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Preface

Princeton University offers a Consumer Directed Health Plan (CDHP) administered by Aetna. Coverage under the CDHP is available to you and your covered dependents as long as you and they meet the eligibility requirements defined in the About Your Benefits Summary Plan Description Handbook.

If you are currently a non-citizen on a J-1 Visa, you are not eligible to participate in this plan.

With the CDHP, you can choose any provider you wish, but you receive a higher level of benefits when you select an Aetna Choice POS II (open access) in-network preferred provider. You do not have to obtain a referral for in-network or out-of-network care. There are some services that are not covered out-of-network, such as Durable Medical Equipment, Radiology, High-Tech Radiology and Sleep Studies. In addition, precertification is required for all inpatient and outpatient surgeries, as well as other certain services. For a list of services that require precertification, see pages 7 and 8. If certain out-of-network services are not precertified, the penalty will be no coverage. For in-network services, it is the provider’s responsibility to precertify services, and no penalty will apply to the member.

You should review the SPD or call Aetna at (800) 535-6689 to confirm coverage prior to seeking services.

The SPD describes your rights and obligations, what the Aetna medical benefits plan covers, and how benefits are paid for that coverage. It is your responsibility to understand the terms and conditions in this SPD. Your SPD includes the Schedule of Benefits and any amendments.

This SPD replaces and supersedes all Aetna Booklets describing coverage for the medical benefits plan described in this SPD that you may previously have received.

Coverage for You and Your Dependents

Health Expense Coverage

Benefits are payable for covered health care expenses that are incurred by you or your covered dependents while coverage is in effect. An expense is “incurred” on the day you receive a health care service or supply.

Coverage under this plan is non-occupational. Only non-occupational injuries and non-occupational illnesses are covered.

Refer to the What the Plan Covers section of the SPD for more information about your coverage.
It is important that you have the information and useful resources to help you get the most out of your Aetna CDHP. This SPD explains:

- Definitions you need to know;
- How to access care, including procedures you need to follow;
- What expenses for services and supplies are covered and what limits may apply;
- What expenses for services and supplies are not covered by the plan;
- How you share the cost of your covered services and supplies; and
- Other important information such as eligibility, complaints and appeals, termination, continuation of coverage, and general administration of the plan.

Important Notes

- Unless otherwise indicated, “you” refers to you and your covered dependents.
- Your health plan pays benefits only for services and supplies described in this SPD as covered expenses that are medically necessary.
- This SPD applies to coverage only and does not restrict your ability to receive health care services that are not or might not be covered benefits under this health plan.
- Store this SPD in a safe place for future reference.

Common Terms

Many terms throughout this SPD are defined in the Glossary section at the back of this document. Defined terms appear in bolded print. Understanding these terms will also help you understand how your plan works and provide you with useful information regarding your coverage.

About Your CDHP

This Aetna CDHP provides coverage for a wide range of medical expenses for the treatment of illness or injury. It does not provide benefits for all medical care. The plan also provides coverage for certain preventive and wellness benefits. With your Aetna CDHP plan, you can directly access any network or out-of-network physician, hospital or other health care provider for covered services and supplies under the plan. The plan pays benefits differently when services and supplies are obtained through network providers or out-of-network providers under this plan. The CDHP utilizes the Aetna Choice POS II (open access) network.

Important Note

Network providers have contracted with Aetna, an affiliate or third party vendor to provide health care services and supplies to Aetna plan members. Network providers are generally identified in the printed directory and the on-line version of the directory via DocFind at www.aetna.com/dse/princeton unless otherwise noted in this section. Out-of-network providers are not listed in the Aetna directory.

The plan will pay for covered expenses up to the maximum benefits shown in this SPD.
Coverage is subject to all the terms, policies and procedures outlined in this SPD. Not all medical expenses are covered under the plan. Exclusions and limitations apply to certain medical services, supplies and expenses. Refer to the What the Plan Covers, Exclusions, Limitations sections and Schedule of Benefits to determine if medical services are covered, excluded or limited.

This Aetna CDHP provides access to covered benefits through a broad network of health care providers and facilities. This Aetna CDHP is designed to lower your out-of-pocket costs when you use network providers for covered expenses. Your deductibles, copayments, and payment percentage will generally be lower when you use network providers and facilities.

You also have the choice to access licensed providers, hospitals and facilities outside the network for covered services and supplies. Your out-of-pocket costs will generally be higher when you use out-of-network providers because the deductibles, copayments, and payment percentage that you are required to pay are usually higher when you utilize out-of-network providers. Out-of-network providers have not agreed to accept the negotiated charge and may balance bill you for charges over the amount Aetna pays under the plan.

Some services and supplies may only be covered through network providers. Refer to the Covered Benefit sections and your Schedule of Benefits to determine if any services are limited to network coverage only.

Your out-of-pocket costs may vary between network and out-of-network benefits. Read your Schedule of Benefits carefully to understand the cost sharing charges applicable to you.

Availability of Providers
Aetna cannot guarantee the availability or continued participation of a particular provider. Either Aetna or any network provider may terminate the provider contract or limit the number of patients accepted in a practice. If the physician initially selected cannot accept additional patients, you will be notified and given an opportunity to make another selection.

Ongoing Reviews
Aetna conducts ongoing reviews of those services and supplies which are recommended or provided by health professionals to determine whether such services and supplies are covered expenses under this SPD. If Aetna determines that the recommended services or supplies are not covered expenses, you will be notified. You may appeal such determinations by contacting Aetna to seek a review of the determination. Please refer to the Reporting of Claims and the Claims and Appeals sections of this SPD.

To better understand the choices that you have with your CDHP, please carefully review the following information.

How Your Aetna CDHP Works

The Primary Care Physician:
To access network benefits, you are encouraged to select a Primary Care Physician (PCP) from Aetna’s Choice POS II (open access) network of providers at the time of enrollment. Each covered family member may select his or her own PCP. If your covered dependent is a minor, or otherwise incapable of selecting a PCP, you should select a PCP on their behalf.

You may search online for the most current list of participating providers in your area by using DocFind, Aetna’s online provider directory at www.aetna.com/dse/princeton. You can choose a PCP based on geographic location, group practice, medical specialty, language spoken, or hospital affiliation. DocFind is updated several times a week. You may also request a printed copy of the provider directory through your employer or by contacting Member Services through e-mail or by calling the toll free number on your ID card.

A PCP may be a general practitioner, family physician, internist, or pediatrician. Your PCP provides routine preventive care and will treat you for illness or injury.
A **PCP** may help to coordinate your medical care, as appropriate either by providing treatment or may direct you to other **network providers** for other covered services and supplies. The **PCP** can also order lab tests and x-rays, prescribe medicines or therapies, and arrange **hospitalization**.

**Specialists and Other Network Providers**
You may directly access **specialists** and other health care professionals in the network without a referral for covered services and supplies under this SPD.

When utilizing specialists, first check to see if they are in a category that identifies in-network preferred specialist providers. Aetna preferred providers are listed as Aexcel with a blue star. Below is a list of categories and locations as of January 1, 2021. For the most current list of categories and locations contact Aetna or visit [www.princeton.edu/hr/benefits](http://www.princeton.edu/hr/benefits).


**Locations with Limited or No Access to Preferred Specialists:** MI, NC, NH, OR, SD, WA and Southeastern, Central and Western PA. If you reside in one of these States and/or locations, you will be reimbursed at the In-Network Preferred level for the specialty categories listed above.

**In-Network Preferred Lab:** Quest Diagnostics and Lab Corp. are the preferred in-network lab for Aetna. If you use any other in-network lab, your reimbursement will be less. Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for additional information.

Refer to the [Aetna provider directory](http://www.princeton.edu/hr/benefits) to locate network **specialists**, **providers** and **hospitals** in your area. Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* section for benefit limitations and out-of-pocket costs applicable to your plan.

**Important Note**

**ID Card:** You will receive an ID card. It identifies you as a member when you receive services from health care **providers**. If you have not received your ID card or if your card is lost or stolen, notify [Aetna](http://www.princeton.edu/hr/benefits) immediately and a new card will be issued.
Accessing Network Providers and Benefits

- You may select a PCP or other direct access network provider from the network provider directory or by logging on to Aetna’s website at www.aetna.com/dse/princeton. You can search Aetna’s online directory, DocFind, for names and locations of physicians, hospitals and other health care providers and facilities. You can change your PCP at any time.
- If a service or supply you need is covered under this Plan but not available from a network provider in your area, please contact Member Services by email or at the toll-free number on your ID card for assistance.
- Certain health care services such as hospitalization, outpatient surgery and certain other outpatient services, require precertification with Aetna to verify coverage for these services. You do not need to precertify services provided by a network provider. Network providers will be responsible for obtaining necessary precertification for you. Since precertification is the provider’s responsibility, there are no additional out-of-pocket costs to you as a result of a network provider’s failure to precertify services. Refer to the Understanding Precertification section for more information on the precertification process and what to do if your request for precertification is denied.
- You will not have to submit medical claims for treatment received from network health care professionals and facilities. Your network provider will take care of claim submission. Aetna will directly pay the network provider or facility less any cost sharing required by you. You will be responsible for deductibles and payment percentage, if any.
- You may be required to pay some network providers at the time of service. When you pay a network provider directly, you will be responsible for completing a claim form to receive reimbursement of covered expenses from Aetna. You must submit a completed claim form and proof of payment to Aetna. Refer to the General Provisions section of this SPD for a complete description of how to file a claim under this Plan.
- You will receive notification of what the plan has paid toward your covered expenses. It will indicate any amounts you owe towards your deductible payment percentage or other non-covered expenses you have incurred. You may elect to receive this notification by e-mail, or through the mail. Call or e-mail Member Services if you have questions regarding your statement.

Cost Sharing For Network Benefits
You share in the cost of your benefits. Cost Sharing amounts and provisions are described in the Schedule of Benefits.

- Network providers have agreed to accept the negotiated charge. Aetna will reimburse you for a covered expense, incurred from a network provider, up to the negotiated charge and the maximum benefits under this Plan, less any cost sharing required by you such as deductibles and payment percentage. Your payment percentage is based on the negotiated charge. You will not have to pay any balance bills above the negotiated charge for that covered service or supply.
- You must satisfy any applicable deductibles before the plan will begin to pay benefits.
- Deductibles and payment percentage are usually lower when you use network providers than when you use out-of-network providers.
- After you satisfy any applicable deductible, you will be responsible for any applicable payment percentage for covered expenses that you incur. You will be responsible for your payment percentage up to the maximum out-of-pocket limit applicable to your plan.
- Once you satisfy any applicable maximum out-of-pocket limit, the plan will pay 100% of the covered expenses that apply toward the limits for the rest of the Calendar Year. Certain designated out-of-pocket expenses may not apply to the maximum out-of-pocket limits. Refer to your Schedule of Benefits for information on what covered expenses do not apply to the maximum out-of-pocket limits and for the specific maximum out-of-pocket limit amounts that apply to your plan.
The plan will pay for **covered expenses**, up to the benefit maximums shown in the *What the Plan Covers* section or the *Schedule of Benefits*. You are responsible for any expenses incurred over the maximum limits outlined in the *What the Plan Covers* section or the *Schedule of Benefits*.

- You may be billed for any **deductible** or **payment percentage** amounts, or any non-covered expenses that you incur.

### Accessing Out-of-Network Providers and Benefits

- Certain health care services such as hospitalization, outpatient surgery and certain other outpatient services, require **precertification** with Aetna to verify coverage for these services. When you receive services from an **out-of-network provider**, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary **precertification** from Aetna. Your provider may **precertify** the services for you. However, you should verify with Aetna prior to the service, that the provider has obtained **precertification** from Aetna. If the service is not **precertified**, the benefit payable may not be covered. This means you will be responsible for the unpaid balance of any bills. You must call the **precertification** toll-free number on your ID card to **precertify** services. Refer to the *Understanding Precertification* section for more information on the **precertification** process and what to do if your request for **precertification** is denied.

- When you use **out-of-network providers**, you may have to pay for services at the time they are rendered. You may be required to pay the full charges and submit a claim form to Aetna for reimbursement. You are responsible for completing and submitting claim forms for reimbursement of **covered expenses** that you paid directly to an **out-of-network provider**.

- When you pay an **out-of-network provider** directly, you will be responsible for completing a claim form to receive reimbursement of **covered expenses** from Aetna. You must submit a completed claim form and proof of payment to Aetna. Refer to the *General Provisions* section of this SPD for a complete description of how to file a claim under this plan.

- You will receive notification of what the plan has paid toward your **covered expenses**. It will indicate any amounts you owe towards any **deductible**, or **payment percentage** amounts or other non-covered expenses you have incurred. You may elect to receive this notification by e-mail, or through the mail. Call or e-mail Member Services if you have questions regarding your statement.

### Important Note

Failure to **precertify** services and supplies will result in no coverage for the services or supplies under this SPD. Please refer to the *Understanding Precertification* section for information on how to request **precertification**.

### Cost Sharing for Out-of-Network Benefits

You share in the cost of your benefits. Cost Sharing amounts and provisions are described in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

- **Out-of-network providers** have not agreed to accept the **negotiated charge**. Aetna will reimburse you for a **covered expense**, incurred from an **out-of-network provider**, up to the **recognized charge** and the maximum benefits under this Plan, less any cost-sharing required by you such as **deductibles** and **payment percentage**. The **recognized charge** is the maximum amount Aetna will pay for a **covered expense** from an **out-of-network provider**. Your **payment percentage** is based on the **recognized charge**. If your **out-of-network provider** charges more than the **recognized charge**, you will be responsible for any expenses incurred above the **recognized charge**. Except for emergency services, Aetna will only pay up to the **recognized charge**.

- In-network services have negotiated prices whereas out-of-network services do not. Therefore, when you use out-of-network providers, the maximum amount a plan will allow to be charged for a service is called “reasonable and customary” (R&C). R&C charges are based on information provided by Fair Health, Inc., a not-for-profit company formed to compile claims information to show how much providers charge for services in any zip code. Our plans will reduce the out-of-network reimbursement to the 70th percentile of R&C charges for most services. The reimbursement for acupuncture services is decreased to the 50th percentile of R&C charges. To search estimated R&C fees for services in your area, go to [www.fairhealthconsumer.org](http://www.fairhealthconsumer.org) or call Aetna for assistance. For out-of-network services, the Plan pays 50% of the reasonable and customary (R&C) charge for most services. In addition to your 50% coinsurance, you may also be required to pay amounts above R&C, and these amounts do not count toward your annual out-of-pocket maximum.
You must satisfy any applicable **deductibles** before the plan begins to pay benefits.

**Deductibles** and **payment percentage** are usually higher when you use **out-of network providers** than when you use **network providers**.

After you satisfy any applicable **deductible**, you will be responsible for any applicable **payment percentage** for **covered expenses** that you incur. You will be responsible for your **payment percentage** up to the **maximum out-of-pocket limits** that apply to your plan.

Once you satisfy any applicable **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the reasonable and customary limits of **covered expenses** that apply toward the limits for the rest of the Calendar Year. Certain designated out-of-pocket expenses may not apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. Refer to your Schedule of Benefits for information on what **covered expenses** do not apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limits** and for the specific **maximum out-of-pocket limit amounts** that apply to your plan.

The plan will pay for **covered expenses**, up to the benefit maximums shown in the *What the Plan Covers* section or the Schedule of Benefits. You are responsible for any expenses incurred over the maximum limits outlined in the *What the Plan Covers* section or the Schedule of Benefits.

### Understanding Precertification

**Precertification**

Certain services, such as inpatient stays, certain tests, procedures and outpatient surgery require precertification by Aetna. **Precertification** is a process that helps you and your **physician** determine whether the services being recommended are **covered expenses** under the plan. It also allows Aetna to help your provider coordinate your transition from an inpatient setting to an outpatient setting (called discharge planning), and to register you for specialized programs or case management when appropriate.

You do not need to precertify services provided by a **network provider**. **Network providers** will be responsible for obtaining necessary precertification for you. Since precertification is the provider’s responsibility, there is no additional out-of-pocket cost to you as a result of a **network provider’s** failure to precertify services.

When you go to an **out-of-network provider**, it is **your** responsibility to obtain precertification from Aetna for any services or supplies on the precertification list below.

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<td>Please read the following sections in their entirety for important information on the precertification process, and any impact it may have on your coverage.</td>
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**The Precertification Process**

Prior to being hospitalized or receiving certain other medical services or supplies there are certain **precertification** procedures that must be followed.

You or a member of your family, a hospital staff member, or the attending physician, must notify Aetna to precertify the admission or medical services and expenses prior to receiving any of the services or supplies that require precertification pursuant to this SPD in accordance with the following timelines:

**Precertification** should be secured within the timeframes specified below. To obtain **precertification**, call Aetna at the telephone number listed on your ID card. This call must be made:

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<th>For non-emergency admissions:</th>
<th>You, your <strong>physician</strong> or the facility will need to call and request <strong>precertification</strong> at least 14 days before the date you are scheduled to be admitted.</th>
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<td>For an emergency outpatient medical condition:</td>
<td>You or your <strong>physician</strong> should call prior to the outpatient care, treatment or procedure if possible; or as soon as reasonably possible.</td>
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<tr>
<td>For an emergency admission:</td>
<td>You, your <strong>physician</strong> or the facility must call within 48 hours or as soon as reasonably possible after you have been admitted.</td>
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For an **urgent admission:**

You, your **physician** or the facility will need to call before you are scheduled to be admitted. An urgent admission is a **hospital admission by a physician** due to the onset of or change in an **illness**; the diagnosis of an **illness**; or an **injury**.

For outpatient non-emergency medical services requiring **precertification:**

You or your **physician** must call at least 14 days before the outpatient care is provided, or the treatment or procedure is scheduled.

**Aetna** will provide a written notification to you and your **physician** of the **precertification** decision. If your **precertified** expenses are approved the approval is good for 60 days as long as you remain enrolled in the plan.

When you have an inpatient admission to a facility, **Aetna** will notify you, your **physician** and the facility about your **precertified** length of **stay**. If your **physician** recommends that your **stay** be extended, additional days will need to be certified. You, your **physician**, or the facility will need to call **Aetna** at the number on your ID card as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than the final authorized day. **Aetna** will review and process the request for an extended **stay**. You and your **physician** will receive a notification of an approval or denial.

If **precertification** determines that the **stay** or services and supplies are not **covered expenses**, the notification will explain why and how **Aetna**’s decision can be appealed. You or your provider may request a review of the **precertification** decision pursuant to the Claims and Appeals section included with this **SPD**.

**Services and Supplies Which Require Precertification**

**Precertification** is required for the following types of medical expenses:

**Inpatient and Outpatient Care**

- Stays in a **hospital**;
- Stays in a **skilled nursing facility**;
- Stays in a **rehabilitation facility**;
- Stays in a **hospice** facility;
- Outpatient **hospice care**;
- Stays in a **Residential Treatment Facility** for treatment of mental disorders and substance abuse;
- **Partial Hospitalization Programs** for mental disorders and substance abuse;
- **Home health care**;
- Private duty nursing care;
- Intensive Outpatient Programs for mental disorders and substance abuse;
-Amytal interview;
- Biofeedback;
- Electroconvulsive therapy;
- Neuropsychological testing;
- Outpatient detoxification;
- Psychiatric home care services;
- Psychological testing.

**Emergency and Urgent Care**

You have coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere inside or outside the plan’s service area, for:

- An **emergency medical condition**; or
- An **urgent condition**.
In Case of a Medical Emergency
When emergency care is necessary, please follow the guidelines below:

- Seek the nearest emergency room, or dial 911 or your local emergency response service for medical and ambulatory assistance. If possible, call your physician provided a delay would not be detrimental to your health.
- After assessing and stabilizing your condition, the emergency room should contact your physician to obtain your medical history to assist the emergency physician in your treatment.
- If you are admitted to an inpatient facility, notify your physician as soon as reasonably possible.
- If you seek care in an emergency room for a non-emergency condition, the plan will not cover the expenses you incur. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for specific details about the plan. No other plan benefits will pay for non-emergency care in the emergency room unless otherwise specified under the plan.

Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions
Refer to Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions in the What the Plan Covers section.

Important Reminder
If you visit a hospital emergency room for a non-emergency condition, the plan will not cover your expenses, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

In Case of an Urgent Condition
Call your PCP if you think you need urgent care. Network providers are required to provide urgent care coverage 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays. You may contact any physician or urgent care provider, in- or out-of-network, for an urgent care condition if you cannot reach your physician.

If it is not feasible to contact your physician, please do so as soon as possible after urgent care is provided. If you need help finding an urgent care provider you may call Member Services at the toll-free number on your I.D. card, or you may access Aetna’s online provider directory at www.aetna.com/dse/princeton.

Coverage for an Urgent Condition
Refer to Coverage for Urgent Medical Conditions in the What the Plan Covers section.

Follow-Up Care After Treatment of an Emergency or Urgent Medical Condition
Follow-up care is not considered an emergency or urgent condition and is not covered as part of any emergency or urgent care visit. Once you have been treated and discharged, you should contact your physician for any necessary follow-up care.

For coverage purposes, follow-up care is treated as any other expense for illness or injury. If you access a hospital emergency room for follow-up care, your expenses will not be covered and you will be responsible for the entire cost of your treatment. Refer to your Schedule of Benefits for cost sharing information applicable to your plan.

To keep your out-of-pocket costs lower, your follow-up care should be provided by a physician.

You may use an out-of-network provider for your follow-up care. You will be subject to the deductible and payment percentage that apply to out-of-network expenses, which may result in higher out-of-pocket costs to you.

Important Notice
Follow up care, which includes (but is not limited to) suture removal, cast removal and radiological tests such as x-rays, should not be provided by an emergency room facility.
Requirements For Coverage

To be covered by the plan, services and supplies must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The service or supply must be covered by the plan. For a service or supply to be covered, it must:
   - Be included as a covered expense in this SPD;
   - Not be an excluded expense under this SPD. Refer to the Exclusions sections of this SPD for a list of services and supplies that are excluded;
   - Not exceed the maximums and limitations outlined in this SPD. Refer to the What the Plan Covers section and the Schedule of Benefits for information about certain expense limits; and
   - Be obtained in accordance with all the terms, policies and procedures outlined in this SPD.

2. The service or supply must be provided while coverage is in effect. See the Who Can Be Covered, How and When to Enroll, When Your Coverage Begins, When Coverage Ends and Continuation of Coverage sections for details on when coverage begins and ends.

3. The service or supply must be medically necessary. To meet this requirement, the medical services or supply must be provided by a physician, or other health care provider, exercising prudent clinical judgment, to a patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms. The provision of the service or supply must be:
   - (a) In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
   - (b) Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient’s illness, injury or disease; and
   - (c) Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, physician or other health care provider;
   - (d) And not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient’s illness, injury, or disease.

For these purposes “generally accepted standards of medical practice” means standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, or otherwise consistent with physician specialty society recommendations and the views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

Important Note

Not every service or supply that fits the definition for medical necessity is covered by the plan. Exclusions and limitations apply to certain medical services, supplies and expenses. For example some benefits are limited to a certain number of days, visits or a dollar maximum. Refer to the What the Plan Covers section and the Schedule of Benefits for the plan limits and maximums.
What The Plan Covers

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Many preventive and routine medical expenses as well as expenses incurred for a serious illness or injury are covered. This section describes which expenses are covered expenses. Only expenses incurred for the services and supplies shown in this section are covered expenses. Limitations and exclusions apply.

Preventive Care

This section on Preventive Care describes the covered expenses for services and supplies provided when you are well.

Routine Physical Exams

Covered expenses include charges made by your physician for routine physical exams. A routine exam is a medical exam given by a physician for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified illness or injury, and also includes:

- Evidence-based items that have in effect a rating of A or B in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- Screenings and counseling services as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration. These services may include but are not limited to:
  - Screening and counseling services, such as:
    - Interpersonal and domestic violence;
    - Sexually transmitted diseases; and
    - Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) infections.
  - Screening for gestational diabetes for women.
  - High risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing for women age 30 and older.
- X-rays, lab and other tests given in connection with the exam.
- For covered newborns, an initial hospital check up.

Limitations:

Unless specified above, not covered under this Preventive Care benefit are charges for:

- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan;
- Services which are for diagnosis or treatment of a suspected or identified illness or injury;
- Exams given during your stay for medical care;
- Services not given by a physician or under his or her direction;
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams;
Preventive Care Immunizations
Covered expenses include charges made by your physician or a facility for:

- immunizations for infectious diseases; and
- the materials for administration of immunizations;

That have been recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Limitations
Not covered under this Preventive Care benefit are charges incurred for immunizations that are not considered Preventive Care such as those required due to your employment or travel.

Well Woman Preventive Visits
Covered expenses include charges made by your physician for a routine well woman preventive exam office visit, including Pap smears, in accordance with the recommendations by the Health Resources and Services Administration. A routine well woman preventive exam is a medical exam given by a physician for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified illness or injury.

Limitations:
Unless specified above, not covered under this Preventive Care benefit are charges for:
- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan;
- Services which are for diagnosis or treatment of a suspected or identified illness or injury;
- Exams given during your stay for medical care;
- Services not given by a physician or under his or her direction;
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams.

Routine Cancer Screenings
Covered expenses include, but are not limited to, the following charges covered at 100% with no deductible or copay (in-network expenses only if network plan):
- Mammograms;
- Fecal occult blood tests;
- Digital rectal exams;
- Prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests;
- Sigmoidoscopies;
- Double contrast barium enemas (DCBE);
- Colonoscopies (removal of polyps performed during a screening procedure is a covered expense); and
- One lung cancer screening every 12 months

These benefits will be subject to any age; family history; and frequency guidelines that are:
- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of A or B in the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force; and
- Evidence-informed items or services provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Limitations:
Unless specified above, not covered under this Preventive Care benefit are charges incurred for:
- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan; and
- If applicable and currently excluded by your SPD, services and supplies furnished by an out-of-network provider.

Important Notes:
For details on the frequency and age limits that apply to Routine Physical Exams and Routine Cancer Screenings, contact your physician or Member Services, by logging onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com
Screening and Counseling Services

Covered expenses include charges made by your primary care physician in an individual or group setting for the following:

Obesity
Screening and counseling services to aid in weight reduction due to obesity. Coverage includes:

- preventive counseling visits and/or risk factor reduction intervention;
- medical nutrition therapy;
- nutrition counseling; and
- healthy diet counseling visits provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease.

Benefits for the screening and counseling services above are subject to the visit maximums shown in your Schedule of Benefits. In figuring the visit maximums, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.

Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs
Screening and counseling services to aid in the prevention or reduction of the use of an alcohol agent or controlled substance. Coverage includes preventive counseling visits, risk factor reduction intervention and a structured assessment.

Benefits for the screening and counseling services above are subject to the visit maximums shown in your Schedule of Benefits. In figuring the visit maximums, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.

Use of Tobacco Products
Screening and counseling services to aid in the cessation of the use of tobacco products. Tobacco product means a substance containing tobacco or nicotine including: cigarettes, cigars; smoking tobacco; snuff; smokeless tobacco and candy-like products that contain tobacco. Coverage includes:

- preventive counseling visits;
- treatment visits; and
- class visits;

to aid in the cessation of the use of tobacco products.

Benefits for the screening and counseling services above are subject to the visit maximums shown in your Schedule of Benefits. In figuring the visit maximums, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.

Limitations:

Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this plan;
- Services which are for diagnosis or treatment of a suspected or identified illness or injury;
- Exams given during your stay for medical care;
- Services not given by a physician or under his or her direction;
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams.
Prenatal Care
Prenatal care will be covered as Preventive Care for services received by a pregnant female in a physician's, obstetrician's, or gynecologist's office but only to the extent described below.

Coverage for prenatal care under this Preventive Care benefit is limited to pregnancy-related physician office visits including the initial and subsequent history and physical exams of the pregnant woman (maternal weight, blood pressure and fetal heart rate check).

Limitations:
Unless specified above, not covered under this Preventive Care benefit are charges incurred for:

- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan;
- Pregnancy expenses (other than prenatal care as described above).

Important Notes:
Refer to the *Pregnancy Expenses and Exclusions* sections of this SPD for more information on coverage for pregnancy expenses under this Plan, including other prenatal care, delivery and postnatal care office visits.

Comprehensive Lactation Support and Counseling Services
*Covered expenses* include comprehensive lactation support (assistance and training in breast feeding) and counseling services provided to females during pregnancy and in the post-partum period by a certified lactation support provider. The "post-partum period" means the one-year period directly following the child’s date of birth. *Covered expenses* incurred during the post-partum period also include the rental or purchase of breast feeding equipment as described below.

Lactation support and lactation counseling services are *covered expenses* when provided in either a group or individual setting. Benefits for lactation counseling services are subject to the visit maximum shown in your *Schedule of Benefits*.

Breast Feeding Durable Medical Equipment
Coverage includes the rental or purchase of breast feeding *durable medical equipment* for the purpose of lactation support (pumping and storage of breast milk) as follows.

**Breast Pump**
*Covered expenses* include the following:

- The rental of a hospital-grade electric pump for a newborn child when the newborn child is confined in a hospital.
- The purchase of:
  - An electric breast pump (non-hospital grade). A purchase will be covered once every three years; or
  - A manual breast pump. A purchase will be covered once every three years.
- If an electric breast pump was purchased within the previous three year period, the purchase of an electric or manual breast pump will not be covered until a three year period has elapsed from the last purchase of an electric pump.

**Breast Pump Supplies**
Coverage is limited to only one purchase per pregnancy in any year where a covered female would not qualify for the purchase of a new pump.

Coverage for the purchase of breast pump equipment is limited to one item of equipment, for the same or similar purpose, and the accessories and supplies needed to operate the item. You are responsible for the entire cost of any additional pieces of the same or similar equipment you purchase or rent for personal convenience or mobility.
Aetna reserves the right to limit the payment of charges up to the most cost efficient and least restrictive level of service or item which can be safely and effectively provided. The decision to rent or purchase is at the discretion of Aetna.

Kindbody provides access to gynecological services, fertility and post-partum focused mental health services, fertility focused nutrition, maternity and delivery care navigation, return-to-work coaching, child care guides, and lactation consultants. These services are available to you and your covered spouse whether or not you seek fertility or family-building services through Kindbody.

Limitations:
Unless specified above, not covered under this Preventive Care benefit are charges incurred for services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan.

Important Notes:
If a breast pump service or supply that you need is covered under this Plan but not available from a network provider in your area, please contact Member Services at the toll-free number on your ID card for assistance.

Family Planning Services - Female Contraceptives
For females with reproductive capacity, covered expenses include those charges incurred for services and supplies that are provided to prevent pregnancy. All contraceptive methods, services and supplies covered under this Preventive Care benefit must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Coverage includes counseling services on contraceptive methods provided by a physician, obstetrician or gynecologist. Such counseling services are covered expenses when provided in either a group or individual setting. They are subject to the contraceptive counseling services visit maximum shown in your Schedule of Benefits.

The following contraceptive methods are covered expenses under this Preventive Care benefit:

Voluntary Sterilization
Covered expenses include charges billed separately by the provider for female voluntary sterilization procedures and related services and supplies including, but not limited to, tubal ligation and sterilization implants.

Covered expenses under this Preventive Care benefit would not include charges for a voluntary sterilization procedure to the extent that the procedure was not billed separately by the provider or because it was not the primary purpose of a confinement.

Contraceptives
Covered expenses include charges made by a physician for:
- Female contraceptives that are generic, single-source brand, and certain multi-source medications if a doctor indicates dispense as written (DAW);
- Female contraceptive devices including the related services and supplies needed to administer the device.

For more information, review the Prescription Plan SPD.

Limitations:
Unless specified above, not covered under this Preventive Care benefit are charges for:
- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan;
- Services and supplies incurred for an abortion;
- Services which are for the treatment of an identified illness or injury;
- Services that are not given by a physician or under his or her direction;
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams;
- Any contraceptive methods that are only "reviewed" by the FDA and not "approved" by the FDA;
- Male contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures or devices;
- The reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures, including any related follow-up care.

**Family Planning Services - Other**
Covered expenses include charges for certain family planning services, even though not provided to treat an illness or injury.

- Voluntary sterilization for males
- Voluntary termination of pregnancy

Limitations:
Not covered are:
- Reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures, including related follow-up care;
- Charges for services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan or any other group plans sponsored by your employer; and
- Charges incurred for family planning services while confined as an inpatient in a hospital or other facility for medical care.

**Important Notes:**
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about cost sharing and benefit maximums that apply to Family Planning Services - Other. For more information, see the sections on Family Planning Services - Female Contraceptives, Pregnancy Expenses and Treatment of Infertility in this SPD.

**Hearing Exam**
Covered expenses include charges for an audiometric hearing exam if the exam is performed by:

- A physician certified as an otolaryngologist or otologist; or
- An audiologist who:
  - Is legally qualified in audiology; or
  - Holds a certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech and Hearing Association (in the absence of any applicable licensing requirements); and
  - Performs the exam at the written direction of a legally qualified otolaryngologist or otologist.

The plan will not cover expenses for charges for more than one hearing exam in a calendar year.

All covered expenses for the hearing exam are subject to any applicable deductible and payment percentage shown in your Schedule of Benefits. You may receive a hearing exam once every calendar year.

**Physician Services**

**Physician Visits**
Covered medical expenses include charges made by a physician during a visit to treat an illness or injury. The visit may be at the physician’s office, in your home, in a hospital or other facility during your stay or in an outpatient facility. Covered expenses also include:

- Immunizations for infectious disease;
- Allergy testing, treatment and injections; and
- Charges made by the physician for supplies, radiological services, x-rays, and tests provided by the physician.
Surgery
Covered expenses include charges made by a physician for:

- Performing your surgical procedure;
- Pre-operative and post-operative visits; and
- Consultation with another physician to obtain a second opinion prior to the surgery.

Anesthetics
Covered expenses include charges for the administration of anesthetics and oxygen by a physician, other than the operating physician, or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (C.R.N.A.) in connection with a covered procedure.

Important Reminder
Certain procedures need to be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for more information about precertification.

Alternatives to Physician Office Visits
Walk-In Clinic Visits
Covered expenses include charges made by walk-in clinics for:

- Unscheduled, non-emergency illnesses and injuries;
- The administration of certain immunizations administered within the scope of the clinic’s license; and
- Individual screening and counseling services to aid you:
  - to stop the use of tobacco products;
  - in weight reduction due to obesity.

Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges incurred for services and supplies furnished:

- In a group setting for screening and counseling services.

Important Note:

- Not all services are available at all Walk-In Clinics. The types of services offered will vary by the provider and location of the clinic.
- For a complete description of the screening and counseling services provided on the use of tobacco products and to aid in weight reduction due to obesity, refer to the Preventive Care Benefits section in this SPD and the Screening and Counseling Services benefit for a description of these services. These services may also be obtained from your physician.

Hospital Expenses

Covered medical expenses include services and supplies provided by a hospital during your stay.

Room and Board
Covered expenses include charges for room and board provided at a hospital during your stay. Private room charges that exceed the hospital’s semi-private room rate are not covered unless a private room is required because of a contagious illness or immune system problem.

Room and board charges also include:

- Services of the hospital’s nursing staff;
- Admission and other fees;
- General and special diets; and
- Sundries and supplies.
Other Hospital Services and Supplies
Covered expenses include charges made by a hospital for services and supplies furnished to you in connection with your stay.

Covered expenses include hospital charges for other services and supplies provided, such as:

- Ambulance services.
- Physicians and surgeons.
- Operating and recovery rooms.
- Intensive or special care facilities.
- Administration of blood and blood products, but not the cost of the blood or blood products.
- Radiation therapy.
- Speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy.
- Oxygen and oxygen therapy.
- Radiological services, laboratory testing and diagnostic services.
- Medications.
- Intravenous (IV) preparations.
- Discharge planning.

Outpatient Hospital Expenses
Covered expenses include hospital charges made for covered services and supplies provided by the outpatient department of a hospital.

Important Reminders
The plan will only pay for nursing services provided by the hospital as part of its charge. The plan does not cover private duty nursing services as part of an inpatient hospital stay.

If a hospital or other health care facility does not itemize specific room and board charges and other charges, Aetna will assume that 40 percent of the total is for room and board charge, and 60 percent is for other charges.

Hospital admissions need to be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for details about precertification.

In addition to charges made by the hospital, certain physicians and other providers may bill you separately during your stay.

Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable deductible, copay and payment percentage and maximum benefit limits.

Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions
Covered expenses include charges made by a hospital or a physician for services provided in an emergency room to evaluate and treat an emergency medical condition.

The emergency care benefit covers:

- Use of emergency room facilities;
- Emergency room physicians services;
- Hospital nursing staff services; and
- Radiologists and pathologists services.

Please contact your physician after receiving treatment for an emergency medical condition.
Important Reminder
With the exception of Urgent Care described below, if you visit a hospital emergency room for a non-emergency condition, the plan will not cover your expenses, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Coverage for Urgent Conditions
Covered expenses include charges made by a hospital or urgent care provider to evaluate and treat an urgent condition.

Your coverage includes:

- Use of emergency room facilities when network urgent care facilities are not in the service area and you cannot reasonably wait to visit your physician;
- Use of urgent care facilities;
- Physicians services;
- Nursing staff services; and
- Radiologists and pathologists services.

Alternatives to Hospital Stays

Outpatient Surgery and Physician Surgical Services
Covered expenses include charges for services and supplies furnished in connection with outpatient surgery made by:

- A physician or dentist for professional services;
- A surgery center, or
- The outpatient department of a hospital.

The surgery must meet the following requirements:

- The surgery can be performed adequately and safely only in a surgery center or hospital and
- The surgery is not normally performed in a physician’s or dentist’s office.

Important Note
Benefits for surgery services performed in a physician's or dentist's office are described under Physician Services benefits in the previous section.

The following outpatient surgery expenses are covered:

- Services and supplies provided by the hospital, surgery center on the day of the procedure;
- The operating physician’s services for performing the procedure, related pre- and post-operative care, and administration of anesthesia; and
- Services of another physician for related post-operative care and administration of anesthesia. This does not include a local anesthetic.

Limitations
Not covered under this plan are charges made for:

- The services of a physician or other health care provider who renders technical assistance to the operating physician.
- A stay in a hospital.
- Facility charges for office based surgery.
**Birthing Center**

*Covered expenses* include charges made by a *birthing center* for services and supplies related to your care in a *birthing center* for:

- Prenatal care;
- Delivery; and
- Postpartum care within 48 hours after a vaginal delivery and 96 hours after a Cesarean delivery.

**Limitations**

Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges:

- In connection with a pregnancy for which pregnancy related expenses are not included as a covered expense.

See *Pregnancy Related Expenses* for information about other *covered expenses* related to maternity care.

**Home Health Care**

*Covered expenses* include charges for home health care services when ordered by a *physician* as part of a home health plan and provided you are:

- Transitioning from a hospital or other inpatient facility, and the services are in lieu of a continued inpatient stay; or
- Homebound

*Covered expenses* include only the following:

- **Skilled nursing services** that require medical training of, and are provided by, a licensed nursing professional within the scope of his or her license. These services need to be provided during intermittent visits of four hours or less, with a daily maximum of three visits. Intermittent visits are considered periodic and recurring visits that skilled nurses make to ensure your proper care, which means they are not on site for more than four hours at a time. If you are discharged from a hospital or skilled nursing facility after an inpatient stay, the intermittent requirement may be waived to allow coverage for up to 12 hours (three visits) of continuous skilled nursing services. However, these services must be provided for within 10 days of discharge.

- Home health aide services, when provided in conjunction with skilled nursing care, that directly support the care. These services need to be provided during intermittent visits of four hours or less, with a daily maximum of three visits.

- Medical social services, when provided in conjunction with skilled nursing care, by a qualified social worker.

Benefits for home health care visits are payable up to the Home Health Care Maximum. Each visit by a nurse or therapist is one visit.

