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OPEN ACCESS PLUS IN-NETWORK MEDICAL BENEFITS

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## **Important Information**

THIS IS NOT AN INSURED BENEFIT PLAN. THE BENEFITS DESCRIBED IN THIS BOOKLET OR ANY RIDER ATTACHED HERETO ARE SELF-INSURED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PAYMENT. CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (CIGNA) PROVIDES CLAIM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO THE PLAN, BUT CIGNA DOES NOT INSURE THE BENEFITS DESCRIBED.

THIS DOCUMENT MAY USE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE A PLAN INSURED BY CIGNA. BECAUSE THE PLAN IS NOT INSURED BY CIGNA, ALL REFERENCES TO INSURANCE SHALL BE READ TO INDICATE THAT THE PLAN IS SELF-INSURED. FOR EXAMPLE, REFERENCES TO "CIGNA," "INSURANCE COMPANY," AND "POLICYHOLDER" SHALL BE DEEMED TO MEAN YOUR "EMPLOYER" AND "POLICY" TO MEAN "PLAN" AND "INSURED" TO MEAN "COVERED" AND "INSURANCE" SHALL BE DEEMED TO MEAN "COVERAGE."

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Explanation of Terms
You will find terms starting with capital letters throughout your certificate. To help you understand your benefits, most of these terms are defined in the Definitions section of your certificate.
The Schedule
The Schedule is a brief outline of your maximum benefits which may be payable under your insurance. For a full description of each benefit, refer to the appropriate section listed in the Table of Contents.



## **Special Plan Provisions**

Participating Providers include Physicians, Hospitals and Other Health Professionals and Other Health Care Facilities. Consult your Physician Guide for a list of Participating Providers in your area. Participating Providers are committed to providing you and your Dependents appropriate care while lowering medical costs.

## Services Available in Conjunction With Your Medical Plan

The following pages describe helpful services available in conjunction with your medical plan. You can access these services by calling the toll-free number shown on the back of your ID card.

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#### **Case Management**

Case Management is a service provided through a Review Organization, which assists individuals with treatment needs that extend beyond the acute care setting. The goal of Case Management is to ensure that patients receive appropriate care in the most effective setting possible whether at home, as an outpatient, or an inpatient in a Hospital or specialized facility. Should the need for Case Management arise, a Case Management professional will work closely with the patient, his or her family and the attending Physician to determine appropriate treatment options which will best meet the patient's needs and keep costs manageable. The Case Manager will help coordinate the treatment program and arrange for necessary resources. Case Managers are also available to answer questions and provide ongoing support for the family in times of medical crisis.

Case Managers are Registered Nurses (RNs) and other credentialed health care professionals, each trained in a clinical specialty area such as trauma, high risk pregnancy and neonates, oncology, mental health, rehabilitation or general medicine and surgery. A Case Manager trained in the appropriate clinical specialty area will be assigned to you or your dependent. In addition, Case Managers are supported by a panel of Physician advisors who offer guidance on up-to-date treatment programs and medical technology. While the Case Manager recommends alternate treatment programs and helps coordinate needed resources, the patient's attending Physician remains responsible for the actual medical care.

 You, your dependent or an attending Physician can request Case Management services by calling the toll-free number shown on your ID card during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. In addition, your employer, a claim office or a utilization review program (see the PAC/CSR section of your certificate) may refer an individual for Case Management.

- The Review Organization assesses each case to determine whether Case Management is appropriate.
- You or your Dependent is contacted by an assigned Case Manager who explains in detail how the program works.
   Participation in the program is voluntary - no penalty or benefit reduction is imposed if you do not wish to participate in Case Management.
- Following an initial assessment, the Case Manager works
  with you, your family and Physician to determine the needs
  of the patient and to identify what alternate treatment
  programs are available (for example, in-home medical care
  in lieu of an extended Hospital convalescence). You are not
  penalized if the alternate treatment program is not followed.
- The Case Manager arranges for alternate treatment services and supplies, as needed (for example, nursing services or a Hospital bed and other Durable Medical Equipment for the home).
- The Case Manager also acts as a liaison between the insurer, the patient, his or her family and Physician as needed (for example, by helping you to understand a complex medical diagnosis or treatment plan).
- Once the alternate treatment program is in place, the Case Manager continues to manage the case to ensure the treatment program remains appropriate to the patient's needs.

While participation in Case Management is strictly voluntary, Case Management professionals can offer quality, cost-effective treatment alternatives, as well as provide assistance in obtaining needed medical resources and ongoing family support in a time of need.

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#### **Additional Programs**

We may, from time to time, offer or arrange for various entities to offer discounts, benefits, or other consideration to our members for the purpose of promoting the general health and well being of our members. We may also arrange for the reimbursement of all or a portion of the cost of services provided by other parties to the Policyholder. Contact us for details regarding any such arrangements.

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#### **Incentives to Participating Providers**

Cigna continuously develops programs to help our customers access quality, cost-effective health care. Some programs include Participating Providers receiving financial incentives from Cigna for providing care to members in a way that meets or exceeds certain quality and/or cost-efficiency standards, when, in the Participating Provider's professional judgment, it is appropriate to do so within the applicable standard of care. For example, some Participating Providers could receive financial incentives for prescribing lower-cost prescription drugs to manage certain conditions, utilizing or referring you to alternative sites of care as determined by your plan rather than in a more expensive setting, or achieving particular outcomes for certain health conditions. Participating Providers may also receive purchasing discounts when purchasing certain prescription drugs from Cigna affiliates. Such programs can help make you healthier, decrease your health care costs, or both. These programs are not intended to affect your access to the health care that you need. We encourage you to talk to your Participating Provider if you have questions about whether they receive financial incentives from Cigna and whether those incentives apply to your care.

