exam / hearing evaluation test 20%
- Hearing Aid Services 20%
  - Hardware – Hearing aids, including exams and hearing aid accessories. Maximum of one per ear every 36 months for under age 18.

**Home Health Care Services**

- Maximum Home Care visits 20%
  - Includes Home Infusion Therapy 100 visits per Plan year

**Hospice Care Services**

Residential and Custodial care is not covered.

**Hospital Inpatient Services**

- 20%

**Maternity Care & Other Reproductive Services**

- Maternity Care 20%
- Infertility Services Not Covered
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**Note:** All Covered Services are subject to the Deductible, unless a Copayment applies then the Deductible is waived.

- Sterilization Services: 20%

#### Medical Supplies and Equipment

- Medical Supplies: 20%
- Durable Medical Equipment: 20%
- Orthotics: 20%
- Foot and Shoe: 20%
- Prosthetic Appliances (external): 20%

#### Nutritional Counseling for Diabetes and Eating Disorders when part of HCR services

- Barnstable Brown Diabetes Prevention Program – only covered for following codes: 0403T as a counseling service (ICD-10Z71.9): Enrollment Visit: CPT code 0403T with ICD-10 Z71.9; Sessions 1-4: CPT Code 0403T TF with ICD-10 Z71.9; Sessions 5-9: CPT Code 0403T TG with ICD-10 Z71.9; Participant Progress (loses 5-8% weight): CPT Code 0403T TS with ICD-10 Z71.9; Participant Progress (loses 9% or higher weight): CPT Code 0403T TT with ICD-10 Z71.9 Covered at 100%

#### Office Surgery

- 20%

#### Oral Surgery

Includes removal of impacted teeth. Dental anesthesia is covered only if related to a payable oral surgery. Full mouth teeth extraction under anesthesia, in cases of malignancies of head and neck requiring radiation. 20%

#### Physician Services (Home and Office Visits)

- 20%

#### Preventive Services

Covered at 100% (not subject to the Deductible)

**Note:** Preventive Services are defined by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) guidelines. Non-ACA Preventive Care will be covered according to the regular medical benefit. Some services are not covered. Please refer to the Limitations and Exclusion section of this Benefit Booklet for details.

#### Retail Health Clinic

- 20%

#### Skilled Nursing Facility

- Maximum days: 100 days per Plan year

#### Surgical Services

- 20%
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**Note:** Inpatient therapy services will be paid under the Inpatient Hospital benefit.

Benefits for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Acupuncture, Cardiac Rehabilitation are limited to **45 combined visits** per Plan year.

Benefits for Osteopathic Manipulations and Chiropractic Care are limited to **20 visits** per Plan year; diagnostic services are not covered.

**Please contact Anthem Member Services for a copy of the approved covered acupuncture services.**

### TMJ Services

- Covered for medical treatment (surgical and non-surgical). Appliances are not covered.
## Schedule of Benefits

**Note:** All Covered Services are subject to the Deductible, unless a Copayment applies then the Deductible is waived.

### Transplants

Any Medically Necessary human organ and stem cell/bone marrow transplant and transfusion as determined by the Claims Administrator including necessary acquisition procedures, collection and storage, including Medically Necessary preparatory myeloablative therapy.

- **Covered Transplant Procedure during the Transplant Benefit Period** 20%
- **Bone Marrow & Stem Cell Transplant (Inpatient & Outpatient)** (Includes unrelated donor search up to $30,000 per transplant) 20%
- **Live Donor Health Services (including complications from the donor procedure for up to six weeks from the date of procurement)** 20%
- **Eligible Travel and Lodging** Maximum of $10,000 per transplant. 20%
TOTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SOLUTION

ComplexCare
The ComplexCare program reaches out to You if You are at risk for frequent and high levels of medical care in order to offer support and assistance in managing Your health care needs. ComplexCare empowers You for self-care of Your condition(s), while encouraging positive health behavior changes through ongoing interventions. ComplexCare nurses will work with You and Your physician to offer:

- Personalized attention, goal planning, health and lifestyle coaching.
- Strategies to promote self-management skills and medication adherence.
- Resources to answer health-related questions for specific treatments.
- Access to other essential health care management programs.
- Coordination of care between multiple providers and services.

The program helps You effectively manage Your health to achieve improved health status and quality of life, as well as decreased use of acute medical services.

ConditionCare Programs
ConditionCare programs help maximize Your health status, improve health outcomes and control health care expenses associated with the following prevalent conditions:

- Asthma (pediatric and adult).
- Diabetes (pediatric and adult).
- Heart failure (HF).
- Coronary artery disease (CAD).
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

You’ll get:

- 24/7 phone access to a nurse coach who can answer Your questions and give You up-to-date information about Your condition.
- A health review and follow-up calls if You need them.
- Tips on prevention and lifestyle choices to help You improve Your quality of life.

Future Moms
The Future Moms program offers a guided course of care and treatment, leading to overall healthier outcomes for mothers and their newborns. Future Moms helps routine to high-risk expectant mothers focus on early prenatal interventions, risk assessments and education. The program includes special management emphasis for expectant mothers at highest risk for premature birth or other serious maternal issues. The program consists of nurse coaches, supported by pharmacists, registered dietitians, social workers and medical directors. You’ll get:

- 24/7 phone access to a nurse coach who can talk with You about Your pregnancy and answer Your questions.
- *Your Pregnancy Week by Week*, a book to show You what changes You can expect for You and Your baby over the next nine months.
- Useful tools to help You, Your doctor and Your Future Moms nurse coach track Your pregnancy and spot possible risks.
**MyHealth Advantage**

MyHealth Advantage is a free service that helps keep You and Your bank account healthier. Here’s how it works: the Claims Administrator review Your incoming health claims to see if the Plan can save You any money. The Claims Administrator can check to see what medications You’re taking and alert Your doctor if the Claims Administrator spot a potential drug interaction. The Claims Administrator also keep track of Your routine tests and checkups, reminding You to make these appointments by mailing You MyHealth Note. MyHealth Notes summarize Your recent claims. From time to time, The Claims Administrator offer tips to save You money on prescription drugs and other health care supplies.

**24/7 NurseLine**

You may have emergencies or questions for nurses around-the-clock. 24/7 NurseLine provides You with accurate health information any time of the day or night. Through one-on-one counseling with experienced nurses available 24 hours a day via a convenient toll-free number, You can make more informed decisions about the most appropriate and cost-effective use of health care services. A staff of experienced nurses is trained to address common health care concerns such as medical triage, education, access to health care, diet, social/family dynamics and mental health issues. Specifically, the 24/7 NurseLine features:

- A skilled clinical team – RN license (BSN preferred) that helps Members assess systems, understand medical conditions, ensure Members receive the right care in the right setting and refer You to programs and tools appropriate to Your condition.
- Bilingual RNs, language line and hearing impaired services.
- Access to the AudioHealth Library, containing hundreds of audiotapes on a wide variety of health topics.
- Proactive callbacks within 24 to 48 hours for Members referred to 911 emergency services, poison control and pediatric Members with needs identified as either emergent or urgent.
- Referrals to relevant community resources.
ELIGIBILITY

EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY
In order to be eligible to enroll for coverage under the Plan, you must be:

1. A regular full-time Employee;
2. A regular half-time Employee;
3. A regular part-time Employee, with an assignment of .20 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) or more;
4. A temporary part, half- or full-time Employee with an assignment of at least .20 FTE, a minimum six month assignment and with sufficient earnings to make the necessary premium payments;
5. Other eligible participants as defined by the University of Kentucky Medical Benefits Plan Document; or
6. An eligible Retiree, defined as a retiree who is:
   a. Retired in accordance with University of Kentucky retirement regulations
   b. On-Call Employees are NOT eligible for coverage under the Plan. Has a minimum of five (5) years of regular full-time employment or its equivalent at the time of retirement; and

Early retirees may retain coverage on the same basis as an Employee until he or she becomes eligible for Medicare.

EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE
If you are eligible for coverage, you may elect to be covered through the enrollment process. The date your coverage begins depends on the date of your qualifying event. Subject to making any required contribution, your coverage will start as described in the paragraphs which follow:

1. If you are eligible for coverage on the Effective Date of the Plan, your coverage will start on the Effective Date of the Plan if you enrolled for coverage when you were first eligible for it;
2. If you become eligible after the Effective Date of the Plan and you enroll within 30 days after the date you first become eligible, your coverage will start the first of the month following the date you were hired or on the date of your qualifying event.
3. If you do not enroll within 30 days after the date you first become eligible to do so, then you will not be permitted to enroll in the plan until the next open enrollment period, unless you have a qualifying family status change.

DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY
You are eligible for Dependent coverage only if you are a covered participant. If you have one or more Dependents as of the date you become a covered participant, you are eligible for Dependent coverage on that date. If you do not have any Dependents on the date you become a covered participant, you do not qualify for Dependent coverage. You will become eligible for it on the date you acquire a Dependent.

If your Dependent is eligible for coverage, he or she may not be enrolled for coverage as both a covered participant and a Dependent. In addition, no person can be enrolled as a Dependent of more than one covered participant. An adopted child is eligible for Dependent coverage upon the date of placement in your home or in accordance with the adoption/guardianship agreement.

DEPENDENT EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE
If eligible, you may elect to cover your Dependents through the enrollment process. Subject to making any required contribution, Dependent coverage will start as described in the paragraphs which follow:

1. If you are eligible for coverage on the Effective Date of the plan, Dependent coverage will start on the Effective Date of the plan, but only if you enrolled for Dependent coverage when you were first eligible for it.
2. If you become eligible after the Effective Date of the plan and you enroll within 30 days after the date you first become eligible, Dependent coverage will start on the first of the month following the date you become eligible you enrolled for Dependent coverage.
3. If you do not enroll within 30 days after the date you first become eligible to do so, then you will not be permitted to enroll in the plan until the next open enrollment period, unless you have a qualifying family status change.
A Dependent child who becomes eligible for other group coverage through any employment is no longer eligible for coverage under this Plan.

**MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS**

An individual who is a child of a covered participant shall be enrolled for coverage under this Plan in accordance with the direction of a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) or a National Medical Support Notice (NMSN).

A QMCSO is a state court order or judgment, including approval of a settlement agreement that: (a) provides for support of a covered participant’s child; (b) provides for health care coverage for that child; (c) is made under state domestic relations law (including a community property law); (d) relates to benefits under this Plan; and (e) is “qualified” in that it meets the technical requirements of applicable law. QMCSO also means a state court order or judgment that enforces a state Medicaid law regarding medical child support required by Social Security Act §1908 (as added by Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993).

An NMSN is a notice issued by an appropriate agency of a state or local government that is similar to a QMCSO that requires coverage under this Plan for the Dependent child of a non-custodial parent who is (or will become) a covered person by a domestic relations order that provides for health care coverage. Procedures for determining the qualified status of medical child support orders are available at no cost upon request from the Plan Administrator.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR NOT BEING IN ACTIVE STATUS**

If your Employer continues to pay required contributions and does not terminate the Plan, your coverage will remain in force for:

1. No longer than the end of the month of a layoff;
2. A period as determined by your Employer during an approved medical leave of absence;
3. A period as determined by your Employer during a leave of absence due to total disability;
4. A period as determined by your Employer during a leave of absence due to sabbatical or educational leave of absence;
5. A period as determined by your Employer during a leave of absence due to approved special leave;
6. No longer than the end of the month during an approved non-medical leave of absence;
7. No longer than the end of the month during an approved military leave of absence;
8. No longer than the end of the month during part-time status.

**REINSTATMENT OF COVERAGE FOLLOWING INACTIVE STATUS**

If your coverage under this Plan was terminated after a period of layoff, total disability, approved medical leave of absence, approved non-medical leave of absence, approved military leave of absence (other than USERRA), and you are now returning to work, your coverage is effective the first of the month following the day you return to work.

If your coverage under this Plan was terminated during part-time status and you are now returning to work, your coverage is effective immediately on the day you return to work.

The eligibility period requirement with respect to the reinstatement of your coverage will be waived.

If your coverage under the Plan was terminated due to a period of service in the uniformed services covered under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, your coverage is effective immediately on the day you return to work. Eligibility waiting periods will be imposed only to the extent they were applicable prior to the period of service in the uniformed services.

**RETIREE COVERAGE**

If you are a retiree who meets the University of Kentucky’s retiree qualifications, you may continue coverage under the Plan with retiree benefits for you and any of your eligible Dependents.
SURVIVORSHIP COVERAGE
If an Employee or retiree dies while covered under this Plan, the surviving Spouse and any eligible Dependent children may continue coverage when they meet the University of Kentucky's survivorship qualifications.
HOW YOUR PLAN WORKS

Note: Capitalized terms such as Covered Services, Medical Necessity, and Out-of-Pocket Maximum are defined in the “Definitions” Section.

Introduction
Your health Plan is a comprehensive Plan. All Covered Services must be Medically Necessary, and coverage or certification of services that are not Medically Necessary may be denied.

Network Services
When You use a Network Provider or get care as part of an Authorized Service, Covered Services will be covered at the Network level. Regardless of Medical Necessity, benefits will be denied for care that is not a Covered Service. The Plan has the final authority to decide the Medical Necessity of the service.

Network Providers include Primary Care Physicians/Providers (PCPs), Specialists (Specialty Care Physicians/Providers - SCPs), other professional Providers, Hospitals, and other facilities who contract with us to care for You. Referrals are never needed to visit a Network Specialist, including behavioral health Providers.

To see a Doctor, call their office:

• Tell them You are an Anthem Member,
• Have Your Member Identification Card handy. The Doctor’s office may ask You for Your group or Member ID number.
• Tell them the reason for Your visit.

When You go to the office, be sure to bring Your Member Identification Card with You.

For services from Network Providers:

1. You will not need to file claims. Network Providers will file claims for Covered Services for You. (You will still need to pay any Coinsurance, Copayments, and/or Deductibles that apply.) You may be billed by Your Network Provider(s) for any Non-Covered Services You get or when You have not followed the terms of this Benefit Booklet.
2. Precertification will be done by the Network Provider. (See the Health Care Management – Precertification section for further details.)

Please read the Claims Payment section for additional information on Authorized Services.

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

Out-of-Network Services
When You do not use a Network Provider or get care as part of an Authorized Service, Covered Services are covered at the Out-of-Network level, unless otherwise indicated in this Benefit Booklet.

For services from an Out-of-Network Provider:

• the Out-of-Network Provider can charge You the difference between their bill and the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount plus any Deductible and/or Coinsurance/Copayments;
• You may have higher cost sharing amounts (i.e., Deductibles, Coinsurance, and/or Copayments);
• You will have to pay for services that are not Medically Necessary;
• You will have to pay for Non-Covered Services;
• You may have to file claims; and
• You must make sure any necessary Precertification is done. (Please see Health Care Management – Precertification for more details.)

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

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

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

The BlueCard Program
Like all Blue Cross & Blue Shield plans throughout the country, Anthem participates in a program called "BlueCard," which provides services to You when You are outside our Service Area. For more details on this program, please see “Inter-Plan Arrangements” in the Claims Payment section.

Calendar Year Deductible
Before the Plan begins to pay benefits, You must meet any Deductible required. You must satisfy one Deductible for each type of coverage as explained in the Schedule of Benefits. Deductible requirements are stated in the Schedule of Benefits.
HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT - PRECERTIFICATION

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

Reviewing Where Services are Provided
A service must be Medically Necessary to be a Covered Service. When level of care, setting or place of service is reviewed, services that can be safely given to You in a lower level of care or lower cost setting/place of care, will not be Medically Necessary if they are given in a higher level of care or higher cost setting/place of care. This means that a request for a service may be denied because it is not Medically Necessary for the service to be provided where it is being requested. When this happens the service can be requested again in another place and will be reviewed again for Medical Necessity. At times a different Provider or facility may need to be used in order for the service to be considered Medically Necessary. Examples include, but are not limited to:

A service may be denied on an Inpatient basis at a Hospital but may be approvable if provided on an outpatient basis at a Hospital.

A service may be denied on an outpatient basis at a Hospital but may be approvable at a free standing imaging center, infusion center, Ambulatory Surgery Center, or in a Physician’s office.

A service may be denied at a Skilled Nursing facility but may be approvable in a home setting.

Utilization Review criteria will be based on many sources including medical policy and clinical guidelines. The Plan may decide that a treatment that was asked for is not Medically Necessary if a clinically equivalent treatment that is more cost effective is available and appropriate. “Clinically equivalent” means treatments that for most Members will give You similar results for a disease or condition.

If You have any questions about the Utilization Review process, the medical policies, or clinical guidelines, You may call the Member Services telephone number on Your Identification Card or visit www.anthem.com.

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

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

Types of Reviews:

- **Pre-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which is done before the service or treatment begins or admission date.

- **Precertification** – A required Pre-service Review for a benefit coverage determination for a service or treatment. Certain services require Precertification in order for You to get benefits. The benefit coverage review will include a review to decide whether the service meets the definition of Medical Necessity or is Experimental/Investigative as those terms are defined in this Benefit Booklet.

For admissions following Emergency Care, You, Your authorized representative or Doctor must tell the Claims Administrator no later than 2 business days after admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time. For childbirth admissions, Precertification is not needed unless there is a problem and/or the mother and baby are not sent home at the same time. Precertification is not required
for the first 48 hours for a vaginal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean section. Admissions longer than 48/96 hours require precertification.

- **Continued Stay/Concurrent Review** - A Utilization Review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which must be done during an ongoing stay in a facility or course of treatment.

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

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

**Failure to Obtain Precertification Penalty:**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** IF YOU OR YOUR PROVIDER DO NOT OBTAIN THE REQUIRED PRECERTIFICATION, A PENALTY WILL APPLY AND YOUR OUT OF POCKET COSTS WILL INCREASE.

The following list is not all inclusive and is subject to change; please call the Member Services telephone number on Your Identification Card to confirm the most current list and requirements for Your Plan. It is important to note that the Plan may exclude coverage for some services on this list.

**Inpatient Admission:**

- Inclusive of all Acute Inpatient, Skilled Nursing facility, Long Term Acute Rehab, and OB delivery stays beyond the Federal Mandate minimum LOS (including newborn stays beyond the mother’s stay)
- Emergency Admissions (Requires Plan notification no later than 2 business days after admission)

**Outpatient and Surgical Services:**

- Air Ambulance (excludes 911 initiated emergency transport)
- Bone-Anchored and Bone Conduction Hearing Aids
- Cochlear Implants and Auditory Brainstem Implants
- Corneal Collagen Cross-Linking
- Cryopreservation of Oocytes or Ovarian Tissue
- Diaphragmatic/Phrenic Nerve Stimulation pacing systems
- Deep Brain, Cortical, and Cerebellar Stimulation
- Electric Tumor Treatment Field (TTF) for treatment of glioblastoma
- Immunoprophylaxis for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
• Implantable Middle Ear Hearing Aids
• Intraocular Anterior Segment Aqueous Drainage Devices (without extraocular reservoir)
• Keratoprosthesis
• MRI Guided High Intensity Focused Ultrasound Ablation for Non-Oncologic Indications
• Occipital nerve stimulation
• Percutaneous Neurolysis for Chronic Neck and Back Pain
• Photocoagulation of Macular Drusen
• Private Duty Nursing
• Presbyopia and Stigmatism – Correcting Intraocular Lenses
• Radiofrequency Ablation to Treat Tumors Outside the Liver
• Transendoscopic Therapy for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease and Dysphagia
• Treatment of Hyperhidrosis
• Treatments for Urinary Incontinence
• Transcatheter Uterine Artery Embolization
• Treatment of Temporomandibular Disorders
• Vagus Nerve Stimulation

Diagnostic Testing:
• Cardiac Ion Channel Genetic Testing
• Chromosomal Microarray Analysis (CMA) for Developmental Delay, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability (Intellectual Developmental Disorder) and Congenital Anomalies
• Gene Expression Profiling for Managing Breast Cancer Treatment
• Genetic Testing for Breast and/or Ovarian Cancer Syndrome
• Genetic Testing for Cancer Susceptibility
• Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Testing
• SmartPill™ Motility Testing
• Prostate Saturation Biopsy

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)/Prosthetics:
• Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Devices/ Speech Generating Devices (SGD)
• Continuous Interstitial Glucose Monitoring
• Custom-made Knee Braces
• Dynamic Low-Load Prolonged-Duration Stretch Devices (LLPS)
• Electrical Bone Growth Stimulation
• External (Portable) Continuous Insulin Infusion Pump
• Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES); Threshold Electrical Stimulation (TES)
• Implantable Infusion Pumps
• Lower Limb Prosthesis and Microprocessor Controlled Lower Limb Prosthesis
• Oscillatory Devices for Airway Clearance including High Frequency Chest Compression and Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilation (IPV)
• Pneumatic Compression Devices for Lymphedema
• Ultrasound Bone Growth Stimulation
• Wheeled Mobility Devices: Wheelchairs-Powered, Motorized, With or Without Power Seating Systems and Power Operated Vehicles (POVs)
- Prosthetics: Electronic or externally powered and select other prosthetics- (myoelectric-UE)
- Standing Frame
- Transtympanic Micropressure for the Treatment of Ménière’s Disease

**Radiation Therapy/Radiology Services:**
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
- Magnetic Source Imaging and Magnetoencephalography (MSI/MEG)
- Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) Scans for Noncardiovascular Indications
- Proton Beam Therapy
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) and Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT)
- Transcatheter Arterial Chemoembolization (TACE) and Transcatheter Arterial Embolization (TAE) for treating Primary or Metastatic Liver Tumors
- Transcatheter Arterial Chemoembolization (TACE) and Transcatheter Arterial Embolization (TAE) for Malignant Lesions Outside the Liver- except CNS and Spinal Cord
- Wireless Capsule Endoscopy for Gastrointestinal Imaging and the Patency Capsule

**Surgical Services:**
- Ablative Techniques as a Treatment for Barrett's Esophagus
- Balloon and Self-Expanding Absorptive Sinus Ostial Dilation
- Bariatric Surgery and Other Treatments for Clinically Severe Obesity
- Bronchial Thermoplasty for Treatment of Asthma
- Cardio-Vascular:
  - Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT) with or without an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (CRT/ICD) for the Treatment of Heart Failure
  - Carotid, Vertebral and Intracranial Artery Angioplasty with or without Stent Placement
  - Endovascular Techniques (Percutaneous or Open Exposure) for Arterial Revascularization of the Lower Extremities
  - Implantable Ambulatory Event Monitors and Mobile Cardiac Telemetry
  - Implantable or Wearable Cardioverter-Defibrillator
  - Maze Procedure
  - Mechanical Circulatory Assist Devices (Ventricular Assist Devices, Percutaneous Ventricular Assist Devices and Artificial Hearts)
  - Mechanical Embolectomy for Treatment of Acute Stroke
  - Partial Left Ventriculectomy
  - Transcatheter Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale and Left Atrial Appendage for Stroke Prevention
  - Transcatheter Heart Valve Procedures
  - Transmyocardial/Perventricular Device Closure of Ventricular Septal Defects
  - Treatment of Varicose Veins (Lower Extremities)
  - Venous Angioplasty with or without Stent Placement/ Venous Stenting
- Cryosurgical Ablation of Solid Tumors Outside the Liver
- Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery
- Gastric Electrical Stimulation
- Lung Volume Reduction Surgery
- Locally Ablative Techniques for Treating Primary and Metastatic Liver Malignancies
• Musculo-Skeletal Surgeries:
  ► Axial Lumbar Interbody Fusion
  ► Cervical Total Disc Arthroplasty
  ► Computer-Assisted Musculoskeletal Surgical Navigational Orthopedic Procedures of the Appendicular System
  ► Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy for Orthopedic Conditions
  ► Implanted Devices for Spinal Stenosis
  ► Implanted (Epidural and Subcutaneous) Spinal Cord Stimulators (SCS)
  ► Lumbar Discography
  ► Lumbar Laminectomy, Hemi-Laminectomy, Laminotomy and/or Discectomy
  ► Lumbar Spinal Fusion and Lumbar Total Disc Arthroplasty
  ► Lysis of Epidural Adhesions
  ► Manipulation Under Anesthesia of the Spine and Joints other than the Knee
  ► Meniscal Allograft Transplantation of the Knee
  ► Percutaneous Vertebroplasty, Kyphoplasty and Sacroplasty
  ► Sacroiliac Joint Fusion
  ► Surgical Interventions for Scoliosis and Spinal Deformity
  ► Total Ankle Replacement
  ► Treatment of Osteochondral Defects of the Knee and Ankle

• Ovarian and Internal Iliac Vein Embolization as a Treatment of Pelvic Congestion Syndrome

• Plastic/Reconstructive surgeries/treatments:
  ► Abdominoplasty, Panniculectomy, Diastasis Recti Repair
  ► Blepharoplasty
  ► Brachioplasty
  ► Breast Procedures; including Reconstructive Surgery, Implants and other Breast Procedures
  ► Buttock/Thigh Lift
  ► Chin Implant, Mentoplasty, Osteoplasty Mandible
  ► Composite Products for Wound Healing and Soft Tissue Grafting
  ► Insertion/Injection of Prosthetic Material Collagen Implants
  ► Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (Systemic/Topical)
  ► Liposuction/Lipectomy
  ► Mandibular/Maxillary (Orthognathic) Surgery
  ► Mastectomy for Gynecomastia
  ► Oral, Pharyngeal and Maxillofacial Surgical Treatment for Obstructive Sleep Apnea or Snoring
  ► Penile Prosthesis Implantation
  ► Procedures Performed on the Face, Jaw or Neck (including facial dermabrasion, scar revision)
  ► Procedures Performed on Male or Female Genitalia
  ► Procedures Performed on the Trunk and Groin
  ► Reduction Mammaplasty
  ► Repair of Pectus Excavatum / Carinatum
  ► Rhinoplasty
  ► Septoplasty
  ► Skin-Related Procedures
- Sacral Nerve Stimulation (SNS) and Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation (PTNS) for Urinary and Fecal Incontinence and Urinary Retention
- Sacral Nerve Stimulation as a Treatment of Neurogenic Bladder Secondary to Spinal Cord Injury
- Surgical and Ablative Treatments for Chronic Headaches
- Surgical and Minimally Invasive Treatments for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) and Other GU Conditions
- Transanal Hemorrhoidal Dearterialization (THD)
- Surgical Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Snoring
- Viscocanalostomy and Canaloplasty

**Gender Reassignment Surgery**

**Human Organ and Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplants**
- Inpatient admits for ALL solid organ and bone marrow/stem cell transplants (Including Kidney only transplants)
- Outpatient: All procedures considered to be transplant or transplant related including but not limited to:
  - Stem Cell/Bone Marrow transplant (with or without myeloablative therapy)
  - Donor Leukocyte Infusion
- (CAR) T-cell immunotherapy treatment
- Gene replacement therapy intended to treat retinal dystrophies
- Intrathecal treatment of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

**Out-of-Network Referrals:**

Out-of-Network Services for consideration of payment at Network benefit level (may be authorized, based on Network availability and/or Medical Necessity.)