In figuring the Calendar Year Maximum Visits, each visit of up to 4 hours is one visit.

This maximum will not apply to care given by an R.N. or L.P.N. when:

- Care is provided within 10 days of discharge from a hospital or skilled nursing facility as a full-time inpatient; and
- Care is needed to transition from the hospital or skilled nursing facility to home care.

When the above criteria are met, *covered expenses* include up to 12 hours of continuous care by an R.N. or L.P.N. per day.

Coverage for Home Health Care services is not determined by the availability of caregivers to perform them. The absence of a person to perform a non-skilled or custodial care service does not cause the service to become covered. If the covered person is a minor or an adult who is dependent upon others for non-skilled care (e.g. bathing, eating,
toileting), coverage for home health services will only be provided during times when there is a family member or caregiver present in the home to meet the person’s non-skilled needs.

**Limitations**

Unless specified above, *not* covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Services or supplies that are not a part of the **Home Health Care Plan**.
- Services of a person who usually lives with you, or who is a member of your or your spouse’s or your domestic partner's family.
- Services of a certified or licensed social worker.
- Services for Infusion Therapy.
- Transportation.
- Services or supplies provided to a minor or dependent adult when a family member or caregiver is not present.
- Services that are **custodial care**.

**Important Reminders**

The plan does *not* cover custodial care, even if care is provided by a nursing professional, and family member or other caretakers cannot provide the necessary care.

Home health care needs to be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for details about precertification.

Refer to the **Schedule of Benefits** for details about any applicable home health care visit maximums.

**Skilled Nursing Facility**

**Covered expenses** include charges made by a skilled nursing facility during your stay for the following services and supplies, up to the maximums shown in the **Schedule of Benefits**, including:

- **Room and board**, up to the semi-private room rate. The plan will cover up to the private room rate if it is needed due to an infectious illness or a weak or compromised immune system;
- Use of special treatment rooms;
- Radiological services and lab work;
- Physical, occupational, or speech therapy;
- Oxygen and other gas therapy;
- Other medical services and general nursing services usually given by a skilled nursing facility (this does not include charges made for private or special nursing, or physician's services); and
- Medical supplies.

You must meet the following conditions:

- You are currently receiving inpatient hospital care, or inpatient sub acute care, and
- The skilled nursing facility admission will take the place of an admission to, or continued stay in, a hospital or subacute facility; or it will take the place of three or more skilled nursing care visits per week at home; and
- There is a reasonable expectation that your condition will improve sufficiently to permit discharge to your home within a reasonable amount of time; and
- The illness or injury is severe enough to require constant or frequent skilled nursing care on a 24-hour basis; and
- Your stay in a skilled nursing facility:
  - follows a hospital stay of at least three days in a row; and
  - begins within 14 days after your discharge from the hospital; and
  - is necessary to recover from the illness or injury that caused the hospital stay.

**Important Reminder**

Refer to the **Schedule of Benefits** for details about any applicable skilled nursing facility maximums.
Admissions to a skilled nursing facility must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to Using Your Medical Plan for details about precertification.

Limitations
Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Charges made for the treatment of:
  - Drug addiction;
  - Alcoholism;
  - Senility;
  - Mental retardation; or
  - Any other mental illness; and
- Daily room and board charges over the semi-private rate.

Hospice Care
Covered expenses include charges made by the following furnished to you for hospice care when given as part of a hospice care program.

Facility Expenses
The charges made by a hospital, hospice or skilled nursing facility for:

- Room and Board and other services and supplies furnished during a stay for pain control and other acute and chronic symptom management; and
- Services and supplies furnished to you on an outpatient basis.

Outpatient Hospice Expenses
Covered expenses include charges made on an outpatient basis by a Hospice Care Agency for:

- Part-time or intermittent nursing care by a R.N. or L.P.N. for up to eight hours a day;
- Part-time or intermittent home health aide services to care for you up to eight hours a day.
- Medical social services under the direction of a physician. These include but are not limited to:
  - Assessment of your social, emotional and medical needs, and your home and family situation;
  - Identification of available community resources; and
  - Assistance provided to you to obtain resources to meet your assessed needs.
- Physical and occupational therapy; and
- Consultation or case management services by a physician;
- Medical supplies.
- Prescription drugs;
- Dietary counseling; and
- Psychological counseling.

Charges made by the providers below if they are not an employee of a Hospice Care Agency; and such Agency retains responsibility for your care:

- A physician for a consultation or case management;
- A physical or occupational therapist;
- A home health care agency for:
  - Physical and occupational therapy;
  - Part time or intermittent home health aide services for your care up to eight hours a day;
– Medical supplies;
– Prescription drugs;
– Psychological counseling; and
– Dietary counseling.

Limitations
Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

▪ Daily room and board charges over the semi-private room rate.
▪ Bereavement counseling.
▪ Funeral arrangements.
▪ Pastoral counseling.
▪ Financial or legal counseling. This includes estate planning and the drafting of a will.
▪ Homemaker or caretaker services. These are services which are not solely related to your care. These include, but are not limited to: sitter or companion services for either you or other family members; transportation; maintenance of the house.
▪ Respite care. This is care furnished during a period of time when your family or usual caretaker cannot attend to your needs.

Important Reminders
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about any applicable hospice care maximums.

Inpatient hospice care and home health care must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for details about precertification.

Other Covered Health Care Expenses

Acupuncture
The plan covers charges made for acupuncture services.

Important Reminder
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about any applicable acupuncture benefit maximum.

Ambulance Service
Covered expenses include charges made by a professional ambulance, as follows:

Ground Ambulance
Covered expenses include charges for medically necessary treatment and transportation:

▪ To the first hospital where treatment is given in a medical emergency.
▪ From one hospital to another hospital in a medical emergency when the first hospital does not have the required services or facilities to treat your condition.
▪ From hospital to home or to another facility when other means of transportation would be considered unsafe due to your medical condition.
▪ From home to hospital for covered inpatient or outpatient treatment when other means of transportation would be considered unsafe due to your medical condition. Transport is limited to 100 miles.
▪ When during a covered inpatient stay at a hospital, skilled nursing facility or acute rehabilitation hospital, an ambulance is required to safely and adequately transport you to or from inpatient or outpatient medically necessary treatment.
Covered expenses also include charges for emergency treatment at home or at the site of the medical emergency, even if no transport is necessary.

**Air or Water Ambulance**

Covered expenses include charges for transportation to a hospital by air or water ambulance when:

- Ground ambulance transportation is not available; and
- Your condition is unstable, and requires medical supervision and rapid transport; and
- In a medical emergency, transportation from one hospital to another hospital; when the first hospital does not have the required services or facilities to treat your condition and you need to be transported to another hospital; and the two conditions above are met.

**Limitations**

Not covered under this benefit are charges incurred to transport you:

- If an ambulance service is not required by your physical condition; or
- If the type of ambulance service provided is not required for your physical condition; or
- By any form of transportation other than a professional ambulance service.

**Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing**

**Diagnostic Complex Imaging Expenses**

The plan covers charges made on an outpatient basis by an in-network physician, hospital or a licensed imaging or radiological facility for complex imaging services to diagnose an illness or injury, including:

- C.A.T. scans;
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI);
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans; and
- Any other outpatient diagnostic imaging service costing over $500.

Complex Imaging Expenses for preoperative testing will be payable under this benefit.

**Limitations**

The plan does not cover Diagnostic Complex Imaging received from an out-of-network provider. In addition, the plan does not cover diagnostic complex imaging expenses under this part of the plan if such imaging expenses are covered under any other part of the plan.

**Outpatient Diagnostic Lab Work and Radiological Services**

Covered expenses include charges for radiological services (other than diagnostic complex imaging), lab services, and pathology and other tests provided to diagnose an illness or injury. You must have definite symptoms that start, maintain or change a plan of treatment prescribed by a physician. The charges must be made by a physician, hospital or licensed radiological facility or lab.

**Important Reminder**

Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about any deductible, payment percentage and maximum that may apply to outpatient diagnostic testing, and lab and radiological services.
Outpatient Preoperative Testing

Prior to a scheduled covered surgery, covered expenses include charges made for tests performed by a hospital, surgery center, physician or licensed diagnostic laboratory provided the charges for the surgery are covered expenses and the tests are:

- Related to your surgery, and the surgery takes place in a hospital or surgery center;
- Completed within 14 days before your surgery;
- Performed on an outpatient basis;
- Covered if you were an inpatient in a hospital;
- Not repeated in or by the hospital or surgery center where the surgery will be performed.
- Test results should appear in your medical record kept by the hospital or surgery center where the surgery is performed.

Limitations

The plan does not cover diagnostic complex imaging expenses under this part of the plan if such imaging expenses are covered under any other part of the plan.

- If your tests indicate that surgery should not be performed because of your physical condition, the plan will pay for the tests; however surgery will not be covered.

Important Reminder

Complex Imaging testing for preoperative testing is covered under the complex imaging section. Separate cost sharing may apply. Refer to your Schedule of Benefits for information on cost sharing amounts for complex imaging.

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME)

Covered expenses include charges by an in-network DME supplier for the rental of equipment or, in lieu of rental:

The initial purchase of DME if:

- Long term care is planned; and
- The equipment cannot be rented or is likely to cost less to purchase than to rent.

Repair of purchased equipment. Maintenance and repairs needed due to misuse or abuse are not covered.

Replacement of purchased equipment if:

- The replacement is needed because of a change in your physical condition; and
- It is likely to cost less to replace the item than to repair the existing item or rent a similar item.

The plan limits coverage to one item of equipment, for the same or similar purpose and the accessories needed to operate the item. You are responsible for the entire cost of any additional pieces of the same or similar equipment you purchase or rent for personal convenience or mobility.

There is no coverage for Durable Medical Equipment purchased or rented through an out-of-network provider.

Covered Durable Medical Equipment includes those items covered by Medicare unless excluded in the Exclusions section of this SPD. Aetna reserves the right to limit the payment of charges up to the most cost efficient and least restrictive level of service or item which can be safely and effectively provided. The decision to rent or purchase is at the discretion of Aetna.
Important Reminder
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about durable medical and surgical equipment deductible, payment percentage and benefit maximums. Also refer to Exclusions for information about Home and Mobility exclusions.

Experimental or Investigational Treatment

Covered expenses include charges made for experimental or investigational drugs, devices, treatments or procedures, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- You have been diagnosed with cancer or a condition likely to cause death within one year or less;
- Standard therapies have not been effective or are inappropriate;
- Aetna determines, based on at least two documents of medical and scientific evidence, that you would likely benefit from the treatment;
- There is an ongoing clinical trial. You are enrolled in a clinical trial that meets these criteria:
  - The drug, device, treatment or procedure to be investigated has been granted investigational new drug (IND) or Group c/treatment IND status;
  - The clinical trial has passed independent scientific scrutiny and has been approved by an Institutional Review Board that will oversee the investigation;
  - The clinical trial is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) or similar national organization (such as the Food & Drug Administration or the Department of Defense) and conforms to the NCI standards;
  - The clinical trial is not a single institution or investigator study unless the clinical trial is performed at an NCI-designated cancer center; and
- You are treated in accordance with protocol.

Pregnancy Related Expenses

Covered expenses include charges made by a physician for pregnancy and childbirth services and supplies at the same level as any illness or injury. This includes prenatal visits, delivery, postnatal visits, and birth center and nurse-midwife services, including services provided for home births.

For inpatient care of the mother and newborn child, covered expenses include charges made by a Hospital for a minimum of:

- 48 hours after a vaginal delivery; and
- 96 hours after a cesarean section.
- A shorter stay, if the attending physician, with the consent of the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Covered expenses also include charges made by a birthing center as described under Alternatives to Hospital Care.

Note: Covered expenses also include services and supplies provided for circumcision of the newborn during the stay.

Important Note:

Refer to the Preventive Care section of this SPD for additional information on coverage for female contraceptive coverage under this Plan.
Prosthetic Devices

**Covered expenses** include charges made for in-network internal and external prosthetic devices and special appliances, if the device or appliance improves or restores body part function that has been lost or damaged by illness, injury or congenital defect. **Covered expenses** also include instruction and incidental supplies needed to use a covered prosthetic device.

There is no coverage for Prosthetic Devices purchased or rented through an out-of-network provider.

The plan covers the first prosthesis you need that temporarily or permanently replaces all or part of a body part lost or impaired as a result of disease or injury or congenital defects as described in the list of covered devices below for an:

- Internal body part or organ; or
- External body part.

**Covered expenses** also include replacement of a prosthetic device if:

- The replacement is needed because of a change in your physical condition; or normal growth or wear and tear; or
- It is likely to cost less to buy a new one than to repair the existing one; or
- The existing one cannot be made serviceable.

The list of covered devices includes but is not limited to:

- An artificial arm, leg, hip, knee or eye;
- Eye lens;
- An external breast prosthesis and the first bra made solely for use with it after a mastectomy;
- A breast implant after a mastectomy;
- Orthotics
- Ostomy supplies, urinary catheters and external urinary collection devices;
- Speech generating device;
- A cardiac pacemaker and pacemaker defibrillators; and
- A durable brace that is custom made for and fitted for you.

The plan will not cover expenses and charges for, or expenses related to:

- Orthopedic shoes, therapeutic shoes, or other devices to support the feet; unless the orthopedic shoe is an integral part of a covered leg brace; or
- Trusses, corsets, and other support items; or
- Any item listed in the *Exclusions* section; or
- Out-of-network expenses or services.

**Hearing Aids**

Covered hearing care expenses include charges for electronic hearing aids (monaural and binaural), installed in accordance with a prescription written during a covered hearing exam.

Benefits are payable up to the hearing supply maximum listed in the Schedule of Benefits.

All **covered expenses** are subject to the hearing expense exclusions in this *SPD* and are subject to **deductible(s)**, **copayments** or **payment percentage** listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*, if any.
Benefits After Termination of Coverage
Expenses incurred for hearing aids within 30 days of termination of the person’s coverage under this benefit section will be deemed to be covered hearing care expenses if during the 30 days before the date coverage ends:

- The prescription for the hearing aid was written; and
- The hearing aid was ordered.

Short-Term Rehabilitation Therapy Services

Covered expenses include charges for short-term therapy services when prescribed by a physician as described below up to the benefit maximums listed on your Schedule of Benefits. The services have to be performed by:

- A licensed or certified physical, occupational or speech therapist;
- A hospital, skilled nursing facility, or hospice facility; or
- A physician.

Charges for the following short term rehabilitation expenses are covered:

Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Benefits.
- Cardiac rehabilitation benefits are available as part of an inpatient hospital stay. A limited course of outpatient cardiac rehabilitation is covered when following angioplasty, cardiovascular surgery, congestive heart failure or myocardial infarction. The plan will cover charges in accordance with a treatment plan as determined by your risk level when recommended by a physician. This course of treatment is limited to a maximum of 100 visits per calendar year.
- Pulmonary rehabilitation benefits are available as part of an inpatient hospital stay. A limited course of outpatient pulmonary rehabilitation is covered for the treatment of reversible pulmonary disease states. This course of treatment is limited to a maximum of 100 visits per calendar year.

Outpatient Cognitive Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Rehabilitation Benefits.
Coverage is subject to the limits, if any, shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Inpatient rehabilitation benefits for the services listed will be paid as part of your Inpatient Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility benefits provision in this SPD.

- Physical therapy is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute illnesses and injuries, provided the therapy expects to significantly improve, develop or restore physical functions lost or impaired as a result of an acute illness, injury or surgical procedure. Physical therapy does not include educational training or services designed to develop physical function.
- Occupational therapy (except for vocational rehabilitation or employment counseling) is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute illnesses and injuries, provided the therapy expects to significantly improve, develop or restore physical functions lost or impaired as a result of an acute illness, injury or surgical procedure, or to relearn skills to significantly improve independence in the activities of daily living. Occupational therapy does not include educational training or services designed to develop physical function.
- Speech therapy is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute illnesses and injuries and expected to restore the speech function or correct a speech impairment resulting from illness or injury; or for delays in speech function development as a result of a gross anatomical defect present at birth. Speech function is the ability to express thoughts, speak words and form sentences. Speech impairment is difficulty with expressing one’s thoughts with spoken words. Non-restorative speech therapy may be covered.
- Cognitive therapy associated with physical rehabilitation is covered when the cognitive deficits have been acquired as a result of neurologic impairment due to trauma, stroke, or encephalopathy, and when the therapy is part of a treatment plan intended to restore previous cognitive function.
A “visit” consists of no more than one hour of therapy. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for the visit maximum that applies to the plan. Covered expenses include charges for two therapy visits of no more than one hour in a 24-hour period.

The therapy should follow a specific treatment plan that:

- Details the treatment, and specifies frequency and duration; and
- Provides for ongoing reviews and is renewed only if continued therapy is appropriate.

**Important Reminder**
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about the short-term rehabilitation therapy maximum benefit.

Unless specifically covered above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Therapies for the treatment of delays in development, unless resulting from acute illness or injury, or congenital defects amenable to surgical repair (such as cleft lip/palate). Examples of non-covered diagnoses include Pervasive Developmental Disorders, Down's syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy, as they are considered both developmental and/or chronic in nature.
- Any services which are covered expenses in whole or in part under any other group plan sponsored by an employer;
- Any services unless provided in accordance with a specific treatment plan;
- Services for the treatment of delays in speech development, unless resulting from illness, injury, or congenital defect;
- Services provided during a stay in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or hospice facility except as stated above;
- Services provided by a home health care agency;
- Services not performed by a physician or under the direct supervision of a physician;
- Treatment covered as part of the Spinal Manipulation Treatment. This applies whether or not benefits have been paid under that section;
- Services provided by a physician or physical, occupational or speech therapist who resides in your home; or who is a member of your family, or a member of your spouse’s family; or your domestic partner;
- Special education to instruct a person whose speech has been lost or impaired, to function without that ability. This includes lessons in sign language.

**Reconstructive or Cosmetic Surgery and Supplies**

Covered expenses include charges made by a physician, hospital, or surgery center for reconstructive services and supplies, including:

- Surgery needed to improve a significant functional impairment of a body part.
- Surgery to correct the result of an accidental injury, including subsequent related or staged surgery, provided that the surgery occurs no more than 24 months after the original injury. For a covered child, the time period for coverage may be extended through age 18.
- Surgery to correct the result of an injury that occurred during a covered surgical procedure provided that the reconstructive surgery occurs no more than 24 months after the original injury.

Note: Injuries that occur as a result of a medical (i.e., non-surgical) treatment are not considered accidental injuries, even if unplanned or unexpected.

- Surgery to correct a gross anatomical defect present at birth or appearing after birth (but not the result of an illness or injury) when
  - the defect results in severe facial disfigurement, or
  - the defect results in significant functional impairment and the surgery is needed to improve function...
Reconstructive Breast Surgery

**Covered expenses** include reconstruction of the breast on which a mastectomy was performed, including an implant and areolar reconstruction. Also included is surgery on a healthy breast to make it symmetrical with the reconstructed breast and physical therapy to treat complications of mastectomy, including lymphedema.

**Important Notice**
A benefit maximum may apply to reconstructive or cosmetic surgery services. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits.

Specialized Care

Chemotherapy

**Covered expenses** include charges for chemotherapy treatment. Coverage levels depend on where treatment is received. In most cases, chemotherapy is covered as outpatient care. Inpatient hospitalization for chemotherapy is limited to the initial dose while hospitalized for the diagnosis of cancer and when a hospital stay is otherwise medically necessary based on your health status.

Radiation Therapy Benefits

**Covered expenses** include charges for the treatment of illness by x-ray, gamma ray, accelerated particles, mesons, neutrons, radium or radioactive isotopes.

Outpatient Infusion Therapy Benefits

**Covered expenses** include charges made on an outpatient basis for infusion therapy by:

- A free-standing facility;
- The outpatient department of a hospital; or
- A physician in his/her office or in your home.