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#### **Care Management and Care Coordination Services**

Your plan may enter into specific collaborative arrangements with health care professionals committed to improving quality care, patient satisfaction and affordability. Through these collaborative arrangements, health care professionals commit to proactively providing participants with certain care management and care coordination services to facilitate achievement of these goals. Reimbursement is provided at 100% for these services when rendered by designated health care professionals in these collaborative arrangements.

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## **Important Notices**

#### **Important Information**

#### **Rebates and Other Payments**

Cigna or its affiliates may receive rebates or other remuneration from pharmaceutical manufacturers in connection with certain Medical Pharmaceuticals covered under your plan. These rebates or remuneration are not obtained on you or your Employer's or plan's behalf or for your benefit.

Cigna, its affiliates and the plan are not obligated to pass these rebates on to you, or apply them to your plan's Deductible if any or take them into account in determining your Copayments and/or Coinsurance. Cigna and its affiliates or designees, conduct business with various pharmaceutical manufacturers separate and apart from this plan's Medical Pharmaceutical benefits. Such business may include, but is not limited to, data collection, consulting, educational grants and research. Amounts received from pharmaceutical manufacturers pursuant to such arrangements are not related to this plan. Cigna and its affiliates are not required to pass on to you, and do not pass on to you, such amounts.

#### **Coupons, Incentives and Other Communications**

At various times, Cigna or its designee may send mailings to you or your Dependents or to your Physician that communicate a variety of messages, including information about Medical Pharmaceuticals. These mailings may contain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers that enable you or your Dependents, at your discretion, to purchase the described Medical Pharmaceutical at a discount or to obtain it at no charge. Pharmaceutical manufacturers may pay for and/or provide the content for these mailings. Cigna, its affiliates and the plan are not responsible in any way for any decision you make in connection with any coupon, incentive, or other offer you may receive from a pharmaceutical manufacturer or Physician.

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#### Discrimination is Against the Law

Cigna complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. Cigna does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.



#### Cigna:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - · Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as
  - · Qualified interpreters
  - · Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact customer service at the toll-free phone number shown on your ID card, and ask a Customer Service Associate for assistance.

If you believe that Cigna has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance by sending an email to <a href="mailto:ACAGrievance@cigna.com">ACAGrievance@cigna.com</a> or by writing to the following address:

Cigna

Nondiscrimination Complaint Coordinator P.O. Box 188016 Chattanooga, TN 37422

If you need assistance filing a written grievance, please call the number on the back of your ID card or send an email to <u>ACAGrievance@cigna.com</u>. You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at: <a href="https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf">https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</a>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

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#### **Proficiency of Language Assistance Services**

**English** – ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. For current Cigna customers, call the number on the back of your ID card. Otherwise, call 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Dial 711).

**Spanish** – ATENCIÓN: Hay servicios de asistencia de idiomas, sin cargo, a su disposición. Si es un cliente actual de Cigna, llame al número que figura en el reverso de su tarjeta

de identificación. Si no lo es, llame al 1.800.244.6224 (los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 711).

Chinese – 注意:我們可為您免費提供語言協助服務。 對於 Cigna 的現有客戶,請致電您的 ID 卡背面的號碼。 其他客戶請致電 1.800.244.6224 (聽障專線:請撥 711)。

Vietnamese – XIN LƯU Ý: Quý vị được cấp dịch vụ trợ giúp về ngôn ngữ miễn phí. Dành cho khách hàng hiện tại của Cigna, vui lòng gọi số ở mặt sau thẻ Hội viên. Các trường hợp khác xin gọi số 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Quay số 711).

Korean - 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 현재 Cigna 가입자님들께서는 ID 카드 뒷면에 있는 전화번호로 연락해주십시오. 기타 다른 경우에는 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 다이얼 711)번으로 전화해주십시오.

**Tagalog** – PAUNAWA: Makakakuha ka ng mga serbisyo sa tulong sa wika nang libre. Para sa mga kasalukuyang customer ng Cigna, tawagan ang numero sa likuran ng iyong ID card. O kaya, tumawag sa 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: I-dial ang 711).

Russian — ВНИМАНИЕ: вам могут предоставить бесплатные услуги перевода. Если вы уже участвуете в плане Cigna, позвоните по номеру, указанному на обратной стороне вашей идентификационной карточки участника плана. Если вы не являетесь участником одного из наших планов, позвоните по номеру 1.800.244.6224 (ТТҮ: 711).

Arabic - برجاء الانتباه خدمات الترجمة المجانية متاحة لكم. لعملاء Cigna الحاليين برجاء الاتصال بالرقم المدون علي ظهر بطاقتكم الشخصية. او اتصل ب 171. (TTY: اتصل ب 711).

French Creole – ATANSYON: Gen sèvis èd nan lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Pou kliyan Cigna yo, rele nimewo ki dèyè kat ID ou. Sinon, rele nimewo 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Rele 711).