**Mental Health/Substance Abuse (MHSA):**
Pre-Certification Required
- Acute Inpatient Admissions
- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)
- Intensive Outpatient Therapy (IOP)
- Partial Hospitalization (PHP)
- Residential Care
- Behavioral Health in-home Programs

The following services do not require precertification, but are recommended for pre-determination of Medical Necessity due to the existence of post service claim review criteria and/or the potential cost of services to the Member if denied by for lack of Medical Necessity: Procedures, equipment, and/or specialty infusion drugs which have Medically Necessary criteria determined by the Claims Administrator’s Medical Policy or Clinical Guidelines.

The ordering Provider, facility or attending Physician should contact the Claims Administrator to request a Precertification or Predetermination review (“requesting Provider”). The Claims Administrator will work directly with the requesting Provider for the Precertification request. However, You may designate an authorized representative to act on Your behalf for a specific request. The authorized representative can be anyone who is 18 years of age or older.
The Claims Administrator will utilize its clinical coverage guidelines, such as medical policy, clinical guidelines, and other applicable policies and procedures to help make Medical Necessity decisions. Medical policies and clinical guidelines reflect the standards of practice and medical interventions identified as proper medical practice. The Claims Administrator reserves the right to review and update these clinical coverage guidelines from time to time.

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

If You are not satisfied with the Plan’s decision under this section of Your benefits, please refer to the Your Right To Appeal section to see what rights may be available to You.

Decision and Notice Requirements
The Claims Administrator will review requests for benefits according to the timeframes listed below. The timeframes and requirements listed are based on Federal laws. You may call the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card for more details.

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If more information is needed to make a decision, the Claims Administrator will tell the requesting Provider of the specific information needed to finish the review. If the Claims Administrator does not get the specific information needed by the required timeframe, the Claims Administrator will make a decision based upon the information it has.

The Claims Administrator will notify You and Your Provider of its decision as required by Federal law. Notice may be given by one or more of the following methods: verbal, written, and/or electronic.

Important Information
From time to time certain medical management processes (including utilization management, case management, and disease management) may be waived, enhanced, changed or ended. An alternate benefit may be offered if in the Plan’s sole discretion, such change furthers the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

Certain qualifying Providers may be selected to take part in a program or a provider arrangement that exempts them from certain procedural or medical management processes that would otherwise apply. Your claim may also be exempted from medical review if certain conditions apply.
Just because a process, Provider or Claim is exempted from the standards which otherwise would apply, it does not mean that this will occur in the future, or will do so in the future for any other Provider, claim or Member. The Plan may stop or change any such exemption with or without advance notice.

You may find out whether a Provider is taking part in certain programs or a provider arrangement by contacting the Member Services number on the back of Your Identification Card.

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

**Health Plan Individual Case Management**

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

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

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

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

In certain cases of severe or chronic illness or Injury, the Plan may provide benefits for alternate care that is not listed as a Covered Service. The Plan may also extend Covered Services beyond the Benefit Maximums of this Plan. The Claims Administrator will make any recommendation of alternate or extended benefits to the Plan on a case-by-case basis, if at the Claims Administrator's discretion the alternate or extended benefit is in the best interest of You and the Plan and You or Your authorized representative agree to the alternate or extended benefit in writing. A decision to provide extended benefits or approve alternate care in one case does not obligate the Plan to provide the same benefits again to You or to any other Member. The Plan reserves the right, at any time, to alter or stop providing extended benefits or approving alternate care. In such case, the Claims Administrator will notify You or Your authorized representative in writing.
BENEFITS

Payment terms apply to all Covered Services. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details.

All Covered Services must be Medically Necessary.

Acupuncture
Treatment of neuromusculoskeletal pain by an acupuncturist who acts within the scope of their license. Treatment involves using needles along specific nerve pathways to ease pain.

Ambulance Service
Medically Necessary ambulance services are a Covered Service when:

You are transported by a state licensed vehicle that is designed, equipped, and used only to transport the sick and injured and staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), paramedics, or other certified medical professionals. This includes ground, water, fixed wing, and rotary wing air transportation.

And one or more of the following criteria are met:

For ground ambulance, You are taken:
- From Your home, the scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;
- Between Hospitals, including when the Claims Administrator requires You to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to a Network Hospital
- Between a Hospital and a Skilled Nursing facility or other approved facility.

For air or water ambulance, You are taken:
- From the scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;
- Between Hospitals, including when the Claims Administrator requires You to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to a Network Hospital
- Between a Hospital and an approved facility.

Ambulance Services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by the Claims Administrator. Emergency ground ambulance services do not require precertification and are allowed regardless of whether the Provider is a Network or Out-of-Network Provider.

Non-Emergency Ambulance Services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by the Claims Administrator. When using an air ambulance, for non-Emergency transportation, the Claims Administrator reserves the right to select the air ambulance Provider. If you do not use the air ambulance Provider the Claims Administrator selects, the Out-of-Network Provider may bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount.

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

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

Ambulance Services are not covered when another type of transportation can be used without endangering Your health. Ambulance Services for Your convenience or the convenience of Your family or Physician are not a Covered Service.
Other non-covered Ambulance Services include, but are not limited to, trips to:

- a Physician’s office or clinic; or
- a morgue or funeral home.

**Important Notes on Air Ambulance Benefits**

Benefits are only available for air ambulance when it is not appropriate to use a ground or water ambulance. For example, if using a ground ambulance would endanger Your health and Your medical condition requires a more rapid transport to a facility than the ground ambulance can provide, the Plan will cover the air ambulance. Air ambulance will also be covered if You are in an area that a ground or water ambulance cannot reach.

Air ambulance will not be covered if You are taken to a Hospital that is not an acute care Hospital (such as a Skilled Nursing facility or a rehabilitation facility), or if You are taken to a Physician’s office or Your home.

**Hospital to Hospital Transport**

If You are moving from one Hospital to another, air ambulance will only be covered if using a ground ambulance would endanger Your health and if the Hospital that first treats cannot give You the medical services You need. Certain specialized services are not available at all Hospitals. For example, burn care, cardiac care, trauma care, and critical care are only available at certain Hospitals. To be covered, You must be taken to the closest Hospital that can treat You. **Coverage is not available for air ambulance transfers simply because You, Your family, or Your Provider prefers a specific Hospital or Physician.**

**Assistant Surgery**

Services rendered by an assistant surgeon are covered based on Medical Necessity.

**Autism Spectrum Disorders**

See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.

The diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders for Members ages one (1) through twenty-one (21) is covered. Autism Spectrum Disorders means a physical, mental, or cognitive illness or disorder which includes any of the pervasive developmental disorders as defined by the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders ("DSM") published by the American Psychiatric Association, including Autistic Disorder, Asperger’s Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified.

Treatment for autism spectrum disorders includes the following care for an individual diagnosed with any of the autism spectrum disorders:

- Medical care - services provided by a licensed physician, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or other licensed health care provider;
- Habilitative or rehabilitative care - professional counseling and guidance services, therapy, and treatment programs, including applied behavior analysis, that are necessary to develop, maintain, and restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual;
- Pharmacy care, if covered by the Plan - Medically Necessary medications prescribed by a licensed physician or other health-care practitioner with prescribing authority, if covered by the plan, and any medically necessary health-related services to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications;
- Psychiatric care - direct or consultative services provided by a psychiatrist licensed in the state in which the psychiatrist practices;
- Psychological care - direct or consultative services provided by an individual licensed by the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology or by the appropriate licensing agency in the state in which the individual practices;
• Therapeutic care - services provided by licensed speech therapists, occupational therapists, or physical therapists; and
• Applied behavior analysis prescribed or ordered by a licensed health or allied health professional. Applied behavior analysis means the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.

No reimbursement is required under this section for services, supplies, or equipment:
• For which the Member has no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage;
• Provided to the Member by a publicly funded program;
• Performed by a relative of a Member for which, in the absence of any health benefits coverage, no charge would be made; and
• For services provided by persons who are not licensed as required by law.

Behavioral Health Care and Substance Abuse Treatment
See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance/Copayment information. Coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of Behavioral Health Care and Substance Abuse Treatment on an Inpatient or outpatient basis will not be subject to Deductibles or Copayment/Coinsurance provisions that are less favorable than the Deductibles or Copayment/Coinsurance provisions that apply to a physical illness as covered under this Benefit Booklet.

Covered Services include the following:
• **ABA Therapy** - Medically Necessary applied behavioral analysis services.
• **Inpatient Services** in a Hospital or any facility that must be covered by law. Inpatient benefits include psychotherapy, psychological testing, electroconvulsive therapy, and Detoxification.
• **Residential Treatment** in a licensed Residential Treatment Center that offers individualized and intensive treatment and includes:
  • observation and assessment by a psychiatrist weekly or more often; and
  • rehabilitation, therapy, and education.
• **Outpatient Services** including office visits, therapy and treatment, Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment Programs, and Intensive Outpatient Programs.

Examples of Providers from whom you can receive Covered Services include:
• Psychiatrist;
• Psychologist;
• Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.);
• mental health clinical nurse specialist;
• Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (L.M.F.T.);
• Licensed Professional Counselor (L.P.C); or
• any agency licensed by the state to give these services, when they have to be covered by law.

Breast Cancer Care
Covered Services are provided for Inpatient care following a mastectomy or lymph node dissection until the completion of an appropriate period of stay as determined by the attending Physician in consultation with the Member. Follow-up visits are also included and may be conducted at home or at the Physician’s office as determined by the attending Physician in consultation with the Member.
Breast Reconstructive Surgery
Covered Services are provided following a mastectomy for reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed, surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, and prostheses and treatment of physical complications, including lymphedemas.

Cardiac Rehabilitation / Pulmonary / Respiratory
Covered Services are provided as outlined in the Schedule of Benefits.

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

Benefits are limited to the following trials:

1. Federally funded trials approved or funded by one of the following:
   a. The National Institutes of Health.
   b. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
   c. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.
   d. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
   e. Cooperative group or center of any of the entities described in (a) through (d) or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs.
   f. A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants.
   g. Any of the following in i-iii below if the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines 1) to be comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health, and 2) assures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.
      i. The Department of Veterans Affairs.
      ii. The Department of Defense.
      iii. The Department of Energy.

2. Studies or investigations done as part of an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration;

3. Studies or investigations done for drug trials which are exempt from the investigational new drug application.

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

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

All other requests for clinical trials services, including requests that are not part of approved clinical trials will be reviewed according to the Claims Administrator’s Clinical Coverage Guidelines, related policies and procedures.
Your Plan is not required to provide benefits for the following services. The Plan reserves its right to exclude any of the following services:

i. The Experimental/Investigative item, device, or service; or

ii. Items and services that are given only to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient; or

iii. A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis;

iv. Any item or service that is paid for, or should have been paid for, by the sponsor of the trial.

**Consultation Services**
Covered when the special skill and knowledge of a consulting Physician is required for the diagnosis or treatment of an illness or Injury. Second surgical opinion consultations are covered.

Staff consultations required by Hospital rules are excluded. Referrals, the transfer of a patient from one Physician to another for treatment, are not consultations under this Plan.

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**Dental Services**

**Related to Accidental Injury**
Your Plan includes benefits for dental work required for the initial repair of an Injury to the jaw, sound natural teeth, mouth or face which are required as a result of an accident and are not excessive in scope, duration, or intensity to provide safe, adequate, and appropriate treatment without adversely affecting the Member’s condition, regardless of age. Injury as a result of chewing or biting is not considered an Accidental Injury except where the chewing or biting results from an act of domestic violence or directly from a medical condition.

Treatment must be completed within the timeframe shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Other Dental Services**
Your Plan also includes benefits for Hospital charges and anesthetics provided for dental care if the Member meets any of the following conditions:

- The Member is under the age of five (5);
- The Member has a severe disability that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care; or
- The Member has a medical condition that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care.

**Diabetes**
Equipment and Outpatient self-management training and education, including nutritional therapy for individuals with insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using diabetes, gestational diabetes, and non-insulin using diabetes as prescribed by the Physician. Covered Services for Outpatient self-management training and education must be provided by a certified, registered or licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes. Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under “Preventive Care.”
Dialysis Treatment
The Plan covers Covered Services for Dialysis treatment. If applicable, the Plan will pay secondary to Medicare Part B, even if a Member has not applied for eligible coverage available through Medicare.

Durable Medical Equipment
This Plan will pay the rental charge up to the purchase price of the equipment. In addition to meeting criteria for Medical Necessity, and applicable Precertification requirements, the equipment must also be used to improve the functions of a malformed part of the body or to prevent or slow further decline of the Member’s medical condition. The equipment must be ordered and/or prescribed by a Physician and be appropriate for in-home use.

The equipment must meet the following criteria:
- It can stand repeated use;
- It is manufactured solely to serve a medical purpose;
- It is not merely for comfort or convenience;
- It is normally not useful to a person not ill or Injured;
- It is ordered by a Physician;
- The Physician certifies in writing the Medical Necessity for the equipment. The Physician also states the length of time the equipment will be required. The Plan may require proof at any time of the continuing Medical Necessity of any item;
- It is related to the Member’s physical disorder.

Supplies, equipment and appliances that include comfort, luxury, or convenience items or features that exceed what is Medically Necessary in Your situation will not be covered. Reimbursement will be based on the Maximum Allowed Amount for a standard item that is a Covered Service, serves the same purpose, and is Medically Necessary. Any expense that exceeds the Maximum Allowed Amount for the standard item which is a Covered Service is Your responsibility.

Emergency Services
Life-threatening Medical Emergency or serious Accidental Injury.

Coverage is provided for Hospital emergency room care including a medical or behavioral health screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate an Emergency Medical Condition; and within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital, such further medical or behavioral health examination and treatment as are required to Stabilize the patient. Emergency Service care does not require any Prior Authorization from the Plan.

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

The Maximum Allowed Amount for emergency care from an Out-of-Network Provider will be the greatest of the following:
- The amount negotiated with Network Providers for the Emergency service furnished;
- The amount for the Emergency Service calculated using the same method the Claims Administrator generally uses to determine payments for Out-of-Network services but substituting the Network cost-sharing provisions for the Out-of-Network cost-sharing provisions; or
- The amount that would be paid under Medicare for the Emergency Service.
The Copayment and/or Coinsurance percentage payable for both Network and Out-of-Network are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**General Anesthesia Services**
Covered when ordered by the attending Physician and administered by another Physician who customarily bills for such services, in connection with a covered procedure.

Such anesthesia service includes the following procedures which are given to cause muscle relaxation, loss of feeling, or loss of consciousness:
- spinal or regional anesthesia;
- injection or inhalation of a drug or other agent (local infiltration is excluded).

Anesthesia services administered by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) are only covered when billed by the supervising anesthesiologist.

**Habilitative Services**
Benefits also include habilitative health care services and devices that help You keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn’t walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of Inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

**Home Health Care Services**
Home Health Care provides a program for the Member’s care and treatment in the home. Your coverage is outlined in the Schedule of Benefits. The program consists of required intermittent skilled care, which may include observation, evaluation, teaching and nursing services consistent with the diagnosis, established and approved in writing by the Member’s attending Physician.

**Some special conditions apply:**
- The Physician’s statement and recommended program must be pre-certified.
- Claims will be reviewed to verify that services consist of skilled care that is medically consistent with the diagnosis. Note: Covered Services available under Home Health Care do NOT reduce Outpatient benefits available under the Physical Therapy section shown in this Plan.
- A Member must be essentially confined at home.

**Covered Services:**
- Visits by an RN or LPN. Benefits cannot be provided for services if the nurse is related to the Member.
- Visits by a qualified physiotherapist or speech therapist and by an inhalation therapist certified by the National Board of Respiratory Therapy.
- Visits to render services and/or supplies of a licensed Medical Social Services Worker when Medically Necessary to enable the Member to understand the emotional, social, and environmental factors resulting from or affecting the Member’s illness.
- Visits by a Home Health Nursing Aide when rendered under the direct supervision of an RN.
- Nutritional guidance when Medically Necessary.
- Administration or infusion of prescribed drugs.
- Oxygen and its administration.

**Covered Services for Home Health Care do not include:**
- Food, housing, homemaker services, sitters, home-delivered meals.
- Home Health Care services which are not Medically Necessary or of a non-skilled level of care.
- Services and/or supplies which are not included in the Home Health Care plan as described.
- Services of a person who ordinarily resides in the Member’s home or is a member of the family of either the Member or Member’s Spouse.
- Any services for any period during which the Member is not under the continuing care of a Physician.
• Convalescent or Custodial Care where the Member has spent a period of time for recovery of an illness or surgery and where skilled care is not required or the services being rendered are only for aid in daily living, i.e., for the convenience of the Member.
• Any services or supplies not specifically listed as Covered Services.
• Routine care and/or examination of a newborn child.
• Dietician services.
• Maintenance therapy.
• Dialysis treatment.
• Purchase or rental of dialysis equipment.
• Private duty nursing care.

Hospice Care Services
You are eligible for Hospice care if Your Doctor and the Hospice medical director certify that You are terminally ill and likely to have less than twelve (12) months to live. You may access Hospice care while participating in a clinical trial or continuing disease modifying therapy, as ordered by Your treating Provider. Disease modifying therapy treats the underlying terminal illness.

The services and supplies listed below are Covered Services when given by a Hospice for the palliative care of pain and other symptoms that are part of a terminal disease. Palliative care means care that controls pain and relieves symptoms, but is not meant to cure a terminal illness. Covered Services include:

• Care from an interdisciplinary team with the development and maintenance of an appropriate plan of care.
• Short-term Inpatient Hospital care when needed in periods of crisis or as respite care.
• Skilled nursing services, home health aide services, and homemaker services given by or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
• Social services and counseling services from a licensed social worker.
• Nutritional support such as intravenous feeding and feeding tubes.
• Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and respiratory therapy given by a licensed therapist.
• Pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and supplies needed for the palliative care of Your condition, including oxygen and related respiratory therapy supplies.
• Bereavement (grief) services, including a review of the needs of the bereaved family and the development of a care plan to meet those needs, both before and after the Member’s death. Bereavement services are available to surviving Members of the immediate family for one year after the Member’s death. Immediate family means Your spouse, children, stepchildren, parents, brothers and sisters.
• Residential and Custodial care is not covered.

Your Doctor must agree to care by the Hospice and must be consulted in the development of the care plan. The Hospice must keep a written care plan on file and give it to the Claims Administrator upon request.

Benefits for services beyond those listed above that are given for disease modification or palliation, such as but not limited to, chemotherapy and radiation therapy, are available to a Member in Hospice. These services are covered under other parts of this Benefit Booklet.

Hospital Services
Your Plan provides Covered Services when the following services are Medically Necessary.

Inpatient Services
• Inpatient room charges. Covered Services include Semiprivate Room and board, general nursing care and intensive or cardiac care. If You stay in a private room, the Maximum Allowed Amount is based on the Hospital’s prevalent Semiprivate rate. If You are admitted to a Hospital that has only private rooms, the Maximum Allowed Amount is based on the Hospital’s prevalent room rate.
Service and Supplies
- Services and supplies provided and billed by the Hospital while You’re an Inpatient, including the use of operating, recovery and delivery rooms. Laboratory and diagnostic examinations, intravenous solutions, basal metabolism studies, electrocardiograms, electroencephalograms, x-ray examinations, and radiation and speech therapy are also covered.
- Convenience items (such as radios, TV’s, record, tape or CD players, telephones, visitors’ meals, etc.) will not be covered.

Length of Stay
- Determined by Medical Necessity.

Outpatient Hospital Services
The Plan provides Covered Services when the following Outpatient services are Medically Necessary: pre-admission tests, surgery, diagnostic X-rays and laboratory services. Certain procedures require Precertification.

Hospital Visits
The Physician’s visits to his or her patient in the Hospital. Covered Services are limited to one daily visit for each attending Physician specialty during the covered period of confinement.

Human Organ and Tissue Transplant Services
Notification
To maximize Your benefits, You need to call the Claims Administrator’s transplant department to discuss benefit coverage when it is determined a transplant may be needed. You must do this before You have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. Your evaluation and work-up services must be provided by a Network Transplant Provider to receive the maximum benefits.

Contact the Member Services telephone number on Your Identification Card and ask for the transplant coordinator. The Claims Administrator will then assist the Member in maximizing their benefits by providing coverage information including details regarding what is covered and whether any medical policies, network requirements or Benefit Booklet exclusions are applicable. Failure to obtain this information prior to receiving services could result in increased financial responsibility for the Member.

Covered Transplant Benefit Period
At a Network Transplant Provider facility, the Transplant Benefit Period starts one day before a Covered Transplant Procedure and lasts for the applicable case rate/global time period. The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the Network Transplant Provider agreement. Call the Claims Administrator for specific Network Transplant Provider details for services received at or coordinated by a Network Transplant Provider facility.

At an Out-of-Network Transplant Provider facility, the Transplant Benefit Period starts one day before a Covered Transplant Procedure and lasts until the date of discharge.

Prior Approval and Precertification
In order to maximize Your benefits, the Claims Administrator strongly encourages You to call its’ transplant department to discuss benefit coverage when it is determined a transplant may be needed. You must do this before You have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. The Claims Administrator will assist You in maximizing Your benefits by providing coverage information, including details regarding what is covered and whether any clinical coverage guidelines, medical policies, Network Transplant Provider requirements, or exclusions are applicable. Contact the Member Services telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card and ask for the transplant coordinator. Even if the Claims Administrator issues a prior approval for the Covered Transplant Procedure, You or Your Provider must call the Claims Administrator’s Transplant Department for precertification prior to the transplant whether this is performed in an Inpatient or outpatient setting.
Please note that there are instances where Your Provider requests approval for Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) testing, donor searches and/or a collection and storage of stem cells prior to the final determination as to what transplant procedure will be requested. Under these circumstances, the HLA testing and donor search charges are covered as routine diagnostic testing. The collection and storage request will be reviewed for Medical Necessity and may be approved. However, such an approval for HLA testing, donor search and/or a collection and storage is NOT an approval for the subsequent requested transplant. A separate Medical Necessity determination will be made for the transplant procedure.

**Transportation and Lodging**
The Plan will provide assistance with reasonable and necessary travel expenses as determined by the Claims Administrator when You obtain prior approval and are required to travel more than 75 miles from Your residence to reach the facility where Your covered transplant procedure will be performed. The Plan’s assistance with travel expenses includes transportation to and from the facility and lodging for the transplant recipient Member and one companion for an adult Member, or two companions for a child patient. The Member must submit itemized receipts for transportation and lodging expenses in a form satisfactory to the Claims Administrator when claims are filed. Contact the Claims Administrator for detailed information. The Claims Administrator will follow Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines in determining what expenses can be paid.