Infusion therapy is the intravenous or continuous administration of medications or solutions that are a part of your course of treatment. Charges for the following outpatient Infusion Therapy services and supplies are covered expenses:

- The pharmaceutical when administered in connection with infusion therapy and any medical supplies, equipment and nursing services required to support the infusion therapy;
- Professional services;
- Total parenteral nutrition (TPN);
- Chemotherapy;
- Drug therapy (includes antibiotic and antivirals);
- Pain management (narcotics); and
- Hydration therapy (includes fluids, electrolytes and other additives).

Not included under this infusion therapy benefit are charges incurred for:

- Enteral nutrition;
- Blood transfusions and blood products; and
- Insulin.

Coverage is subject to the maximums, if any, shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Coverage for inpatient infusion therapy is provided under the Inpatient Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility Benefits sections of this SPD.

Benefits payable for infusion therapy will not count toward any applicable Home Health Care maximums.
Important Reminder
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details on any applicable deductible, payment percentage and maximum benefit limits.

Treatment of Infertility

The Plan covers Fertility and Family Planning services through Kindbody for you and your covered spouse. Fertility and Family Planning services are not provided for covered children.

Fertility and Family Planning coverage provided by Kindbody; services covered in-network at Kindbody’s clinics or Kindbody’s Centers of Excellence network. No out-of-network coverage. Fertility benefit coverage of four (4) Cycles per member per Lifetime.

Kindbody will provide each member with a dedicated Patient Care Navigator to provide support and guidance throughout treatment. Each member will also receive a Kindbody membership that provides access to all ancillary services, including but not limited to, fertility care, gynecology, wellness coaching, nutritionist, back to work coaching and more for all members.

Infertility services for fertility preservation treatments and procedures are covered for men and women in the case of members facing iatrogenic infertility caused by medical intervention, such as radiation, medication, surgery or underlying pre-existing condition.

The following infertility services expenses will be covered:
- Ovulation Induction/Stimulation
- Male Factor Testing
- Artificial Insemination
- Preimplantation Genetic Testing
- Assisted Reproductive Technology
  - In Vitro Fertilization (Fresh/Frozen)
  - Frozen Embryo Transfers
- Cryopreservation (Medically Necessary)

Not covered are charges for:
- Ovulation predictor kits and home pregnancy tests
- Donor services and Non-medical costs of oocyte or sperm donation (e.g., donor agency fees)
- Embryo or oocyte accumulation defined as a fresh oocyte retrieval prior to the depletion of previously banked frozen embryos or oocytes
- Artificial reproductive treatments done for eugenic (selective breeding) purposes
- Gestational carrier programs
- Drugs related to the treatment of non-covered benefits;
- Infertility services for couples in which 1 of the partners has had a previous sterilization procedure, with or without surgical reversal;
- Procedures, services and supplies to reverse voluntary sterilization.

Important Note
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details.
Spinal Manipulation Treatment

**Covered expenses** include charges made by a physician on an outpatient basis for manipulative (adjustive) treatment or other physical treatment for conditions caused by (or related to) biomechanical or nerve conduction disorders of the spine.

Your benefits are subject to the 20 visits per calendar year maximum shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. However, this maximum does not apply to expenses incurred:

- During your hospital stay; or
- For surgery. This includes pre- and post-surgical care provided or ordered by the operating physician.

Services related to physical therapy accumulate towards the 100 visit outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximum.

Transplant Services

**Covered expenses** include charges incurred during a transplant occurrence. The following will be considered to be one transplant occurrence once it has been determined that you or one of your dependents may require an organ transplant. Organ means solid organ; stem cell; bone marrow; and tissue.

- Heart;
- Lung;
- Heart/Lung;
- Simultaneous Pancreas Kidney (SPK);
- Pancreas;
- Kidney;
- Liver;
- Intestine;
- Bone Marrow/Stem Cell;
- Multiple organs replaced during one transplant surgery;
- Tandem transplants (Stem Cell);
- Sequential transplants;
- Re-transplant of same organ type within 180 days of the first transplant;
- Any other single organ transplant, unless otherwise excluded under the plan.

The following will be considered to be *more than one* Transplant Occurrence:

- Autologous blood/bone marrow transplant followed by allogenic blood/bone marrow transplant (when not part of a tandem transplant);
- Allogenic blood/bone marrow transplant followed by an autologous blood/bone marrow transplant (when not part of a tandem transplant);
- Re-transplant after 180 days of the first transplant;
- Pancreas transplant following a kidney transplant;
- A transplant necessitated by an additional organ failure during the original transplant surgery/process;
- More than one transplant when not performed as part of a planned tandem or sequential transplant, (e.g., a liver transplant with subsequent heart transplant).

The network level of benefits is paid only for a treatment received at a facility designated by the plan as an Institute of Excellence™ (IOE) for the type of transplant being performed. Each IOE facility has been selected to perform only certain types of transplants.

Services obtained from a facility that is not designated as an IOE for the transplant being performed will be covered as out-of-network services and supplies, even if the facility is a network facility or IOE for other types of services.
The plan covers:

- Charges made by a **physician** or transplant team.
- Charges made by a **hospital**, outpatient facility or **physician** for the medical and surgical expenses of a live donor, but only to the extent not covered by another plan or program.
- Related supplies and services provided by the facility during the transplant process. These services and supplies may include: physical, speech and occupational therapy; bio-medicals and immunosuppressants; home health care expenses and home infusion services.
- Charges for activating the donor search process with national registries.
- Compatibility testing of prospective organ donors who are immediate family members. For the purpose of this coverage, an “immediate” family member is defined as a first-degree biological relative. These are your biological parents, siblings or children.
- Inpatient and outpatient expenses directly related to a transplant.

Covered transplant expenses are typically incurred during the four phases of transplant care described below.

Expenses incurred for one transplant during these four phases of care will be considered one transplant occurrence.

A transplant occurrence is considered to begin at the point of evaluation for a transplant and end either 180 days from the date of the transplant; or upon the date you are discharged from the hospital or outpatient facility for the admission or visit(s) related to the transplant, whichever is later.

The four phases of one transplant occurrence and a summary of covered transplant expenses during each phase are:

1. Pre-transplant evaluation/screening: Includes all transplant-related professional and technical components required for assessment, evaluation and acceptance into a transplant facility’s transplant program;
2. Pre-transplant/candidacy screening: Includes HLA typing/compatibility testing of prospective organ donors who are immediate family members;
3. Transplant event: Includes inpatient and outpatient services for all covered transplant-related health services and supplies provided to you and a donor during the one or more surgical procedures or medical therapies for a transplant; **prescription drugs** provided during your inpatient stay or outpatient visit(s), including bio-medical and immunosuppressant drugs; physical, speech or occupational therapy provided during your inpatient stay or outpatient visit(s); cadaveric and live donor organ procurement; and
4. Follow-up care: Includes all covered transplant expenses; home health care services; home infusion services; and transplant-related outpatient services rendered within 180 days from the date of the transplant event.

If you are a participant in the **IOE** program, the program will coordinate all solid organ and bone marrow transplants and other specialized care you need. Any **covered expenses** you incur from an **IOE** facility will be considered network care expenses.

### Important Reminders
To ensure coverage, all transplant procedures need to be **precertified** by Aetna. Refer to the **How the Plan Works** section for details about **precertification**.

Refer to the **Schedule of Benefits** for details about transplant expense maximums, if applicable.

### Limitations
Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges incurred for:

- Outpatient drugs including bio-medicals and immunosuppressants not expressly related to an outpatient transplant occurrence (Prescription Drug coverage is offered through Express Scripts);
- Services that are covered under any other part of this plan;
- Services and supplies furnished to a donor when the recipient is not covered under this plan;
- Home infusion therapy after the transplant occurrence;
- Harvesting or storage of organs, without the expectation of immediate transplantation for an existing illness;
- Harvesting and/or storage of bone marrow, tissue or stem cells, without the expectation of transplantation within 12 months for an existing illness;
- Cornea (Corneal Graft with Amniotic Membrane) or Cartilage (autologous chondrocyte or autologous osteochondral mosaicplasty) transplants, unless otherwise authorized by Aetna.

**Network of Transplant Specialist Facilities**

Through the IOE network, you will have access to a provider network that specializes in transplants. Benefits may vary if an IOE facility or non-IOE or out-of-network provider is used. In addition, some expenses are payable only within the IOE network. The IOE facility must be specifically approved and designated by Aetna to perform the procedure you require. Each facility in the IOE network has been selected to perform only certain types of transplants, based on quality of care and successful clinical outcomes.

**Obesity Treatment**

**Covered expenses** include charges made by a physician, licensed or certified dietician, nutritionist or hospital for the non-surgical treatment of obesity for the following outpatient weight management services:

- An initial medical history and physical exam;
- Diagnostic tests given or ordered during the first exam; and

**Morbid Obesity Surgical Expenses**

Covered medical expenses include charges made by a hospital or a physician for the surgical treatment of morbid obesity of a covered person.

Coverage includes the following expenses as long as they are incurred within a two-year period:

- One morbid obesity surgical procedure including complications directly related to the surgery;
- Pre-surgical visits;
- Related outpatient services; and
- One follow-up visit.

This two-year period begins with the date of the first morbid obesity surgical procedure, unless a multi-stage procedure is planned.

Complications, other than those directly related to the surgery, will be covered under the related medical plan's covered medical expenses, subject to plan limitations and maximums.

**Limitations**

Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges incurred for:

- Weight control services including surgical procedures, medical treatments, weight control/loss programs, dietary regimens and supplements, food or food supplements, appetite suppressants and other medications; exercise programs, exercise or other equipment; and other services and supplies that are primarily intended to control weight or treat obesity, including *morbid obesity*, or for the purpose of weight reduction, regardless of the existence of comorbid conditions; except as provided in the SPD; and.
- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan.

**Important Reminder**

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for information about any applicable benefit maximums that apply to *morbid obesity* treatment.
Treatment of Mental Disorders and Substance Abuse

Treatment of Mental Disorders
Covered expenses include charges made for the treatment of mental disorders by behavioral health providers.

Important Note
Not all types of services are covered. For example, educational services and certain types of therapies are not covered. See Medical Plan Exclusions for more information.

Benefits are payable for charges incurred in a hospital, psychiatric hospital, residential treatment facility or behavioral health provider's office for the treatment of mental disorders as follows:

Inpatient Treatment
Covered expenses include charges for room and board at the semi-private room rate, and other services and supplies provided during your stay in a hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility. Inpatient benefits are payable only if your condition requires services that are only available in an inpatient setting.

Important Reminder
Inpatient care, partial hospitalizations and outpatient treatment must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for more information about precertification.

Partial Confinement Treatment
Covered expenses include charges made for partial confinement treatment provided in a facility or program for the intermediate short-term or medically-directed intensive treatment of a mental disorder. Such benefits are payable if your condition requires services that are only available in a partial confinement treatment setting.

Important Reminder
Inpatient care, partial hospitalizations and outpatient treatment must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for more information about precertification.

Outpatient Treatment
Covered expenses include charges for treatment received while not confined as a full-time inpatient in a hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility.

The plan covers partial hospitalization services (more than 4 hours, but less than 24 hours per day) provided in a facility or program for the intermediate short-term or medically-directed intensive treatment. The partial hospitalization will only be covered if you would need inpatient care if you were not admitted to this type of facility.

Important Reminder
- Inpatient care, partial hospitalizations and outpatient treatment must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for more information about precertification.
- Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for any copayments/deductibles, maximums, payment limits or maximum out of pocket limits that may apply to your mental disorders benefits.

Treatment of Substance Abuse
Covered expenses include charges made for the treatment of substance abuse by behavioral health providers.

Important Note
Not all types of services are covered. For example, educational services and certain types of therapies are not covered. See Medical Plan Exclusions for more information.
Substance Abuse
Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for any substance abuse deductibles, maximums and payment limits or maximum out-of-pocket limits that may apply to your substance abuse benefits.

Inpatient Treatment
This Plan covers room and board at the semi-private room rate and other services and supplies provided during your stay in a psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility, appropriately licensed by the state Department of Health or its equivalent.

Coverage includes:

- Treatment in a hospital for the medical complications of substance abuse.
- “Medical complications” include detoxification, electrolyte imbalances, malnutrition, cirrhosis of the liver, delirium tremens and hepatitis.
- Treatment in a hospital is covered only when the hospital does not have a separate treatment facility section.

Important Reminder
Inpatient care, partial hospitalizations and outpatient treatment must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for more information about precertification.

Outpatient Treatment
Outpatient treatment includes charges for treatment received for substance abuse while not confined as a full-time inpatient in a hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility.

This Plan covers partial hospitalization services (more than 4 hours, but less than 24 hours per day) provided in a facility or program for the intermediate short-term or medically-directed intensive treatment of alcohol or drug abuse. The partial hospitalization will only be covered if you would need inpatient treatment if you were not admitted to this type of facility.

Important Reminder
Inpatient treatment, partial-hospitalization care and outpatient treatment must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for more information about precertification.

Partial Confinement Treatment
Covered expenses include charges made for partial confinement treatment provided in a facility or program for the intermediate short-term or medically-directed intensive treatment of substance abuse.

Such benefits are payable if your condition requires services that are only available in a partial confinement treatment setting.

Important Reminders:
- Inpatient care, partial hospitalizations and outpatient treatment must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for more information about precertification.
- Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for any copayments/deductibles, maximums, payment limits or maximum out-of-pocket limits that may apply to your substance abuse benefits.

Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)
Covered expenses include charges made by a physician, a dentist and hospital for:

- Non-surgical treatment of infections or diseases of the mouth, jaw joints or supporting tissues.
Services and supplies for treatment of, or related conditions of, the teeth, mouth, jaws, jaw joints or supporting tissues, (this includes bones, muscles, and nerves), for surgery needed to:

- Treat a fracture, dislocation, or wound.
- Cut out teeth that are partly or completely impacted in the bone of the jaw; teeth that will not erupt through the gum; other teeth that cannot be removed without cutting into bone; the roots of a tooth without removing the entire tooth; cysts, tumors, or other diseased tissues.
- Cut into gums and tissues of the mouth. This is only covered when not done in connection with the removal, replacement or repair of teeth.
- Alter the jaw, jaw joints, or bite relationships by a cutting procedure when appliance therapy alone cannot result in functional improvement.

**Hospital** services and supplies received for a stay required because of your condition.

Dental work, surgery and **orthodontic treatment** needed to remove, repair, restore or reposition:

(a) Natural teeth damaged, lost, or removed; or
(b) Other body tissues of the mouth fractured or cut due to **injury**.

Any such teeth must have been free from decay or in good repair, and are firmly attached to the jaw bone at the time of the **injury**.

The treatment must be completed in the Calendar Year of the accident or in the next Calendar Year.

If crowns, dentures, bridges, or in-mouth appliances are installed due to **injury**, **covered expenses** only include charges for:

- The first denture or fixed bridgework to replace lost teeth;
- The first crown needed to repair each damaged tooth; and
- An in-mouth appliance used in the first course of **orthodontic treatment** after the **injury**.

Coverage is provided for medically necessary temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ) surgery. Prior authorization is required. The plan does not cover orthodontics, devices, therapy or other services and supplies received for the evaluation and treatment of TMJ.

**Gender Confirming Coverage**

Gender Confirming Coverage includes the following:

- Psychotherapy for individuals experiencing gender dysphoria
- Continuous Hormone Replacement Therapy with hormones of the desired gender (Hormone Replacement Therapy is covered under the Prescription Drug Program administered by OptumRx)
- Fertility preservation in advance of hormone treatment or gender confirming surgery
- Laser hair removal services for male to female participants experiencing gender dysphoria. Services must be provided by an in-network medical specialist, such as a Dermatologist or Plastic Surgeon. Coverage from a non-medical professional or out-of-network provider will not be covered.
- Speech/Voice therapy to help participants experiencing gender dysphoria communicate in a manner consistent with their gender identities. Services must be provided by a licensed speech therapist.
- Gender Confirming Surgery
**Gender Confirming Surgery**

Gender Confirming Surgery requires prior authorization in order to ensure the readiness of the patient for such surgery as well as to confirm medical necessity exists for the transgender patient. These protocols follow guidelines established by WPATH for such surgery. Covered expenses include:

- Charges made by a physician for:
  - Performing the surgical procedure; and
  - Pre-operative and post-operative hospital and office visits.
- Charges made by a hospital for inpatient and outpatient services (including outpatient surgery). Room and board charges in excess of the hospital’s semi-private rate will not be covered unless a private room is ordered by your physician and precertification has been obtained.

Prior Authorization Requirements for all surgeries:

1) Age 18 or older;
2) Capacity to make fully informed decisions
3) Diagnosis of severe gender dysphoria
4) If medical/mental health conditions exist they must be well controlled

Additional prior authorization requirements and referrals may be needed for specific surgeries. Please contact Aetna for additional information.

**Exclusions:**

- Reversal of genital surgery or reversal of surgery to revise secondary sex characteristics
- Storage of cryopreserved embryos
- Rhinoplasty and Blepharoplasty
- Cosmetic procedures including, skin resurfacing, chin implants, nose implants and lip reduction

**Medical Plan Exclusions**

Not every medical service or supply is covered by the plan, even if prescribed, recommended, or approved by your physician or dentist. The plan covers only those services and supplies that are medically necessary and included in the *What the Plan Covers* section. Charges made for the following are not covered except to the extent listed under the *What The Plan Covers* section or by amendment attached to this SPD.

Acupuncture, acupressure and acupuncture therapy, except as provided in the *What the Plan Covers* section.

Allergy: Specific non-standard allergy services and supplies, including but not limited to, skin titration (Rinkel method), cytotoxicity testing (Bryan’s Test) treatment of non-specific candida sensitivity, and urine autoinjections.

Any charges in excess of the benefit, dollar, day, visit or supply limits stated in this SPD.
Behavioral Health Services:

- Alcoholism or substance abuse rehabilitation treatment on an inpatient or outpatient basis, except to the extent coverage for detoxification or treatment of alcoholism or substance abuse is specifically provided in the What the Medical Plan Covers Section.
- Treatment of a covered health care provider who specializes in the mental health care field and who receives treatment as a part of their training in that field.
- Treatment of impulse control disorders such as pathological gambling, kleptomania, pedophilia, caffeine or nicotine use.
- Treatment of antisocial personality disorder.
- Treatment in wilderness programs or other similar programs.
- Treatment of mental retardation, defects, and deficiencies. This exclusion does not apply to mental health services or to medical treatment of mentally retarded in accordance with the benefits provided in the What the Plan Covers section of this SPD.

Blood, blood plasma, synthetic blood, blood products or substitutes, including but not limited to, the provision of blood, other than blood derived clotting factors. Any related services including processing, storage or replacement costs, and the services of blood donors, apheresis or plasmapheresis are not covered. For autologous blood donations, only administration and processing costs are covered.

Charges for a service or supply furnished by a network provider in excess of the negotiated charge.

Charges for a service or supply furnished by an out-of-network provider in excess of the recognized charge (also referred to as reasonable and customary charge).

Charges submitted for services that are not rendered, or rendered to a person not eligible for coverage under the plan.

Charges submitted for services by an unlicensed hospital, physician or other provider or not within the scope of the provider’s license.

Cosmetic services and plastic surgery: any treatment, surgery (cosmetic or plastic), service or supply to alter, improve or enhance the shape or appearance of the body whether or not for psychological or emotional reasons including:

- Face lifts, body lifts, tummy tucks, liposuctions, removal of excess skin, removal or reduction of non-malignant moles, blemishes, varicose veins, cosmetic eyelid surgery and other surgical procedures;
- Procedures to remove healthy cartilage or bone from the nose (even if the surgery may enhance breathing) or other part of the body;
- Chemical peels, dermabrasion, laser or light treatments, bleaching, creams, ointments or other treatments or supplies to alter the appearance or texture of the skin;
- Insertion or removal of any implant that alters the appearance of the body (such as breast or chin implants); except removal of an implant will be covered when medically necessary;
- Removal of tattoos (except for tattoos applied to assist in covered medical treatments, such as markers for radiation therapy); and
- Repair of piercings and other voluntary body modifications, including removal of injected or implanted substances or devices;
- Surgery to correct Gynecomastia;
- Breast augmentation;
- Otoplasty.