French – ATTENTION: Des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Si vous êtes un client actuel de Cigna, veuillez appeler le numéro indiqué au verso de votre carte d'identité. Sinon, veuillez appeler le numéro 1.800.244.6224 (ATS: composez le numéro 711).

**Portuguese** – ATENÇÃO: Tem ao seu dispor serviços de assistência linguística, totalmente gratuitos. Para clientes Cigna atuais, ligue para o número que se encontra no verso do seu cartão de identificação. Caso contrário, ligue para 1.800.244.6224 (Dispositivos TTY: marque 711).

**Polish** – UWAGA: w celu skorzystania z dostępnej, bezpłatnej pomocy językowej, obecni klienci firmy Cigna mogą dzwonić pod numer podany na odwrocie karty



identyfikacyjnej. Wszystkie inne osoby prosimy o skorzystanie z numeru 1 800 244 6224 (TTY: wybierz 711).

注意事項:日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援サー ビスをご利用いただけます。現在のCignaの お客様は、IDカード裏面の電話番号まで、お電話にてご 連絡ください。その他の方は、1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 711) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

Italian – ATTENZIONE: Sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Per i clienti Cigna attuali, chiamare il numero sul retro della tessera di identificazione. In caso contrario, chiamare il numero 1.800.244.6224 (utenti TTY: chiamare il numero 711).

German – ACHTUNG: Die Leistungen der Sprachunterstützung stehen Ihnen kostenlos zur Verfügung. Wenn Sie gegenwärtiger Cigna-Kunde sind, rufen Sie bitte die Nummer auf der Rückseite Ihrer Krankenversicherungskarte an. Andernfalls rufen Sie 1.800.244.6224 an (TTY: Wählen Sie 711).

Persian (Farsi) – توجه: خدمات کمک زبانی، به صورت رایگان به شما ارائه می شود برای مشتریان فعلی Cigna ، لطفاً با شمارهای که در پشت کارت شناسایی شماست تماس بگیرید. در غیر اینصورت با شماره 1.800.244.6224 تماس بگيريد (شماره تلفن ويژه ناشنوايان: شماره 711را شمارهگیری کنید).

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### Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) - Non-Quantitative Treatment Limitations (NQTLs)

Federal MHPAEA regulations provide that a plan cannot impose a Non-Quantitative Treatment Limitation (NQTL) on mental health or substance use disorder (MH/SUD) benefits in any classification unless the processes, strategies, evidentiary standards, or other factors used in applying the NQTL to MH/SUD benefits are comparable to, and are applied no more stringently than, those used in applying the NQTL to medical/surgical benefits in the same classification of benefits as written and in operation under the terms of the plan.

Non-Quantitative Treatment Limitations (NQTLs) include (to the extent applicable under the plan):

- medical management standards limiting or excluding benefits based on Medical Necessity or whether the treatment is experimental or investigative;
- prescription drug formulary design;
- network admission standards;

- methods for determining In-Network and Out-of-Network provider reimbursement rates;
- step therapy a/k/a fail-first requirements; and
- exclusions and/or restrictions based on geographic location, facility type or provider specialty.

A description of your plan's NQTL methodologies and processes applied to medical/surgical benefits and MH/SUD benefits is available for review by Plan Administrators (e.g. Employers) and covered persons:

#### **Employers (Plan Administrators):**

Please contact your Cigna Sales Representative to request the NOTL comparative analysis.

Covered Persons: www.cigna.com\sp

To determine which document applies to your plan, select the relevant health plan product; medical management model (inpatient only or inpatient and outpatient) which can be located in this booklet immediately following The Schedule; and pharmacy coverage (whether or not your plan includes pharmacy coverage).

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#### **How To File Your Claim**

If your plan provides coverage when care is received only from In-Network providers, you may still have Out-of-Network claims (for example, when Emergency Services are received from an Out-of-Network provider) and should follow the claim submission instructions for those claims. Claims can be submitted by the provider if the provider is able and willing to file on your behalf. If the provider is not submitting on your behalf, you must send your completed claim form and itemized bills to the claims address listed on the claim form.

You may get the required claim forms from the website listed on your identification card or by using the toll-free number on your identification card.

#### CLAIM REMINDERS

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• BE SURE TO USE YOUR MEMBER ID AND ACCOUNT/GROUP NUMBER WHEN YOU FILE CIGNA'S CLAIM FORMS, OR WHEN YOU CALL YOUR CIGNA CLAIM OFFICE.

YOUR MEMBER ID IS THE ID SHOWN ON YOUR BENEFIT IDENTIFICATION CARD.

YOUR ACCOUNT/GROUP NUMBER IS SHOWN ON YOUR BENEFIT IDENTIFICATION CARD.



• BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE CLAIM FORM CAREFULLY WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM TO CIGNA.

#### **Timely Filing of Out-of-Network Claims**

Cigna will consider claims for coverage under our plans when proof of loss (a claim) is submitted within 365 days for Out-of-Network benefits after services are rendered. If services are rendered on consecutive days, such as for a Hospital Confinement, the limit will be counted from the last date of service. If claims are not submitted within 365 days for Out-of-Network benefits, the claim will not be considered valid and will be denied.

**WARNING:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information; or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any material fact thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act.

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## **Eligibility - Effective Date**

#### **Employee Insurance**

This plan is offered to you as a retired Employee.