**Licensed Speech Therapist Services**
Services must be ordered and supervised by a Physician as outlined in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Maternity Care and Reproductive Health Services**
Covered Services are provided for Network Maternity Care subject to the benefit stated in the Schedule of Benefits.

Routine newborn nursery care is part of the mother’s maternity benefits. Benefits are provided for well baby pediatrician visits performed in the Hospital.

Should the newborn require other than routine nursery care, the baby will be admitted to the Hospital in his or her own name. (See “Changing Coverage (Adding a Dependent)” to add a newborn to Your coverage.)

Under federal law, the Plan may not restrict the length of stay to less than the 48/96 hour periods or require Precertification for either length of stay. The length of hospitalization which is Medically Necessary will be determined by the Member’s attending Physician in consultation with the mother. Should the mother or infant be discharged before 48 hours following a normal delivery or 96 hours following a cesarean section delivery, the Member will have access to two post-discharge follow-up visits within the 48 or 96 hour period. These visits may be provided either in the Physician’s office or in the Member’s home by a Home Health Care Agency. The determination of the medically appropriate place of service and the type of provider rendering the service will be made by the Member’s attending Physician.

**Abortion (Therapeutic)** - Your Plan includes benefits for a therapeutic abortion, which is an abortion recommended by a Provider that is performed to save the life or health of the mother, or as a result of incest or rape.

**Sterilization Services**
Benefits include sterilization services and services to reverse a non-elective sterilization that resulted from an illness or Injury. Reversals of elective sterilizations are not covered. Sterilizations for women are covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit.

**Medical Care**
General diagnostic care and treatment of illness or Injury. Some procedures require Precertification.
Nutritional Counseling
Nutritional counseling related to the medical management of a disease state as stated in the Schedule of Benefits.

Obesity
Prescription Drugs and any other services or supplies for the treatment of obesity are not covered. Surgical treatment of obesity is only covered for patients meeting Medical Necessity criteria, as defined by the Plan. Precertification is required, and coverage is only provided for gastric bypass, vertically banded gastroplasty and adjustable gastric banding procedure (lap band).

Oral Surgery
Covered Services include only the following:
- Fracture of facial bones;
- Removal of impacted teeth;
- Lesions of the mouth, lip, or tongue which require a pathological exam;
- Incision of accessory sinuses, mouth salivary glands or ducts;
- Dislocations of the jaw;
- Treatment of temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ) or myofacial pain including only removable appliances for TMJ repositioning and related surgery and diagnostic services. Covered Services do not include fixed or removable appliances which involve movement or repositioning of the teeth, or operative restoration of teeth (fillings), or prosthetics (crowns, bridges, dentures);
- Plastic repair of the mouth or lip necessary to correct traumatic Injuries or congenital defects that will lead to functional impairments;
- Initial services, supplies or appliances for dental care or treatment required as a result of, and directly related to, accidental bodily Injury to sound natural teeth or structure occurring while a Member is covered by this Plan and performed within the timeframes shown in the Schedule of Benefits after the accident; and
- Full mouth teeth extraction under anesthesia, in cases of malignancies of head and neck requiring radiation.

Other Covered Services
Your Plan provides Covered Services when the following services are Medically Necessary:
- Chemotherapy and radioisotope, radiation and nuclear medicine therapy
- Diagnostic x-ray and laboratory procedures
- Dressings, splints, casts when provided by a Physician
- Oxygen, blood and components, and administration
- Pacemakers and electrodes
- Use of operating and treatment rooms and equipment

Outpatient CT Scans and MRIs – out of country requires authorization
These services are covered at regular Plan benefits.

Outpatient Surgery
Hospital Outpatient department or Freestanding Ambulatory facility charges are covered at regular Plan benefits. Benefits for treatment by an Out-of-Network Hospital are explained under “Hospital Services”.

Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Manipulation Therapy
Services by a Physician, a registered physical therapist (R.P.T.) or a licensed occupational therapist (O.T.) as outlined in the Schedule of Benefits. Services provided by a licensed chiropractor (D.C.) are limited to spinal manipulations. All services rendered must be within the lawful scope of practice of, and rendered personally by, the individual provider.
Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Manipulation Therapy do not require preauthorization. Developmental delay diagnoses must meet the criteria below. Providers will need to follow the SPD under Licensed Speech Therapist Services and Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Chiropractic Care.

Licensed Speech Therapist Services: Services must be ordered and supervised by a Physician as outlined in the Schedule of Benefits. Speech Therapy is covered when rendered for the treatment of Developmental Delay only when the member meets the definition of Developmental Delay. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Manipulation Therapy Services performed by a Physician, a registered physical therapist (R.P.T.), or a licensed occupational therapist (O.T.) as outlined in the Schedule of Benefits. Services provided by a licensed chiropractor (D.C.) or a (D.O.) are limited to spinal manipulations. All services rendered must be within the lawful scope of practice of, and rendered personally by, the individual provider. Coverage is available when such services are necessitated by Developmental Delay only when the member meets the definition of Developmental Delay.

**Physician Services**

These services are covered as outlined in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Preventive Care**

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

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

Covered Services fall under the following broad groups:

1. Services with an “A” or “B” rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Examples of these services are screenings for:
   
   a. Breast cancer;  
   b. Cervical cancer;  
   c. Colorectal cancer;  
   d. High Blood Pressure;  
   e. Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus;  
   f. Cholesterol;  
   g. Child and Adult Obesity.

2. Immunizations for children, adolescents, and adults recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

3. Preventive care and screenings for infants, children and adolescents as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and

4. Additional preventive care and screening for women provided for in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, including the following:

   a. Women’s contraceptives, sterilization procedures, and counseling. Coverage includes contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra uterine devices (IUDs), and implants.
b. Breastfeeding support, supplies, breast pumps and counseling are covered at no cost share with
in-network providers.

c. Gestational diabetes screening.

5. Preventive care services for tobacco cessation for Members age 18 and older as recommended by the
United States Preventive Services Task Force including:

a. counseling;
b. Prescription Drugs; and
c. Nicotine replacement therapy products when prescribed by a Provider, including over the counter
(OTC) nicotine gum, lozenges and patches.

6. Prescription Drugs and OTC items identified as an A or B recommendation by the United States
Preventive Services Task Force when prescribed by a Provider including:

a. aspirin;
b. folic acid supplement; and
c. bowel preparations.

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

You may call Member Services using the number on Your ID card for additional information about these
services. (or view the federal government’s web sites,
http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines

Prosthetic Appliances

Prosthetic devices to improve or correct conditions resulting from Accidental Injury or illness are covered if
Medically Necessary and ordered by a Physician.

Prosthetic devices include: artificial limbs and accessories; artificial eyes, one pair of glasses or contact
lenses for eyes used after surgical removal of the lens(es) of the eye(s); arm braces, leg braces (and
attached shoes); and external breast prostheses used after breast removal.

The following items are excluded: corrective shoes; dentures; replacing teeth or structures directly
supporting teeth, except to correct traumatic Injuries; electrical or magnetic continence aids (either anal or
urethral); and implants for cosmetic purposes except for reconstruction following a mastectomy.

Reconstructive Surgery

Precertification is required. Reconstructive surgery does not include any service otherwise excluded in this
Benefit Booklet. (See “Limitations and Exclusions.”)

Reconstructive surgery is covered only to the extent Medically Necessary:
• Benefits include reconstructive surgery to correct significant deformities caused by congenital or
developmental abnormalities, illness, Injury or an earlier treatment in order to create a more normal
appearance. Benefits include surgery performed to restore symmetry after a mastectomy. Reconstructive
services needed as a result of an earlier treatment are covered only if the first treatment
would have been a Covered Service under this Plan; or
• to correct medical complications or post-surgical deformity, unless the previous surgery was not a
Covered Service.
Retail Health Clinic
Benefits are provided for Covered Services received at a Retail Health Clinic.

Skilled Nursing Facility Care
Benefits are provided as outlined in the Schedule of Benefits. This care must be ordered by the attending Physician. All Skilled Nursing facility admissions require Precertification. Claims will be reviewed to verify that services consist of Skilled Convalescent Care that is medically consistent with the diagnosis.

Skilled Convalescent Care during a period of recovery is characterized by:
- a favorable prognosis;
- a reasonably predictable recovery time; and
- services and/or facilities less intense than those of the acute general Hospital, but greater than those normally available at the Member's residence.

Covered Services include:
- semiprivate or ward room charges including general nursing service, meals, and special diets. If a Member stays in a private room, this Plan pays the Semiprivate Room rate toward the charge for the private room;
- use of special care rooms;
- pathology and radiology;
- physical or speech therapy;
- oxygen and other gas therapy;
- drugs and solutions used while a patient; or
- gauze, cotton, fabrics, solutions, plaster and other materials used in dressings, bandages, and casts.

This benefit is available only if the patient requires a Physician's continuous care and 24-hour-a-day nursing care.

Benefits will not be provided when:
- A Member reaches the maximum level of recovery possible and no longer requires other than routine care;
- Care is primarily Custodial Care, not requiring definitive medical or 24-hour-a-day nursing service;
- no specific medical conditions exist that require care in a Skilled Nursing facility; or
- The care rendered is for other than Skilled Convalescent Care.

Surgical Care
Surgical procedures including the usual pre- and post-operative care. Some procedures require Precertification.

Treatment of Accidental Injury in a Physician’s Office
All Outpatient surgical procedures related to the treatment of an Accidental Injury, when provided in a Physician's office, will be covered under the Member’s Physician’s office benefit if services are rendered by a Network Provider; services rendered by Out-of-Network Providers are subject to Deductible and Coinsurance requirements.
LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

The following section indicates items, which are excluded from benefit consideration, and are not considered Covered Services. Excluded items will not be covered even if the service, supply, or equipment would otherwise be considered Medically Necessary. This information is provided as an aid to identify certain common items, which may be misconstrued as Covered Services, but is in no way a limitation upon, or a complete listing of, such items considered not to be Covered Services.

1. Any disease or Injury resulting from a war, declared or not, or any military duty or any release of nuclear energy. Also excluded are charges for services directly related military service provided or available from the Veterans' Administration or military facilities except as required by law.

2. Services for Custodial Care. Services for custodial or convalescent care, rest cures or long-term custodial Hospital care.

3. Dental care and treatment (by Physicians or dentists) including dental surgery; dental appliances; dental prostheses such as crowns, bridges, or dentures; implants; orthodontic care; operative restoration of teeth (fillings); dental extractions; endodontic care; apicoectomies; excision of radicular cysts or granuloma; treatment of dental caries, gingivitis, or periodontal disease by gingivectomies or other periodontal surgery. Any treatment of teeth, gums or tooth related service except otherwise specified as covered in this Benefit Booklet.

4. Charges for treatment received before coverage under this option began or after it is terminated.

5. Treatments, procedures, equipment, drugs, devices or supplies (hereafter called "services") which are, in the Claims Administrator’s judgment, Experimental or Investigational for the diagnosis for which the Member is being treated.

6. Services, treatment or supplies not generally accepted in medical practice for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of an illness or Injury, as determined by the Claims Administrator.

7. Foot care only to improve comfort or appearance, routine care of corns, bunions (except capsular or related surgery), calluses, toenail (except surgical removal or care rendered as treatment of the diabetic foot or ingrown toenails), flat feet, fallen arches, weak feet, chronic foot strain, or asymptomatic complaints related to the feet. Coverage is available, however, for Medically Necessary foot care required as part of the treatment of diabetes and for Members with impaired circulation to the lower extremities.

8. Shoe inserts, orthotics (will be covered if prescribed by a physician for diseases of the foot or systemic diseases that affect the foot such as diabetes when deemed Medically Necessary.

9. Treatment where payment is made by any local, state, or federal government (except Medicaid), or for which payment would be made if the Member had applied for such benefits. Services that can be provided through a government program for which You as a member of the community are eligible for participation. Such programs include, but are not limited to, school speech and reading programs.

10. Medicare - For which benefits are payable under Medicare Parts A and/or B or would have been payable if you had applied for Parts A and/or B, except as listed in this Booklet or as required by federal law, as described in the section titled "Medicare" in General Information. If you do not enroll in Medicare Part B, We will calculate benefits as if you had enrolled. You should sign up for Medicare Part B as soon as possible to avoid large out of pocket costs.

11. Services covered under Workers’ Compensation, no-fault automobile insurance and/or services covered by similar statutory programs.

12. Court-ordered services, or those required by court order as a condition of parole or probation, unless Medically Necessary and approved by the Plan.
13. Outpatient prescription drugs prescribed by a physician and purchased or obtained from a retail pharmacy or retail pharmacist or a mail service pharmacy are excluded. These may be covered by a separate drug card program but not under this medical plan. Although coverage for Outpatient Prescription Drugs obtained from a retail pharmacy or pharmacist or mail service Pharmacy is excluded, certain Prescription Drugs are covered under your medical benefits when rendered in a Hospital, in a Physician’s office, or as part of a Home Health Care benefit. Therefore, this exclusion does not apply to prescription drugs provided as Ancillary Services during an Inpatient stay or an Outpatient Surgical procedure; to prescription drugs used in conjunction with a diagnostic Service; Chemotherapy performed in the office; home infusion or home IV therapy, nor drugs administered in your Physician’s office.

14. Drugs, devices, products, or supplies with over the counter equivalents and any Drugs, devices, products, or supplies that are therapeutically comparable to an over the counter Drug, device, product, or supply. This Exclusion does not apply to over-the-counter products that the Plan must cover under federal law with a Prescription.

15. Care, supplies, or equipment not Medically Necessary, as determined by the Claims Administrator, for the treatment of an Injury or illness. This includes, but is not limited to, care which does not meet The Claims Administrator's medical policy, clinical coverage guidelines, or benefit policy guidelines.

16. Vitamins, minerals and food supplements, as well as vitamin injections not determined to be Medically Necessary in the treatment of a specific illness. Nutritional supplements, services, supplies and/or nutritional sustenance products (food) related to enteral feeding, except when determined to be Medically Necessary.

17. Services for Hospital confinement primarily for diagnostic studies.

18. Cosmetic Surgery, reconstructive surgery, pharmacological services, nutritional regimens or other services for beautification, or treatment relating to the consequences of, or as a result of, Cosmetic Surgery, except for reconstructive surgery following a mastectomy or when Medically Necessary to correct damage caused by an accident, an Injury or to correct a congenital defect.

19. Donor Search/Compatibility, except as otherwise indicated.

20. Hearing aids, hearing devices or examinations for prescribing or fitting them, unless specifically noted as covered in this Benefit Booklet, except for under age 18 as required by ACA.

21. Contraceptive Drugs, except for any above stated covered contraceptive services.

22. In-vitro Fertilization and Artificial Insemination, including infertility counseling.

23. Hair transplants, hairpieces or wigs (except when necessitated by cancer covered in full limited to $500 per person per plan year, subject to medical necessity), wig maintenance, or prescriptions or medications related to hair growth.

24. Services and supplies primarily for educational, vocational or training purposes, including but not limited to structured teaching, applied behavioral analysis, or educational interventions, except as expressly provided in this Benefit Booklet.

25. Religious, marital and sex counseling, including services and treatment related to religious counseling, marital/relationship counseling and sex therapy.


27. Services provided in a Halfway House.
28. Treatment or services provided by a non-licensed Provider, or that do not require a license to provide; services that consist of supervision by a Provider of a non-licensed person; services performed by a relative of a Member for which, in the absence of any health benefits coverage, no charge would be made; services provided to the Member by a local, state or federal government agency, or by a public school system or school district, except when the plan’s benefits must be provided by law; services if the Member is not required to pay for them or they are provided to the Member for free.

29. Routine care services, unless specified in this Benefit Booklet.

30. Services or supplies provided by a member of your family or household.

31. Charges or any portion of a charge in excess of the Allowed Amount as determined by the Claims Administrator.

32. Fees or charges made by an individual, agency or facility operating beyond the scope of its license.

33. Services and supplies for which you have no legal obligation to pay, or for which no charge has been made or would be made if you had no health insurance coverage.

34. Services for any form of telecommunication

35. Charges for any of the following:
   a. Failure to keep a scheduled visit;
   b. Completion of claim forms or medical records or reports unless otherwise required by law;
   c. For Physician or Hospital’s stand-by services;
   d. For holiday or overtime rates;
   e. Membership, administrative, or access fees charged by Physicians or other Providers. Examples of administrative fees include, but are not limited to, fees charged for educational brochures or calling a patient to provide their test results; or
   f. Specific medical reports including those not directly related to the treatment of the Member, e.g., employment or insurance physicals, and reports prepared in connection with litigation.

36. Separate charges by interns, residents, house Physicians or other health care professionals who are employed by the covered facility, which makes their services available.

37. Personal comfort items such as those that are furnished primarily for your personal comfort or convenience, including those services and supplies not directly related to medical care, such as guest's meals and accommodations, barber services, telephone charges, radio and television rentals, homemaker services, travel expenses, and take-home supplies.

38. Reversal of vasectomy or reversal of tubal ligation.

39. Salabrasion, chemosurgery and other such skin abrasion procedures associated with the removal of scars, tattoos, and actinic changes.

40. Services for outpatient therapy or rehabilitation other than those specifically listed as covered in this Benefit Booklet. Excluded forms of therapy include, but are not limited to, primal therapy, chelation therapy, Rolfing, psychodrama, megavitamin therapy, purging, bioenergetic therapy, in-home wrap around treatment, wilderness therapy and boot camp therapy.

41. Vision care services and supplies, including but not limited to eyeglasses, contact lenses and related or routine examinations and services. Eye refractions. Analysis of vision or the testing of its acuity. Service or devices to correct vision or for advice on such service. This exclusion does not apply for implantable lenses following cataract surgery.

42. Radial keratotomy or keratomileusis or excimer laser photo refractive keratectomy; and surgery, services or supplies for the surgical correction of nearsightedness and/or astigmatism or any other correction of vision due to a refractive problem.
43. Services for weight loss programs, services and supplies. Weight loss programs include, but are not limited to, commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watcher, Jenny Craig, and LA Weight Loss).

44. Services, supplies and other care provided for elective abortions, as defined by Kentucky statute, except as medically necessary to preserve the life of the mother.

45. Services, supplies or other care, which are provided for conditions related to conduct disorders (except attention deficit hyperactivity disorders), pervasive developmental disorders (except Autism), behavioral disorders, learning disabilities and disorders, or mental retardation. Services, supplies or other care for non-chemical addictions such as gambling, sex, spending, shopping and working addictions, codependency or caffeine addiction. Milieu therapy, marriage counseling, inpatient admissions, residential or institutional care that is for the primary purpose of controlling or changing the Member’s physical, emotional, or relational environment. Biofeedback, neuromuscular reeducation, hypnotherapy, sleep therapy, vocational rehabilitation, sensory integration, educational therapy and recreational therapy, except for such adjunct services as part of the Inpatient stay and required by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation facilities.

46. Services, supplies, or other care provided in the treatment of Injuries sustained or illnesses resulting from participation in a riot or civil disturbance or while committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony. Services, supplies or other care required while incarcerated in a federal, state or local penal institution or required while in custody of federal, state or local law enforcement authorities. This Exclusion does not apply if You were the victim of a crime, including domestic violence.

47. Devices of any kind, including those requiring a prescription, including but not limited to: therapeutic devices, health appliances, hypodermic needles, or similar items.

48. Disposable supplies to an Outpatient including but not limited to Ace® bandages, support hosiery, pressure garments, elastic stockings, and band aids.

49. Expenses for services that are primarily and customarily used for environmental control or enhancement (whether or not prescribed by a qualified practitioner) and certain medical devices including but not limited to: Motorized transportation equipment (e.g., scooters), purchase or rental of escalators, elevators or stair gliders, ramps, or modifications or additions to living/working quarters or transportation vehicles. Spas, saunas or swimming pools; whirlpool baths, hot tubs, exercise and massage equipment. Emergency alert equipment, professional medical equipment such as blood pressure kits or pulse oximetry machines. Modifications to a home or place of business, such as ramps or handrails. Air purifiers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners or heat appliances. Bathtub chairs, seat lift chairs or waterbeds. Bedding including, but not limited to, mattresses, mattress pads, mattress covers, pillows. Adjustments made to vehicles. Computers. Penile implants. Supplies or attachments for any of these items. Any Durable Medical Equipment having convenience or luxury features which are not Medically Necessary, except that benefits for the cost of standard equipment or device used in the treatment of disease, illness, or Injury will be provided toward the cost of any deluxe equipment. Replacement or repair of Durable Medical Equipment damaged through neglect, abuse or misuse. Maintenance costs for Member-owned Durable Medical Equipment.

50. Immunizations required for foreign travel.

51. Any inpatient and/or high dollar radiology (MRI/PET/CT/SPECT) expense incurred for services received outside of the United States without an authorization, except for emergency services.

52. Alternative medicine unless otherwise specified as covered.

53. Services of a midwife, unless provided by a certified nurse midwife.

54. Surrogate parenting.
55. Private duty nursing.

56. Services rendered in a premenstrual syndrome clinic or holistic medicine clinic.

57. Services, supplies, drugs or other care related to sexual or erectile dysfunction or inadequacies (with the exception of penile implants when medical necessity criteria are met).

58. Organ Transplants, including services, supplies, or other care provided for organ and tissue transplants, except as listed in the Covered Services section for the diseases or conditions specifically listed in that section.

59. Vision Therapy/Vision Exercises – Therapies or exercises prescribed or given for esotropia, exotropia, “lazy eye”, “crossed eyes”, refractive error, or disabilities/dysfunction of perception, reading or learning.

60. Services or supplies for any multiple human organ transplant to the extent that the transplant also involves the transplantation of the stomach, and/or pancreas, and/or small intestine, and/or colon.

61. Not Medically Necessary: The fact that a Physician or other Provider may prescribe, order, recommend or approve a service or supply does not of itself make it Medically Necessary or make the service a Covered Service. This applies even though the service or supply is not specifically listed as an exclusion. The Plan is the final authority for determining whether all services are Medically Necessary.

62. Unless otherwise mentioned in this benefits booklet, services and or procedures are excluded.

63. Travel or transportation expenses (except Ambulance and covered transplant services), even though prescribed by a Physician.

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

Providers who participate in the BlueCard® PPO Network have agreed to submit claims directly to the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan in their area. Therefore if the BlueCard® PPO Network Hospitals, Physicians and Ancillary Providers are used, claims for their services will generally not have to be filed by the Member. In addition, many Out-of-Network Hospitals and Physicians will also file claims if the information on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Identification Card is provided to them. If the provider requests a claim form to file a claim, a claim form can be obtained by contacting Your local Human Resources Department or by visiting www.anthem.com.

Please note You may be required to complete an authorization form in order to have Your claims and other personal information sent to the Claims Administrator when You receive care in foreign countries. Failure to submit such authorizations may prevent foreign providers from sending Your claims and other personal information to the Claims Administrator.

How to File Claims
Under normal conditions, the Claims Administrator should receive the proper claim form within 12 months after the service was provided. This section of the Benefit Booklet describes when to file a benefits claim and when a Hospital or Physician will file the claim for You.

Each person enrolled through the Plan receives an Identification Card. Remember, in order to receive full benefits, You must receive treatment from a Network Provider. When admitted to a Network Hospital, present Your Identification Card. Upon discharge, You will be billed only for those charges not covered by the Plan.

When You receive Covered Services from a Network Physician or other Network licensed health care provider, ask him or her to complete a claim form. Payment for Covered Services will be made directly to the provider.

For health care expenses other than those billed by a Network Provider, use a claim form to report Your expenses. You may obtain these from Your Employer or the Claims Administrator. Claims should include Your name, Plan and Group numbers exactly as they appear on Your Identification Card. Attach all bills to the claim form and file directly with the Claims Administrator. Be sure to keep a photocopy of all forms and bills for Your records. The address is on the claim form.

Save all bills and statements related to Your illness or Injury. Make certain they are itemized to include dates, places and nature of services or supplies.

Maximum Allowed Amount

General

This section describes how the Claims Administrator determines the amount of reimbursement for Covered Services. Reimbursement for services rendered by Network and Out-of-Network Providers is based on this Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount for the Covered Service that You receive. Please see the “Inter-Plan Arrangements” section for additional information.

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

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

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent You have not met Your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. In addition, when You receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, You may be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Provider’s actual charges. This amount can be significant.

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

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

Provider Network Status

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

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

Providers who have not signed any contract with the Claims Administrator and are not in any of the Claims Administrator’s networks are Out-of-Network Providers, subject to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association rules governing claims filed by certain ancillary providers.