Counseling: Services and treatment for marriage, religious, family, career, social adjustment, pastoral, or financial counselor except as specifically provided in the What the Plan Covers section.

Court ordered services, including those required as a condition of parole or release.
Custodial Care

Dental Services: any treatment, services or supplies related to the care, filling, removal or replacement of teeth and the treatment of injuries and diseases of the teeth, gums, and other structures supporting the teeth. This includes but is not limited to:

- services of dentists, oral surgeons, dental hygienists, and orthodontists including apicoectomy (dental root resection), root canal treatment, soft tissue impactions, treatment of periodontal disease, alveolectomy, augmentation and vestibuloplasty and fluoride and other substances to protect, clean or alter the appearance of teeth;
- false teeth, prosthetic restoration of dental implants, plates, dentures, braces, mouth guards, and other devices to protect, replace or reposition teeth; and
- non-surgical treatments to alter bite or the alignment or operation of the jaw, including treatment of malocclusion or devices to alter bite or alignment.
- Services and supplies received for the evaluation and treatment of temporomandibular joint syndrome, TMJ, whether the services are considered to be medical or dental in nature.

This exclusion does not include removal of bony impacted teeth, bone fractures, removal of tumors and orthodontogenic cysts.

Disposable outpatient supplies: Any outpatient disposable supply or device, including sheaths, bags, elastic garments, support hose, bandages, bedpans, syringes, blood or urine testing supplies, and other home test kits; and splints, neck braces, compresses, and other devices not intended for reuse by another patient.

Durable medical and surgical equipment including purchase, rental, replacement or repair from an out-of-network provider, except as specifically provided in the What the Plan Covers section.

Educational services:

- Any services or supplies related to education, training or retraining services or testing, including: special education, remedial education, job training and job hardening programs;
- Evaluation or treatment of learning disabilities, minimal brain dysfunction, developmental, learning and communication disorders, behavioral disorders, (including pervasive developmental disorders) training or cognitive rehabilitation, regardless of the underlying cause; and
- Services, treatment, and educational testing and training related to behavioral (conduct) problems, learning disabilities and delays in developing skills.

Examinations:

- Any health examinations required:
  - by a third party, including examinations and treatments required to obtain or maintain employment, or which an employer is required to provide under a labor agreement;
  - by any law of a government;
  - for securing insurance, school admissions or professional or other licenses;
  - to travel;
  - to attend a school, camp, or sporting event or participate in a sport or other recreational activity; and

Any special medical reports not directly related to treatment except when provided as part of a covered service.

Experimental or investigational drugs, devices, treatments or procedures, except as described in the What the Plan Covers section.
Facility charges for care services or supplies provided in:

- rest homes;
- assisted living facilities;
- similar institutions serving as an individual’s primary residence or providing primarily custodial or rest care;
- health resorts;
- spas, sanitariums; or
- infirmaries at schools, colleges, or camps.

Food items: Any food item, including infant formulas, nutritional supplements, vitamins, including prescription vitamins, medical foods and other nutritional items, even if it is the sole source of nutrition. This exclusion does not apply to specialized medical foods delivered enterally (only when delivered via a tube directly into the stomach or intestines) or parenterally.

Foot care: Any services, supplies, or devices to improve comfort or appearance of toes, feet or ankles, including but not limited to:

- Treatment of calluses, bunions, hammer-toes, subluxations, fallen arches, weak feet, chronic foot pain or conditions caused by routine activities such as walking, running, working or wearing shoes; and
- Shoes (including orthopedic shoes), arch supports, shoe inserts, ankle braces, guards, protectors, creams, ointments and other equipment, devices and supplies, even if required following a covered treatment of an illness or injury.

Growth/Height: Any treatment, device, drug, service or supply (including surgical procedures, devices to stimulate growth and growth hormones), solely to increase or decrease height or alter the rate of growth.

Hearing:

- Any hearing service or supply that does not meet professionally accepted standards;
- Hearing exams given during a stay in a hospital or other facility;
- Replacement parts or repairs for a hearing aid; and
- Any tests, appliances, and devices for the improvement of hearing (including hearing aids and amplifiers), or to enhance other forms of communication to compensate for hearing loss or devices that simulate speech, except as otherwise provided under the What the Plan Covers section.

Home and mobility: Any addition or alteration to a home, workplace or other environment, or vehicle and any related equipment or device, such as:

- Purchase or rental of exercise equipment, air purifiers, central or unit air conditioners, water purifiers, waterbeds, and swimming pools;
- Exercise and training devices, whirlpools, portable whirlpool pumps, sauna baths, or massage devices;
- Equipment or supplies to aid sleeping or sitting, including non-hospital electric and air beds, water beds, pillows, sheets, blankets, warming or cooling devices, bed tables and reclining chairs;
- Equipment installed in your home, workplace or other environment, including stair-glaides, elevators, wheelchair ramps, or equipment to alter air quality, humidity or temperature;
- Other additions or alterations to your home, workplace or other environment, including room additions, changes in cabinets, countertops, doorways, lighting, wiring, furniture, communication aids, wireless alert systems, or home monitoring;
- Services and supplies furnished mainly to provide a surrounding free from exposure that can worsen your illness or injury;
Removal from your home, worksite or other environment of carpeting, hypo-allergenic pillows, mattresses, paint, mold, asbestos, fiberglass, dust, pet dander, pests or other potential sources of allergies or illness; and Transportation devices, including stair-climbing wheelchairs, personal transporters, bicycles, automobiles, vans or trucks, or alterations to any vehicle or transportation device.

Home births: Any services and supplies related to births occurring in the home or in a place not licensed to perform deliveries.

Infertility: except as specifically described in the What the Plan Covers Section, any services, treatments, procedures or supplies that are designed to enhance fertility or the likelihood of conception, including but not limited to:

- Drugs related to the treatment of non-covered benefits;
- Infertility services for couples in which 1 of the partners has had a previous sterilization procedure, with or without surgical reversal;
- Procedures, services and supplies to reverse voluntary sterilization;
- Home ovulation prediction kits or home pregnancy tests;
- Donor services and Non-medical costs of oocyte or sperm donation (e.g., donor agency fees);
- Embryo or oocyte accumulation defined as a fresh oocyte retrieval prior to the depletion of previously banked frozen embryos or oocytes;
- Artificial reproductive treatments done for eugenic (selective breeding) purposes;
- Gestational carrier programs

Maintenance Care.

Medicare: Payment for that portion of the charge for which Medicare or another party is the primary payer.

Miscellaneous charges for services or supplies including:

- Annual or other charges to be in a physician's practice;
- Charges to have preferred access to a physician's services such as boutique or concierge physician practices;
- Cancelled or missed appointment charges or charges to complete claim forms;
- Charges the recipient has no legal obligation to pay; or the charges would not be made if the recipient did not have coverage (to the extent exclusion is permitted by law) including:
  - Care in charitable institutions;
  - Care for conditions related to current or previous military service;
  - Care while in the custody of a governmental authority;
  - Any care a public hospital or other facility is required to provide; or
  - Any care in a hospital or other facility owned or operated by any federal, state or other governmental entity, except to the extent coverage is required by applicable laws.

Nursing and home health aide services provided outside of the home (such as in conjunction with school, vacation, work or recreational activities).

Non-medically necessary services, including but not limited to, those treatments, services, prescription drugs and supplies which are not medically necessary, as determined by Aetna, for the diagnosis and treatment of illness, injury, restoration of physiological functions, or covered preventive services. This applies even if they are prescribed, recommended or approved by your physician or dentist.

Personal comfort and convenience items: Any service or supply primarily for your convenience and personal comfort or that of a third party, including: Telephone, television, internet, barber or beauty service or other guest services; housekeeping, cooking, cleaning, shopping, monitoring, security or other home services; and travel, transportation, or living expenses, rest cures, recreational or diversional therapy.
Private duty nursing during your stay in a hospital, and outpatient private duty nursing services, except as specifically described in the Private Duty Nursing provision in the What the Plan Covers Section.

Services provided by a spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, step-child, brother, sister, in-law or any household member.

Services of a resident physician or intern rendered in that capacity.

Services provided where there is no evidence of pathology, dysfunction, or disease; except as specifically provided in connection with covered routine care and cancer screenings.

Sexual dysfunction/enhancement: Any treatment, drug, service or supply to treat sexual dysfunction, enhance sexual performance or increase sexual desire, including:

- Surgery, drugs, implants, devices or preparations to correct or enhance erectile function, enhance sensitivity, or alter the shape or appearance of a sex organ; and
- Sex therapy, sex counseling, marriage counseling or other counseling or advisory services.

Services, including those related to pregnancy, rendered before the effective date or after the termination of coverage, unless coverage is continued under the Continuation of Coverage section of this SPD.

Services that are not covered under this SPD.

Services and supplies provided in connection with treatment or care that is not covered under the plan.

Spinal disorder, including care in connection with the detection and correction by manual or mechanical means of structural imbalance, distortion or dislocation in the human body or other physical treatment of any condition caused by or related to biomechanical or nerve conduction disorders of the spine including manipulation of the spine treatment, except as specifically provided in the What the Plan Covers section.

Strength and performance: Services, devices and supplies to enhance strength, physical condition, endurance or physical performance, including:

- Exercise equipment, memberships in health or fitness clubs, training, advice, or coaching;
- Drugs or preparations to enhance strength, performance, or endurance; and
- Treatments, services and supplies to treat illnesses, injuries or disabilities related to the use of performance-enhancing drugs or preparations.

Therapies for the treatment of delays in development, unless resulting from acute illness or injury, or congenital defects amenable to surgical repair (such as cleft lip/palate), are not covered. Examples of non-covered diagnoses include Pervasive Developmental Disorders, Down Syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy, as they are considered both developmental and/or chronic in nature.

Therapies and tests: Any of the following treatments or procedures:

- Aromatherapy;
- Carbon dioxide therapy;
- Chelation therapy (except for heavy metal poisoning);
- Computer-aided tomography (CAT) scanning of the entire body;
- Educational therapy;
- Gastric irrigation;
- Hair analysis;
- Hyperbaric therapy, except for the treatment of decompression or to promote healing of wounds;
- Hypnosis, and hypnotherapy, except when performed by a physician as a form of anesthesia in connection with covered surgery;
- Lovaas therapy;
- Massage therapy;
- Megavitamin therapy;
- Primal therapy;
- Psychodrama;
- Purging;
- Recreational therapy;
- Rolfing;
- Sensory or auditory integration therapy;
- Sleep therapy;
- Thermograms and thermography.

Transplant-The transplant coverage does not include charges for:

- Outpatient drugs including bio-medicals and immunosuppressants not expressly related to an outpatient transplant occurrence;
- Services and supplies furnished to a donor when recipient is not a covered person;
- Home infusion therapy after the transplant occurrence;
- Harvesting and/or storage of organs, without the expectation of immediate transplantation for an existing illness;
- Harvesting and/or storage of bone marrow, tissue or stem cells without the expectation of transplantation within 12 months for an existing illness;
- Cornea (corneal graft with amniotic membrane) or cartilage (autologous chondrocyte or autologous osteochondral mosaicplasty) transplants, unless otherwise precertified by Aetna.

Transportation costs, including ambulance services for routine transportation to receive outpatient or inpatient services except as described in the What the Plan Covers section.

Unauthorized services, including any service obtained by or on behalf of a covered person without Precertification by Aetna when required. This exclusion does not apply in a Medical Emergency or in an Urgent Care situation.

Vision-related services and supplies, except as described in the What the Plan Covers section. The plan does not cover:

- Special supplies such as non-prescription sunglasses and subnormal vision aids;
- Vision service or supply which does not meet professionally accepted standards;
- Eye exams during your stay in a hospital or other facility for health care;
- Eye exams for contact lenses or their fitting;
- Eyeglasses or duplicate or spare eyeglasses or lenses or frames;
- Replacement of lenses or frames that are lost or stolen or broken;
- Acuity tests;
- Eye surgery for the correction of vision, including radial keratotomy, and similar procedures (LASIK only covered if there is a pre-surgical refractive error of greater than 8 diopters – precertification is required);
- Services to treat errors of refraction.
Weight: Any treatment, drug service or supply intended to decrease or increase body weight, control weight or treat obesity, including morbid obesity, regardless of the existence of comorbid conditions; except as specifically provided in the What the Plan Covers section, including but not limited to:

- Liposuction, banding, gastric stapling, gastric by-pass and other forms of bariatric surgery; surgical procedures medical treatments, weight control/loss programs and other services and supplies that are primarily intended to treat, or are related to the treatment of obesity, including morbid obesity;
- Drugs, stimulants, preparations, foods or diet supplements, dietary regimens and supplements, food or food supplements, appetite suppressants and other medications;
- Counseling, coaching, training, hypnosis or other forms of therapy; and
- Exercise programs, exercise equipment, membership to health or fitness clubs, recreational therapy or other forms of activity or activity enhancement.

Work related: Any illness or injury related to employment or self-employment including any illness or injury that arises out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit, unless no other source of coverage or reimbursement is available to you for the services or supplies. Sources of coverage or reimbursement may include your employer, workers’ compensation, or an occupational illness or similar program under local, state or federal law. A source of coverage or reimbursement will be considered available to you even if you waived your right to payment from that source. If you are also covered under a workers’ compensation law or similar law, and submit proof that you are not covered for a particular illness or injury under such law, that illness or injury will be considered “non-occupational” regardless of cause.

## Continuation of Coverage

### Continuing Health Care Benefits

#### Handicapped Dependent Children

Health Expense Coverage for your fully handicapped dependent child may be continued past the maximum age for a dependent child. However, such coverage may not be continued if the child has been issued an individual medical conversion policy.

Your child is fully handicapped if:

- he or she is not able to earn his or her own living because of mental retardation or a physical handicap which started prior to the date he or she reaches the maximum age for dependent children under your plan; and
- he or she depends chiefly on you for support and maintenance.

Proof that your child is fully handicapped must be submitted to Aetna no later than 31 days after the date your child reaches the maximum age under your plan.

Coverage will cease on the first to occur of:

- Cessation of the handicap.
- Failure to give proof that the handicap continues.
- Failure to have any required exam.
- Termination of Dependent Coverage as to your child for any reason other than reaching the maximum age under your plan.

Aetna will have the right to require proof of the continuation of the handicap. Aetna also has the right to examine your child as often as needed while the handicap continues at its own expense. An exam will not be required more often than once each year after 2 years from the date your child reached the maximum age under your plan.
General Provisions

Type of Coverage

Coverage under the plan is non-occupational. Only non-occupational accidental injuries and non-occupational illnesses are covered. The plan covers charges made for services and supplies only while the person is covered under the plan.

Physical Examinations

Aetna will have the right and opportunity to examine and evaluate any person who is the basis of any claim at all reasonable times while a claim is pending or under review. This will be done at no cost to you.

Legal Action

No legal action can be brought to recover payment under any benefit after 3 years from the deadline for filing claims.

Additional Provisions

The following additional provisions apply to your coverage:

- This SPD applies to coverage only, and does not restrict your ability to receive health care services that are not, or might not be, covered.
- You cannot receive multiple coverage under the plan because you are connected with more than one employer.
- In the event of a misstatement of any fact affecting your coverage under the plan, the true facts will be used to determine the coverage in force.
- This document describes the main features of the plan. If you have any questions about the terms of the plan or about the proper payment of benefits, contact your employer or Aetna.
- The plan may be changed or discontinued with respect to your coverage.

Assignments

Coverage and your rights under this plan may not be assigned. A direction to pay a provider is not an assignment of any right under this plan or of any legal or equitable right to institute any court proceeding.

Misstatements

Aetna’s failure to implement or insist upon compliance with any provision of this plan at any given time or times, shall not constitute a waiver of Aetna’s right to implement or insist upon compliance with that provision at any other time or times.

Fraudulent misstatements in connection with any claim or application for coverage may result in termination of all coverage under this plan.

Rescission of Coverage

Aetna may rescind your coverage if you, or the person seeking coverage on your behalf:

- Performs an act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud; or
- Makes an intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

You will be given 30 days advance written notice of any rescission of coverage.

As to medical and prescription drug coverage only, you have the right to an internal Appeal with Aetna and/or the right to a third party review conducted by an independent External Review Organization if your coverage under this SPD is rescinded retroactive to its Effective Date.

Subrogation and Right of Recovery Provision

The provisions of this section apply to all current or former plan participants and also to the parents, guardian, or other representative of a dependent child who incurs claims and is or has been covered by the plan. The plan's right to recover (whether by subrogation or reimbursement) shall apply to the personal representative of your estate, your decedents, minors, and incompetent or disabled persons. "You" or "your" includes anyone on whose behalf the plan pays benefits. No adult covered person hereunder may assign any rights that it may have to recover medical expenses from any tortfeasor or other person or entity to any minor child or children of said adult covered person without the prior express written consent of the plan.

The plan's right of subrogation or reimbursement, as set forth below, extend to all insurance coverage available to you due to an injury, illness or condition for which the plan has paid medical claims (including, but not limited to, liability coverage, uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, personal umbrella coverage, medical payments coverage, workers' compensation coverage, no-fault automobile coverage or any first party insurance coverage).

Your health plan is always secondary to automobile no-fault coverage, personal injury protection coverage, or medical payments coverage.

Subrogation
The right of subrogation means the plan is entitled to pursue any claims that you may have in order to recover the benefits paid by the plan. Immediately upon paying or providing any benefit under the plan, the plan shall be subrogated to (stand in the place of) all rights of recovery with respect to any claim or potential claim against any party, due to an injury, illness or condition to the full extent of benefits provided or to be provided by the plan. The plan may assert a claim or file suit in your name and take appropriate action to assert its subrogation claim, with or without your consent. The plan is not required to pay you part of any recovery it may obtain, even if it files suit in your name.

Reimbursement
If you receive any payment as a result of an injury, illness or condition, you agree to reimburse the plan first from such payment for all amounts the plan has paid and will pay as a result of that injury, illness or condition, up to and including the full amount of your recovery.

Constructive Trust
By accepting benefits (whether the payment of such benefits is made to you or made on your behalf to any provider) you agree that if you receive any payment as a result of an injury, illness or condition, you will serve as a constructive trustee over those funds. Failure to hold such funds in trust will be deemed a breach of your fiduciary duty to the plan.
Lien Rights
Further, the plan will automatically have a lien to the extent of benefits paid by the plan for the treatment of the illness, injury or condition upon any recovery whether by settlement, judgment, or otherwise, related to treatment for any illness, injury or condition for which the plan paid benefits. The lien may be enforced against any party who possesses funds or proceeds representing the amount of benefits paid by the plan including, but not limited to, you, your representative or agent, and/or any other source possessing funds representing the amount of benefits paid by the plan.

Assignment
In order to secure the plan's recovery rights, you agree to assign to the plan any benefits or claims or rights of recovery you have under any automobile policy or other coverage, to the full extent of the plan's subrogation and reimbursement claims. This assignment allows the plan to pursue any claim you may have, whether or not you choose to pursue the claim.

First-Priority Claim
By accepting benefits from the plan, you acknowledge that the plan's recovery rights are a first priority claim and are to be repaid to the plan before you receive any recovery for your damages. The plan shall be entitled to full reimbursement on a first-dollar basis from any payments, even if such payment to the plan will result in a recovery which is insufficient to make you whole or to compensate you in part or in whole for the damages sustained. The plan is not required to participate in or pay your court costs or attorney fees to any attorney you hire to pursue your damage claim.

Applicability to All Settlements and Judgments
The terms of this entire subrogation and right of recovery provision shall apply and the plan is entitled to full recovery regardless of whether any liability for payment is admitted and regardless of whether the settlement or judgment identifies the medical benefits the plan provided or purports to allocate any portion of such settlement or judgment to payment of expenses other than medical expenses. The plan is entitled to recover from any and all settlements or judgments, even those designated as pain and suffering, non-economic damages, and/or general damages only. The plan's claim will not be reduced due to your own negligence.