#### **Eligibility for Employee Insurance**

You will become eligible for insurance on the date you retire if you are in a Class of Eligible Employees.

#### **Eligibility for Dependent Insurance**

You will become eligible for Dependent insurance on the later of:

- the day you become eligible for yourself; or
- the day you acquire your first Dependent.

#### **Classes of Eligible Employees**

Each retired Employee as reported to the insurance company by your former Employer.

#### **Effective Date of Employee Insurance**

You will become insured on the date you elect the insurance by signing a written agreement with the Policyholder to make the required contribution, but no earlier than the date you become eligible. To be insured for these benefits, you must elect the insurance for yourself no later than 30 days after your retirement.

#### **Dependent Insurance**

For your Dependents to be insured, you will have to pay the required contribution, if any, toward the cost of Dependent Insurance.

#### **Effective Date of Dependent Insurance**

Insurance for your Dependents will become effective on the date you elect it by signing a written agreement with the Policyholder to make the required contribution, but no earlier than the day you become eligible for Dependent Insurance. All of your Dependents as defined will be included.

For your Dependents to be insured for these benefits, you must elect the Dependent insurance for yourself no later than 30 days after you become eligible.

Your Dependents will be insured only if you are insured.

#### **Exception for Newborns**

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Any Dependent child born while you are insured will become insured on the date of his birth if you elect Dependent Insurance no later than 31 days after his birth. If you do not elect to insure your newborn child within such 31 days, no benefits for expenses incurred will be payable for that child.

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# Important Information About Your Medical Plan

Details of your medical benefits are described on the following pages.

#### Opportunity to Select a Primary Care Physician

This medical plan does not require that you select a Primary Care Physician or obtain a referral from a Primary Care Physician in order to receive all benefits available to you under this medical plan. Notwithstanding, a Primary Care Physician may serve an important role in meeting your health care needs by providing or arranging for medical care for you and your Dependents. For this reason, we encourage the use of Primary Care Physicians and provide you with the opportunity to select a Primary Care Physician from a list provided by Cigna for yourself and your Dependents. If you choose to select a Primary Care Physician, the Primary Care Physician you select for yourself may be different from the Primary Care Physician you select for each of your Dependents. If you need assistance selecting your Primary Care Physician, please visit our website at www.cigna.com or call the number on the back of your ID Card.

The Primary Care Physician's role is to provide or arrange for medical care for you and any of your Dependents.



You and your Dependents are allowed direct access to Participating Physicians for covered services. Even if you select a Primary Care Physician, there is no requirement to obtain an authorization of care from your Primary Care Physician for visits to the Participating Physician of your choice, including Participating Specialist Physicians, for covered services.

#### **Changing Primary Care Physicians**

You may request a transfer from one Primary Care Physician to another by visiting our website at <a href="www.cigna.com">www.cigna.com</a> or calling the number on the back of your ID Card. Any such transfer will be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the processing of the change request is completed.

In addition, if at any time a Primary Care Physician ceases to be a Participating Provider, you or your Dependent will be notified for the purpose of selecting a new Primary Care Physician, if you choose.

## **Direct Access For Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services**

You are allowed direct access to a licensed/certified Participating Provider for covered Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services. There is no requirement to obtain an authorization of care from your Primary Care Physician for individual or group therapy visits to the Participating Provider of your choice for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder.

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## **Open Access Plus In-Network Medical Benefits**

#### The Schedule

#### For You and Your Dependents

Open Access Plus In-Network Medical Benefits provide coverage for care In-Network. To receive Open Access Plus In-Network Medical Benefits, you and your Dependents may be required to pay a portion of the Covered Expenses for services and supplies. That portion is the Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance.

When you receive services from an In-Network Provider, remind your provider to utilize In-Network Providers for x-rays, lab tests and other services to ensure the cost may be considered at the In-Network level.

If you are unable to locate an In-Network Provider in your area who can provide you with a service or supply that is covered under this plan, you must call the number on the back of your I.D. card to obtain authorization for Out-of-Network Provider coverage. If you obtain authorization for services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider, benefits for those services will be covered at the In-Network benefit level.

#### Important Notice on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Coverage

Covered medical services received to diagnose or treat a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder condition will be payable according to the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder sections of The Schedule.

#### Coinsurance

The term Coinsurance means the percentage of Covered Expenses that an insured person is required to pay under the plan in addition to the Deductible, if any.

#### Copayments/Deductibles

Copayments are amounts to be paid by you or your Dependent for covered services. Deductibles are Covered Expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent before benefits are payable under this plan. Deductible amounts are separate from and not reduced by Copayments. Copayments and Deductibles are in addition to any Coinsurance.

#### **Out-of-Pocket Expenses**

Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred for charges that are not paid by the benefit plan. The following Expenses contribute to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum, and when the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in The Schedule is reached, they are payable by the benefit plan at 100%:

· Coinsurance.

The following Out-of-Pocket Expenses and charges do not contribute to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum, and they are not payable by the benefit plan at 100% when the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in The Schedule is reached:

- Non-compliance penalties.
- Provider charges in excess of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge.

### **Multiple Surgical Reduction**

Multiple surgeries performed during one operating session result in payment reduction of 50% to the surgery of lesser charge. The most expensive procedure is paid as any other surgery.