For Covered Services You receive from an Out-of-Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Plan will be one of the following as determined by the Claims Administrator:

1. An amount based on the Claims Administrator’s Out-of-Network Provider fee schedule/rate, which the Claims Administrator has established in its’ discretion, and which the Claims Administrator reserves the right to modify from time to time, after considering one or more of the following: reimbursement amounts accepted by like/similar providers contracted with the Claims Administrator, reimbursement amounts paid by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the same services or supplies, and other industry cost, reimbursement and utilization data; or
2. An amount based on reimbursement or cost information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"). When basing the Maximum Allowed amount upon the level or method of reimbursement used by CMS, the Administrator will update such information, which is unadjusted for geographic locality, no less than annually; or

3. An amount based on information provided by a third party vendor, which may reflect one or more of the following factors: (1) the complexity or severity of treatment; (2) level of skill and experience required for the treatment; or (3) comparable providers’ fees and costs to deliver care; or

4. An amount negotiated by the Claims Administrator or a third party vendor which has been agreed to by the Provider. This may include rates for services coordinated through case management; or

5. An amount based on or derived from the total charges billed by the Out-of-Network Provider.

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

For Covered Services rendered outside the Claims Administrator’s Service Area by Out-of-Network Providers, claims may be priced using the local Blue Cross Blue Shield plan’s non-participating provider fee schedule/rate or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or Federal law. In certain situations, the Maximum Allowed Amount for out of area claims may be based on billed charges, the pricing the Plan would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Claims Administrator’s Service Area, or a special negotiated price.

Unlike Network Providers, Out-of-Network Providers may send You a bill and collect for the amount of the Provider’s charge that exceeds the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount. You are responsible for paying the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Provider charges. This amount can be significant. Choosing a Network Provider will likely result in lower Out of Pocket costs to You. Please call Member Services for help in finding a Network Provider or visit the Claims Administrator’s website at www.anthem.com.

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

**Member Cost Share**

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

Your cost share amount and Out-of-Pocket Limits may vary depending on whether You received services from a Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Specifically, You may be required to pay higher cost sharing amounts or may have limits on Your benefits when using Out-of-Network Providers. Please see the Schedule of Benefits in this Benefit Booklet for Your cost share responsibilities and limitations, or call Member Services to learn how this Plan’s benefits or cost share amounts may vary by the type of Provider You use.

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

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

The Claims Administrator and/or its designated pharmacy benefits manager may receive discounts, rebates, or other funds from drug manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and/or similar vendors, which may be related to certain Prescription Drug purchases under this Plan and which positively impact the cost effectiveness of Covered Services. These amounts are retained by the Claims Administrator. These amounts will not be applied to Your Deductible, if any, or taken into account in determining Your Copayment or Coinsurance.

**Authorized Services**

In some circumstances, such as where there is no Network Provider available for the Covered Service, the Plan may authorize the Network cost share amounts (Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance) to apply to a claim for a Covered Service You receive from an Out-of-Network Provider. In such circumstance, You must contact the Claims Administrator in advance of obtaining the Covered Service. The Plan also may authorize the Network cost share amounts to apply to a claim for Covered Services if You receive Emergency services from an Out-of-Network Provider and are not able to contact the Claims Administrator until after the Covered Service is rendered. If the Plan authorizes a Network cost share amount to apply to a Covered Service received from an Out-of-Network Provider, You also may still be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider’s charge. Please contact Member Services for Authorized Services information or to request authorization.

**Services Performed During Same Session**

The Plan may combine the reimbursement of Covered Services when more than one service is performed during the same session. Reimbursement is limited to the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount. If services are performed by Out-of-Network Providers, then You are responsible for any amounts charged in excess of the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount with or without a referral or regardless if allowed as an Authorized Service. Contact the Claims Administrator for more information.

**Processing Your Claim**

You are responsible for submitting Your claims for expenses not normally billed by and payable to a Hospital or Physician. Always make certain You have Your Identification Card with You. Be sure the Hospital or Physician’s office personnel copy Your name, and identification numbers (including the 3-letter prefix) accurately when completing forms relating to Your coverage.

**Timeliness of Filing for Member Submitted Claims**

To receive benefits, a properly completed claim form with any necessary reports and records must be filed by You within 12 months of the date of service. Payment of claims will be made as soon as possible following receipt of the claim, unless more time is required because of incomplete or missing information. In this case, You will be notified of the reason for the delay and will receive a list of all information needed to continue processing Your claim. After this data is received, the Claims Administrator will complete claims processing. No request for an adjustment of a claim can be submitted later than 12 months after the claim has been paid.
Necessary Information
In order to process Your claim, the Claims Administrator may need information from the provider of the service. As a Member, You agree to authorize the Physician, Hospital, or other provider to release necessary information.

The Claims Administrator will consider such information confidential. However, the Plan and the Claims Administrator have the right to use this information to defend or explain a denied claim.

Member’s Cooperation
You will be expected to complete and submit to us all such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents that may be needed in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Workers’ Compensation or any other governmental program. If You fail to cooperate (including if You fail to enroll under Part B of the Medicare program where Medicare is the responsible payer), You will be responsible for any charge for services.

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

- total amounts charged for services/supplies received;
- the amount of the charges satisfied by Your coverage;
- the amount for which You are responsible (if any); and
- general information about Your Appeals rights.

Inter-Plan Arrangements

Out-of-Area Services
Anthem has a variety of relationships with other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensees. Generally, these relationships are called “Inter-Plan Arrangements.” These Inter-Plan Arrangements work based on rules and procedures issued by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (“Association”). Whenever You access healthcare services outside the geographic area the Claims Administrator serves (the Anthem “Service Area”), the claim for those services may be processed through one of these Inter-Plan Arrangements. The Inter-Plan Arrangements are described below.

When You receive care outside of the Anthem Service Area, You will receive it from one of two kinds of Providers. Most Providers (“participating providers”) contract with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that geographic area (“Host Blue”). Some Providers (“nonparticipating providers”) don’t contract with the Host Blue. Explained below is how both kinds of Providers are paid.

Inter-Plan Arrangements Eligibility – Claim Types
Most claim types are eligible to be processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements, as described above. Examples of claims that are not included are Prescription Drugs that You obtain from a Pharmacy and most dental or vision benefits.

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

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

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

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

B. Negotiated (non–BlueCard Program) Arrangements

With respect to one or more Host Blues, instead of using the BlueCard Program, Anthem may process Your claims for Covered Services through Negotiated Arrangements for National Accounts.

The amount You pay for Covered Services under this arrangement will be calculated based on the lower of either billed charges for Covered Services or the negotiated price (refer to the description of negotiated price under Section A. BlueCard Program) made available to Anthem by the Host Blue.

C. Special Cases: Value-Based Programs

BlueCard® Program

If You receive Covered Services under a Value-Based Program inside a Host Blue’s Service Area, You will not be responsible for paying any of the Provider Incentives, risk-sharing, and/or Care Coordinator Fees that are a part of such an arrangement, except when a Host Blue passes these fees to Anthem through average pricing or fee schedule adjustments. Additional information is available upon request.

Value-Based Programs: Negotiated (non–BlueCard Program) Arrangements

If Anthem has entered into a Negotiated Arrangement with a Host Blue to provide Value-Based Programs to the Employer on Your behalf, Anthem will follow the same procedures for Value-Based Programs administration and Care Coordinator Fees as noted above for the BlueCard Program.

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

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

E. Nonparticipating Providers Outside the Claims Administrator’s Service Area

1. Allowed Amounts and Member Liability Calculation

When Covered Services are provided outside of Anthem’s Service Area by non-participating providers, the Plan may determine benefits and make payment based on pricing from either the Host Blue or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or Federal law. In these situations, the amount You pay for such services as Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance will be based on that allowed amount. Also, You may be responsible for the difference between the amount that the non-participating provider bills and the payment the Plan will make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph. Federal or state law, as applicable, will govern payments for Out-of-Network Emergency services.

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

F. Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core® Program

If You plan to travel outside the United States, call Member Services to find out Your Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core benefits. Benefits for services received outside of the United States may be different from services received in the United States. Remember to take an up to date health Identification Card with You.

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

If You need Inpatient hospital care, You or someone on Your behalf, should contact the Claims Administrator for preauthorization. Keep in mind, if You need Emergency medical care, go to the nearest hospital. There is no need to call before You receive care.

Please refer to the Health Care Management – Precertification section in this Booklet for further information. You can learn how to get preauthorization when You need to be admitted to the hospital for Emergency or non-emergency care.

How Claims are Paid with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core

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

You will typically need to pay for the following services up front:
- Doctors services;
- Inpatient hospital care not arranged through Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core®; and
- Outpatient services.

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

When You need Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core® claim forms You can get international claims forms in the following ways:
- Call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core® Service Center at the numbers above; or

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

Unauthorized Use of Identification Card

If You permit Your Identification Card to be used by someone else or if You use the card before coverage is in effect or after coverage has ended, You will be liable for payment of any expenses incurred resulting from the unauthorized use. Fraudulent misuse could also result in termination of the coverage. Fraudulent statements on enrollment forms and/or claims for services or payment involving all media (paper or electronic) may invalidate any payment or claims for services and be grounds for voiding the Member’s coverage. This includes fraudulent acts to obtain medical services and/or Prescription Drugs.
Assignment
You authorize the Claims Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, to make payments directly to Providers for Covered Services. The Claims Administrator also reserves the right to make payments directly to You. Payments may also be made to, and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims, an Alternate Recipient, or that person’s custodial parent or designated representative. Any payments made by the Claims Administrator will discharge the Employer’s obligation to pay for Covered Services. You cannot assign Your right to receive payment to anyone, except as required by a “Qualified Medical Child Support Order” as defined by, and if subject to, ERISA or any applicable Federal law.

Once a Provider performs a Covered Service, the Claims Administrator will not honor a request to withhold payment of the claims submitted.

The coverage and any benefits under the Plan are not assignable by any Member without the written consent of the Plan, except as provided above.

Questions About Coverage or Claims
If You have questions about Your coverage, contact Your Plan Administrator or the Claims Administrator’s Member Services Department. Be sure to always give Your Member Identification number.

When asking about a claim, give the following information:
• identification number;
• patient’s name and address;
• date of service and type of service received; and
• provider name and address (Hospital or Physician).

To find out if a Hospital or Physician is a Network Provider, call them directly or call the Claims Administrator.

The Plan does not supply You with a Hospital or Physician. In addition, neither the Plan nor the Claims Administrator is responsible for any Injuries or damages You may suffer due to actions of any Hospital, Physician or other person. In order to process Your claims, the Claims Administrator or the Plan Administrator may request additional information about the medical treatment You received and/or other group health insurance You may have. This information will be treated confidentially.

An oral explanation of Your benefits by an employee of the Claims Administrator, Plan Administrator or Plan Sponsor is not legally binding.

Any correspondence mailed to You will be sent to Your most current address. You are responsible for notifying the Plan Administrator or the Claims Administrator of Your new address.
YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

For purposes of these Appeal provisions, “claim for benefits” means a request for benefits under the plan. The term includes both pre-service and post-service claims.

- A pre-service claim is a claim for benefits under the plan for which You have not received the benefit or for which You may need to obtain approval in advance.
- A post-service claim is any other claim for benefits under the plan for which You have received the service.

If Your claim is denied or if Your coverage is rescinded:
- You will be provided with a written notice of the denial or rescission; and
- You are entitled to a full and fair review of the denial or rescission.

The procedure the Claims Administrator will follow will satisfy the requirements for a full and fair review under applicable federal regulations.

Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination
If Your claim is denied, the Claims Administrator’s notice of the adverse benefit determination (denial) will include:
- information sufficient to identify the claim involved;
- the specific reason(s) for the denial;
- a reference to the specific plan provision(s) on which the Claims Administrator’s determination is based;
- a description of any additional material or information needed to perfect Your claim;
- an explanation of why the additional material or information is needed;
- a description of the Plan’s review procedures and the time limits that apply to them, including a statement of Your right to bring a civil action under ERISA, if this Plan is subject to ERISA, within one year of the grievance or appeal decision if You submit a grievance or appeal and the claim denial is upheld;
- information about any internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion relied upon in making the claim determination and about Your right to request a copy of it free of charge, along with a discussion of the claims denial decision;
- information about the scientific or clinical judgment for any determination based on medical necessity or experimental treatment, or about Your right to request this explanation free of charge, along with a discussion of the claims denial decision; and
- information regarding Your potential right to an External Appeal pursuant to Federal law.

For claims involving urgent/concurrent care:
- the Claims Administrator’s notice will also include a description of the applicable urgent/concurrent review process; and
- the Claims Administrator may notify You or Your authorized representative within 72 hours orally and then furnish a written notification.

Appeals
You have the right to appeal an adverse benefit determination (claim denial or rescission of coverage). You or Your authorized representative must file Your appeal within 180 calendar days after You are notified of the denial or rescission. You will have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records, and other information supporting Your claim. The Claims Administrator’s review of Your claim will take into account all information You submit, regardless of whether it was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

- The Claims Administrator shall offer a single mandatory level of appeal and an additional voluntary second level of appeal which may be a panel review, independent review, or other process consistent with the entity reviewing the appeal. The time frame allowed for the Claims Administrator to complete
its review is dependent upon the type of review involved (e.g., pre-service, concurrent, post-service, urgent, etc.).

For pre-service claims involving urgent/concurrent care, You may obtain an expedited appeal. You or Your authorized representative may request it orally or in writing. All necessary information, including the Claims Administrator’s decision, can be sent between the Claims Administrator and You by telephone, facsimile or other similar method. To file an appeal for a claim involving urgent/concurrent care, You or Your authorized representative must contact the Claims Administrator at the number shown on Your identification card and provide at least the following information:

- the identity of the claimant;
- the date (s) of the medical service;
- the specific medical condition or symptom;
- the provider’s name;
- the service or supply for which approval of benefits was sought; and
- any reasons why the appeal should be processed on a more expedited basis.

All other requests for appeals should be submitted in writing by the Member or the Member’s authorized representative, except where the acceptance of oral appeals is otherwise required by the nature of the appeal (e.g., urgent care). You or Your authorized representative must submit a request for review to:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, ATTN: Appeals, P.O. Box 105568, Atlanta, Georgia 30348

You must include Your Member Identification Number when submitting an appeal.

Upon request, the Claims Administrator will provide, without charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to Your claim. "Relevant" means that the document, record, or other information:

- was relied on in making the benefit determination; or
- was submitted, considered, or produced in the course of making the benefit determination; or
- demonstrates compliance with processes and safeguards to ensure that claim determinations are made in accordance with the terms of the plan, applied consistently for similarly-situated claimants; or
- is a statement of the plan’s policy or guidance about the treatment or benefit relative to Your diagnosis.

The Claims Administrator will also provide You, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated in connection with Your claim. In addition, before You receive an adverse benefit determination on review based on a new or additional rationale, the Claims Administrator will provide You, free of charge, with the rationale.

For Out of State Appeals You have to file Provider appeals with the Host Plan. This means Providers must file appeals with the same plan to which the claim was filed.

How Your Appeal will be Decided
When the Claims Administrator considers Your appeal, the Claims Administrator will not rely upon the initial benefit determination or, for voluntary second-level appeals, to the earlier appeal determination. The review will be conducted by an appropriate reviewer who did not make the initial determination and who does not work for the person who made the initial determination. A voluntary second-level review will be conducted by an appropriate reviewer who did not make the initial determination or the first-level appeal determination and who does not work for the person who made the initial determination or first-level appeal determination.

If the denial was based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, including whether the treatment is experimental, investigational, or not medically necessary, the reviewer will consult with a health care professional who has the appropriate training and experience in the medical field involved in making the judgment. This health care professional will not be one who was consulted in making an earlier determination or who works for one who was consulted in making an earlier determination.
Notification of the Outcome of the Appeal
If You appeal a claim involving urgent/concurrent care, the Claims Administrator will notify You of the outcome of the appeal as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of Your request for appeal.

If You appeal any other pre-service claim, the Claims Administrator will notify You of the outcome of the appeal within 30 days after receipt of Your request for appeal.

If You appeal a post-service claim, the Claims Administrator will notify You of the outcome of the appeal within 30 days after receipt of Your request for appeal.

Appeal Denial
If Your appeal is denied, that denial will be considered an adverse benefit determination. The notification from the Claims Administrator will include all of the information set forth in the above section entitled “Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination.”

If, after the Plan’s denial, the Claims Administrator considers, relies on or generates any new or additional evidence in connection with Your claim, the Claims Administrator will provide You with that new or additional evidence, free of charge. The Claims Administrator will not base its appeal decision on a new or additional rationale without first providing You (free of charge) with, and a reasonable opportunity to respond to, any such new or additional rationale. If the Claims Administrator fails to follow the Appeal procedures outlined under this section the Appeals process may be deemed exhausted. However, the Appeals process will not be deemed exhausted due to minor violations that do not cause, and are not likely to cause, prejudice or harm so long as the error was for good cause or due to matters beyond the Claims Administrator’s control.

Voluntary Second Level Appeals
If You are dissatisfied with the Plan’s mandatory first level appeal decision, a voluntary second level appeal may be available. If You would like to initiate a second level appeal, please write to the address listed above. Voluntary appeals must be submitted within 30 calendar days of the denial of the first level appeal. You are not required to complete a voluntary second level appeal prior to submitting a request for an independent External Review.

Voluntary Third Level Appeals
After you have received a voluntary second level appeal, you have the right to request in writing, a voluntary third level appeal through the University of Kentucky. You have 30 days to submit a request for a third level of review. Send a written request to: The Associate Vice President, Human Resource Services, The University of Kentucky, 101 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40506. Include any additional information you have that supports the request. You don’t have to send the information from the first or second level appeal.

External Review
If the outcome of the mandatory first level appeal is adverse to You and it was based on medical judgment, or if it pertained to a rescission of coverage, You may be eligible for an independent External Review pursuant to federal law.

You must submit Your request for External Review to the Claims Administrator within 45 days of the notice of Your final internal adverse determination.

A request for an External Review must be in writing unless the Claims Administrator determines that it is not reasonable to require a written statement. You do not have to re-send the information that You submitted for internal appeal. However, You are encouraged to submit any additional information that You think is important for review.

For pre-service claims involving urgent/concurrent care, You may proceed with an Expedited External Review without filing an internal appeal or while simultaneously pursuing an expedited appeal through the Claims Administrator’s internal appeal process. You or Your authorized representative may request it orally or in writing. All necessary information, including the Claims Administrator’s decision, can be
sent between the Claims Administrator and You by telephone, facsimile or other similar method. To proceed with an Expedited External Review, You or Your authorized representative must contact the Claims Administrator at the number shown on Your identification card and provide at least the following information:

- the identity of the claimant;
- the date(s) of the medical service;
- the specific medical condition or symptom;
- the provider's name;
- the service or supply for which approval of benefits was sought; and
- any reasons why the appeal should be processed on a more expedited basis.

All other requests for External Review should be submitted in writing unless the Claims Administrator determines that it is not reasonable to require a written statement. Such requests should be submitted by You or Your authorized representative to:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, ATTN: Appeals, P.O. Box 105568, Atlanta, Georgia 30348

You must include Your Member Identification Number when submitting an appeal.

This is not an additional step that You must take in order to fulfill Your appeal procedure obligations described above. Your decision to seek External Review will not affect Your rights to any other benefits under this health care plan. There is no charge for You to initiate an independent External Review. The External Review decision is final and binding on all parties except for any relief available through applicable state laws or ERISA, if this Plan is subject to ERISA.

Requirement to file an Appeal before filing a lawsuit

No lawsuit or legal action of any kind related to a benefit decision may be filed by You in a court of law or in any other forum, unless it is commenced within one year of the Plan's final decision on the claim or other request for benefits. If the Plan decides an appeal is untimely, the Plan's latest decision on the merits of the underlying claim or benefit request is the final decision date. You must exhaust the Plan's internal Appeals Procedure but not including any voluntary level of appeal, before filing a lawsuit or taking other legal action of any kind against the Plan. If Your health benefit plan is sponsored by Your employer and subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and Your appeal as described above results in an adverse benefit determination, You have a right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA within one year of appeal decision.

The Claims Administrator reserves the right to modify the policies, procedures and timeframes in this section upon further clarification from Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Labor.
This Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision applies when You have health care coverage under more than one Plan.

Please note that several terms specific to this provision are listed below. Some of these terms have different meanings in other parts of the Benefit Booklet, e.g., Plan. For this provision only, "Plan" will have the meanings as specified below. In the rest of the Benefit Booklet, Plan has the meaning listed in the Definitions section.

The order of benefit determination rules determine the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits. The Plan that pays first is called the Primary Plan. The Primary Plan must pay benefits according to its policy terms regardless of the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses. The Plan that pays after the Primary Plan is the Secondary Plan. The Secondary Plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

The Allowable expense under COB is generally the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans’ allowable amounts. A Network Provider can bill You for any remaining Coinsurance, Deductible and/or Copayment under the higher of the Plans’ allowable amounts. This higher allowable amount may be more than the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount.

**COB DEFINITIONS**

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

1. Plan includes: Group and non group insurance contracts and subscriber contracts; Health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts; Uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage; Coverage under group or non group closed panel plans; Group-type contracts; Medical care components of long term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts (whether “fault” or “no fault”); Other governmental benefits, except for Medicare, Medicaid or a government plan that, by law, provides benefits that are in excess of those of any private insurance plan or other nongovernmental plan.

2. Plan does not include: Accident only coverage; Specified disease or specified accident coverage; Limited health benefit coverage; Benefits for non-medical components of long term care policies; Hospital indemnity coverage benefits or other fixed indemnity coverage; School accident-type coverages covering grammar, high school, and college students for accidents only, including athletic Injuries, either on a twenty-four (24) hour or "to and from school" basis; and Medicare supplement policies.

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

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

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

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

**Allowable expense** is a health care expense, including Deductibles, Coinsurance and Copayments, that is covered at least in part by any Plan covering You. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an Allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any Plan covering You is not an Allowable expense. In addition, any expense that a Provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging You is not an Allowable expense; however, if a Provider has a contractual agreement with both the Primary and Secondary Plans, then the higher of the contracted fees is the Allowable expense, and the Provider may charge up to the higher contracted fee.

The following are non Allowable expenses:

1. The difference between the cost of a semi-private Hospital room and a private Hospital room is not an Allowable expense, unless one of the Plans provides coverage for private Hospital room expenses.
2. If You are covered by 2 or more Plans that calculate their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement method or other similar reimbursement methods, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an Allowable expense.
3. If You are covered by 2 or more Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an Allowable expense.
4. If You are covered by one Plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement method or other similar reimbursement method and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's payment arrangement will be the Allowable expense for all Plans. However, if the Provider has contracted with the Secondary Plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the Primary Plan's payment arrangement and if the Provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment will be the Allowable expense used by the Secondary Plan to determine its benefits.
5. The amount that is subject to the Primary high-Deductible health plan’s Deductible, if the Claims Administrator has been advised by You that all Plans covering You are high-Deductible health plans and You intend to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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

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

**ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES**

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

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

1. Except as provided in Paragraph 2. below, a Plan that does not contain a Coordination of Benefits provision that is consistent with this COB provision is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying Plan is primary.
2. Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage will be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are placed over base plan Hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a Closed panel plan to provide Out-of-Network benefits.
A Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another Plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other Plan.

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

**Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent.** The Plan that covers You other than as a Dependent, for example as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan, and the Plan that covers You as a Dependent is the Secondary Plan. However, if You are a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the Plan covering You as a Dependent and primary to the Plan covering You as other than a Dependent (e.g., a retired employee), then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed so that the Plan covering You as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Secondary Plan and the other Plan covering You as a Dependent is the Primary Plan.

**Rule 2 - Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Plan.** Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, when a Dependent child is covered by more than one Plan the order of benefits is determined as follows:
1. For a Dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
   - the Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary Plan; or
   - if both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered the parent the longest is the Primary Plan.
2. For a Dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
   - If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. This rule applies to plan years commencing after the Plan is given notice of the court decree;
   - If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of 1. above will determine the order of benefits;
   - If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the Dependent child, the provisions of 1. above will determine the order of benefits; or
   - If there is no court decree assigning responsibility for the Dependent child’s health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:
     - The Plan covering the Custodial parent;
     - The Plan covering the Spouse of the Custodial parent;
     - The Plan covering the non-custodial parent; and then
     - The Plan covering the Spouse of the non-custodial parent.
3. For a Dependent child covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the provisions of items 1. or 2. above will determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.
4. For a Dependent child who has coverage under either or both parents’ plans and also has his or her own coverage as a dependent under a spouses plan, Rule 5 applies. In the event the Dependent child's coverage under the spouse’s plan began on the same date as the Dependent child’s coverage under either or both parents’ plans, the order of benefits will be determined by applying the birthday rule in item 1 above to the Dependent child’s parent(s) and the Dependent’s spouse.