Cooperation
You agree to cooperate fully with the plan's efforts to recover benefits paid. It is your duty to notify the plan within 30 days of the date when any notice is given to any party, including an insurance company or attorney, of your intention to pursue or investigate a claim to recover damages or obtain compensation due to your injury, illness or condition. You and your agents shall provide all information requested by the plan, the Claims Administrator or its representative including, but not limited to, completing and submitting any applications or other forms or statements as the plan may reasonably request and all documents related to or filed in person injury litigation. Failure to provide this information, failure to assist the plan in pursuit of its subrogation rights, or failure to reimburse the plan from any settlement or recovery you receive may result in the termination of your health benefits or the institution of court proceedings against you.

You shall do nothing to prejudice the plan’s subrogation or recovery interest or to prejudice the plan’s ability to enforce the terms of this plan provision. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from making any settlement or recovery that attempts to reduce or exclude the full cost of all benefits provided by the plan. If you fail to cooperate with the plan in its efforts to recover such amounts or do anything to hinder or prevent such a recovery, you will cease to be entitled to any further plan benefits. The plan will also have the right to withhold or offset future benefit payments up to the amount of any settlement, judgment, or recovery you obtain, regardless of whether the settlement, judgment or recovery is designated to cover future medical benefits or expenses.

You acknowledge that the plan has the right to conduct an investigation regarding the injury, illness or condition to identify potential sources of recovery. The plan reserves the right to notify all parties and his/her agents of its lien. Agents include, but are not limited to, insurance companies and attorneys.
You acknowledge that the plan has notified you that it has the right pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 1301 et seq, to share your personal health information in exercising its subrogation and reimbursement rights.

**Interpretation**

In the event that any claim is made that any part of this subrogation and right of recovery provision is ambiguous or questions arise concerning the meaning or intent of any of its terms, the Claims Administrator for the plan shall have the sole authority and discretion to resolve all disputes regarding the interpretation of this provision.

**Jurisdiction**

By accepting benefits from the plan, you agree that any court proceeding with respect to this provision may be brought in any court of competent jurisdiction as the plan may elect. By accepting such benefits, you hereby submit to each such jurisdiction, waiving whatever rights may correspond by reason of your present or future domicile. By accepting such benefits, you also agree to pay all attorneys' fees the plan incurs in successful attempts to recover amounts the plan is entitled to under this section.

**Workers’ Compensation**

If benefits are paid under the Aetna medical benefits plan and Aetna determines you received Workers' Compensation benefits for the same incident, Aetna has the right to recover as described under the Subrogation and Right of Reimbursement provision. Aetna, on behalf of the Plan, will exercise its right to recover against you.

The Recovery Rights will be applied even though:

- The Workers' Compensation benefits are in dispute or are made by means of settlement or compromise;
- No final determination is made that bodily injury or illness was sustained in the course of or resulted from your employment;
- The amount of Workers' Compensation due to medical or health care is not agreed upon or defined by you or the Workers' Compensation carrier; or
- The medical or health care benefits are specifically excluded from the Workers' Compensation settlement or compromise.

You hereby agree that, in consideration for the coverage provided by this Aetna medical benefits plan, you will notify Aetna of any Workers’ Compensation claim you make, and that you agree to reimburse Aetna, on behalf of the Plan, as described above.

If benefits are paid under this Aetna medical benefits plan, and you or your covered dependent recover from a responsible party by settlement, judgment or otherwise, Aetna, on behalf of the Plan, has a right to recover from you or your covered dependent an amount equal to the amount the Plan paid.

**Recovery of Overpayments**

If a benefit payment is made by the plan, to you or on your behalf, which exceeds the benefit amount that you are entitled to receive, the plan has the right to require the return of the overpayment. The plan has the right to reduce by the amount of the overpayment, any future benefit payment made to or on behalf of a participant in the plan. Another way that overpayments are recovered is by reducing future payments to the provider by the amount of the overpayment. These future payments may involve this plan or other health plans that are administered by the plan's third-party administrator — Aetna. Under this process, Aetna reduces future payments to providers by the amount of the overpayments they received, and then credits the recovered amount to the plan that overpaid the provider. Payments to providers under this plan are subject to this same process when Aetna recovers overpayments for other plans administered by Aetna.

This right does not affect any other right of recovery the plan may have with respect to overpayments.
Reporting of Claims

A claim must be submitted to Aetna in writing. It must give proof of the nature and extent of the loss. Your employer has claim forms.

All claims should be reported promptly. The deadline for filing a claim is 90 days after the date of the loss.

If, through no fault of your own, you are not able to meet the deadline for filing claim, your claim will still be accepted if you file as soon as possible. Unless you are legally incapacitated, late claims for health benefits will not be covered if they are filed more than 2 years after the deadline.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits will be paid as soon as the necessary proof to support the claim is received. Written proof must be provided for all benefits.

All covered health benefits are payable to you. However, Aetna has the right to pay any health benefits to the service provider. This will be done unless you have told Aetna otherwise by the time you file the claim.

The Plan may pay up to $1,000 of any other benefit to any of your relatives whom it believes fairly entitled to it. This can be done if the benefit is payable to you and you are a minor or not able to give a valid release.

When a PCP provides care for you or a covered dependent, or care is provided by a network provider (network services or supplies), the network provider will take care of filing claims. However, when you seek care on your own (out-of-network services and supplies), you are responsible for filing your own claims.

Records of Expenses

Keep complete records of the expenses of each person. They will be required when a claim is made.

Very important are:

- Names of physicians, dentists and others who furnish services.
- Dates expenses are incurred.
- Copies of all bills and receipts.

Contacting Aetna

If you have questions, comments or concerns about your benefits or coverage, or if you are required to submit information to Aetna, you may contact Aetna’s Home Office at:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

You may also use Aetna’s toll free Member Services phone number on your ID card or visit Aetna’s web site at www.aetna.com.
Discount Programs

Discount Arrangements
From time to time, we may offer, provide, or arrange for discount arrangements or special rates from certain service providers such as pharmacies, optometrists, dentists, alternative medicine, wellness and healthy living providers to you under this plan. Some of these arrangements may be made available through third parties who may make payments to Aetna in exchange for making these services available.

The third party service providers are independent contractors and are solely responsible to you for the provision of any such goods and/or services. We reserve the right to modify or discontinue such arrangements at any time. These discount arrangements are not insurance. There are no benefits payable to you nor do we compensate providers for services they may render through discount arrangements.

Claims, Appeals and External Review

Filing Health Claims under the Plan
Under the Plan, you may file claims for Plan benefits and appeal adverse claim determinations. Any reference to “you” in this Claims, Appeals and External Review section includes you and your Authorized Representative. An "Authorized Representative" is a person you authorize, in writing, to act on your behalf. The Plan will also recognize a court order giving a person authority to submit claims on your behalf. In the case of an urgent care claim, a health care professional with knowledge of your condition may always act as your Authorized Representative.

If your claim is denied in whole or in part, you will receive a written notice of the denial from Aetna Life Insurance Company (Aetna). The notice will explain the reason for the denial and the appeal procedures available under the Plan.

Urgent Care Claims
An “Urgent Care Claim” is any claim for medical care or treatment for which the application of the time periods for making non-urgent care determinations could seriously jeopardize your life or health or your ability to regain maximum function, or, in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of your medical condition, would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the claim.

If the Plan requires advance approval of a service, supply or procedure before a benefit will be payable, and if Aetna or your physician determines that it is an Urgent Care Claim, you will be notified of the decision, whether adverse or not, as soon as possible but not later than 72 hours after the claim is received.

If there is not sufficient information to decide the claim, you will be notified of the information necessary to complete the claim as soon as possible, but not later than 24 hours after receipt of the claim. You will be given a reasonable additional amount of time, but not less than 48 hours, to provide the information, and you will be notified of the decision not later than 48 hours after the end of that additional time period (or after receipt of the information, if earlier).

Other Claims (Pre-Service and Post-Service)
If the Plan requires you to obtain advance approval of a non-urgent service, supply or procedure before a benefit will be payable, a request for advance approval is considered a pre-service claim. You will be notified of the decision not later than 15 days after receipt of the pre-service claim.

For other claims (post-service claims), you will be notified of the decision not later than 30 days after receipt of the claim.

For either a pre-service or a post-service claim, these time periods may be extended up to an additional 15 days due to circumstances outside Aetna’s control. In that case, you will be notified of the extension before the end of the initial 15 or 30-day period. For example, they may be extended because you have not submitted sufficient information, in
which case you will be notified of the specific information necessary and given an additional period of at least 45 days after receiving the notice to furnish that information. You will be notified of Aetna’s claim decision no later than 15 days after the end of that additional period (or after receipt of the information, if earlier).

For pre-service claims which name a specific claimant, medical condition, and service or supply for which approval is requested, and which are submitted to an Aetna representative responsible for handling benefit matters, but which otherwise fail to follow the Plan's procedures for filing pre-service claims, you will be notified of the failure within 5 days (within 24 hours in the case of an urgent care claim) and of the proper procedures to be followed. The notice may be oral unless you request written notification.

**Ongoing Course of Treatment**
If you have received pre-authorization for an ongoing course of treatment, you will be notified in advance if the previously authorized course of treatment is intended to be terminated or reduced so that you will have an opportunity to appeal any decision to Aetna and receive a decision on that appeal before the termination or reduction takes effect. If the course of treatment involves urgent care, and you request an extension of the course of treatment at least 24 hours before its expiration, you will be notified of the decision within 24 hours after receipt of the request.

**Health Claims – Standard Appeals**
As an individual enrolled in the Plan, you have the right to file an appeal from an Adverse Benefit Determination relating to service(s) you have received or could have received from your health care provider under the Plan.

An “Adverse Benefit Determination” is defined as a denial, reduction, termination of, or failure to, provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a service, supply or benefit. Such Adverse Benefit Determination may be based on:

- Your eligibility for coverage, including a retrospective termination of coverage (whether or not there is an adverse effect on any particular benefit);
- Coverage determinations, including plan limitations or exclusions;
- The results of any Utilization Review activities;
- A decision that the service or supply is experimental or investigational; or
- A decision that the service or supply is not medically necessary.

A “Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination” is defined as an Adverse Benefit Determination that has been upheld by the appropriate named fiduciary (Aetna) at the completion of the internal appeals process, or an Adverse Benefit Determination for which the internal appeals process has been exhausted.

**Exhaustion of Internal Appeals Process**
Generally, you are required to complete all appeal processes of the Plan before being able to obtain External Review or bring an action in litigation. However, if Aetna, or the Plan or its designee, does not strictly adhere to all claim determination and appeal requirements under applicable federal law, you are considered to have exhausted the Plan’s appeal requirements (“Deemed Exhausion”) and may proceed with External Review or may pursue any available remedies under §502(a) of ERISA or under state law, as applicable.

There is an exception to the Deemed Exhausion rule. Your claim or internal appeal may not go straight to External Review if:
- A rule violation was minor and is not likely to influence a decision or harm you; and
- It was for a good cause or was beyond Aetna’s or the Plan’s or its designee’s control; and
- It was part of an ongoing good faith exchange between you and Aetna or the Plan.

This exception is not available if the rule violation is part of a pattern or practice of violations by Aetna or the Plan.

You may request a written explanation of the violation from the Plan or Aetna, and the Plan or Aetna must provide such explanation within 10 days, including a specific description of its bases, if any, for asserting that the violation should not cause the internal claims and appeals process to be deemed exhausted. If an External Reviewer or a court rejects your request for immediate review on the basis that the plan met the standards for the exception, you have the right to resubmit and pursue the internal appeal of the claim. In such a case, within a reasonable time after the External Reviewer or court rejects the claim for immediate review (not to exceed 10 days), you will receive notice of
the opportunity to resubmit and pursue the internal appeal of the claim. Time periods for re-filing the claim shall begin to run upon your receipt of such notice.

Full and Fair Review of Claim Determinations and Appeals
Aetna will provide you, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by Aetna (or at the direction of Aetna), or any new or additional rationale as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notice of Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination is provided, to give you a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date.

You may file an appeal in writing to Aetna at the address provided in this SPD, or, if your appeal is of an urgent nature, you may call Aetna’s Member Services Unit at the toll-free phone number on your ID card. Your request should include the group name (that is, your employer), your name, member ID, or other identifying information shown on the front of the Explanation of Benefits form, and any other comments, documents, records and other information you would like to have considered, whether or not submitted in connection with the initial claim.

An Aetna representative may call you or your health care provider to obtain medical records and/or other pertinent information in order to respond to your appeal.

You will have 180 days following receipt of an Adverse Benefit Determination to appeal the determination to Aetna. You will be notified of the decision not later than 15 days (for pre-service claims) or 30 days (for post-service claims) after the appeal is received. You may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to your claim, whether or not the comments, documents, records or other information were submitted in connection with the initial claim. A copy of the specific rule, guideline or protocol relied upon in the Adverse Benefit Determination will be provided free of charge upon request by you or your Authorized Representative. You may also request that Aetna provide you, free of charge, copies of all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim.

If your claim involves urgent care, an expedited appeal may be initiated by a telephone call to the phone number included in your denial, or to Aetna's Member Services. Aetna’s Member Services telephone number is on your Identification Card. You or your Authorized Representative may appeal urgent care claim denials either orally or in writing. All necessary information, including the appeal decision, will be communicated between you or your Authorized Representative and Aetna by telephone, facsimile, or other similar method. You will be notified of the decision not later than 36 hours after the appeal is received.

If you are dissatisfied with the appeal decision on an urgent care claim, you may file a second level appeal with Aetna. You will be notified of the decision not later than 36 hours after the appeal is received.

If you are dissatisfied with a pre-service or post-service appeal decision, you may file a second level appeal with Aetna within 60 days of receipt of the level one appeal decision. Aetna will notify you of the decision not later than 15 days (for pre-service claims) or 30 days (for post-service claims) after the appeal is received.

If you do not agree with the Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination on review, you have the right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA, if applicable.

Health Claims – Voluntary Appeals
External Review
“External Review” is a review of an eligible Adverse Benefit Determination or a Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination by an Independent Review Organization/External Review Organization (ERO) or by the State Insurance Commissioner, if applicable.

A “Final External Review Decision” is a determination by an ERO at the conclusion of an External Review.
You must complete all of the levels of standard appeal described above before you can request External Review, other than in a case of Deemed Exhaustion. Subject to verification procedures that the Plan may establish, your Authorized Representative may act on your behalf in filing and pursuing this voluntary appeal.

You may file a voluntary appeal for External Review of any Adverse Benefit Determination or any Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination that qualifies as set forth below.

The notice of Adverse Benefit Determination or Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination that you receive from Aetna will describe the process to follow if you wish to pursue an External Review, and will include a copy of the Request for External Review Form.

You must submit the Request for External Review Form to Aetna within 123 calendar days of the date you received the Adverse Benefit Determination or Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination notice. If the last filing date would fall on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, the last filing date is extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday. You also must include a copy of the notice and all other pertinent information that supports your request.

If you file a voluntary appeal, any applicable statute of limitations will be tolled while the appeal is pending. The filing of a claim will have no effect on your rights to any other benefits under the Plan. However, the appeal is voluntary and you are not required to undertake it before pursuing legal action.

If you choose not to file for voluntary review, the Plan will not assert that you have failed to exhaust your administrative remedies because of that choice.

**Request for External Review**

The External Review process under this Plan gives you the opportunity to receive review of an Adverse Benefit Determination (including a Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination) conducted pursuant to applicable law. Your request will be eligible for External Review if the claim decision involves medical judgment and the following are satisfied:

- Aetna, or the Plan or its designee, does not strictly adhere to all claim determination and appeal requirements under federal law (except for minor violations); or
- the standard levels of appeal have been exhausted; or
- the appeal relates to a rescission, defined as a cancellation or discontinuance of coverage which has retroactive effect.

An Adverse Benefit Determination based upon your eligibility is not eligible for External Review.

If upon the final standard level of appeal, the coverage denial is upheld and it is determined that you are eligible for External Review, you will be informed in writing of the steps necessary to request an External Review.

An independent review organization refers the case for review by a neutral, independent clinical reviewer with appropriate expertise in the area in question. The decision of the independent external expert reviewer is binding on you, Aetna and the Plan unless otherwise allowed by law.

**Preliminary Review**

Within 5 business days following the date of receipt of the request, Aetna must provide a preliminary review determining: you were covered under the Plan at the time the service was requested or provided, the determination does not relate to eligibility, you have exhausted the internal appeals process (unless Deemed Exhaustion applies), and you have provided all paperwork necessary to complete the External Review and you are eligible for external review.

Within one business day after completion of the preliminary review, Aetna must issue to you a notification in writing. If the request is complete but not eligible for External Review, such notification will include the reasons for its ineligibility and contact information for the Employee Benefits Security Administration (toll-free number 866-444-EBSA (3272)). If the request is not complete, such notification will describe the information or materials needed to
make the request complete and Aetna must allow you to perfect the request for External Review within the 123 calendar days filing period or within the 48 hour period following the receipt of the notification, whichever is later.

**Referral to ERO**

Aetna will assign an ERO accredited as required under federal law, to conduct the External Review. The assigned ERO will timely notify you in writing of the request’s eligibility and acceptance for External Review, and will provide an opportunity for you to submit in writing within 10 business days following the date of receipt, additional information that the ERO must consider when conducting the External Review. Within one (1) business day after making the decision, the ERO must notify you, Aetna and the Plan.

The ERO will review all of the information and documents timely received. In reaching a decision, the assigned ERO will review the claim and not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached during the Plan’s internal claims and appeals process. In addition to the documents and information provided, the assigned ERO, to the extent the information or documents are available and the ERO considers them appropriate, will consider the following in reaching a decision:

(i) Your medical records;
(ii) The attending health care professional’s recommendation;
(iii) Reports from appropriate health care professionals and other documents submitted by the Plan or issuer, you, or your treating provider;
(iv) The terms of your Plan to ensure that the ERO's decision is not contrary to the terms of the Plan, unless the terms are inconsistent with applicable law;
(v) Appropriate practice guidelines, which must include applicable evidence-based standards and may include any other practice guidelines developed by the Federal government, national or professional medical societies, boards, and associations;
(vi) Any applicable clinical review criteria developed and used by Aetna, unless the criteria are inconsistent with the terms of the Plan or with applicable law; and
(vii) The opinion of the ERO's clinical reviewer or reviewers after considering the information described in this notice to the extent the information or documents are available and the clinical reviewer or reviewers consider appropriate.

The assigned ERO must provide written notice of the Final External Review Decision within 45 days after the ERO receives the request for the External Review. The ERO must deliver the notice of Final External Review Decision to you, Aetna and the Plan.

After a Final External Review Decision, the ERO must maintain records of all claims and notices associated with the External Review process for six years. An ERO must make such records available for examination by the claimant, Plan, or State or Federal oversight agency upon request, except where such disclosure would violate State or Federal privacy laws.

Upon receipt of a notice of a Final External Review Decision reversing the Adverse Benefit Determination or Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination, the Plan immediately must provide coverage or payment (including immediately authorizing or immediately paying benefits) for the claim.
Expedited External Review
The Plan must allow you to request an expedited External Review at the time you receive:

(a) An Adverse Benefit Determination if the Adverse Benefit Determination involves a medical condition for which the timeframe for completion of an expedited internal appeal would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function and you have filed a request for an expedited internal appeal; or

(b) A Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination, if you have a medical condition where the timeframe for completion of a standard External Review would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function, or if the Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care item or service for which you received emergency services, but have not been discharged from a facility.

Immediately upon receipt of the request for expedited External Review, Aetna will determine whether the request meets the reviewability requirements set forth above for standard External Review. Aetna must immediately send you a notice of its eligibility determination.

Referral of Expedited Review to ERO
Upon a determination that a request is eligible for External Review following preliminary review, Aetna will assign an ERO. The ERO shall render a decision as expeditiously as your medical condition or circumstances require, but in no event more than 72 hours after the ERO receives the request for an expedited External Review. If the notice is not in writing, within 48 hours after the date of providing that notice, the assigned ERO must provide written confirmation of the decision to you, Aetna and the Plan.
Glossary

In this section, you will find definitions for the words and phrases that appear in **bold** type throughout the text of this SPD.