## **Open Access Plus In-Network Medical Benefits**

#### The Schedule

#### **Assistant Surgeon and Co-Surgeon Charges**

#### **Assistant Surgeon**

The maximum amount payable will be limited to charges made by an assistant surgeon that do not exceed a percentage of the surgeon's allowable charge as specified in Cigna Reimbursement Policies. (For purposes of this limitation, allowable charge means the amount payable to the surgeon prior to any reductions due to coinsurance or deductible amounts.)

#### Co-Surgeon

The maximum amount payable for charges made by co-surgeons will be limited to the amount specified in Cigna Reimbursement Policies.

#### **Out-of-Network Emergency Services Charges**

- 1. Emergency Services are covered at the In-Network cost-sharing level if services are received from a non-participating (Out-of-Network) provider.
- 2. The allowable amount used to determine the Plan's benefit payment for covered Emergency Services rendered in an Out-of-Network Hospital, or by an Out-of-Network provider in an In-Network Hospital, is the amount agreed to by the Out-of-Network provider and Cigna, or if no amount is agreed to, the greatest of the following, not to exceed the provider's billed charges: (i) the median amount negotiated with In-Network providers for the Emergency Service, excluding any In-Network copay or coinsurance; or (ii) the amount payable under the Medicare program.

The member is responsible for applicable In-Network cost-sharing amounts (any deductible, copay or coinsurance). The member is also responsible for all charges that may be made in excess of the allowable amount. If the Out-of-Network provider bills you for an amount higher than the amount you owe as indicated on the Explanation of Benefits (EOB), contact Cigna Customer Service at the phone number on your ID card.

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited
The Percentage of Covered Expenses the Plan Pays	100%
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	
Individual	\$2,000 per person
Family Maximum	\$6,000 per family
Family Maximum Calculation	
Individual Calculation:	
Family members meet only their individual Out-of-Pocket and then their claims will be covered at 100%; if the family Out-of-Pocket has been met prior to their individual Out-of-Pocket being met, their claims will be paid at 100%.	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Physician's Services	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Consultant and Referral Physician's Services	
Note: OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist, depending on how the provider contracts with Cigna on an In-Network basis.	
Surgery Performed in the Physician's Office	
Primary Care Physician	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Second Opinion Consultations (provided on a voluntary basis)	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Allergy Treatment/Injections	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Allergy Serum (dispensed by the Physician in the office)	
Primary Care Physician	100%
Specialty Care Physician	100%
Convenience Care Clinic	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
(includes any related lab and x-ray services and surgery)	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Virtual Care	
<b>Dedicated Virtual Providers</b>	
Dedicated virtual care services may be provided by MDLIVE, a Cigna affiliate.	
Services available through contracted virtual providers as medically appropriate.	
Notes:	
<ul> <li>Primary Care cost share applies to routine care. Virtual wellness screenings are payable under preventive care.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>MDLIVE Behavioral Services, please refer to the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder section (below).</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Lab services supporting a virtual visit must be obtained through dedicated labs.</li> </ul>	
<b>MDLIVE Urgent Care Services</b>	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
<b>MDLIVE Primary Care Services</b>	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
<b>MDLIVE Specialty Care Services</b>	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Virtual Physician Services	
Services available through Physicians as medically appropriate.	
Note: Physicians may deliver services virtually that are payable under other benefits (e.g., Preventive Care, Outpatient Therapy Services).	
Primary Care Physician Virtual Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician Virtual Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Preventive Care	
Note:	
Includes coverage of additional services, such as urinalysis, EKG, and other laboratory tests, supplementing the standard Preventive Care benefit.	
Routine Preventive Care - all ages	100%
Immunizations - all ages	100%
Mammograms, PSA, PAP Smear	
Preventive Care Related Services (i.e. "routine" services)	100%
Diagnostic Related Services (i.e. "non-routine" services)	Subject to the plan's x-ray benefit & lab benefit; based on place of service
Inpatient Hospital - Facility Services	100%
Semi-Private Room and Board	Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate
Private Room	Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate
Special Care Units (ICU/CCU)	Limited to the negotiated rate
Outpatient Facility Services	
Operating Room, Recovery Room, Procedures Room, Treatment Room and Observation Room	100%
Inpatient Hospital Physician's Visits/Consultations	100%
Inpatient Professional Services	100%
Surgeon	
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	
<b>Outpatient Professional Services</b>	
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
Note: Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Urgent Care Services	
Urgent Care Facility or Outpatient Facility	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Includes Outpatient Professional Services, X-ray and/or Lab services performed at the Urgent Care Facility and billed by the facility as part of the UC visit.	
Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.) billed by the facility as part of the UC visit	100%
Emergency Services	
Hospital Emergency Room Includes Outpatient Professional Services, X-ray and/or Lab services performed at the Emergency Room and billed by the facility as part of the ER visit.	\$100 per visit copay (waived if admitted), then 100%
Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.) billed by the facility as part of the ER visit	100%
Air Ambulance	100%
Ambulance	100%
Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities	100%
Includes Skilled Nursing Facility, Rehabilitation Hospital and Sub- Acute Facilities	
Calendar Year Maximum: 100 days combined	
<b>Laboratory Services</b>	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Outpatient Hospital Facility	100%
Independent Lab Facility	100%



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Radiology Services	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Outpatient Hospital Facility	100%
Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans and PET Scans)	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Therapy Services	
Calendar Year Maximum: 30 days per Sickness or Injury (combined) Includes:	
Physical Therapy Speech Therapy Occupational Therapy Massage Therapy	
<b>Note:</b> There is no coverage review for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Massage Therapy.	
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited Includes:	
Pulmonary Rehab Cognitive Therapy Visual Therapy	
(The limits are not applicable to mental health conditions.)	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay*, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay*, then 100%
	*Note: Outpatient Therapy Services copay applies, except if place of service is in an outpatient setting or in the home.