**Rule 3 - Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee.** The Plan that covers You as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the Primary Plan. The Plan also covering You as a retired or laid-off employee is the Secondary Plan. The same would hold true if You are a Dependent of an active employee and You are a Dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if “Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent” can determine the order of benefits.
Rule 4 - COBRA. If You are covered under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by other federal law and are covered under another Plan, the Plan covering You as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering You as a Dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan and the COBRA or other federal continuation coverage is the Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if “Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent” can determine the order of benefits. This rule does not apply when the person is covered either: (a) as a non-Dependent under both Plans (i.e. the person is covered under a right of continuation as a qualified beneficiary who, on the day before a qualifying event, was covered under the group health plan as an employee or as a retired employee and is covered under his or her own Plan as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree); or (b) as a Dependent under both plans (i.e. the person is covered under a right of continuation as a qualified beneficiary who, on the day before a qualifying event, was covered under the group health plan as a Dependent of an employee, member or subscriber or retired employee and is covered under the other plan as a Dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree).

Rule 5 - Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage. The Plan that covered You longer is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covered You the shorter period of time is the Secondary Plan.

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

EFFECT ON THE BENEFITS OF THIS PLAN

When a Member is covered under two or more Plans which together pay more than this Plan’s benefits, the Plan will pay this Plan’s benefits according to the Order of Benefit Determination Rules. This Plan’s benefit payments will not be affected when it is Primary. However, when this Plan is Secondary under the Order of Benefit Determination Rules, benefits payable by this Plan will be reduced by the combined benefits of all other Plans covering You or Your Dependent.

When the benefits of this Plan are reduced, each benefit is reduced in proportion. It is then charged against any applicable benefit limit of this Plan. If this Plan is secondary, the combined benefits of this Plan and the other Plan will never exceed what would have been provided by this Plan if primary. No benefits will be provided by this Plan when the amount paid by the other Plan is equal to or greater than the amount this Plan would have paid if Primary.

If You are enrolled in two or more Closed panel plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel Provider, benefits are not payable by one Closed panel plan, COBRA will not apply between that Plan and other Closed panel plans.

RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND RELEASE NEEDED INFORMATION

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COBRA rules and to determine benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans. The Claims Administrator may get the facts it needs from or give them to other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans covering the person claiming benefits. The Claims Administrator need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under This Plan must give the Claims Administrator any facts the Claims Administrator 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, This Plan may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under This Plan. This Plan will not have to pay that amount again. The term “payment made” includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case “payment
made” means the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

**RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount of the payments made by This Plan is more than should have paid under this COB provision, the Plan may recover the excess from one or more of the persons:

1. the Plan has paid or for whom the Plan have paid; or
2. any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the Member.

The “amount of the payments made” includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

**When a Covered Person Qualifies for Medicare**

**Determining Which Plan is Primary**

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

- Subscribers with active current employment status age 65 or older and their Spouses age 65 or older; and
- individuals with end-stage renal disease, for a limited period of time.

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

If this Plan is secondary to Medicare, the Medicare approved amount is the Allowable Expense, as long as the Provider accepts Medicare. If the Provider does not accept Medicare, the Medicare limiting charge (the most a Provider can charge You if they don't accept Medicare) will be the Allowable Expense. Medicare payments, combined with Plan Benefits, will not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense.

If You are eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicare, and this Plan is secondary to Medicare, Benefits payable under this Plan will be reduced by the amount that would have been paid if You had been enrolled in Medicare.
SUBROGATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

These provisions apply when the Plan pays benefits as a result of Injuries or illnesses You sustained and You have a right to a Recovery or have received a Recovery from any source.

Recovery
A “Recovery” includes, but is not limited to, monies received from any person or party, any person's or party's liability insurance, uninsured/underinsured motorist proceeds, workers’ compensation insurance or fund, “no-fault” insurance and/or automobile medical payments coverage, whether by lawsuit, settlement or otherwise. Regardless of how You or Your representative or any agreements characterize the money You receive as a Recovery, it shall be subject to these provisions.

Subrogation
The Plan has the right to recover payments it makes on Your behalf from any party responsible for compensating You for Your illnesses or Injuries. The following apply:

- The Plan has first priority from any Recovery for the full amount of benefits it has paid regardless of whether You are fully compensated, and regardless of whether the payments You receive make You whole for Your losses, illnesses and/or Injuries.
- You and Your legal representative must do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise the Plan's rights and do nothing to prejudice those rights.
- In the event that You or Your legal representative fails to do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise its subrogation rights, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount the Plan paid from any future benefits under the Plan.
- The Plan has the right to take whatever legal action it sees fit against any person, party or entity to recover the benefits paid under the Plan.
- To the extent that the total assets from which a Recovery is available are insufficient to satisfy in full the Plan's subrogation claim and any claim held by You, the Plan's subrogation claim shall be first satisfied before any part of a Recovery is applied to Your claim, Your attorney fees, other expenses or costs.
- The Plan is not responsible for any attorney fees, attorney liens, other expenses or costs You incur. The "common fund" doctrine does not apply to any funds recovered by any attorney You hire regardless of whether funds recovered are used to repay benefits paid by the Plan.

Reimbursement
If You obtain a Recovery and the Plan has not been repaid for the benefits the Plan paid on Your behalf, the Plan shall have a right to be repaid from the Recovery in the amount of the benefits paid on Your behalf and the following provisions will apply:

- You must promptly reimburse the Plan from any Recovery to the extent of benefits the Plan paid on Your behalf regardless of whether the payments You receive make You whole for Your losses, illnesses and/or Injuries.
- Notwithstanding any allocation or designation of Your Recovery (e.g., pain and suffering) made in a settlement agreement or court order, the Plan shall have a right of full recovery, in first priority, against any Recovery. Further, the Plan’s rights will not be reduced due to Your negligence.
- You and Your legal representative must hold in trust for the Plan the proceeds of the gross Recovery (i.e., the total amount of Your Recovery before attorney fees, other expenses or costs) to be paid to the Plan immediately upon Your receipt of the Recovery. You and Your legal representative acknowledge that the portion of the Recovery to which the Plan’s equitable lien applies is a Plan asset.
- Any Recovery You obtain must not be dissipated or disbursed until such time as the Plan has been repaid in accordance with these provisions.
- You must reimburse the Plan, in first priority and without any set-off or reduction for attorney fees, other expenses or costs. The "common fund" doctrine does not apply to any funds recovered by any attorney You hire regardless of whether funds recovered are used to repay benefits paid by the Plan.
• If You fail to repay the Plan, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount of benefits the Plan has paid or the amount of Your Recovery whichever is less, from any future benefit under the Plan if:
  1. The amount the Plan paid on Your behalf is not repaid or otherwise recovered by the Plan; or
  2. You fail to cooperate.
• In the event that You fail to disclose the amount of Your settlement to the Plan, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount of the Plan’s lien from any future benefit under the Plan.
• The Plan shall also be entitled to recover any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount the Plan has paid or the amount of Your Recovery, whichever is less, directly from the Providers to whom the Plan has made payments on Your behalf. In such a circumstance, it may then be Your obligation to pay the Provider the full billed amount, and the Plan will not have any obligation to pay the Provider or reimburse You.
• The Plan is entitled to reimbursement from any Recovery, in first priority, even if the Recovery does not fully satisfy the judgment, settlement or underlying claim for damages or fully compensate You or make You whole.

Your Duties
• You must promptly notify the Plan of how, when and where an accident or incident resulting in personal Injury or illness to You occurred, all information regarding the parties involved and any other information requested by the Plan.
• You must cooperate with the Plan in the investigation, settlement and protection of the Plan’s rights. In the event that You or Your legal representative fails to do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise its subrogation or reimbursement rights, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount the Plan paid from any future benefits under the Plan.
• You must not do anything to prejudice the Plan’s rights.
• You must send the Plan copies of all police reports, notices or other papers received in connection with the accident or incident resulting in personal Injury or illness to You.
• You must promptly notify the Plan if You retain an attorney or if a lawsuit is filed on Your behalf.
• You must immediately notify the Plan if a trial is commenced, if a settlement occurs or if potentially dispositive motions are filed in a case.

The Plan Sponsor has sole discretion to interpret the terms of the Subrogation and Reimbursement provision of this Plan in its entirety and reserves the right to make changes as it deems necessary.

If the covered person is a minor, any amount recovered by the minor, the minor’s trustee, guardian, parent, or other representative, shall be subject to this provision. Likewise, if the covered person’s relatives, heirs, and/or assignees make any Recovery because of Injuries sustained by the covered person, that Recovery shall be subject to this provision.

The Plan is entitled to recover its attorney’s fees and costs incurred in enforcing this provision.

The Plan shall be secondary in coverage to any medical payments provision, no-fault automobile insurance policy or personal Injury protection policy regardless of any election made by You to the contrary. The Plan shall also be secondary to any excess insurance policy, including, but not limited to, school and/or athletic policies.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Entire Agreement
This Benefit Booklet, the Administrative Services Agreement, the Employer's application, any Riders, Endorsements or attachments, and the individual applications of the Subscribers and Members, if any, constitute the entire agreement between the Claims Administrator and the Employer and as of the Effective Date, supersede all other agreements between the parties. Any and all statements made to the Claims Administrator by the Employer, and any and all statements made to the Employer by the Claims Administrator, are representations and not warranties, and no such statement unless it is contained in a written application for coverage under the Plan, shall be used in defense to a claim under the Plan.

Form or Content of Benefit Booklet
No agent or employee of the Claims Administrator is authorized to change the form or content of this Benefit Booklet. Such changes can be made only through an endorsement authorized and signed by an officer of the Employer.

Circumstances Beyond the Control of the Plan
The Claims Administrator shall make a good-faith effort to arrange for an alternative method of administering benefits. In the event of circumstances not within the control of the Claims Administrator or Employer, including but not limited to: a major disaster, epidemic, the complete or partial destruction of facilities, riot, civil insurrection, labor disputes not within the control of the Claims Administrator, disability of a significant part of a Network Provider’s personnel or similar causes, or the rendering of health care services provided by the Plan is delayed or rendered impractical the Claims Administrator shall make a good-faith effort to arrange for an alternative method of administering benefits. In such event, the Claims Administrator and Network Providers shall administer and render services under the Plan insofar as practical, and according to their best judgment; but the Claims Administrator and Network Providers shall incur no liability or obligation for delay, or failure to administer or arrange for services if such failure or delay is caused by such an event.

Protected Health Information Under HIPAA
The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and the Privacy Regulations issued under HIPAA, contain provisions designed to protect the privacy of certain individually identifiable health information. Your Employer's Group Health Plan has a responsibility under the HIPAA Privacy Regulations to provide You with a Notice of Privacy Practices. This notice sets forth the Employer's rules regarding the disclosure of Your information and details about a number of individual rights You have under the Privacy Regulations. As the Claims Administrator of Your Employer's Plan, Anthem has also adopted a number of privacy practices and has described those in its Privacy Notice. If You would like a copy of Anthem's Notice, contact the Member Services number on Your Identification Card.

Workers’ Compensation
The benefits under the Plan are not designed to duplicate any benefit for which Members are eligible under the Workers’ Compensation Law. All sums paid or payable by Workers’ Compensation for services provided to a Member shall be reimbursed by, or on behalf of, the Member to the Plan to the extent the Plan has made or makes payment for such services. It is understood that coverage hereunder is not in lieu of, and shall not affect, any requirements for coverage under Workers’ Compensation or equivalent employer liability or indemnification law.

Other Government Programs
Except insofar as applicable law would require the Plan to be the primary payer, the benefits under the Plan shall not duplicate any benefits to which Members are entitled, or for which they are eligible under any other governmental program. To the extent the Plan has duplicated such benefits, all sums payable under such programs for services to Members shall be paid by or on behalf of the Member to the Plan.
Medicare
Any benefits covered under both this Plan and Medicare will be covered according to Medicare Secondary Payer legislation, regulations, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines, subject to Federal court decisions. Federal law controls whenever there is a conflict among state law, Booklet terms, and Federal law.

Except when Federal law required us to be the primary payer, the benefits under this Plan for Members age 65 and older, or Members otherwise eligible for Medicare, do not duplicate any benefit for which Members are entitled under Medicare, including Part B. Where Medicare is the responsible payer, all sums payable by Medicare for services provided to You shall be reimbursed by or on Your behalf to us, to the extent we have made payment for such services. For the purposes of the calculation of benefits, if You have not enrolled in Medicare Part B, we will calculate benefits as if You had enrolled. You should enroll in Medicare Part B as soon as possible to avoid potential liability.

Right of Recovery and Adjustment
Whenever payment has been made in error, the Plan will have the right to recover such payment from You or, if applicable, the Provider or otherwise make appropriate adjustment to claims. In most instances such recovery or adjustment activity shall be limited to the calendar year in which the error is discovered.

The Claims Administrator has oversight responsibility for compliance with Provider and vendor contracts. The Claims Administrator may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a Provider or vendor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible. Additionally, The Claims Administrator has established recovery and adjustment policies to determine which recoveries and adjustments are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery or adjustment amounts. The Claims Administrator will not pursue recoveries for overpayments or adjustments for underpayments if the cost of the activity exceeds the overpayment or underpayment amount.

Relationship of Parties (Employer-Member-Claims Administrator)
Neither the Employer nor any Member is the agent or representative of the Claims Administrator.

The Employer is fiduciary agent of the Member. The Claims Administrator's notice to the Employer will constitute effective notice to the Member. It is the Employer's duty to notify the Claims Administrator of eligibility data in a timely manner. The Claims Administrator is not responsible for payment of Covered Services of Members if the Employer fails to provide the Claims Administrator with timely notification of Member enrollments or terminations.

Relationship of Parties (Claims Administrator - Network Providers)
The relationship between the Claims Administrator and Network Providers is an independent contractor relationship. Network Providers are not agents or employees of the Claims Administrator, nor is the Claims Administrator, or any employee of the Claims Administrator, an employee or agent of Network Providers.

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

Anthem Note
The Employer, on behalf of itself and its Members, hereby expressly acknowledges its understanding that the Administrative Services Agreement (which includes this Benefit Booklet) constitutes a contract solely between the Employer and Anthem and that Anthem is an independent corporation licensed to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in the State of Kentucky. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield marks are registered by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independently licensed Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. and in other countries. Further, Anthem is not contracting as the agent of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Association or any other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan or licensee. This paragraph shall not create any additional obligations whatsoever on the part of Anthem other than those obligations created under other provisions of the Administrative Services Agreement or this Benefit Booklet.

**Notice**

Any notice given under the Plan shall be in writing. The notices shall be sent to: The Employer at its principal place of business; to You at the Subscriber’s address as it appears on the records or in care of the Employer.

**Modifications or Changes in Coverage**

The Plan Sponsor may change the benefits described in this Benefit Booklet and the Member will be informed of such changes as required by law. This Benefit Booklet shall be subject to amendment, modification, and termination in accordance with any of its provisions by the Employer, or by mutual agreement between the Claims Administrator and the Employer without the consent or concurrence of any Member. By electing medical and Hospital benefits under the Plan or accepting the Plan benefits, all Members legally capable of contracting, and the legal representatives of all Members incapable of contracting, agree to all terms, conditions, and provisions hereof.

**Fraud**

Fraudulent statements on Plan enrollment forms or on electronic submissions will invalidate any payment or claims for services and be grounds for voiding the Member’s coverage.

**Acts Beyond Reasonable Control (Force Majeure)**

Should the performance of any act required by this coverage be prevented or delayed by reason of any act of God, strike, lock-out, labor troubles, restrictive government laws or regulations, or any other cause beyond a party’s control, the time for the performance of the act will be extended for a period equivalent to the period of delay, and non-performance of the act during the period of delay will be excused. In such an event, however, all parties shall use reasonable efforts to perform their respective obligations.

The Claims Administrator will adhere to the Plan Sponsor’s instructions and allow the Plan Sponsor to meet all of the Plan Sponsor’s responsibilities under applicable state and federal law. It is the Plan Sponsor’s responsibility to adhere to all applicable state and federal laws and the Claims Administrator does not assume any responsibility for compliance.

**Conformity with Law**

Any provision of the Plan which is in conflict with the applicable federal laws and regulations is hereby amended to conform with the minimum requirements of such laws.

**Clerical Error**

Clerical error, whether of the Claims Administrator or the Employer, in keeping any record pertaining to this coverage will not invalidate coverage otherwise validly in force or continue benefits otherwise validly terminated.

**Policies and Procedures**

The Claims Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, may adopt reasonable policies, procedures, rules and interpretations to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the Plan with which a Member shall comply.

Under the terms of the Administrative Service Agreement with Your Employer, the Claims Administrator has the authority, in its discretion, to institute from time to time, utilization management, care management, disease management or wellness pilot initiatives in certain designated geographic areas. These pilot initiatives are part of the Claims Administrator’s ongoing effort to find innovative ways to make available high quality and more affordable healthcare. A pilot initiative may affect some, but not all Members under the Plan. These programs will not result in the payment of benefits which are not provided in the Employer’s
Group Health Plan, unless otherwise agreed to by the Employer. The Claim's Administrator reserves the right to discontinue a pilot initiative at any time without advance notice to Employer.

Value-Added Programs
The Claims Administrator may offer health or fitness related programs to Members, through which You may access discounted rates from certain vendors for products and services available to the general public. Products and services available under this program are not Covered Services under the Plan but are in addition to plan benefits. As such, program features are not guaranteed under Your Employer's Group health Plan and could be discontinued at any time. The Claims Administrator does not endorse any vendor, product or service associated with this program. Program vendors are solely responsible for the products and services You receive.

Waiver
No agent or other person, except an authorized officer of the Employer, has authority to waive any conditions or restrictions of the Plan, to extend the time for making a payment to the Plan, or to bind the Plan by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information.

Employer's Sole Discretion
The Employer may, in its sole discretion, cover services and supplies not specifically covered by the Plan. This applies if the Employer, with advice from the Claims Administrator, determines such services and supplies are in lieu of more expensive services and supplies which would otherwise be required for the care and treatment of a Member.

Reservation of Discretionary Authority
The Claims Administrator shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate to enable it to carry out its duties in connection with the operation of the Plan and interpretation of the Benefit Booklet. This includes, without limitation, the power to construe the Administrative Services Agreement, to determine all questions arising under the Plan, to resolve Member Appeals and to make, establish and amend the rules, regulations and procedures with regard to the interpretation of the Benefit Booklet of the Plan. A specific limitation or exclusion will override more general benefit language. Anthem has complete discretion to interpret the Benefit Booklet. The Claims Administrator’s determination shall be final and conclusive and may include, without limitation, determination of whether the services, treatment, or supplies are Medically Necessary, Experimental/Investigative, whether surgery is cosmetic, and whether charges are consistent with the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount. A Member may utilize all applicable Appeals procedures.

Governmental Health Care Programs
Under federal law, for groups with 20 or more Employees, all active Employees (regardless of age) can remain on the Group's Health Plan and receive group benefits as primary coverage. Also, Spouses (regardless of age) of active Employees can remain on the Group’s Health Plan and receive group benefits as primary coverage. Direct any questions about Medicare eligibility and enrollment to Your local Social Security Administration office.

Medical Policy and Technology Assessment
The Claims Administrator reviews and evaluates new technology according to its technology evaluation criteria developed by its medical directors. Technology assessment criteria are used to determine the Experimental/Investigational status or Medical Necessity of new technology. Guidance and external validation of the Claims Administrator's medical policy is provided by the Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) which consists of approximately 20 Physicians from various medical specialties including the Claims Administrator’s medical directors, Physicians in academic medicine and Physicians in private practice.

Conclusions made are incorporated into medical policy used to establish decision protocols for particular diseases or treatments and applied to Medical Necessity criteria used to determine whether a procedure, service, supply or equipment is covered.
Payment Innovation Programs
The Claims Administrator pays Network Providers through various types of contractual arrangements. Some of these arrangements – Payment Innovation Programs (Program(s)) – may include financial incentives to help improve quality of care and promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner.

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

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

Care Coordination
The Plan pays Network Providers in various ways to provide Covered Services to You. For example, sometimes the Plan may pay Network Providers a separate amount for each Covered Service they provide. The Plan may also pay them one amount for all Covered Services related to treatment of a medical condition. Other times, the Plan may pay a periodic, fixed pre-determined amount to cover the costs of Covered Services. In addition, the Plan may pay Network Providers financial incentives or other amounts to help improve quality of care and/or promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner, or compensate Network Providers for coordination of Member care. In some instances, Network Providers may be required to make payment to the Plan because they did not meet certain standards. You do not share in any payments made by Network Providers to the Plan under these programs.

Program Incentives
The Plan may offer incentives from time to time, at its discretion, in order to introduce You to covered programs and services available under this Plan. The purpose of these incentives include, but is not limited to, making You aware of cost effective benefit options or services, helping You achieve Your best health, and encouraging You to update member-related information. These incentives may be offered in various forms such as retailer coupons, gift cards, health related merchandise, and discounts on fees or Member cost shares. Acceptance of these incentives is voluntary as long as the Plan offers the incentives program. The Plan may discontinue an incentive for a particular covered program or service at any time. If You have any questions about whether receipt of an incentive or retailer coupon results in taxable income to You, it is recommended that You consult Your tax advisor.
WHEN COVERAGE TERMINATES

Termination of Coverage (Individual)
Membership for You and Your enrolled family members may be continued as long as You are employed by the Employer and meet eligibility requirements. It ceases if Your employment ends, if You no longer meet eligibility requirements, if the Plan ceases, or if You fail to make any required contribution toward the cost of Your coverage. In any case, Your coverage would end at the expiration of the period covered by Your last contribution.

Coverage of an enrolled child ceases at the end of the month when the child attains the age 26. Coverage of a disabled child over age 26 ceases if the child is found to be no longer totally or permanently disabled.

Continuation of Coverage (Federal Law-COBRA)
If Your coverage ends under the Plan, You may be entitled to elect continuation coverage in accordance with federal law. If Your employer normally employs 20 or more people, and Your employment is terminated for any reason other than gross misconduct You may elect from 18-36 months of continuation benefits. You should contact Your Employer if You have any questions about Your COBRA rights.

Qualifying events for Continuation Coverage under Federal Law (COBRA)
COBRA continuation coverage is available when Your group coverage would otherwise end because of certain “qualifying events.” After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a “qualified beneficiary.” You, Your Spouse and Your Dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if covered on the day before the qualifying event and group coverage would be lost because of the qualifying event. Qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA must pay for this COBRA continuation coverage.

This benefit entitles each member of Your family who is enrolled in the company’s employee welfare benefit plan to elect continuation independently. Each qualified beneficiary has the right to make independent benefit elections at the time of annual enrollment. Covered Subscribers may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their Spouses, and parents or legal guardians may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children. A child born to, or placed for adoption with, a covered Subscriber during the period of continuation coverage is also eligible for election of continuation coverage.

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Continuation coverage stops before the end of the maximum continuation period if the Member becomes entitled to Medicare benefits. If a continuing beneficiary becomes entitled to Medicare benefits, then a qualified beneficiary – other than the Medicare beneficiary – is entitled to continuation coverage for no more than a total of 36 months. (For example, if You become entitled to Medicare prior to termination of employment or reduction in hours, COBRA continuation coverage for Your Spouse and children can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement.)

Second qualifying event
If Your family has another qualifying event (such as a legal separation, divorce, etc.) during the initial 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, Your Spouse and Dependent children can receive up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months from the original qualifying event. Such additional coverage is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused Your Spouse or Dependent children to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred. A qualified beneficiary must give timely notice to the Plan Administrator in such a situation.

Notification Requirements
In the event of Your termination, lay-off, reduction in work hours or Medicare entitlement, Your Employer must notify the company’s benefit Plan Administrator within 30 days. You must notify the company’s benefit Plan Administrator within 60 days of Your divorce, legal separation or the failure of Your enrolled Dependents to meet the program’s definition of Dependent. This notice must be provided in writing to the Plan Administrator. Thereafter, the Plan Administrator will notify qualified beneficiaries of their rights within 14 days.

To continue enrollment, You or an eligible family member must make an election within 60 days of the date Your coverage would otherwise end, or the date the company’s benefit Plan Administrator notifies You or Your family member of this right, whichever is later. You must pay the total Premium appropriate for the type of benefit coverage You choose to continue. If the Premium rate changes for active associates, Your monthly Premium will also change. The Premium You must pay cannot be more than 102% of the Premium charged for Employees with similar coverage, and it must be paid to the company’s benefit Plan Administrator within 30 days of the date due, except that the initial Premium payment must be made before 45 days after the initial election for continuation coverage, or Your continuation rights will be forfeited.