**A**

**Aetna**
Aetna Life Insurance Company, an affiliate, or a third party vendor under contract with Aetna.

**Ambulance**
A vehicle that is staffed with medical personnel and equipped to transport an ill or injured person.

**Average Wholesale Price (AWP)**
The current **average wholesale price** of a **prescription drug** listed in the Facts and Comparisons weekly price updates (or any other similar publication designated by Aetna) on the day that a **pharmacy** claim is submitted for adjudication.

**B**

**Behavioral Health Provider/Practitioner**
A licensed organization or professional providing diagnostic, therapeutic or psychological services for behavioral health conditions.

**Birthing Center**
A freestanding facility that meets **all** of the following requirements:

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide prenatal care, delivery and immediate postpartum care.
- Charges for its services.
- Is directed by at least one **physician** who is a **specialist** in obstetrics and gynecology.
- Has a **physician** or certified nurse midwife present at all births and during the immediate postpartum period.
- Extends staff privileges to **physicians** who practice obstetrics and gynecology in an area **hospital**.
- Has at least 2 beds or 2 birthing rooms for use by patients while in labor and during delivery.
- Provides, during labor, delivery and the immediate postpartum period, full-time **skilled nursing services** directed by an **R.N.** or certified nurse midwife.
- Provides, or arranges with a facility in the area for, diagnostic X-ray and lab services for the mother and child.
- Has the capacity to administer a local anesthetic and to perform minor surgery. This includes episiotomy and repair of perineal tear.
- Is equipped and has trained staff to handle **emergency medical conditions** and provide immediate support measures to sustain life if:
  - Complications arise during labor; or
  - A child is born with an abnormality which impairs function or threatens life.
- Accepts only patients with low-risk pregnancies.
- Has a written agreement with a **hospital** in the area for emergency transfer of a patient or a child. Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by **physicians** who do not own or direct the facility.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient and child.
Body Mass Index
This is a practical marker that is used to assess the degree of obesity and is calculated by dividing the weight in kilograms by the height in meters squared.

Brand-Name Prescription Drug
A prescription drug with a proprietary name assigned to it by the manufacturer or distributor and so indicated by Medi-Span or any other similar publication designated by Aetna or an affiliate.

C

Copay or Copayment
The specific dollar amount or percentage required to be paid by you or on your behalf. The plan includes various copayments, and these copayment amounts or percentages are specified in the Schedule of Benefits.

Cosmetic
Services or supplies that alter, improve or enhance appearance.

Covered Expenses
Medical, dental, vision or hearing services and supplies shown as covered under this SPD.

Creditable Coverage
A person’s prior medical coverage as defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Such coverage includes:

- Health coverage issued on a group or individual basis;
- Medicare;
- Medicaid;
- Health care for members of the uniformed services;
- A program of the Indian Health Service;
- A state health benefits risk pool;
- The Federal Employees’ Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP);
- A public health plan (any plan established by a State, the government of the United States, or any subdivision of a State or of the government of the United States, or a foreign country);
- Any health benefit plan under Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act; and
- The State Children’s Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP).

Custodial Care
Services and supplies that are primarily intended to help you meet personal needs. Custodial care can be prescribed by a physician or given by trained medical personnel. It may involve artificial methods such as feeding tubes, ventilators or catheters. Examples of custodial care include:

- Routine patient care such as changing dressings, periodic turning and positioning in bed, administering medications;
- Care of a stable tracheostomy (including intermittent suctioning);
- Care of a stable colostomy/ileostomy;
- Care of stable gastrostomy/jejuno/ileostomy/nasogastric tube (intermittent or continuous) feedings;
- Care of stable indwelling bladder catheter (including emptying/changing containers and clamping tubing);
- Watching or protecting you;
- Respite care, adult (or child) day care, or convalescent care;
- Institutional care, including room and board for rest cures, adult day care and convalescent care;
• Help with the daily living activities, such as walking, grooming, bathing, dressing, getting in or out of bed, toileting, eating or preparing foods;
• Any services that a person without medical or paramedical training could be trained to perform; and
• Any service that can be performed by a person without any medical or paramedical training.

D

Day Care Treatment
A partial confinement treatment program to provide treatment for you during the day. The hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility does not make a room charge for day care treatment. Such treatment must be available for at least 4 hours, but not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

Deductible
The part of your covered expenses you pay before the plan starts to pay benefits. Additional information regarding deductibles and deductible amounts can be found in the Schedule of Benefits.

Dentist
A legally qualified dentist, or a physician licensed to do the dental work he or she performs.

Detoxification
The process by which an alcohol-intoxicated or drug-intoxicated; or an alcohol-dependent or drug-dependent person is medically managed 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 physician. The process must keep the physiological risk to the patient at a minimum, and take place in a facility that meets any applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.

Directory
A listing of all network providers serving the class of employees to which you belong. The contractholder will give you a copy of this directory. Network provider information is also available through Aetna's online provider directory, DocFind®.

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME)
Equipment, and the accessories needed to operate it, that is:

• Made to withstand prolonged use;
• Made for and mainly used in the treatment of an illness or injury;
• Suited for use in the home;
• Not normally of use to people who do not have an illness or injury;
• Not for use in altering air quality or temperature; and
• Not for exercise or training.

Durable medical and surgical equipment does not include equipment such as whirlpools, portable whirlpool pumps, sauna baths, massage devices, over bed tables, elevators, communication aids, vision aids and telephone alert systems.
Emergency Care
This means the treatment given in a hospital's emergency room to evaluate and treat an emergency medical condition.

Emergency Medical Condition
A recent and severe medical condition, including (but not limited to) severe pain, which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that his or her condition, illness, or injury is of such a nature that failure to get immediate medical care could result in:

- Placing your health in serious jeopardy; or
- Serious impairment to bodily function; or
- Serious dysfunction of a body part or organ; or
- In the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the fetus.

Experimental or Investigational
Except as provided for under the Clinical Trials benefit provision, a drug, a device, a procedure, or treatment will be determined to be experimental or investigational if:

- There is not enough outcomes data available from controlled clinical trials published in the peer-reviewed literature to substantiate its safety and effectiveness for the illness or injury involved; or
- Approval required by the FDA has not been granted for marketing; or
- A recognized national medical or dental society or regulatory agency has determined, in writing, that it is experimental or investigational, or for research purposes; or
- It is a type of drug, device or treatment that is the subject of a Phase I or Phase II clinical trial or the experimental or research arm of a Phase III clinical trial, using the definition of “phases” indicated in regulations and other official actions and publications of the FDA and Department of Health and Human Services; or
- The written protocol or protocols used by the treating facility, or the protocol or protocols of any other facility studying substantially the same:
  - drug;
  - device;
  - procedure; or
  - treatment.

It also includes the written informed consent used by:

- the treating facility; or
- by another facility studying the same:
  - drug;
  - device;
  - procedure; or
  - treatment.

that states that it is experimental or investigational, or for research purposes.
G

Generic Prescription Drug
A prescription drug, that is identified by its:
- chemical;
- proprietary; or
- non-proprietary name; and
- is accepted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as therapeutically the same; and
- can be replaced with drugs with the same amount of active ingredient; and
- so stated by Medispan or any other publication named by Aetna or consort.

H

Homebound
This means that you are confined to your place of residence:
- Due to an illness or injury which makes leaving the home medically contraindicated; or
- Because the act of transport would be a serious risk to your life or health.

Situations where you would not be considered homebound include (but are not limited to) the following:
- You do not often travel from home because of feebleness or insecurity brought on by advanced age (or otherwise); or
- You are wheelchair bound but could safely be transported via wheelchair accessible transportation.

Home Health Care Agency
An agency that meets all of the following requirements.
- Mainly provides skilled nursing and other therapeutic services.
- Is associated with a professional group (of at least one physician and one R.N.) which makes policy.
- Has full-time supervision by a physician or an R.N.
- Keeps complete medical records on each person.
- Has an administrator.
- Meets licensing standards.

Home Health Care Plan
This is a plan that provides for continued care and treatment of an illness or injury. The care and treatment must be:
- Prescribed in writing by the attending physician; and
- An alternative to a hospital or skilled nursing facility stay.

Hospice Care
This is care given to a terminally ill person by or under arrangements with a hospice care agency. The care must be part of a hospice care program.

Hospice Care Agency
An agency or organization that meets all of the following requirements:
- Has hospice care available 24 hours a day.
- Meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located.
Provides:
- Skilled nursing services;
- Medical social services; and
- Psychological and dietary counseling.

Provides, or arranges for, other services which include:
- Physician services;
- Physical and occupational therapy;
- Part-time home health aide services which mainly consist of caring for terminally ill people; and
- Inpatient care in a facility when needed for pain control and acute and chronic symptom management.

Has at least the following personnel:
- One physician;
- One R.N.; and
- One licensed or certified social worker employed by the agency.

Establishes policies about how hospice care is provided.

Assesses the patient's medical and social needs.

Develops a hospice care program to meet those needs.

Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by physicians, other than those who own or direct the agency.

Permits all area medical personnel to utilize its services for their patients.

Keeps a medical record on each patient.

Uses volunteers trained in providing services for non-medical needs.

Has a full-time administrator.

**Hospice Care Program**

This is a written plan of hospice care, which:

- Is established by and reviewed from time to time by a physician attending the person, and appropriate personnel of a hospice care agency;
- Is designed to provide palliative and supportive care to terminally ill persons, and supportive care to their families; and
- Includes an assessment of the person's medical and social needs; and a description of the care to be given to meet those needs.

**Hospice Facility**

A facility, or distinct part of one, that meets all of the following requirements:

- Mainly provides inpatient hospice care to terminally ill persons.
- Charges patients for its services.
- Meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program including reviews by physicians other than those who own or direct the facility.
- Is run by a staff of physicians. At least one staff physician must be on call at all times.
- Provides 24-hour-a-day nursing services under the direction of an R.N.
- Has a full-time administrator.

**Hospital**

An institution that:

- Is primarily engaged in providing, on its premises, inpatient medical, surgical and diagnostic services;
- Is supervised by a staff of physicians;
- Provides twenty-four (24) hour-a-day R.N. service,
- Charges patients for its services;
- Is operating in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is located; and
- Does not meet all of the requirements above, but does meet the requirements of the jurisdiction in which it operates for licensing as a **hospital** and is accredited as a **hospital** by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

*In no event* does **hospital** include a convalescent nursing home or any institution or part of one which is used principally as a convalescent facility, rest facility, nursing facility, facility for the aged, extended care facility, intermediate care facility, **skilled nursing facility**, hospice, rehabilitative **hospital** or facility primarily for rehabilitative or custodial services.

**Hospitalization**
A continuous confinement as an inpatient in a **hospital** for which a **room and board** charge is made.

**I**

**Illness**
A pathological condition of the body that presents a group of clinical signs and symptoms and laboratory findings peculiar to the findings set the condition apart as an abnormal entity differing from other normal or pathological body states.

**Infertile or Infertility**
The condition of a presumably healthy covered person who is unable to conceive or produce conception after:

- *For a woman who is under 35 years of age*: 1 year or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 12 cycles of artificial insemination; or
- *For a woman who is 35 years of age or older*: 6 months or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 6 cycles of artificial insemination.

**Injury**
An accidental bodily condition that is the sole and direct result of:

- An unexpected or reasonably unforeseen occurrence or event; or
- The reasonable unforeseeable consequences of a voluntary act by the person.
- An act or event must be definite as to time and place.

**Institute of Excellence (IOE)**
A **hospital** or other facility that has contracted with Aetna to give services or supplies to an **IOE** patient in connection with specific transplants, procedures at a **negotiated charge**. A facility is an **IOE** facility only for those types of transplants, procedures for which it has signed a contract.

**J**

**Jaw Joint Disorder**
This is:

- A Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) dysfunction or any alike disorder of the jaw joint; or
- A Myofacial Pain Dysfunction (MPD); or
- Any alike disorder in the relationship of the jaw joint and the related muscles and nerves.
Late Enrollee
This is an employee in an Eligible Class who requests enrollment under this Plan after the Initial Enrollment Period. In addition, this is an eligible dependent for whom the employee did not elect coverage within the Initial Enrollment Period, but for whom coverage is elected at a later time.

However, an eligible employee or dependent may not be considered a Late Enrollee under certain circumstances. See the Special Enrollment Periods section of the SPD.

L.P.N.
A licensed practical or vocational nurse.

Mail Order Pharmacy
An establishment where prescription drugs are legally given out by mail or other carrier.

Maintenance Care
Care made up of services and supplies that:

- Are given mainly to maintain, rather than to improve, a level of physical, or mental function; and
- Give a surrounding free from exposures that can worsen the person's physical or mental condition.

Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit
Your plan has a maximum out-of-pocket limit. Your deductibles, payment percentage, copays and other eligible out-of-pocket expense apply to the maximum out-of-pocket limit. Once you satisfy the maximum amount the plan will pay 100% of covered expenses that apply toward the limit for the rest of the calendar year. You have a separate maximum out-of-pocket limit for network and out-of-network out-of-pocket expenses.

Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity
These are health care or dental services, and supplies or prescription drugs that a physician, other health care provider or dental provider, exercising prudent clinical judgment, would give to a patient for the purpose of:

- preventing;
- evaluating;
- diagnosing; or
- treating:
  - an illness;
  - an injury;
  - a disease; or
  - its symptoms.

The provision of the service, supply or prescription drug must be:

a) In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical or dental practice;
b) Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient's illness, injury or disease; and
c) Not mostly for the convenience of the patient, **physician**, other health care or **dental provider**; and
d) And do not cost more than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce the same therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient's **illness, injury, or disease**.

For these purposes “generally accepted standards of medical or dental practice” means standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed literature. They must be generally recognized by the relevant medical or dental community. Otherwise, the standards are consistent with **physician** or dental specialty society recommendations. They must be consistent with the views of **physicians or dentists** practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

**Mental Disorder**
An **illness** commonly understood to be a **mental disorder**, whether or not it has a physiological basis, and for which treatment is generally provided by or under the direction of a **behavioral health provider** such as a **psychiatric physician**, a psychologist or a psychiatric social worker.

Any one of the following conditions is a **mental disorder** under this plan:

- Anorexia/Bulimia Nervosa.
- Bipolar disorder.
- Major depressive disorder.
- Obsessive compulsive disorder.
- Panic disorder.
- Pervasive developmental disorder (including Autism).
- Psychotic disorders/Delusional disorder.
- Schizo-affective disorder.
- Schizophrenia.

Also included is any other mental condition which requires **Medically Necessary** treatment.

**Morbid Obesity**
This means a **Body Mass Index** that is: greater than 40 kilograms per meter squared; or equal to or greater than 35 kilograms per meter squared with a comorbid medical condition, including: hypertension; a cardiopulmonary condition; sleep apnea; or diabetes.

**N**

**Negotiated Charge**
The maximum charge a **network provider** has agreed to make as to any service or supply for the purpose of the benefits under this plan.

**Network Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART) Specialist**
A specialist **physician** who has entered into a contractual agreement with **Aetna** for the provision of covered **Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART)** services.

**Network Provider**
A health care provider who has contracted to furnish services or supplies for this plan; but only if the provider is, with **Aetna's** consent, included in the **directory** as a **network provider** for:

- The service or supply involved; and
- The class of employees to which you belong.
Network Service(s) or Supply(ies)
Health care service or supply that is:

- Furnished by a network provider; or
- Furnished or arranged by your PCP.

Night Care Treatment
A partial confinement treatment program provided when you need to be confined during the night. A room charge is made by the hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility. Such treatment must be available at least:

- 8 hours in a row a night; and
- 5 nights a week.

Non-Occupational Illness
A non-occupational illness is an illness that does not:

- Arise out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit; or
- Result in any way from an illness that does.

An illness will be deemed to be non-occupational regardless of cause if proof is furnished that the person:

- Is covered under any type of workers’ compensation law; and
- Is not covered for that illness under such law.

Non-Occupational Injury
A non-occupational injury is an accidental bodily injury that does not:

- Arise out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit; or
- Result in any way from an injury which does.

Non-Specialist
A physician who is not a specialist.

Non-Urgent Admission
An inpatient admission that is not an emergency admission or an urgent admission.

O

Occupational Injury or Occupational Illness
An injury or illness that:

- Arises out of (or in the course of) any activity in connection with employment or self-employment whether or not on a full time basis; or
- Results in any way from an injury or illness that does.
Occurrence
This means a period of disease or injury. An occurrence ends when 60 consecutive days have passed during which the covered person:

- Receives no medical treatment; services; or supplies; for a disease or injury; and
- Neither takes any medication, nor has any medication prescribed, for a disease or injury.

Orthodontic Treatment
This is any:

- Medical service or supply; or
- Dental service or supply;

furnished to prevent or to diagnose or to correct a misalignment:

- Of the teeth; or
- Of the bite; or
- Of the jaws or jaw joint relationship;

whether or not for the purpose of relieving pain.

The following are not considered orthodontic treatment:

- The installation of a space maintainer; or
- A surgical procedure to correct malocclusion.

Out-of-Network Service(s) and Supply(ies)
Health care service or supply that is:

- Furnished by an out-of-network provider; or
- Not furnished or arranged by your PCP.

Out-of-Network Provider
A health care provider who has not contracted with Aetna, an affiliate, or a third party vendor, to furnish services or supplies for this plan.

P

Partial Confinement Treatment
A plan of medical, psychiatric, nursing, counseling, or therapeutic services to treat substance abuse or mental disorders. The plan must meet these tests:

- It is carried out in a hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility; on less than a full-time inpatient basis.
- It is in accord with accepted medical practice for the condition of the person.
- It does not require full-time confinement.
- It is supervised by a psychiatric physician who weekly reviews and evaluates its effect.
- Day care treatment and night care treatment are considered partial confinement treatment.
**Payment Percentage**

Payment percentage is both the percentage of covered expenses that the plan pays, and the percentage of covered expenses that you pay. The percentage that the plan pays is referred to as the “plan payment percentage,” and varies by the type of expense. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for specific information on payment percentage amounts.

**Pharmacy**

An establishment where prescription drugs are legally dispensed. Pharmacy includes a retail pharmacy, mail order pharmacy and specialty pharmacy network pharmacy.

**Physician**

A duly licensed member of a medical profession who:

- Has an M.D. or D.O. degree;
- Is properly licensed or certified to provide medical care under the laws of the jurisdiction where the individual practices; and
- Provides medical services which are within the scope of his or her license or certificate.

This also includes a health professional who:

- Is properly licensed or certified to provide medical care under the laws of the jurisdiction where he or she practices;
- Provides medical services which are within the scope of his or her license or certificate;
- Under applicable insurance law is considered a "physician" for purposes of this coverage;
- Has the medical training and clinical expertise suitable to treat your condition;
- Specializes in psychiatry, if your illness or injury is caused, to any extent, by alcohol abuse, substance abuse or a mental disorder; and
- A physician is not you or related to you.

**Precertification or Precertify**

A process where Aetna is contacted before certain services are provided, such as hospitalization or outpatient surgery, or prescription drugs are prescribed to determine whether the services being recommended or the drugs prescribed are considered covered expenses under the plan. It is not a guarantee that benefits will be payable.

**Prescriber**

Any physician or dentist, acting within the scope of his or her license, who has the legal authority to write an order for a prescription drug.

**Prescription**

An order for the dispensing of a prescription drug by a prescriber. If it is an oral order, it must be promptly put in writing by the pharmacy.

**Prescription Drug**

A drug, biological, or compounded prescription which, by State and Federal Law, may be dispensed only by prescription and which is required to be labeled "Caution: Federal Law prohibits dispensing without prescription."

This includes:

- An injectable drug prescribed to be self-administered or administered by any other person except one who is acting within his or her capacity as a paid healthcare professional. Covered injectable drugs include injectable insulin.
Primary Care Physician (PCP)
This is the network provider who:

- Is selected by a person from the list of primary care physicians in the directory;
- Supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to a person as a general or family care practitioner, or in some cases, as an internist or a pediatrician; and
- Is shown on Aetna's records as the person's PCP.