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation	
Calendar Year Maximum: 90 days	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Chiropractic Care	
Calendar Year Maximum: 20 days	
<b>Note:</b> There is no coverage review for Chiropractic Care.	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Acupuncture Care	
Self-referred treatment by acupuncture provided on an outpatient basis, limited to an unlimited day maximum per person per Calendar Year.	
<b>Note:</b> There is no coverage review for Acupuncture.	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Home Health Care Services	
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited (includes outpatient private nursing when approved as Medically Necessary)	100%
Hospice	
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Inpatient Services	100%
Outpatient Services	100%
(same coinsurance level as Home Health Care Services)	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<b>Bereavement Counseling</b>	
Services provided as part of Hospice Care	
Inpatient	100%
Outpatient	100%
Services provided by Mental Health Professional	Covered under Mental Health benefit
Medical Pharmaceuticals	
Physician's Office	100%
Home Setting	100%
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Gene Therapy	
Includes prior authorized gene therapy products and services directly related to their administration, when Medically Necessary.	
Gene therapy must be received at an In-Network facility specifically contracted with Cigna to provide the specific gene therapy. Gene therapy at other In-Network facilities is not covered.	
Gene Therapy Product	Covered same as Medical Pharmaceuticals
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Inpatient Professional Services	100%
Outpatient Professional Services:	
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
Note: Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	
Travel Maximum: \$10,000 per episode of gene therapy	100%  (available only for travel when prior authorized to receive gene therapy at a participating In-Network facility specifically contracted with Cigna to provide the specific gene therapy)



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Advanced Cellular Therapy	
Includes prior authorized advanced cellular therapy products and related services when Medically Necessary.	
Advanced Cellular Therapy Product	Covered Same as Medical Pharmaceuticals
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Inpatient Professional Services	100%
Outpatient Professional Services:	
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
Note: Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	
Advanced Cellular Therapy Travel Maximum:	100%
\$10,000 per episode of advanced cellular therapy	
(Available only for travel when prior authorized to receive advanced cellular therapy from a provider located more than 60 miles of your primary residence and is contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services.)	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Maternity Care Services	
Initial Visit to Confirm Pregnancy Note: OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist, depending on how the provider contracts with Cigna on an In-Network basis.	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
All subsequent Prenatal Visits, Postnatal Visits and Physician's Delivery Charges (i.e. global maternity fee)	100%
Physician's Office Visits in addition to the global maternity fee when performed by an OB/GYN or Specialist	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Delivery - Facility (Inpatient Hospital, Birthing Center)	100%



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Abortion	
Includes elective and non-elective procedures	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Inpatient Professional Services	100%
Outpatient Professional Services:	
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
Note:  Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Women's Family Planning Services	
Office Visits, Lab and Radiology Tests and Counseling	
Note:	
Includes coverage for contraceptive devices (e.g., Depo-Provera and Intrauterine Devices (IUDs)) as ordered or prescribed by a physician. Diaphragms also are covered when services are provided in the physician's office.	
Primary Care Physician	100%
Specialty Care Physician	100%
Surgical Sterilization Procedures for Tubal Ligation (includes reversals	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Inpatient Professional Services	100%
Outpatient Professional Services	100%



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Men's Family Planning Services Office Visits, Lab and Radiology Tests and Counseling Primary Care Physician	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Surgical Sterilization Procedures for Vasectomy (includes reversals)	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Inpatient Professional Services Outpatient Professional Services:	100%
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
Note:  Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	



#### BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS IN-NETWORK

### **Infertility Services**

Coverage will be provided for the following services:

- Testing and treatment services performed in connection with an underlying medical condition.
- Testing performed specifically to determine the cause of infertility.
- Treatment and/or procedures performed specifically to restore fertility (e.g. procedures to correct an infertility condition).
- Artificial Insemination, In-vitro, GIFT, ZIFT, etc.