For Employees who are determined, at the time of the qualifying event, to be disabled under Title II (OASDI) or Title XVI (SSI) of the Social Security Act, and Employees who become disabled during the first 60 days of COBRA continuation coverage, coverage may continue from 18 to 29 months. These Employees’ Dependents are also eligible for the 18 to 29-month disability extension. (This provision also applies if any covered family member is found to be disabled.) This provision would only apply if the qualified beneficiary provides notice of disability status within 60 days of the disabling determination. In these cases, the Employer can charge 150% of Premium for months 19 through 29. This would allow health coverage to be provided in the period between the end of 18 months and the time that Medicare begins coverage for the disabled at 29 months. (If a qualified beneficiary is determined by the Social Security Administration to no longer be disabled, such qualified beneficiary must notify the Plan Administrator of that fact in writing within 30 days after the Social Security Administration’s determination.)

Trade Adjustment Act Eligible Individual
If You don’t initially elect COBRA coverage and later become eligible for trade adjustment assistance under the U.S. Trade Act of 1974 due to the same event which caused You to be eligible initially for COBRA coverage under this Plan, You will be entitled to another 60-day period in which to elect COBRA coverage. This second 60-day period will commence on the first day of the month on which You become eligible for
trade adjustment assistance. COBRA coverage elected during this second election period will be effective on the first day of the election period.

When COBRA Coverage Ends
These benefits are available without proof of insurability and coverage will end on the earliest of the following:
- a covered individual reaches the end of the maximum coverage period;
- a covered individual fails to pay a required Premium on time;
- a covered individual becomes covered under any other group health plan after electing COBRA;
- a covered individual becomes entitled to Medicare after electing COBRA; or
- the Group terminates all of its group welfare benefit plans.

Continuation of Coverage During Military Leave (USERRA)
Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), the Member may have a right to continuation of benefits subject to the conditions described below.

Under USERRA, if the Employee (or his or her Dependents) is covered under this Plan, and if the Employee becomes absent from employment by reason of military leave, the Employee (or his or her Dependents) may have the right to elect to continue health coverage under the plan. In order to be eligible for coverage during the period that the Employee is gone on military leave, the Employee must give reasonable notice to the Employer of his or her military leave and the Employee will be entitled to COBRA-like rights with respect to his or her medical benefits in that the Employee and his or her Dependents can elect to continue coverage under the plan for a period of 24 months from the date the military leave commences or, if sooner, the period ending on the day after the deadline for the Employee to apply for or return to work with the Employer. During military leave the Employee is required to pay the Employer for the entire cost of such coverage, including any elected Dependents' coverage. However, if the Employee's absence is less than 31 days, the employer must continue to pay its portion of the Premiums and the Employee is only required to pay his or her share of the Premiums without the COBRA-type 2% administrative surcharge.

Also, when the Employee returns to work, if the Employee meets the requirements specified below, USERRA states that the Employer must waive any exclusions and waiting periods, even if the Employee did not elect COBRA continuation. These requirements are (i) the Employee gave reasonable notice to his or her Employer of military leave, (ii) the military leave cannot exceed a prescribed period (which is generally five (5) years, except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances) and the Employee must have received no less than an honorable discharge (or, in the case of an officer, not been sentenced to a correctional institution), and (iii) the Employee must apply for reemployment or return to work in a timely manner upon expiration of the military leave (ranging from a single day up to 90 days, depending upon the period that he or she was gone). The Employee may also have to provide documentation to the Employer upon reemployment that would confirm eligibility. This protection applies to the Employee upon reemployment, as well as to any Dependent who has become covered under the Plan by reason of the Employee's reinstatement of coverage.

Continuation of Coverage Due to Family and Medical Leave (FMLA)
An employee may continue membership in the Plan as provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act. An employee who has been employed at least one year, within the previous 12 months is eligible to choose to continue coverage for up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the following reasons:
- The birth of the employee’s child.
- The placement of a child with the employee for the purpose of adoption or foster care.
- To care for a seriously ill Spouse, child or parent.
- A serious health condition rendering the employee unable to perform his or her job.

If the employee chooses to continue coverage during the leave, the employee will be given the same health care benefits that would have been provided if the employee were working, with the same premium contribution ratio. If the employee’s premium for continued membership in the Plan is more than 30 days late, the Employer will send written notice to the employee. It will tell the employee that his or her
membership will be terminated and what the date of the termination will be if payment is not received by that date. This notice will be mailed at least 15 days before the termination date.

If membership in the Plan is discontinued for non-payment of premium, the employee’s coverage will be restored to the same level of benefits as those the employee would have had if the leave had not been taken and the premium payment(s) had not been missed. This includes coverage for eligible dependents. The employee will not be required to meet any qualification requirements imposed by the Plan when he or she returns to work. This includes: new or additional waiting periods; waiting for an open enrollment period; or passing a medical exam to reinstate coverage.

Please contact Your Human Resources Department for state specific Family and Medical Leave Act information.

For More Information
This notice does not fully describe the continuation coverage or other rights under the Plan. More information about continuation coverage and Your rights under this Plan is available from the Plan Administrator.

If You have any questions concerning the information in this notice or Your rights to coverage, You should contact Your Employer.

For more information about Your rights under ERISA, if this Plan is subject to ERISA, including COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the U.S Department of Labor’s Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in Your area, or visit the EBSA website at www.dol.gov/ebsa.
DEFINITIONS

Accidental Injury
Bodily Injury sustained by a Member as the result of an unforeseen event and which is the direct cause (independent of disease, bodily infirmity or any other cause) for care which the Member receives. Such care must occur while this Plan is in force. It does not include Injuries for which benefits are provided under any Workers’ Compensation, Employer’s liability or similar law.

Administrative Services Agreement
The agreement between the Claims Administrator and the Employer regarding the administration of certain elements of the health care benefits of the Employer’s Group Health Plan. This Benefit Booklet in conjunction with the Administrative Services Agreement, the application, if any, any amendment or rider, Your Identification Card and Your application for enrollment constitutes the entire Plan. If there is any conflict between either this Benefit Booklet or the Administrative Services Agreement and any amendment or rider, the amendment or rider shall control. If there is any conflict between this Benefit Booklet and the Administrative Services Agreement, the Administrative Services Agreement shall control.

Ambulance Services
A state-licensed emergency vehicle which carries injured or sick persons to a Hospital. Services which offer non-emergency, convalescent or invalid care do not meet this definition.

Authorized Service(s)
A Covered Service rendered by any Provider other than a Network Provider, which has been authorized in advance (except for Emergency Care which may be authorized after the service is rendered) by the Claims Administrator to be paid at the Network level. The Member may be responsible for the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider’s charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount, in addition to any applicable Network Coinsurance, Copayment or Deductible. For more information, see the “Claims Payment” section.

Behavioral Health Care
Includes services for Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Mental Health and Substance Abuse is a condition that is listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) as a mental health or substance abuse condition.

Centers of Excellence (COE) Network
A network of health care facilities selected for specific services based on criteria such as experience, outcomes, efficiency, and effectiveness. For example, an organ transplant managed care program wherein Members access select types of benefits through a specific network of medical centers.

A network of health care professionals contracted with the Claims Administrator or one or more of its affiliates, to provide transplant or other designated specialty services.

Claims Administrator
The company the Plan Sponsor chose to administer its health benefits. Anthem Health Plans of Kentucky was chosen to administer this Plan. The Claims Administrator provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.

Coinsurance
If a Member’s coverage is limited to a certain percentage, for example 90%, then the remaining 10% for which the Member is responsible is the Coinsurance amount. The Coinsurance may be capped by the Out-of-Pocket Maximum.
Combined Limit
The maximum total of Network and Out-of-Network benefits available for designated health services in the Schedule of Benefits.

Complications of Pregnancy
Complications of Pregnancy result from conditions requiring Hospital confinement when the pregnancy is not terminated. The diagnoses of the complications are distinct from pregnancy but adversely affected or caused by pregnancy.

Such conditions include acute nephritis, nephrosis, cardiac decompensation, missed or threatened abortion, preeclampsia, intrauterine fetal growth retardation and similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity. An ectopic pregnancy which is terminated is also considered a Complication of Pregnancy.

Complications of Pregnancy shall not include false labor, caesarean section, occasional spotting, Physician-prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy, morning sickness, hyperemesis gravidarum and similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy which are not diagnosed distinctly as Complications of Pregnancy.

Congenital Anomaly
A condition or conditions that are present at birth regardless of causation. Such conditions may be hereditary or due to some influence during gestation.

Coordination of Benefits
A provision that is intended to avoid claims payment delays and duplication of benefits when a person is covered by two or more plans providing benefits or services for medical, dental or other care or treatment. It avoids claims payment delays by establishing an order in which plans pay their claims and providing an authority for the orderly transfer of information needed to pay claims promptly. It may avoid duplication of benefits by permitting a reduction of the benefits of a plan when, by the rules established by this provision, it does not have to pay its benefits first.

Copayment
A cost-sharing arrangement in which a Member pays a specified charge for a Covered Service, such as the Copayment indicated in the Schedule of Benefits for an office visit. The Member is usually responsible for payment of the Copayment at the time the health care is rendered. Copayments are distinguished from Coinsurance as flat dollar amounts rather than percentages of the charges for services rendered and are typically collected by the provider when services are rendered. Your Copayment will be the lesser of the amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits or the Maximum Allowed Amount.

Cosmetic Surgery
Any non-Medically Necessary surgery or procedure, the primary purpose of which is to improve or change the appearance of any portion of the body, but which does not restore bodily function, correct a disease state, physical appearance or disfigurement caused by an accident, birth defect, or correct or naturally improve a physiological function. Cosmetic Surgery includes but is not limited to rhinoplasty, lipectomy, surgery for sagging or extra skin, any augmentation or reduction procedures (e.g., mammoplasty, liposuction, keloids, rhinoplasty and associated surgery) or treatment relating to the consequences or as a result of Cosmetic Surgery.

Covered Dependent
Any Dependent in a Subscriber’s family who meets all the requirements of the Eligibility section of this Benefit Booklet, has enrolled in the Plan, and is subject to Administrative Service Fee requirements set forth by the Plan.
**Covered Services**
Medically Necessary health care services and supplies that are: (a) defined as Covered Services in the Member’s Plan, (b) not excluded under such Plan, (c) not Experimental/Investigative and (d) provided in accordance with such Plan.

**Covered Transplant Procedure**
Any Medically Necessary human organ and stem cell/bone marrow transplants and transfusions as determined by the Claims Administrator including necessary acquisition procedures, collection and storage, and including Medically Necessary preparatory myeloablative therapy.

**Custodial Care**
Any type of care, including room and board, that (a) does not require the skills of professional or technical personnel; (b) is not furnished by or under the supervision of such personnel or does not otherwise meet the requirements of post-Hospital Skilled Nursing facility care; (c) is a level such that the Member has reached the maximum level of physical or mental function and is not likely to make further significant improvement. Custodial Care includes, but is not limited to, any type of care the primary purpose of which is to attend to the Member’s activities of daily living which do not entail or require the continuing attention of trained medical or paramedical personnel. Examples of Custodial Care include, but are not limited to, assistance in walking, getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing, feeding, using the toilet, changes of dressings of non-infected, post-operative or chronic conditions, preparation of special diets, supervision of medication that can be self-administered by the Member, general maintenance care of colostomy or ileostomy, routine services to maintain other services which, in the sole determination of the Plan, can be safely and adequately self-administered or performed by the average non-medical person without the direct supervision of trained medical and paramedical personnel, regardless of who actually provides the service, residential care and adult day care, protective and supportive care including educational services, rest care and convalescent care.

**Dependent**
The Spouse, Domestic Partner and all children until attaining age limit stated in the Eligibility section. Children include natural children, legally adopted children and stepchildren. Also included are Your children (or children of Your Spouse or Domestic Partner) for whom You have legal responsibility resulting from a valid court decree. Mentally retarded or physically disabled children remain covered no matter what age. You must give the Claims Administrator evidence of Your child’s incapacity within 31 days of attainment of age 26. The certification form may be obtained from the Claims Administrator or Your Employer. This proof of incapacity may be required annually by the Plan. Such children are not eligible under this Plan if they are already 26 or older at the time coverage is effective.

**Domestic Partner**
Your same or opposite sex Domestic Partner who meets all the requirements on a Declaration of Domestic Partnership Form. You and Your Domestic Partner must submit an accurate and completed Declaration of Partnership Form, and meet all the requirements listed on this form. Continued eligibility of Your Domestic Partner depends upon the continuing accuracy of this form. Domestic Partner eligibility ends on the date a Domestic Partner no longer meets all the requirements listed on this form.

**Detoxification**
The process whereby an alcohol or drug intoxicated or alcohol or drug dependent person is assisted, in a facility licensed by the appropriate regulatory authority, through the period of time necessary to eliminate, by metabolic or other means, the intoxicating alcohol or drug, alcohol or drug dependent factors or alcohol in combination with drugs as determined by a licensed Physician, while keeping the physiological risk to the patient to a minimum.

**Developmental Delay**
The statistical variation, as defined by standardized, validated developmental screening tests, such as the Denver Developmental Screening Test, in reaching age appropriate verbal/growth/motor skill
developmental milestones when there is no apparent medical or psychological problem. It alone does not constitute an illness or an Injury.

**Durable Medical Equipment**
Equipment which is (a) made to withstand prolonged use; (b) made for and mainly used in the treatment of a disease of Injury; (c) suited for use while not confined as an Inpatient at a Hospital; (d) not normally of use to persons who do not have a disease or Injury; (e) not for exercise or training.

**Effective Date**
The date for which the Plan approves an individual application for coverage. For individuals who join this Plan after the first enrollment period, the Effective Date is the date the Claims Administrator approves each future Member according to its normal procedures.

**Elective Surgical Procedure**
A surgical procedure that is not considered to be an emergency, and may be delayed by the Member to a later point in time.

**Emergency Medical Condition**
(“Emergency services,” “emergency care,” or “Medical Emergency”) Emergency Medical Condition means a medical or behavioral health condition 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 one of the following conditions:
- Placing the health of the individual or the health of another person (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy;
- Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

**Employee**
A person who is engaged in active employment with the Employer and is eligible for Plan coverage under the employment regulations of the Employer. The Employee is also called the Subscriber.

**Employer**
An Employer who has allowed its Employees to participate in the Plan by acting as the Plan Sponsor or adopting the Plan as a participating Employer by executing a formal document that so provides.

**Employer Network Provider**
A Network Provider who contracts with the Claims Administrator and whose services are billed by your Employer.

**Experimental/Investigative**
Any Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply used in or directly related to the diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of a disease, injury, illness, or other health condition which the Claims Administrator determines to be unproven.

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

- Cannot be legally marketed in the United States without the final approval of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or other licensing or regulatory agency, and such final approval has not been granted;
• Has been determined by the FDA to be contraindicated for the specific use; or

• Is subject to review and approval of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or other body serving a similar function; or

• Is provided pursuant to informed consent documents that describe the Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply as Experimental/Investigative, or otherwise indicate that the safety, toxicity, or efficacy of the Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is under evaluation.

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

• The scientific evidence is conclusory concerning the effect of the service on health outcomes;

• The evidence demonstrates the service improves net health outcomes of the total population for whom the service might be proposed by producing beneficial effects that outweigh any harmful effects;

• The evidence demonstrates the service has been shown to be as beneficial for the total population for whom the service might be proposed as any established alternatives; and

• The evidence demonstrates the service has been shown to improve the net health outcomes of the total population for whom the service might be proposed under the usual conditions of medical practice outside clinical investigatory settings.

The information considered or evaluated by the Claims Administrator to determine whether a Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is Experimental/Investigative under the above criteria may include one or more items from the following list which is not all inclusive:

• Published authoritative, peer-reviewed medical or scientific literature, or the absence thereof; or

• Evaluations of national medical associations, consensus panels, and other technology evaluation bodies; or

• Documents issued by and/or filed with the FDA or other federal, state or local agency with the authority to approve, regulate, or investigate the use of the Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply; or

Documents of an IRB or other similar body performing substantially the same function; or

• Consent document(s) and/or the written protocol(s) used by the treating Physicians, other medical professionals, or facilities or by other treating Physicians, other medical professionals or facilities studying substantially the same Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply; or

• Medical records; or

• The opinions of consulting Providers and other experts in the field.
The Claims Administrator has the sole authority and discretion to identify and weigh all information and determine all questions pertaining to whether a Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is Experimental/Investigative.

**Facility**
A facility, including but not limited to, a Hospital, Freestanding Ambulatory facility, Chemical Dependency Treatment facility, Skilled Nursing facility, Home Health Care Agency or mental health facility, as defined in this Benefit Booklet. The facility must be licensed, accredited, registered or approved by The Joint Commission or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), as applicable, or meet specific rules set by the Claims Administrator.

**Freestanding Ambulatory Facility**
A facility, with a staff of Physicians, at which surgical procedures are performed on an Outpatient basis—no patients stay overnight. The facility offers continuous service by both Physicians and registered nurses (R.N.s). It must be licensed and accredited by the appropriate agency. A Physician’s office does not qualify as a Freestanding Ambulatory facility.

**Group Health Plan or Plan**
An employee welfare benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA, established by the Employer, in effect as of the Effective Date.

**Health Plan Document**
This Benefit Booklet in conjunction with the Health Plan Document, the application, if any, any amendment or rider, Your Identification Card and Your application for enrollment constitutes the entire Plan. If there is any conflict between either this Benefit Booklet or the Health Plan Document and any amendment or rider, the amendment or rider shall control. If there is any conflict between this Benefit Booklet and the Health Plan Document, the Health Plan Document shall control.

**Home Health Care**
Care, by a licensed program or provider, for the treatment of a patient in the patient’s home, consisting of required intermittent skilled care, which may include observation, evaluation, teaching and nursing services consistent with the diagnosis, established and approved in writing by the patient’s attending Physician.

**Home Health Care Agency**
A provider who renders care through a program for the treatment of a patient in the patient’s home, consisting of required intermittent skilled care, which may include observation, evaluation, teaching and nursing services consistent with the diagnosis, established and approved in writing by the patient’s attending Physician. It must be licensed and accredited by the appropriate agency.

**Hospice**
A provider which provides care for terminally ill patients and their families, either directly or on a consulting basis with the patient’s Physician. It must be licensed and accredited by the appropriate agency.

**Hospice Care Program**
A coordinated, interdisciplinary program designed to meet the special physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of the terminally ill Member and his or her covered family members, by providing palliative and supportive medical, nursing and other services through at-home or Inpatient care. The Hospice must be licensed and accredited by the appropriate agency and must be funded 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 of cure for their illnesses.
Hospital
An institution licensed and accredited by the appropriate agency, which is primarily engaged in providing diagnostic and therapeutic facilities on an inpatient basis for the surgical and medical diagnosis, treatment and care of injured and sick persons by or under the supervision of a staff of Physicians duly licensed to practice medicine, and which continuously provides 24-hour-a-day nursing services by registered graduate nurses physically present and on duty. “Hospital” does not mean other than incidentally:
- an extended care facility; nursing home; place for rest; facility for care of the aged;
- a custodial or domiciliary institution which has as its primary purpose the furnishing of food, shelter, training or non-medical personal services; or
- an institution for exceptional or disabled children.

Identification Card
The latest card given to You showing Your identification and group numbers, the type of coverage You have and the date coverage became effective.

Ineligible Charges
Charges for health care services that are not Covered Services because the services are not Medically Necessary or Precertification was not obtained. Such charges are not eligible for payment.

Ineligible Provider
A provider which does not meet the minimum requirements to become a contracted Provider with the Claims Administrator. Services rendered to a Member by such a provider are not eligible for payment.

Infertile or Infertility
The condition of a presumably healthy Member who is unable to conceive or produce conception after a period of one year of frequent, unprotected heterosexual vaginal intercourse. This does not include conditions for men when the cause is a vasectomy or orchiectomy or for women when the cause is tubal ligation or hysterectomy.

Initial Enrollee
A person actively employed by the Employer (or one of that person’s Covered Dependents) who was either previously enrolled under the group coverage which this Plan replaces or who is eligible to enroll on the Effective Date of this Plan.

Injury
Bodily harm from a non-occupational accident.

Inpatient
A Member who is treated as a registered bed patient in a Hospital and for whom a room and board charge is made.

Intensive Care Unit
A special unit of a Hospital that: (1) treats patients with serious illnesses or Injuries; (2) can provide special life-saving methods and equipment; (3) admits patients without regard to prognosis; and (4) provides constant observation of patients by a specially trained nursing staff.

Intensive Outpatient Programs
Structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that provides a combination of individual, group and family therapy in a program that operates no less than 3 hours per day, 3 days per week.
Late Enrollees
Late Enrollees mean Employees or Dependents who request enrollment in a health benefit plan after the initial open enrollment period. An individual will not be considered a Late Enrollee if: (a) the person enrolls during his/her initial enrollment period under the Plan; (b) the person enrolls during a special enrollment period; or (c) a court orders that coverage be provided for a minor Covered Dependent under a Member’s Plan, but only as long as the Member requests enrollment for such Dependent within thirty-one (31) days after the court order is so issued. Late Enrollees are those who declined coverage during the initial open enrollment period and did not submit a certification to the Plan that coverage was declined because other coverage existed.

Maternity Care
Obstetrical care received both before and after the delivery of a child or children. It also includes care for miscarriage or abortion. It includes normal newborn nursery care for a newborn infant as long as the mother’s Hospital stay is a covered benefit and the newborn infant is an eligible Member under the Plan. Even though newborns of dependents are not eligible under the plan, they would be covered for the normal newborn nursery care only.

Maximum Allowed Amount
The maximum amount that the Plan will allow for Covered Services You receive. For more information, see the “Claims Payment” section.

Medical Necessity (Medically Necessary)
Procedures, supplies, equipment, or services that we conclude are:

1. Appropriate for the symptoms, diagnosis, or treatment of a medical condition; and
2. Given for the diagnosis or direct care and treatment of the medical condition; and
3. Within the standards of good medical practice within the organized medical community; and
4. Not mainly for the convenience of the Doctor or another Provider, and the most appropriate procedure, supply, equipment, or service which can be safely given.

The most appropriate procedure, supply, equipment, or service must meet the following requirements:

1. There must be valid scientific evidence to show that the expected health benefits from the procedure, supply, equipment, or service are clinically significant and will have a greater chance of benefit, without a disproportionately greater risk of harm or complications, than other possible treatments; and
2. Generally approved forms of treatment that are less invasive have been tried and did not work or are otherwise unsuitable; and
3. For Hospital stays, acute care as an Inpatient is needed due to the kind of services the patient needs or the severity of the medical condition, and that safe and adequate care cannot be given as an outpatient or in a less intensive medical setting.

The most appropriate procedure, supply, equipment, or service must also be cost-effective compared to other alternative interventions, including no intervention or the same intervention in an alternative setting. Cost-effective does not always mean lowest cost. It does mean that as to the diagnosis or treatment of Your illness, Injury or disease, the service is: (1) not more costly than another service or group of services that is medically appropriate, or (2) the service is performed in the least costly setting that is medically appropriate. For example, we will not provide coverage for an Inpatient admission for surgery if the surgery could have been performed on an outpatient basis or an infusion or injection of a specialty drug provided in the outpatient department of a Hospital if the Drug could be provided in a Physician’s office or the home setting.
Member
Individuals, including the Subscriber and his/her Dependents, who have satisfied the Plan eligibility requirements of the Employer, applied for coverage, and been enrolled for Plan benefits.

Network Provider
A Physician, health professional, Hospital, Pharmacy, or other individual, organization and/or facility that has entered into a contract, either directly or indirectly, with the Claims Administrator to provide Covered Services to Members through negotiated reimbursement arrangements. A Network Provider for one plan may not be a Network Provider for another. Please see “How to Find a Provider in the Network” in the section How Your Plan Works for more information on how to find a Network Provider for this Plan.

New Hire
A person who is not employed by the Employer on the original Effective Date of the Plan.

Non-Covered Services
Services that are not benefits specifically provided under the Plan, are excluded by the Plan, are provided by an Ineligible Provider, or are otherwise not eligible to be Covered Services, whether or not they are Medically Necessary.

Out-of-Network Provider
A Provider, including but not limited to, a Hospital, Freestanding Ambulatory facility (Surgical Center), Physician, Skilled Nursing facility, Hospice, Home Health Care Agency, other medical practitioner or provider of medical services or supplies, that does not have an agreement or contract with the Claims Administrator to provide services to its Members at the time services are rendered.

Benefit payments and other provisions of this Plan are limited when a Member uses the services of Out-of-Network Providers.

Out-of-Pocket Maximum
The maximum amount of a Member’s Coinsurance payments during a given calendar Plan year. When the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is reached, the level of benefits is increased to 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services.

Partial Hospitalization Program
Structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that offers nursing care and active individual, group and family treatment in a program that operates no less than 6 hours per day, 5 days per week.