Psychiatric Hospital
This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements.

- Mainly provides a program for the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or mental disorders.
- Is not mainly a school or a custodial, recreational or training institution.
- Provides infirmary-level medical services. Also, it provides, or arranges with a hospital in the area for, any other medical service that may be required.
- Is supervised full-time by a psychiatric physician who is responsible for patient care and is there regularly.
- Is staffed by psychiatric physicians involved in care and treatment.
- Has a psychiatric physician present during the whole treatment day.
- Provides, at all times, psychiatric social work and nursing services.
- Provides, at all times, skilled nursing services by licensed nurses who are supervised by a full-time R.N.
- Prepares and maintains a written plan of treatment for each patient based on medical, psychological and social needs. The plan must be supervised by a psychiatric physician.
- Makes charges.
- Meets licensing standards.

Psychiatric Physician
This is a physician who:

- Specializes in psychiatry; or
- Has the training or experience to do the required evaluation and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or mental disorders.

R

Recognized Charge
The covered expense is only that part of a charge which is the recognized charge.

As to medical, vision and hearing expenses, the recognized charge for each service or supply is the lesser of:

- What the provider bills or submits for that service or supply; and
- For professional services and other services or supplies not mentioned below:
  - the 80th percentile of the Prevailing Charge Rate;
  for the Geographic Area where the service is furnished.

If Aetna has an agreement with a provider (directly, or indirectly through a third party) which sets the rate that Aetna will pay for a service or supply, then the recognized charge is the rate established in such agreement.
Aetna may also reduce the recognized charge by applying Aetna Reimbursement Policies. Aetna Reimbursement Policies address the appropriate billing of services, taking into account factors that are relevant to the cost of the service such as:

- the duration and complexity of a service;
- whether multiple procedures are billed at the same time, but no additional overhead is required;
- whether an assistant surgeon is involved and necessary for the service;
- if follow up care is included;
- whether there are any other characteristics that may modify or make a particular service unique; and
- when a charge includes more than one claim line, whether any services described by a claim line are part of or incidental to the primary service provided.

Aetna Reimbursement Policies are based on Aetna's review of: the policies developed for Medicare; the generally accepted standards of medical and dental practice, which are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed literature generally recognized by the relevant medical or dental community or which is otherwise consistent with physician or dental specialty society recommendations; and the views of physicians and dentists practicing in the relevant clinical areas. Aetna uses a commercial software package to administer some of these policies.

As used above, Geographic Area and Prevailing Charge Rates are defined as follows:

- Geographic Area: This means an expense area grouping defined by the first three digits of the U.S. Postal Service zip codes. If the volume of charges in a single three digit zip code is sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, an expense area is made up of a single three digit zip code. If the volume of charges is not sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, two or more three digit zip codes are grouped to produce a statistically valid sample. When it is necessary to group three digit zip codes, the grouping never crosses state lines.
- Prevailing Charge Rates: These are rates reported by FAIR Health, a nonprofit company, in their database. FAIR Health reviews and, if necessary, changes these rates periodically. Aetna updates its systems with these changes within 180 days after receiving them from FAIR Health.

**Important Note**
Aetna periodically updates its systems with changes made to the Prevailing Charge Rates.

*What this means to you* is that the recognized charge is based on the version of the rates that is in use by Aetna on the date that the service or supply was provided.

**Additional Information**
Aetna's website aetna.com may contain additional information which may help you determine the cost of a service or supply. Log on to Aetna Navigator to access the "Estimate the Cost of Care" feature. Within this feature, view our "Cost of Care" and "Member Payment Estimator" tools, or contact our Customer Service Department for assistance.

**Rehabilitation Facility**
A facility, or a distinct part of a facility which provides rehabilitative services, meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located, and makes charges for its services.

**Rehabilitative Services**
The combined and coordinated use of medical, social, educational and vocational measures for training or retraining if you are disabled by illness or injury.

**Residential Treatment Facility (Mental Disorders)**
This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- On-site licensed Behavioral Health Provider 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides a comprehensive patient assessment (preferably before admission, but at least upon admission).
- Is admitted by a Physician.
- Has access to necessary medical services 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides living arrangements that foster community living and peer interaction that are consistent with developmental needs.
- Offers group therapy sessions with at least an RN or Masters-Level Health Professional.
- Has the ability to involve family/support systems in therapy (required for children and adolescents; encouraged for adults).
- Provides access to at least weekly sessions with a Psychiatrist or psychologist for individual psychotherapy.
- Has peer oriented activities.
- Services are managed by a licensed Behavioral Health Provider who, while not needing to be individually contracted, needs to (1) meet the Aetna credentialing criteria as an individual practitioner, and (2) function under the direction/supervision of a licensed psychiatrist (Medical Director).
- Has individualized active treatment plan directed toward the alleviation of the impairment that caused the admission.
- Provides a level of skilled intervention consistent with patient risk.
- Meets any and all applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.
- Is not a Wilderness Treatment Program or any such related or similar program, school and/or education service.

**Residential Treatment Facility (Substance Abuse)**

This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- On-site licensed Behavioral Health Provider 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides a comprehensive patient assessment (preferably before admission, but at least upon admission).
- Is admitted by a Physician.
- Has access to necessary medical services 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- If the member requires detoxification services, must have the availability of on-site medical treatment 24 hours per day/7 days a week, which must be actively supervised by an attending Physician.
- Provides living arrangements that foster community living and peer interaction that are consistent with developmental needs.
- Offers group therapy sessions with at least an RN or Masters-Level Health Professional.
- Has the ability to involve family/support systems in therapy (required for children and adolescents; encouraged for adults).
- Provides access to at least weekly sessions with a Psychiatrist or psychologist for individual psychotherapy.
- Has peer oriented activities.
- Services are managed by a licensed Behavioral Health Provider who, while not needing to be individually contracted, needs to (1) meet the Aetna credentialing criteria as an individual practitioner, and (2) function under the direction/supervision of a licensed psychiatrist (Medical Director).
- Has individualized active treatment plan directed toward the alleviation of the impairment that caused the admission.
- Provides a level of skilled intervention consistent with patient risk.
- Meets any and all applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.
- Is not a Wilderness Treatment Program or any such related or similar program, school and/or education service.
- Ability to assess and recognize withdrawal complications that threaten life or bodily functions and to obtain needed services either on site or externally.
- 24-hours per day/7 days a week supervision by a physician with evidence of close and frequent observation.
- On-site, licensed Behavioral Health Provider, medical or substance abuse professionals 24 hours per day/7 days a week.

**R.N.**

A registered nurse.

**Room and Board**

Charges made by an institution for room and board and other medically necessary services and supplies. The charges must be regularly made at a daily or weekly rate.
S

Semi-Private Room Rate
The room and board charge that an institution applies to the most beds in its semi-private rooms with 2 or more beds. If there are no such rooms, Aetna will figure the rate based on the rate most commonly charged by similar institutions in the same geographic area.

Service Area
This is the geographic area, as determined by Aetna, in which network providers for this plan are located.

Skilled Nursing Facility
An institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- It is licensed to provide, and does provide, the following on an inpatient basis for persons convalescing from illness or injury:
  - Professional nursing care by an R.N., or by a L.P.N. directed by a full-time R.N.; and
  - Physical restoration services to help patients to meet a goal of self-care in daily living activities.
- Provides 24 hour a day nursing care by licensed nurses directed by a full-time R.N.
- Is supervised full-time by a physician or an R.N.
- Keeps a complete medical record on each patient.
- Has a utilization review plan.
- Is not mainly a place for rest, for the aged, for drug addicts, for alcoholics, for mental retardates, for custodial or educational care, or for care of mental disorders.
- Charges patients for its services.
- An institution or a distinct part of an institution that meets all of the following requirements:
  - It is licensed or approved under state or local law.
  - Is primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing care and related services for residents who require medical or nursing care, or rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled, or sick persons.
- Qualifies as a skilled nursing facility under Medicare or as an institution accredited by:
  - The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations;
  - The Bureau of Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association; or
  - The Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities

Skilled nursing facilities also include rehabilitation hospitals (all levels of care, e.g. acute) and portions of a hospital designated for skilled or rehabilitation services.

Skilled nursing facility does not include:

- Institutions which provide only:
  - Minimal care;
  - Custodial care services;
  - Ambulatory; or
  - Part-time care services.
- Institutions which primarily provide for the care and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or mental disorders.
Skilled Nursing Services
Services that meet all of the following requirements:

- The services require medical or paramedical training.
- The services are rendered by an R.N. or L.P.N. within the scope of his or her license.
- The services are not custodial.

Specialist
A physician who practices in any generally accepted medical or surgical sub-specialty.

Specialty Care
Health care services or supplies that require the services of a specialist.

Stay
A full-time inpatient confinement for which a room and board charge is made.

Substance Abuse
This is a physical or psychological dependency, or both, on a controlled substance or alcohol agent (These are defined on Axis I in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) published by the American Psychiatric Association which is current as of the date services are rendered to you or your covered dependents.) This term does not include conditions not attributable to a mental disorder that are a focus of attention or treatment (the V codes on Axis I of DSM); an addiction to nicotine products, food or caffeine intoxication.

Surgery Center
A freestanding ambulatory surgical facility that meets all of the following requirements:

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide general surgery.
- Charges for its services.
- Is directed by a staff of physicians. At least one of them must be on the premises when surgery is performed and during the recovery period.
- Has at least one certified anesthesiologist at the site when surgery requiring general or spinal anesthesia is performed and during the recovery period.
- Extends surgical staff privileges to:
  - Physicians who practice surgery in an area hospital; and
  - Dentists who perform oral surgery.
- Has at least 2 operating rooms and one recovery room.
- Provides, or arranges with a medical facility in the area for, diagnostic x-ray and lab services needed in connection with surgery.
- Does not have a place for patients to stay overnight.
- Provides, in the operating and recovery rooms, full-time skilled nursing services directed by an R.N.
- Is equipped and has trained staff to handle emergency medical conditions.

Must have all of the following:

- A physician trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
- A defibrillator; and
- A tracheotomy set; and
- A blood volume expander.
- Has a written agreement with a hospital in the area for immediate emergency transfer of patients.
- Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. The program must include reviews by physicians who do not own or direct the facility.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.

T

Terminally Ill (Hospice Care)
Terminally ill means a medical prognosis of 6 months or less to live.

U

Urgent Admission
A hospital admission by a physician due to:
- The onset of or change in an illness; or
- The diagnosis of an illness; or
- An injury.
- The condition, while not needing an emergency admission, is severe enough to require confinement as an inpatient in a hospital within 2 weeks from the date the need for the confinement becomes apparent.

Urgent Care Provider
This is:
- A freestanding medical facility that meets all of the following requirements.
  - Provides unscheduled medical services to treat an urgent condition if the person’s physician is not reasonably available.
  - Routinely provides ongoing unscheduled medical services for more than 8 consecutive hours.
  - Makes charges.
  - Is licensed and certified as required by any state or federal law or regulation.
  - Keeps a medical record on each patient.
  - Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by physicians other than those who own or direct the facility.
  - Is run by a staff of physicians. At least one physician must be on call at all times.
  - Has a full-time administrator who is a licensed physician.
- A physician’s office, but only one that:
  - Has contracted with Aetna to provide urgent care; and
  - Is, with Aetna’s consent, included in the directory as a network urgent care provider.

It is not the emergency room or outpatient department of a hospital.

Urgent Condition
This means a sudden illness, injury; or condition; that:
- Is severe enough to require prompt medical attention to avoid serious deterioration of your health;
- Includes a condition which would subject you to severe pain that could not be adequately managed without urgent care or treatment;
- Does not require the level of care provided in the emergency room of a hospital; and
- Requires immediate outpatient medical care that cannot be postponed until your physician becomes reasonably available.
Walk-in Clinic

Walk-in Clinics are free-standing health care facilities. They are an alternative to a physician’s office visit for treatment of:

- Unscheduled, non-emergency illnesses and injuries;
- The administration of certain immunizations; and
- Individual screening and counseling services.

It is not an alternative for emergency room services or the ongoing care provided by a physician.

Neither:

- An emergency room; nor
- The outpatient department of a hospital;

shall be considered a Walk-in Clinic.
Additional Information Provided by

Princeton University

The following information is provided to you in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Name of Plan:
Princeton University Medical Plan

Employer Identification Number:
21-0634501

Plan Number:
501

Type of Plan:
Welfare

Type of Administration:
Administrative Services Contract with:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

Plan Administrator:
Princeton University
Benefits Committee
2 New South
Princeton, NJ 08544

End of Plan Year:
December 31

Source of Contributions:
Employer and Employee

Procedure for Amending the Plan:
The Employer may amend the Plan from time to time by a written instrument signed by Princeton’s Benefits Committee.

ERISA Rights
As a participant in the group benefit plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits
Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator’s office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) that is filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and an updated Summary Plan Description. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

Receive a copy of the procedures used by the Plan for determining a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO).

**Continue Group Health Plan Coverage**
Continue health care coverage for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this summary plan description and the documents governing the Plan for the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

Reduction or elimination of exclusionary periods of coverage for preexisting conditions under your group health plan, if you have creditable coverage from another plan. You should be provided a certificate of creditable coverage, free of charge, from your group health plan or health insurance issuer when you lose coverage under the Plan, when you become entitled to elect COBRA continuation coverage, when your COBRA continuation coverage ceases, if you request it before losing coverage, or if you request it up to 24 months after losing coverage. Without evidence of creditable coverage, you may be subject to preexisting condition exclusion for 12 months after your enrollment date in your coverage under this Plan. Contact your Plan Administrator for assistance in obtaining a certificate of creditable coverage.

**Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**
In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called “fiduciaries” of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in your interest and that of other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

**Enforce Your Rights**
If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay up to $110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan’s decision or lack thereof concerning the status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in a federal court.

If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

**Assistance with Your Questions**
If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.
If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact:

- the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory; or

You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

**IMPORTANT HEALTH CARE REFORM INFORMATION**

Some language changes in response to recent changes to preventive services coverage and women’s preventive health coverage under the Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) may not be included in the enclosed SPD. This may be because the language is still pending regulatory review and approval. However, please note that Aetna is administering medical and outpatient prescription drug coverage in compliance with the applicable components of the ACA.

The following is a summary of the recent changes to preventive services coverage and women’s preventive health coverage under the ACA that applies to non-grandfathered plans that are not otherwise exempt from the requirements. Preventive services, as required by ACA, will be paid without cost-sharing such as payment percentages, copays and deductibles.

**For details on any benefit maximums and the cost sharing under your plan, call your Aetna contact number on the back of your ID card.**

1. An annual routine physical exam for covered persons through age 21.

2. For covered females:
   - Screening and counseling services as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration. These services may include but are not limited to:
     - Screen and counseling services, such as:
       - Interpersonal and domestic violence;
       - Sexually transmitted diseases; and
       - Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) infections.
     - Screening for gestational diabetes.
     - High risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing for women age 30 and older and limited to once -three years.
   - A routine well woman preventive exam office visit, including Pap smears, in accordance with the recommendations by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

3. Screening and counseling services to aid in weight reduction due to obesity. Coverage includes:
   - Preventive counseling visits and/or risk factor reduction intervention;
   - Medical nutrition therapy;
   - Nutritional counseling; and
   - Healthy diet counseling visits provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease.

Benefits under your plan may be subject to visit maximums.

4. Screening and counseling services to aid in the prevention or reduction of the use of an alcohol agent or controlled substance. Coverage includes preventive counseling visits, risk factor reduction intervention and a structured assessment.

Benefits under your plan may be subject to visit maximums.
5. Screening and counseling services to aid you to stop the use of tobacco products. Coverage includes:
   • Preventive counseling visits;
   • Treatment visits; and
   • Class visits.

Benefits under your plan may be subject to visit maximums.

6. Prenatal care received by a pregnant female. Coverage is limited to pregnancy-related physician office visits including the initial and subsequent history and physical exams of the pregnant woman (maternal weight, blood pressure and fetal heart rate check).

7. Comprehensive lactation support, (assistance and training in breast feeding), and counseling services provided by a certified lactation support provider, in a group or individual setting, to females during pregnancy and in the post partum period.

The rental or purchase of breast feeding durable medical equipment for the purpose of lactation support (pumping and storage of breast milk), and the purchase of the accessories and supplies needed to operate the item. Aetna reserves the right to limit the payment of charges up to the most cost efficient and least restrictive level of service or item which can be safely and effectively provided. The decision to rent or purchase is at the discretion of Aetna.

Benefits under your plan may be subject to maximums.

8. For females with reproductive capacity, coverage includes:
   • FDA-approved contraceptive methods including certain FDA-approved generic drugs, implantable devices, sterilization procedures and patient education and counseling for women with reproductive capacity.
   • Counseling services provided by a physician in either a group or individual setting on contraceptive methods. Benefits may be subject to visit maximums.
   • Female voluntary sterilization procedures and related services and supplies including tubal ligation and sterilization implants. Coverage does not include charges for a voluntary sterilization procedure to the extent that the procedure was not billed separately by the provider or because it was not the primary purpose of a confinement.
   • FDA-approved female generic emergency contraceptive methods that are prescribed by your physician. The prescription must be submitted to the pharmacist for processing.

Additional exemptions may apply to plans that are sponsored by religious employers or religious organizations and meet certain criteria which exempt the health plan from the federal requirement to provide coverage for contraceptive services.

The drug list is subject to change. Visit “Medication Search” on your secure member website at www.aetna.com for the most up-to-date information on drug coverage for your plan.

IMPORTANT HEALTH CARE REFORM INFORMATION

Some language changes in response to the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) may not be included in the enclosed certificate of coverage. This may be because the language is still pending regulatory review and approval. However, please note that for new plans on or after January 1, 2014, and for non-grandfathered plans that renew on a date on or after January 1, 2014, Aetna is administering medical coverage in compliance with the following applicable components of the ACA.

The following is a summary of the recent changes under the ACA.
For details on any benefit maximums and the cost sharing under your plan, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, call the Member Services number on the back of your ID card, or refer to the Summary of Benefit and Coverage document you have received.

1. Subject to any allowed applicable age, family history and frequency guidelines for preventive services covered under the plan, (which may be in-network only for plans that use a provider network) the following services are included in those considered preventive:
   • Coverage of comprehensive lactation support and counseling, and the costs of renting or purchasing breastfeeding equipment extended for the duration of breastfeeding.
   • In accordance with the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force, and when prescribed by a physician:
     i. aspirin for men and women age 45 and over;
     ii. folic acid for women planning or capable of pregnancy;
     iii. routine iron supplementation for asymptomatic children ages 6 to 12 months;
     iv. vitamin D supplementation for men and women age 65 and older;
     v. fluoride supplementation for children from age 6 months through age 5;
     vi. genetic counseling, evaluation and lab tests for routine breast cancer susceptibility gene (BRCA) testing;
     vii. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved female over-the-counter contraceptives, and an office visit for contraceptive administration and/or removal of a contraceptive device

2. The medical in-network out-of-pocket maximum for a plan that does use a provider network, and the out-of-pocket maximums for a plan that does not use a provider network cannot exceed $6,350 per person and $12,700 per family for your 2014 plan year. If your medical plan is packaged with a plan that covers outpatient prescription drugs, the outpatient prescription drug plan may:
   a. not include out-of-pocket maximums; or
   b. have separate maximums from the medical plan up to these same amounts; or
   c. have maximums that are combined with the medical plan up to these same amounts.

3. Any annual or lifetime dollar maximum benefit that applies to "Essential Health Benefits" (as defined by the ACA and included in the plan) no longer applies. Essential Health Benefits will continue to be subject to any coinsurance, copays, deductibles, other types of maximums (e.g., day and visit maximums), referral and certification rules, and any exclusions and limitations that apply to these types of covered medical expenses under your plan.

4. If your Plan includes a pre-existing condition limitation or exclusion provision, including one that may apply to transplant coverage, then this limitation or exclusion no longer applies.

5. If your Plan includes a waiting or probationary period, (the period of time that must pass before your coverage can become effective), this period of time cannot be greater than 90 days.