Physician's Office Visit (Lab and Radiology Tests, Counseling)	\$15 per visit copay, then 50%
Inpatient Facility	50%
Outpatient Facility	50%
Inpatient Professional Services	50%
Outpatient Professional Services:	
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 50%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	50%
<b>Note:</b> Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	
Artificial Insemination and/or Intrauterine Insemination:	
6 attempts per live birth	
In Vitro fertilization (IVF/GIFT/ZIFT): 3 attempts per live birth	
Lifetime Dollar Maximum: (Applicable to IVF/GIFT/ZIFT only): \$100,000 per member	
Includes all related services billed with an infertility diagnosis (i.e. x-ray or lab services billed by an independent facility).	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Transplant Services and Related Specialty Care	
Includes all medically appropriate, non-experimental transplants	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Inpatient Facility	100% at LifeSOURCE center, otherwise 100%
Inpatient Professional Services	100% at LifeSOURCE center, otherwise 100%
Lifetime Travel Maximum: \$10,000 per transplant	100% (only available when using LifeSOURCE facility)
Durable Medical Equipment	75%
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Diabetic Equipment and Supplies	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Outpatient Dialysis Services	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Outpatient Facility Services	100%
Outpatient Professional Services:	
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
Note: Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	
Home Setting	100%
Breast Feeding Equipment and Supplies	100%
Note: Includes the rental of one breast pump per birth as ordered or prescribed by a physician. Includes related supplies.	
External Prosthetic Appliances	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Orthotics	100%
<b>Note:</b> Covers all orthotics, regardless of Medical Necessity.	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Hearing Aids	100%
<b>Note:</b> Includes testing and fitting of hearing aid devices at Physician Office Visit cost share	
Coverage through age 18: Maximum of 2 devices per 36 months	
Hearing Services	
<b>Note:</b> Includes Hearing Exams	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Wigs	100%
Calendar Year Maximum: \$350 (1 wig per 12 months)	
Orthodontic Surgery/Treatment for Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Birthing Classes	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	100%



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Nutritional Counseling Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Inpatient Professional Services Outpatient Professional Services:	100%
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
Note: Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	
Nutritional Supplements/Nutritional Formula	100%



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Genetic Counseling	
Calendar Year Maximum:	
3 visits per person for Genetic Counseling for both pre- and post- genetic testing; however, the 3 visit limit will not apply to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder conditions.	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Inpatient Professional Services	100%
Outpatient Professional Services:	
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
Note: Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	
Dental Care	
Limited to charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment for an Injury to teeth.	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Inpatient Professional Services	100%
Outpatient Professional Services:	
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
Note: Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Bariatric Surgery Note:	
Subject to any limitations shown in the "Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations" section of this certificate.	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Inpatient Facility	100%
Outpatient Facility	100%
Inpatient Professional Services	100%
Outpatient Professional Services:	
Surgeon	\$15 per visit copay, then 100%
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	100%
<b>Note:</b> Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the per visit copay.	
Routine Foot Disorders	Not covered except for services associated with foot care for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease when Medically Necessary.

#### **Treatment Resulting From Life Threatening Emergencies**

Medical treatment required as a result of an emergency, such as a suicide attempt, will be considered a medical expense until the medical condition is stabilized. Once the medical condition is stabilized, whether the treatment will be characterized as either a medical expense or a mental health/substance use disorder expense will be determined by the utilization review Physician in accordance with the applicable mixed services claim guidelines.



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Mental Health	
Inpatient	100%
Includes Acute Inpatient and Residential Treatment	
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Outpatient	
Outpatient - Office Visits Includes individual, family and group psychotherapy; medication management, virtual care, etc.	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Dedicated Virtual Providers MDLIVE Behavioral Services	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Outpatient - All Other Services Includes Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient Services, virtual care, etc.	100%
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Substance Use Disorder	
Inpatient	100%
Includes Acute Inpatient Detoxification, Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation and Residential Treatment	
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Outpatient	
Outpatient - Office Visits Includes individual, family and group psychotherapy; medication management, virtual care, etc.	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Dedicated Virtual Providers MDLIVE Behavioral Services	\$10 per visit copay, then 100%
Outpatient - All Other Services Includes Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient Services, virtual care, etc.	100%
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	



## Open Access Plus In-Network Medical Benefits

#### Prior Authorization/Pre-Authorized

The term Prior Authorization means the approval that a Participating Provider must receive from the Review Organization, prior to services being rendered, in order for certain services and benefits to be covered under this policy.

Services that require Prior Authorization include, but are not limited to:

- inpatient Hospital services, except for 48/96 hour maternity stays.
- inpatient services at any participating Other Health Care Facility.
- residential treatment.
- non-emergency Ambulance.

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### **Covered Expenses**

The term Covered Expenses means expenses incurred by a person while covered under this plan for the charges listed below for:

- preventive care services; and
- services or supplies that are Medically Necessary for the care and treatment of an Injury or a Sickness, as determined by Cigna.

As determined by Cigna, Covered Expenses may also include all charges made by an entity that has directly or indirectly contracted with Cigna to arrange, through contracts with providers of services and/or supplies, for the provision of any services and/or supplies listed below. Any applicable Copayments, Deductibles or limits are shown in The Schedule.

#### **Covered Expenses**

- charges for inpatient Room and Board and other Necessary Services and Supplies made by a Hospital, subject to the limits as shown in The Schedule.
- charges for inpatient Room and Board and other Necessary Services and Supplies made by an Other Health Care Facility, including a Skilled Nursing Facility, a Rehabilitation Hospital or a subacute facility as shown in The Schedule.