Physical Therapy
The care of disease or Injury by such methods as massage, hydrotherapy, heat, or similar care.

Physician
Any licensed Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) legally entitled to practice medicine and perform surgery, any licensed Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) legally licensed to perform the duties of a D.O., any licensed Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.), legally licensed to perform the duties of a chiropractor, any licensed Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) legally entitled to practice podiatry, and any licensed Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) legally entitled to perform oral surgery; Optometrists and Clinical Psychologists (PhD) are also Providers when acting within the scope of their licenses, and when rendering services covered under this Plan.

Plan
The arrangement chosen by the Plan Sponsor to fund and provide for delivery of the Employer’s health benefits.
**Plan Administrator**
The person or entity named by the Plan Sponsor to manage the Plan and answer questions about Plan details. *The Plan Administrator is not the Claims Administrator.*

**Plan Year**
The period of time beginning at 12:00 A.M. on July 1st continuing through the following January, and ending on June 30th at 11:59 P.M. It does not begin before a Member’s Effective Date. It does not continue after a Member’s coverage ends.

**Plan Sponsor**
The legal entity that has adopted the Plan and has authority regarding its operation, amendment and termination. *The Plan Sponsor is not the Claims Administrator.*

**Primary Care Physician**
A provider who specializes in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics or any other provider as allowed by the Plan. A PCP supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to a Member and is responsible for ongoing patient care.

**Prior Authorization**
The process applied to certain drugs and/or therapeutic categories to define and/or limit the conditions under which these drugs will be covered. The drugs and criteria for coverage are defined by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

**QMCSO, or MCSO – Qualified Medical Child Support Order or Medical Child Support Order**
A QMCSO creates or recognizes the right of a child who is recognized under the order as having a right to be enrolled under the health benefit plan to receive benefits for which the Employee is entitled under the Plan; and includes the name and last known address of the Employee and each such child, a reasonable description of the type of coverage to be provided by the plan, the period for which coverage must be provided and each Plan to which the order applies. An MCSO is any court judgment, decree or order (including a court’s approval of a domestic relations settlement agreement) that:
- provides for child support payment related to health benefits with respect to the child of a Group Health Plan Member or requires health benefit coverage of such child in such plan, and is ordered under state domestic relations law; or
- enforces a state law relating to medical child support payment with respect to a Group Health Plan.

**Residential Treatment Center/Facility**
A Provider licensed and operated as required by law, which includes:
- Room, board and skilled nursing care (either an RN or LVN/LPN) available on-site at least eight hours daily with 24 hour availability;
- A staff with one or more Doctors available at all times.
- Residential treatment takes place in a structured facility-based setting.
- The resources and programming to adequately diagnose, care and treat a psychiatric and/or substance use disorder.
- Facilities are designated residential, subacute, or intermediate care and may occur in care systems that provide multiple levels of care.
- Is fully accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC), the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation facilities (CARF), the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (NIAHO), or the Council on Accreditation (COA).
The term Residential Treatment Center/facility does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

- Nursing care
- Rest care
- Convalescent care
- Care of the aged
- Custodial Care
- Educational care

**Retail Health Clinic**
A facility that provides limited basic medical care services to Members on a “walk-in” basis. These clinics normally operate in major pharmacies or retail stores. Medical services are typically provided by Physicians Assistants and Nurse Practitioners.

**Semiprivate Room**
A Hospital room which contains two or more beds.

**Skilled Convalescent Care**
Care required, while recovering from an illness or Injury, which is received in a Skilled Nursing facility. This care requires a level of care or services less than that in a Hospital, but more than could be given at the patient’s home or in a nursing home not certified as a Skilled Nursing facility.

**Skilled Nursing Facility**
An institution operated alone or with a Hospital which gives care after a Member leaves the Hospital for a condition requiring more care than can be rendered at home. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency and accredited by The Joint Commission or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation facilities (CARF), as applicable, or meet specific rules set by the Claims Administrator.

**Specialist (Specialty Care Physician/Provider or SCP)**
A Specialist is a doctor who focuses on a specific area of medicine or group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent, or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-Physician Specialist is a Provider who has added training in a specific area of health care.

**Spouse**
For the purpose of this Plan, a Spouse is defined as a person who is married to the enrolling Employee.

**Therapeutic Equivalent**
Therapeutic/Clinically Equivalent drugs are drugs that can be expected to produce similar therapeutic outcomes for a disease or condition.

**Transplant Providers**

- **Network Transplant Provider** - A Provider that has been designated as a “Center of Excellence” for Transplants by the Claims Administrator and/or a Provider selected to participate as a Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Such Provider has entered into a transplant provider agreement to render Covered Transplant Procedures and certain administrative functions to You for the transplant network. A Provider may be a Network Transplant Provider with respect to:
  - certain Covered Transplant Procedures; or
  - all Covered Transplant Procedures.
Out-of-Network Transplant Provider - Any Provider that has NOT been designated as a “Center of Excellence” for Transplants by the Claims Administrator nor has not been selected to participate as a Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Urgent Care
Services received for a sudden, serious, or unexpected illness, Injury or condition. Urgent Care is not considered an emergency. Care is needed right away to relieve pain, find out what is wrong, or treat a health problem that is not life-threatening.

Utilization Review
Evaluation of the necessity, quality, effectiveness, or efficiency of medical or behavioral health services, procedures, and/or facilities.

You and Your
Refer to the Subscriber, Member and each Covered Dependent.
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Choice of Primary Care Physician
The Plan generally allows the designation of a Primary Care Physician (PCP). You have the right to designate any PCP who participates in the Claims Administrator’s Network and who is available to accept You or Your family members. For information on how to select a PCP, and for a list of PCPs, contact the telephone number on the back of Your Identification card or refer to the Claims Administrator’s website, www.anthem.com. For children, You may designate a pediatrician as the PCP.

Access to Obstetrical and Gynecological (ObGyn) Care
You do not need Prior Authorization from the Plan or from any other person (including a PCP) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in the Claims Administrator’s network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining Prior Authorization for certain services or following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card or refer to the Claims Administrator’s website, www.anthem.com.

Statement of Rights Under the Newborns’ and Mother’s Health Protection Act
Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any Hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother’s or newborn’s attending provider (e.g., Your Physician, nurse midwife, or Physician assistant), after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the Plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, to use certain providers or facilities, or to reduce Your out-of-pocket costs, You may be required to obtain Precertification. For information on Precertification, contact Your Plan Administrator.

Also, under federal law, plans may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48 hour (or 96 hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

Statement of Rights Under the Women’s Cancer Rights Act of 1998
If You have had or are going to have a mastectomy, You may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending Physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same Deductibles and Coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this Plan. See the Schedule of Benefits.

If You would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call Your Plan Administrator.
Coverage for a Child Due to a Qualified Medical Support Order ("QMCSO")
If You or Your Spouse are required, due to a QMCSO, to provide coverage for Your child(ren), You may ask Your employer or Plan Administrator to provide You, without charge, a written statement outlining the procedures for getting coverage for such child(ren).

Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act
The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act provides for parity in the application of aggregate treatment limitations (day or visit limits) on mental health and substance abuse benefits with day/visit limits on medical/surgical benefits. In general, group health plans offering mental health and substance abuse benefits cannot set day/visit limits on mental health or substance abuse benefits that are lower than any such day/visit limits for medical and surgical benefits. A plan that does not impose day/visit limits on medical and surgical benefits may not impose such day/visit limits on mental health and substance abuse benefits offered under the Plan. Also, the Plan may not impose Deductibles, Copayment/Coinsurance and out of pocket expenses on mental health and substance abuse benefits that are more restrictive than Deductibles, Copayment/Coinsurance and out of pocket expenses applicable to other medical and surgical benefits. Medical Necessity criteria are available upon request.

Special Enrollment Notice
If You are declining enrollment for yourself or Your Dependents (including Your Spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, You may in the future be able to enroll yourself or Your Dependents in this Plan, provided that You request enrollment within 31 days after Your other coverage ends.

In addition, if You have a new Dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, You may be able to enroll yourself and Your Dependents. However, You must request enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Eligible Employees and Dependents may also enroll under two additional circumstances:
• the Employee’s or Dependent’s Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility; or
• the Employee or Dependent becomes eligible for a subsidy (state premium assistance program)

The Employee or Dependent must request Special Enrollment within 60 days of the loss of Medicaid/CHIP or of the eligibility determination.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, call the Member Services telephone number on Your ID Card, or contact Your Plan Administrator.

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IT’S IMPORTANT WE TREAT YOU FAIRLY

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

Curious to know what all this says? We would be too. Here’s the English version:
You have the right to get this information and help in Your language for free. Call the Member Services number on Your Identification Card for help. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Separate from our language assistance program, we make documents available in alternate formats for Members with visual impairments. If You need a copy of this document in an alternate format, please call the Member Services telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

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

Albanian
Keni të drejtën të merrni fasalar ndihmë dhe informacion në gjuhën tuaj. Për ndihmën, telefononi numrin e shërbimeve për anëtarët, të shënuar në kartën tuaj ID. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Amharic

Arabic

Bassa

Bengali


您有權使用您的語言免費獲得該資訊和協助。請撥打您的 ID 卡上的成員服務號碼尋求協助。(TTY/TDD: 711)
Haitian
Ou gen dwa pou resevwa enfòmasyon sa a ak asistans nan lang ou pou gratis. Rele nimewo Manm Sèvis la ki sou kat idantifikasyon ou a pou jwenn èd. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Hindi
आपके पास यह जानकारी और मदद अपनी भाषा में सुप्त में प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। मदद के लिए अपने ID कार्ड पर सदस्य सेवाएँ नंबर पर कॉल करें। (TTY/TDD: 711)

Hmong
Køj muaj cai tau txais qhov lus qhia no thiab kev pab hais ua koj hom lus yam tsis xam tus nqi. Hu rau tus nab npawb xov tooj lis Cov Kev Pab Cuam Rau Tswv Cuab nyob rau ntawm koj daim ID txhawm rau thov kev pab. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Igbo
Ị nwere ikike ịnweta ozi a yana enyemaka n’asụsụ gi n’efu. Kpọọ ọmọba Ọrụ Onye Otu di na kaadị NJ gi maka enyemaka. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Ilokano
Addanka ti karbengan a maala iti daytoy nga impormasyon ken tulong para ti lengguahem nga awanan ti bayadna. Awagan ti numero ti Serbisyo para ti Kameng a masarak an ayan ti ID kard mo para ti tulong. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Indonesian
Anda berhak untuk mendapatkan informasi ini dan bantuan dalam bahasa Anda secara gratis. Hubungi nomor Layanan Anggota pada kartu ID Anda untuk mendapatkan bantuan. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Italian
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Kirundi
Ufise uburenganzira bwo gufashwa mu rurimi rwawe ku buntu. Akura umunywanyi abikora Ikaratakarangamuntu yawe kugira ufashwe. (TTY/TDD: 711)
Korean
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Lao
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Navajo
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Nepali
तपाईंले यो जानकारी तथा सहयोग आफ्नो भाषामा निःशुल्क प्राप्त गर्न तपाईंको अधिकार हो। सहायताको लागि तपाईंको ID कार्डमा दिइएको सदस्य सेवा नम्बरमा कल गुणौत्तर हो। (TTY/TDD: 711)

Oromo
Odeeffanoo kana fi gargaarsa afaan keetiin kaffaltii malee argachuuf mirga qabda. Gargaarsa argachuuf lakkoofsa bilbilaaw tajaajila miseensaa (Member Services) waraqaa enyuma kee irratti argamu irratti bilbili. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Pennsylvania Dutch
Du hoscht die Recht selle Information un Helfe in dei Schprooch mitaus Koscht grieye. Ruf die Member Services Nummer uff dei ID Kaarte fer Helfe aa. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Polish
Masz prawo do bezpłatnego otrzymania niniejszych informacji oraz uzyskania pomocy w swoim języku. W tym celu skontaktuj się z Działem Obsługi Klienta pod numerem telefonu podanym na karcie identyfikacyjnej. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Portuguese-Europe
Tem o direito de receber gratuitamente estas informações e ajuda no seu idioma. Ligue para o número dos Serviços para Membros indicado no seu cartão de identificação para obter ajuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)
You have the right to get this information and assistance in your language for free. Call the Member Services number on your ID card for assistance. (TTY/TDD: 711)
Quý vị có quyền nhận miễn phí thông tin này và sự trợ giúp bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Hãy gọi cho số Dịch Vụ Thành Viên trên thẻ ID của quý vị để được giúp đỡ. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Yiddish
רָפֵט די, אייר הָאָט די, רַעֲכֹנִי ג'ה בָּאָקּוּמַן דָּעוּ אִינַפֶּרֶאָרָמָאֶזִיע אָוּן הַיָּלַפָּת אֶיִּיו, שְּפָרָאָר בִּבְיִינוּ.
(TTY/TDD: 711)

Yoruba
O ní ètò láti gba iwífún yíí kí o si sèrànwọ ní èdè rẹ̀ lófè. Pe Nòmbà àwọn ọpèsè ọmọ-egbè lórí káàdì ìdánímọ rẹ̀ fún ìrànwọ. (TTY/TDD: 711)
INTRODUCTION

The Prescription Drug Benefit Program is available to UK employees, UK early retirees and dependents that are enrolled as plan participants in the UK-HMO, UK-PPO, UK-EPO, UK-RHP, or the UK-Indemnity Health Plan options. The prescription benefit is administered directly by the University instead of through the medical plans. Enrollment in the prescription drug benefit program is automatic with the Member’s enrollment on any of the UK Health Plans. The Member will have a separate prescription drug benefit identification card from Express Scripts which must be presented to the pharmacist at the time of service. A twelve-digit ID number (not the social security number) is assigned to the plan member.

If the plan member has a covered spouse and/or dependent(s), this same twelve-digit ID is used for each respective plan participant, with a different three-digit suffix (i.e. plan member - “001”, spouse/dependent - “002”, etc.)

Prescription drug benefits are payable for covered prescription expenses incurred by the Member and the Member’s covered dependents. Benefits are payable for such expenses for charges made by a participating pharmacy for each separate prescription, subject to the applicable co-payment or coinsurance as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Express Scripts is the pharmacy benefit manager.

How to fill your prescription:

- **At your local participating pharmacy:** You will be able to obtain your immediate need (30-day supply) prescriptions through Express Scripts national network of chain and independent retail pharmacies.
- **Through Express Scripts Mail Service Pharmacy:** You will be able to receive your chronic need medications (up to a 90-day supply) by mail service. Your medications will be delivered free of shipping costs within two weeks. You will be charged for overnight or two-day delivery when you request such service. You will be able to track these prescriptions on the Express Scripts Web site, and can reorder them by phone, mail or online (www.express-scripts.com).
- **Through UK retail pharmacies (including Kentucky Clinic Pharmacy, Chandler Retail Pharmacy, University Health Pharmacy, Good Samaritan Pharmacy, Turland Pharmacy):** You will be able to obtain both your immediate need (30-day supply) prescriptions AND your chronic need (up to 90-day supply) prescriptions at the UK retail pharmacies.
DEFINITIONS

Ancillary Charge: A charge in addition to the Co-payment/Coinsurance which the member is required to pay to a Participating Pharmacy for a covered Brand name Prescription Drug Product for which a Generic substitute is available. The Ancillary Charge is calculated as the difference between the Pharmacy Payment Rate for the Brand name Prescription Drug Product dispensed and the Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) of the Generic substitute.

Average Wholesale Price (AWP): The standardized cost of a drug product, calculated by averaging the cost of an undiscounted drug product charged to a drug wholesaler by a pharmaceutical manufacturer. AWP is as shown in the Express Scripts drug price file and as generally determined by “Medispan”.

Brand: A patent-protected Prescription Drug Product that is manufactured and marketed under a trademark, proprietary or non-proprietary name by a specific drug manufacturer. (When manufacturers create new medications, they apply for a patent. After the patent expires, the FDA may approve other manufacturers to produce generic equivalents of the drug.)

Chemical Equivalents: Multiple-source drug products containing essentially identical amounts of the same active ingredients, in equivalent dosage forms, and which meet existing FDA physical/chemical standards.

Coinsurance: The percentage of the eligible expense for each separate prescription order or refill of a covered drug when dispensed by a participating pharmacy. The percentage coinsurance is based on the Pharmacy Payment rate if the Member utilizes a Participating Pharmacy and the Pharmacy submits the claim to Express Scripts electronically. The Member is responsible for payment of the Coinsurance at the point of service. Coinsurance may also be known as a percentage Co-payment.

Compound Drug: A drug prepared by a pharmacist using a combination of drugs in which at least one agent is a legend drug. The final product is typically not commercially available in the strength and/or dosage form prescribed by the physician.

Co-pay (Co-payment): The amount to be paid by you toward the cost of each separate prescription order or refill of a covered drug when dispensed by a participating pharmacy. A “flat dollar” Co-pay is a fixed dollar amount paid by the member when the prescription is filled. The member’s Co-payment for a covered drug at a Participating Pharmacy shall be the lesser of the applicable Co-payment or the pharmacy submitted usual and customary charge. The Member is responsible for payment of the Co-pay at the point of service. Coinsurance may also be known as a percentage Co-payment.

Dependents: The individuals (usually spouse and children) that are included in the primary cardholder’s benefit coverage.

Dispense as Written (DAW): A physician directive not to substitute a product.

Express Scripts Accredo Program: a specialty pharmacy management program specializing in the provision of high-cost biotech and other injectable drugs.

Formulary: A formulary is a clinically-based drug list that contains FDA-approved brand-name and generic drugs. Formularies are developed based on clinical attributes, as well as cost-effectiveness of products. Members will get the greatest value from their prescription drug benefit when they receive generic or brand-name drugs that are on the formulary. A formulary may also be referred to as a preferred drug list.
DEFINITIONS (continued)

A copy of the University of Kentucky Formulary is on-line at [http://www.uky.edu/hr/benefits/more-great-benefits/uk-prescription-benefit-forms](http://www.uky.edu/hr/benefits/more-great-benefits/uk-prescription-benefit-forms) or by calling University of Kentucky Employee Benefits.

**Formulary Brand:** A brand-name drug that is listed on your formulary. It may also be referred to as a preferred brand drug.

**Formulary Drug:** A drug that is listed on your formulary. It may also be referred to as a preferred drug.

**Generic:** A drug that is chemically equivalent to a brand drug for which the patent has expired. The color and shape of the drug may be different, but the active ingredients are the same. Generic medications are required to meet the same quality standards as brand drugs.

**Investigational:** Any drug, device, supply, treatment, procedure, facility, equipment or service that is being studied to determine if it should be used for patient care or if it is effective. Something that is Investigational is not recognized as effective medical practice. We reserve the sole right to determine what Investigational is. Approval by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not mean that we approve the service or supply. Drugs classified as Treatment Investigational New Drugs by the FDA are Investigational. Devices with the FDA Investigational Device Exemption and any services involved in clinical trials are Investigational.

**Legend Drugs:** A drug that can be obtained only by prescription order and bears the label “Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription.”

**List of Drugs:** See Formulary.

**Local Pharmacy:** See Participating Pharmacy.

**Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC list):** A maximum reimbursement amount. It is a list of Prescription Drug Products covered at a Generic product price. The MAC list applies to certain generic drug prescription products, but it also applies (under certain conditions) to multi-source products depending upon the DAW code submitted with the claim. This list is distributed to Participating Pharmacies and is subject to periodic review and modification.

**Mail Pharmacy:** A pharmacy that provides long-term supplies of maintenance medications via mail. Members usually pay less for these medications than they would if obtained from a local participating pharmacy.

**Mail Service Benefit:** A benefit that allows members to order long-term supplies of maintenance medications via mail. Members usually pay less for these medications than they would if obtained from a local participating pharmacy.

**Maintenance medication:** Prescription drugs, medicines or medications that are generally prescribed for treatment of long-term chronic sickness or bodily injuries, and, purchased from the pharmacy contracted by the Plan Manager to dispense drugs.

**Member:** An individual eligible for benefits under the Plan as determined by University of Kentucky Employee Benefits.

**Member-Submitted Claims:** Paper claims submitted by a Member for Prescription orders or refills at a Participating Pharmacy when the claim is not processed on-line electronically by Express Scripts (e.g., when eligibility cannot be verified at the point of service); such claims are to be reimbursed based on the Member Payment rate, adjusted for Co-pay, Coinsurance and Ancillary Charges.
DEFINITIONS (continued)

Multi-source Brand: A brand-name medication for which there is a chemically equivalent product available.

Non-Covered Drugs: Drugs excluded from coverage include but are not limited to: drugs which can be purchased without a written prescription (over the counter drugs), non-FDA approved and experimental (investigational) drugs, medications used exclusively for cosmetic purposes, medications used in the treatment of a non-covered diagnosis (benefit) such as weight loss, sexual dysfunction, and infertility, medications not for self-administration. Replacement of lost or stolen medications is not covered.

Non-Participating Pharmacy: A pharmacy which has not entered into an agreement with the Plan Manager to participate as part of the Express Scripts Pharmacy Network.

Non-Formulary Brand: A brand-name drug that is not listed on your formulary. Also referred to as a non-preferred brand drug.

Non-Preferred Brand: Drugs found not to have a significant therapeutic advantage over the Preferred-drug. Also referred to as a non-formulary brand drug.

Over-the-counter (OTC) drug: A drug product that does not require a Prescription Order under federal or state law.

Out-of-Network Coverage: Your pharmacy benefit program does not allow for out-of-network coverage.

Participating Pharmacy: A pharmacy that has contractually agreed to provide prescription drug products to eligible members of a prescription benefit plan. Members must purchase their prescription drugs from a participating pharmacy to receive the coverage provided by the prescription benefit. The pharmacy will accept as payment the Co-payment / Coinsurance amount to be paid by you and the amount of the benefit payment provided by the Plan.

Participant: any covered person, who is properly enrolled in the Plan.

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

Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee: An organized panel of physicians and pharmacists from varying practice specialties, who function as an advisory panel to the Express Scripts benefit programs regarding the safe and effective use of prescription medications.

Pharmacy Payment Rate: The payment a Participating Pharmacy is entitled to receive, including any dispensing fee, for a particular Prescription Drug Product dispensed to a Member according to the terms of the applicable pharmacy provider contract, when the claim is processed on-line electronically by Express Scripts (or, on an exception basis, a Participating Pharmacy is allowed to submit paper claims to Express Scripts).

Plan Administrator: the University of Kentucky.

Plan Manager: see Prescription Benefit Manager.

Plan Year: A period of time beginning on the Plan anniversary date of any year and ending on the day before the same date of the succeeding year.
DEFINITIONS (continued)

**Preferred Brand Drug:** A brand-name drug that is listed on your formulary. It is also referred to as a formulary brand drug.

**Preferred Drug:** A drug that is listed on your formulary. It is also referred to as a formulary drug.

**Prescription:** A direct order for the preparation and use of drug, medicine or medication. The drug, medicine or medication must be obtainable only by prescription. The order must be given verbally, in writing, or by e-script by a qualified practitioner (prescriber) to a pharmacist for the benefit of and use by a covered person. The prescription must include:
- Name and address of the covered person for whom the prescription is intended
- Type and quantity of the drug, medicine or medication prescribed, and the directions for its use.
- Date the prescription was prescribed
- Name, address and license number of the prescribing qualified practitioner

**Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM):** Express Scripts. The PBM provides services to the Plan Administrator, as defined under the Plan Management Agreement. The Plan Manager is not the Plan Administrator.

**Prescription Drug Product:** A medication, product or device approved by the FDA and dispensed under federal or state law only pursuant to a Prescription Order or Refill. This definition also includes insulin and certain diabetic supplies if dispensed pursuant to a Prescription Order or Refill.

**Prescription Order or Refill:** The directive to dispense a Prescription Drug Product issued by a duly licensed health care provider whose scope of practice permits issuing such a directive.

**Prior Authorization:** The required prior approval from the Plan Manager for the coverage of prescription drugs, medicines, medications, including the dosage, quantity and duration, as appropriate for the covered person’s age and sex. Certain prescription drugs, medicines or medications may require prior authorization.

**Single-Source Brand:** A brand medication for which there is no generic version available.

**Therapeutic Equivalent:** A medication that can be expected to have the same clinical effect and safety profile when administered under the conditions specified in labeling as another medication, although the medications are not Chemical Equivalents.

**UK Retail Pharmacy:** Retail pharmacies operated by UK Healthcare, including Chandler Retail Pharmacy, Good Samaritan Pharmacy, Kentucky Clinic Pharmacy, Turfland Clinic Pharmacy, University Health Pharmacy

**Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge:** The usual and customary price charged by a pharmacy for a Prescription Drug Product dispensed to a cash paying customers.
**SERVICES AND BENEFITS**

**Schedule of Benefits**

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*Certain Specialty Medications are considered non-essential health benefits under the plan. Copays for these Specialty Medications will be set to the maximum of current plan design or any available manufacturer-funded copay assistance. Program drugs will be reimbursed by the manufacturer at no cost to the participant. The cost of such drugs will not be applied towards participants Rx out of pocket. List of included Specialty Medications available at [http://www.uky.edu/hr/more-great-benefits/uk-prescription-benefit-forms](http://www.uky.edu/hr/more-great-benefits/uk-prescription-benefit-forms).

**Out of Pocket Adjustment** – Specialty medications filled through Accredo that have a copay card applied will only report what the patient actually pays for the medication to the Out of Pocket accumulator. The amount that the drug manufacturer applies through copay assistance, coupons, or any other form will not count towards the patient's yearly maximum out of pocket accumulator.

**Retail Prescription Program**

Drugs that are prescribed for short-term use (up to a 34-day supply) should be filled using the retail drug card. The Retail Prescription Drug Card Program is administered by Express Scripts. Participants are provided a prescription drug card to purchase drugs from a local pharmacy that participates in the Express Scripts Network. This network includes over 53,000 pharmacies nationwide. These include most chain or grocery stores such as Wal-Mart or Kroger as well as many independent pharmacies across the nation. Confirmation of participating pharmacies may be obtained by calling Express Scripts at 1-877-242-1864 or through the web site at [www.express-scripts.com](http://www.express-scripts.com).

The amount of the coinsurance or co-payment is dependent upon whether the prescription is for a generic, a formulary brand name drug or a non-formulary brand name drug. A generic drug is identical in chemical
composition to its brand name counterpart, has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration to be therapeutically equivalent, and is as effective as the brand name product. The use of generics and formulary brand name drugs help to keep the cost of prescription drugs down for both the participant and the plan. All non-formulary drugs have alternatives available; preferred brand name drugs and possibly generics, both of which are more, cost effective.

As a participant in this program, you must pay for:

- The cost of medication not covered under the prescription benefit;
- The cost of any quantity of medication dispensed in excess of a consecutive 30-day non-maintenance medication supply.

A copy of the University of Kentucky Formulary is on-line at http://www.uky.edu/hr/benefits/more-great-benefits/uk-prescription-benefit-forms or by calling University of Kentucky Employee Benefits.

**Prescription Benefit Program**

**SERVICES AND BENEFITS (continued)**

The Co-payments or Coinsurance for each type Retail (30-day) prescription at your local participating pharmacy are:

- Generic: 20% or minimum of $8.00
- Formulary Brand Name Drug: 40% or minimum of $20.00
- Non-Formulary Brand Name Drug: 50% or minimum of $40.00

The out of pocket maximum is $50 per generic prescription and $60 for formulary brand name drugs (non-formulary drugs have no maximum). There is a mandatory generic program. If the Member or Physician does not accept the generic equivalent for a "brand name" drug when one exists, the Member will be responsible for the applicable brand name Co-pay or coinsurance, plus any cost difference between the brand name and generic drug up to the retail price of the requested drug. This ancillary cost difference does not apply toward out-of-pocket maximum and will continue to apply after out-of-pocket maximum is met.

Each retail prescription is limited to a 34-day supply. However if the medical condition is such that the prescription drug is to be taken over a prolonged period of time (month or even years) it may be more financially advantageous to use the mail order program described below.

Reimbursement for prescriptions purchased at non-network pharmacies will not be reimbursed under your prescription benefit, and are the financial responsibility of the Member. Purchases at non-network pharmacies do not apply to out-of-pocket maximum.

All paper claims incurred during the calendar year must be submitted within 365 days of the original date of service. Any claims received after that date will be denied.

Pharmacy benefit Co-payments and Coinsurance cannot be applied toward the deductibles or out-of-pocket limits of the medical plans (UK-HMO, UK-PPO, UK-EPO, UK-RHP, or UK-Indemnity). There is a separate prescription benefit out-of-pocket maximum of $4,900 for single coverage and $9,800 per family.

**Mail Service Prescription Program**

The mail order program is designed for individuals who take the same medication over a long period of time for conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, ulcers, emphysema, arthritis, heart or thyroid conditions. While it is not mandatory to use the mail order program, those that do may reduce their out of pocket payments and will not have to reorder as frequently.

The Co-payments or Coinsurance for each type **Mail Service** prescription **(for a 1 to 34 day supply)** are the same as outlined under the Retail Prescription Program above.
The Co-payments or Coinsurance for each type Mail Service prescription (for a 35 to 90-day supply) are:

- Generic: 10% or minimum of $24.00
- Formulary Brand Name Drug: 30% or minimum of $60.00
- Non Formulary Brand Name Drug: 40% or minimum of $120.00

The out of pocket maximum is $100 per generic prescription and $120 per formulary brand name prescription (non-formulary drugs have no maximum). There is a mandatory generic program. If the Member or Physician does not accept the generic equivalent for a “brand name” drug when one exists, the Member will be responsible for the applicable brand name Co-pay or Coinsurance, plus any cost difference between the brand name and generic drug up to the retail price of the requested drug. This ancillary cost difference does not apply toward out-of-pocket maximum and will continue to apply after out-of-pocket maximum is met.
SERVICES AND BENEFITS (continued)

Each mail service prescription is limited to a maximum quantity limit of a 90-day supply. Express Scripts is required by law to dispense the prescription in the exact quantity specified by the physician. Therefore if the quantity prescribed is for less than 90 days per refill Express Scripts will fill that exact quantity.

Submitting New Prescriptions:

1. Complete a Mail Service Enrollment Order Form and submit to Express Scripts along with the original prescription(s). Order forms for the mail service prescription drug program are available from Express Scripts online, via telephone, or can be provided by the University of Kentucky HR Benefits office or from the Know Your Rx Coalition at 855-218-5979
2. Express Scripts or the Know Your Rx Coalition can contact your prescriber to have new prescription orders submitted to the Express Scripts Home Delivery Pharmacy
3. Your prescriber can submit a new prescription to Express Scripts Home Delivery via phone, fax, or through ePrescribing

    MD Fax Rx line 800-837-0959
    ePrescribing – Express Scripts, 4600 North Hanley Rd, St Louis, MO 63134 NCPDP 2623735
    MD Telephone Verbal Orders 888-327-9791, option 2

Refills for maintenance medications through the mail order pharmacy can be obtained by phone at 1-877-242-1864, or through the Express Scripts web site at www.express-scripts.com.

UK Retail Pharmacies

You may obtain both your immediate need (30-day supply) prescriptions AND your chronic need (up to 90-day supply) prescriptions at the UK Retail Pharmacies, on a walk-up (in person) basis. The web site is: https://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/pharmacy-services

Procedure for Specialty Medications:

High-cost biotech and other injectable drugs used to treat long-term chronic disease states considered to be Specialty Medications are limited to being provided by the UK Specialty Pharmacy (859-218-5413) or Accredo Specialty Pharmacy. These medications include, but are not limited to, Pegasys, PEG-Intron, Avonex, Betaseron, Copaxone, Rebif, Humira, Enbrel, Neupogen, and Lovenox.

There are other medications which include Epclusa and Harvoni that are ONLY available thru Accredo Specialty pharmacy. Other specialty medications may be available thru limited distribution by pharmaceutical manufacturer to a specific specialty pharmacy.

There are other injectable medications that may be administered only by the physician. Coverage status of these medications as a pharmacy benefit versus medical benefit is subject to review and prior-approval by the Plan.
Covered Prescription Drugs

1. Covered prescription drugs, medicines or medications must
   a. Be prescribed by a qualified practitioner for the treatment of a sickness or bodily injury;
   b. Be dispensed by a pharmacist;
   c. Require a prescription by federal law unless otherwise excluded.

2. Benefits are provided for Medically Necessary Prescription Drugs and medicines incidental to care of an Outpatient.

3. Compounded medications for which ALL ingredients are approved for coverage.

4. Injectable insulin when prescribed by a physician, including diabetic supplies (needles, syringes, test strips, lancets, pens).

5. Aerochambers, spacers, peak flow meters;

6. Self-administered injectable drugs labeled by the manufacturer as approved for self administration limited to those approved by the Prescription Benefit, and available through the Participating Pharmacies or Express Scripts Accredo program;

7. Preventive Vaccines as defined by Affordable Care Act are covered on Rx benefit limited to age appropriate administration. This includes but is not limited to Influenza, Pneumococcal, and Shingrix vaccines.

8. Oral contraceptives

9. Special Foods for Inborn Errors of Metabolism: Amino acid modified preparations and low-protein modified food products for the treatment of inherited metabolic diseases if the amino acid products are prescribed for the therapeutic treatment of inherited metabolic diseases and administered under the direction of a physician.

   a. Coverage for amino acid modified preparations and infant formulas are subject, for each Plan Year, to a cap of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000), and low-protein modified food products shall be subject, for each Plan Year, to a cap of four thousand ($4,000), subject to annual inflation adjustments.

   b. Covered services under this section for the following conditions: (1) Phenylketonuria; (2) Hyperphenylalaninemia; (3) Tyrosinemia (types I, II and III); (4) Maple syrup urine disease; (5) A-ketoacid dehydrogenase deficiency; (6) Isovaleryl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency; (7) 3-methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase deficiency; (8) 3-methylglutaconyl-CoA hydratase deficiency; (9) 3-hyroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA lyase deficiency (HMG-CoA lyase deficiency); (10) b-ketothiolase deficiency; (11) Homocystinuria; (12) Glutaric aciduria (types I and II); (13) Lysinuric protein intolerance; (14) Non-ketotic hyperglycinemia; (15) Propionic acidemia; (16) Gyrate atrophy; (17) Hyperornithinemia / hyperammonemia / homocitrullinuria syndrome; (18) Carbamoyl phosphate synthetase deficiency; (19) Ornithine carbamoyl transferase deficiency; (20) Citrullinemia; (21) Arginosuccinic aciduria; (22) Methylmalonic acidemia; and (23) Argininemia.

   c. The Member should use Participating Pharmacies for prescription products and special supplements. If the purchase of such foods is from a supplier who will not bill Express Scripts, the Member should submit the detailed receipt along with a copy of the prescription to University of Kentucky Employee Benefits Member Services for reimbursement.
LIMITS TO COVERED PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

1. The covered benefit for any one prescription will be limited to:
   a. Quantities that can reasonably be expected to be consumed or used within 30 days or as otherwise authorized by the Plan;
   b. Refills only up to the number specified by a physician;
   c. Refills up to one year from the date of the initial prescription order.

2. Certain prescription drugs require prior-authorization in accordance to guidelines adopted by Express Scripts, including but not limited to: growth hormones, Epogen/Procrit, Enbrel, Humira, Prolastin, Lidoderm, Lovaza, Forteo, Regranex, and Aranesp.

3. Inclusion of a particular medication on the Preferred Drug List is not a guarantee of coverage. The level of benefits received is based on your prescription drug benefit and the Preferred Drug List status of each drug at the time the prescription is filled. The Plan reserves the right to reassign drugs to a different level or non-formulary status at any time during the plan year. The Plan also reserves the right to change quantity limits or prior authorization status during the plan year.

4. Certain medical supplies and drugs may be separate from the Prescription Drug Benefit. Members may not obtain these items as pharmacy benefits using the Plan’s prescription benefit. The supplier of these items must submit a claim directly to the member’s UK health plan.

EXCLUDED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

1. Over the counter products that may be purchased without a written prescription or their equivalents. This includes those drugs or medicines which become available without a prescription having previously required a prescription. This does not apply to injectable insulin, insulin syringes and needles and diabetic supplies, which are specifically included.

2. Over the Counter equivalents: As determined by the Prescription Benefit, these are selected prescription drugs (legend drugs) according to Medispan with OTC equivalent product(s) available.
   a. These products have a similar OTC product which has an identical strength, an identical route of administration, identical active chemical ingredient(s), and an identical dosage form (exceptions may be made for similar oral liquid dosage forms); (e.g., Niferex-150, Lac-Hydrin, benzoyl peroxide products, Lamisil AT, Lotrimin AF).
   b. These products have a similar OTC product which has an identical systemic strength (for orally administered medications; or can achieve an identical systemic strength by using multiples of the OTC product reserved for select products), same route of administration, same active chemical ingredient (variations of salt forms included), and a similar dosage form. Topically administered legend products may not have the same strength (concentration) as their similar OTC equivalent, but will reside within or near a range of strengths available (lower strength legend products will be included in the exclusion if there are higher strength OTC products available) for similar OTC equivalent products (e.g., benzoyl peroxide products, lidocaine products).
EXCLUDED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (continued)

3. Therapeutic devices or appliances, even though such devices may require a prescription including (but not limited to):
   a. Hypodermic needles, syringes, (except needles and syringes for diabetes);
   b. Support garments;
   c. Test reagents;
   d. Mechanical pumps for delivery of medications and ancillary pump products;
   e. Implantable insulin pumps, insulin pump supplies;
   f. Other non medical substances;
   g. Durable medical equipment
   h. Medical Foods

4. Injectable drugs, including but not limited to:
   a. Immunization agents;
   b. Biological serum;
   c. Blood or blood plasma; or
   d. Self-administered medications not indicated in covered prescription drugs.
   e. Injectable drugs intended for administration in a Provider’s office or other medical facilities are NOT covered if purchased by a Member directly from a retail pharmacy.

5. Any oral drug or medicine or medication that is consumed or injected, at the place where the prescription is given, or dispensed by the qualified practitioner;

6. Contraceptive implants and IUDs

7. Implantable time-released medications or drug delivery implants.

8. Abortifacients (drugs used to induce abortions - refer to medical benefit for life threatening abortion coverage);

9. Experimental or investigational drugs or drugs prescribed for experimental, non-FDA approved, indications.

10. Any drug prescribed for intended use other than for:
    • Indications approved by the FDA; or
    • Recognized off-label indications through peer-reviewed medical literature;

11. Compound chemical ingredients or combination of federal legend drugs in a non-FDA approved dosage form. Drugs, including compounded drugs, which are not FDA approved for treatment for a specified category of medical conditions, unless the Plan determines such use is consistent with standard medical practice and has been effective in published peer review medical literature as to leading to improvement in health outcomes. Compound Kits, including but not limited to First-omepazole and First-Vancomycin.

12. Dietary supplements, nutritional products, or nutritional supplements except for hereditary metabolic diseases only;

13. Herbs, minerals, fluoride supplements and vitamins, except prenatal (including greater than one milligram of folic acid) and pediatric multi-vitamins with fluoride;

14. Progesterone crystals or powder in any compounded dosage form; bioidentical hormones in any compounded dosage form

15. Allergen extracts;

16. Anabolic steroids;
EXCLUDED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (continued)

17. Treatment for onychomycosis (nail fungus), except for immunocompromised or diabetic patients;


19. Any drug used for infertility purposes, including but not limited to oral, vaginal or injectable (e.g., Clomid, Crinone, Profasi, and HCG).

20. Any drug used for cosmetic purposes, including but not limited to:
   - Tretinoin (e.g., Retin A), except if you are under age 30 or are diagnosed as having adult acne;
   - Anti wrinkle agents or photo-aged skin products (e.g., Renova, Avage);
   - Dermatological or hair growth stimulants (e.g., Propecia, Vaniqa);
   - Pigmenting or de-pigmenting agents (e.g., Solaquin);
   - Injectable cosmetics (e.g., Botox)

21. Anorectic or any drug used for the purpose of weight reduction or weight control, suppress appetite or control fat absorption, including, but not limited to, Adderall, Dexam, Xenical.

22. Any drug prescribed for impotence and or sexual dysfunction, (e.g., Muse, Viagra, Cialis, Levitra, Caverject, Edex, Yohimbine).

23. For prescription drugs:
   - In a quantity which is in excess of a 34 day supply obtained at a retail pharmacy;
   - In a quantity which is in excess of a 90 day mail order supply;
   - In a quantity which is in excess of the amount prescribed;

25. Replacement of lost or stolen medications is not covered.

26. Drugs obtained at a non-participating provider pharmacy.

27. Any drug for which a charge is customarily not made, or for which the dispenser’s charge is less than the co-payment amount in the absence of this benefit.

28. Prescriptions that are to be taken by or administered to the covered person, in whole or in part, while he or she is a Member in a facility where drugs are ordinarily provided by the facility on an inpatient basis, are not covered. Inpatient facilities include, but are not limited to:
   - Hospital;
   - Rest home;
   - Sanitarium;
   - Skilled nursing facility;
   - Convalescent hospital;
   - Hospice facility
EXCLUDED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (continued)

Benefits are not provided for medication used by an Outpatient to maintain drug addiction or drug dependency, Methadone Maintenance Program or medications which are excessive or abusive for your condition or diagnosis.

The Plan Manager may decline coverage of a specific medication or, if applicable, drug list inclusion of any and all drugs, medicines or medications until the conclusion of a review period not to exceed six (6) months following FDA approval for the use and release of the drug, medicine or medication into the market.

Items that may be covered by state or federal programs, such as items covered by Worker's Compensation.

Expense incurred will not be payable for the following:

- Legend drugs which are not recommended and not deemed necessary by a prescriber;
- The administration of covered medication;
- Any drug, medicine or medication received by the covered person:
  - Before becoming covered under the Plan; or
  - After the date the covered person's coverage under the Plan has ended;
- Any drug, medicine or medication labeled “Caution - limited by Federal Law to investigational use” or any experimental drug, medicine or medication, even though a charge is made to the covered person;
- Any costs related to the mailing, sending or delivery of prescription drugs;
- Any fraudulent misuse of this benefit including prescriptions purchased for consumption by someone other than the covered person;
- Prescription or refill for drugs, medicines or medications that are lost, stolen, spilled, spoiled or damaged;
- More than one prescription for the same drug or therapeutic equivalent medication prescribed by one or more Qualified Practitioners and dispensed by one or more Pharmacies until at least 75% of the previous Prescription has been used by the Covered Person, unless the drug or therapeutic equivalent medication is dispensed at a mail order service in which case 66% of the previous Prescription must have been used by the covered person;
- Any drug or biological that has received an “orphan drug” designation, unless approved by the Plan;
- Any Co-payment or Coinsurance 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
UK PRESCRIPTION PLAN COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS

There is a formal complaint and appeal process for handling Member concerns. A complaint is an oral or written expression of dissatisfaction. An appeal is a request to change a previous decision made by Express-Scripts for the Prescription Benefit. If a Covered Person has a problem or complaint regarding any aspect of the administration of benefits by UK Prescription Plan, the Member may contact the UK HR Benefits Office or Express Scripts Member Services to discuss the matter. If the matter cannot be resolved within a reasonable time to the Member’s satisfaction, the Member may submit a written appeal. The UK Prescription plan provides a five-step appeal process to resolve Member concerns. The administrative remedies established by this appeal process must be satisfied before legal remedies are sought.

Step 1 - Informal Inquiry
We recommend that you always contact Express Scripts Member Services first when you have a problem, concern or complaint. The Member Services toll-free number is 1-877-242-1864 (or 1-800-972-4348 for hearing-impaired). You may also write UK HR Prescription Benefits, 210 Malabu Dr, Suite 125 Lexington, KY 40502 or call the Benefits Office at 1-800-999-2183, option 3.

Inquiries should include a summary of the issue, provide a description of any previous contact(s) with the Plan regarding the matter in question, and describe the relief sought. Most inquiries are handled immediately. If further research is required, a representative will respond to you within 7 working days. If additional information from a Provider/Prescriber is required, the Plan may need additional time to respond to your concern through all phases of the appeal process. In such cases, the Plan will notify you of any delays.

Step 2 - Written Appeal
If your concern is not settled to your satisfaction at Step 1, you may appeal the decision within 45 days following the day of your first request for coverage by submitting a written statement of concern to:

UK Prescription Benefits
210 Malabu Drive, Ste 125
Lexington, KY 40502

The statement should include a summary of the complaint or issue, information regarding previous contact(s) with the plan regarding the matter in question and a description of the relief sought. Express Scripts Appeals Dept. will notify you of the decision within 30 days after receipt of the appeal.

Step 3 - Formal Grievance Hearing
If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your appeal, you may submit a written request for a hearing to the Prescription Plan Grievance Committee within 30 days after receipt of the appeal decision. The request should be directed to UK HR Benefits, Prescription Plan Appeals Coordinator, 210 Malabu Dr, Ste 125, Lexington, KY 40502, ‘The Grievance Committee will acknowledge your request within 7 working days and hear your case within 30 days. The Grievance Committee will review the appeal decision, and any additional evidence you submit, and make a recommendation. If the Grievance Committee recommends that the relief you sought be granted, you will be promptly informed. If the Grievance Committee recommends that the denial be upheld, you will be notified within 60 days.’
Step 4 - Final Internal Appeal
If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the Grievance Hearing, you may submit a written request within 30 days to the Associate Vice President, Human Resource Services, at the University of Kentucky, 101 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40506-0064. The statement should include a summary of the complaint or issue, information regarding previous contact(s) with the plan regarding the matter in question and a description of the relief sought. The UK Director of Employee Benefits has the discretion to establish a committee to perform the Final Appeal process. The Director and/or the committee so established, as applicable, shall review the entire grievance file, including prior decisions rendered on the matter under review, and may request additional information from the participants, prior to rendering the final appeal decision. The final appeal decision will be rendered within 30 days of request.

External Grievance Process
(A) If a Participant has exhausted the Plan’s internal appeals process and the Participant is not satisfied or the Plan failed to render a decision within the specific timeframe, a Participant may be eligible for an External Review by an Independent Review Entity under the following conditions:

1. The Plan made an adverse determination, as defined in KRS 304.17A-600 (1) (a); Definitions for KRS 304.17A-600 to 304.17A-633:
   (a) “Adverse determination” means a determination by an insurer or its designee that the health care services furnished or proposed to be furnished to a covered person are:
      i. Not medically necessary, as determined by the insurer, or its designee or experimental or investigational, as determined by the insurer, or its designee; and
      ii. Benefit coverage is therefore denied, reduced, or terminated.
   (b) “Adverse determination” does not mean a determination by an insurer or its designee that the health care services furnished or proposed to be furnished to a covered person are specifically limited or excluded in the covered person’s health benefit plan;

2. The Participant was enrolled on the date of the service, or, if prospective denial, was enrolled and eligible to receive covered benefits on the date the service was requested; and

3. The entire cost of treatment or service will cost the Participant at least $100 if not covered by the Plan.

(B) A Participant, an authorized person or a Provider with the Participant’s consent may request an External Review. The request for review must be received within 60 days after the Plan’s internal appeal decision letter. The confidentiality of all records used in the review shall be maintained throughout the process. A Participant shall make a request for External Review in writing to the Plan. The written consent authorizing the Independent Review Entity to obtain all necessary medical records from both the Plan and the Provider with information related to the denied coverage shall accompany the request. The Plan shall have consent forms available to Participants upon request to a toll-free telephone number or at an address noted in the Certificate of Coverage.

(C) The External Review decision shall be rendered by the Independent Review Organization within 21 days after receipt of the request by the Plan. An extension of up to 14 days is permitted if agreed to by both the Participant and the Plan. A participant may request that an appeal be expedited if the Participant is hospitalized or if the normal 21 day timeframe would place the Participant’s life at risk. If expedited, the decision shall be made within 24 hours. An extension of up to 24 hours is permitted if the Participant and the Plan agree. If the decision of the Independent Review Organization is in favor of the Participant, the Plan must comply with the decision.

(D) A Participant requesting External Review shall be assessed a $25 filing fee that is to be paid to the Independent Review Entity and shall be refunded to the Participant if the final decision is in favor of the Participant. If a Participant is unable to pay the filing fee, the Participant shall request a waiver of the filing fee in writing to the Plan. The cost of External Review shall be paid by the Plan. If the Plan decides that a Participant is not eligible for an External Review and the Participant disagrees, the Participant may file a complaint with the Kentucky Department of Insurance. The Department of
Insurance will render a decision within five days. A Participant with questions about the External Review process may contact the Appeals Department of the Provider or the Plan.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have questions about the retail drug program, the mail order program or your prescription order, please call the Express-Scripts toll free Member Services number at 1-877-242-1864 (or 1-800-899-2114 for hearing impaired). These toll-free numbers are listed on the back of your pharmacy benefit member identification card.

You may also obtain information by calling University of Kentucky Employee Benefits Member Services, or by going to the web site address: http://www.uky.edu/hr/benefits/more-great-benefits/your-prescription-benefit. You may also contact the UK Prescription Benefit Pharmacists in the UK Employee Benefits Office at 859-218-5979 or 855-218-5979 (toll free)

**TERMINATION OF COVERAGE**

Coverage under this plan will terminate on the date a participant is no longer enrolled in a covered University of Kentucky Health Plans (UK-HMO, UK-PPO, UK-EPO, UK-RHP, UK HSA Saver, or UK-Indemnity).