- charges for licensed Ambulance service to the nearest Hospital where the needed medical care and treatment can be provided.
- charges for outpatient medical care and treatment received at a Hospital.
- charges for outpatient medical care and treatment received at a Free-Standing Surgical Facility.
- charges for Emergency Services.
- charges for Urgent Care.
- charges by a Physician or a Psychologist for professional services.
- charges by a Nurse for professional nursing service.
- charges for anesthetics, including, but not limited to supplies and their administration.
- charges for diagnostic x-ray.
- charges for advanced radiological imaging, including for example CT Scans, MRI, MRA and PET scans and laboratory examinations, x-ray, radiation therapy and radium and radioactive isotope treatment and other therapeutic radiological procedures.
- charges for chemotherapy.
- · charges for blood transfusions.
- charges for oxygen and other gases and their administration.
- charges for Medically Necessary foot care for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies, and peripheral vascular disease.
- charges for screening prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing.
- charges for laboratory services, radiation therapy and other diagnostic and therapeutic radiological procedures.
- charges made for Family Planning, including medical history, physical exam, related laboratory tests, medical supervision in accordance with generally accepted medical practices, other medical services, information and counseling on contraception, implanted/injected contraceptives, after appropriate counseling, medical services connected with surgical therapies (tubal ligations, vasectomies).
- charges for the following preventive care services as defined by recommendations from the following:
  - the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (A and B recommendations);
  - the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for immunizations;
  - the American Academy of Pediatrics' Periodicity Schedule of the Bright Futures Recommendations for Pediatric Preventive Health Care;



- the Uniform Panel of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children; and
- with respect to women, evidence-informed preventive care and screening guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Detailed information is available at www.healthcare.gov. For additional information on immunizations, visit the immunization schedule section of www.cdc.gov.

- charges for surgical and non-surgical treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ).
- charges for hearing aids and associated exam for device testing and fitting, including but not limited to semiimplantable hearing devices, audiant bone conductors and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs). A hearing aid is any device that amplifies sound.
- Medically Necessary orthognathic surgery to repair or correct a severe facial deformity or disfigurement.
- · charges for acupuncture.

#### **Gender Affirmation**

Charges for services related to gender affirmation, including gender reassignment surgery. Coverage when applicable includes behavioral counseling, hormone therapy, genital reconstructive surgical procedures, and chest reconstructive surgical procedures. Also covered: other facial masculinization and feminization procedures.

#### Virtual Care

#### **Dedicated Virtual Providers**

Includes charges for the delivery of real-time medical and health-related services, consultations and remote monitoring by dedicated virtual providers as medically appropriate through audio, video and secure internet-based technologies.

Includes charges for the delivery of mental health and substance use disorder-related services, consultations, and remote monitoring by dedicated virtual providers as appropriate through audio, video and secure internet-based technologies.

#### **Virtual Physician Services**

Includes charges for the delivery of real-time medical and health-related services, consultations and remote monitoring as medically appropriate through audio, video and secure internet-based technologies that are similar to office visit services provided in a face-to-face setting.

Includes charges for the delivery of real-time mental health and substance use disorder consultations and services, via secure telecommunications technologies that shall include video capability, telephone and internet, when such consultations and services are delivered by a behavioral provider and are similar to office visit services provided in a face-to-face setting.

#### **Convenience Care Clinic**

Convenience Care Clinics provide for common ailments and routine services, including but not limited to, strep throat, ear infections or pink eye, immunizations and flu shots.

#### **Nutritional Counseling**

Charges for nutritional counseling when diet is a part of the medical management of a medical or behavioral condition.

#### **Enteral Nutrition**

Enteral Nutrition means medical foods that are specially formulated for enteral feedings or oral consumption.

Coverage includes medically approved formulas prescribed by a Physician for treatment of inborn errors of metabolism (e.g., disorders of amino acid or organic acid metabolism).

#### **Internal Prosthetic/Medical Appliances**

Charges for internal prosthetic/medical appliances that provide permanent or temporary internal functional supports for nonfunctional body parts are covered. Medically Necessary repair, maintenance or replacement of a covered appliance is also covered.

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#### **Home Health Care Services**

Charges for skilled care provided by certain health care providers during a visit to the home, when the home is determined to be a medically appropriate setting for the services. A visit is defined as a period of 2 hours or less. Home Health Care Services are subject to a maximum of 16 hours in total per day.

Home Health Care Services are covered when skilled care is required under any of the following conditions:

- the required skilled care cannot be obtained in an outpatient facility.
- confinement in a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility is not required.
- the patient's home is determined by Cigna to be the most medically appropriate place to receive specific services.

#### Covered services include:

- skilled nursing services provided by a Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) and an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).
- services provided by health care providers such as physical therapist, occupational therapist and speech therapist.
- services of a home health aide when provided in direct support of those nurses and health care providers.



 necessary consumable medical supplies and home infusion therapy administered or used by a health care provider.

Note: Physical, occupational, and other Outpatient Therapy Services provided in the home are covered under the Outpatient Therapy Services benefit shown in The Schedule.

The following are excluded from coverage:

- services provided by a person who is a member of the patient's family, even when that person is a health care provider.
- services provided by a person who normally resides in the patient's house, even when that person is a health care provider.
- non-skilled care, Custodial Services, and assistance in the
  activities of daily living, including but not limited to eating,
  bathing, dressing or other services; self-care activities;
  homemaker services; and services primarily for rest,
  domiciliary or convalescent care.

Home Health Care Services, for a patient who is dependent upon others for non-skilled care and/or Custodial Services, is provided only when there is a family member or caregiver present in the home at the time of the health care visit to provide the non-skilled care and/or Custodial Services.

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#### **Hospice Care Services**

Charges for services for a person diagnosed with advanced illness having a life expectancy of twelve or fewer months. Services provided by a Hospice Care Program are available to those who have ceased treatment and to those continuing to receive curative treatment and therapies.

Hospice Care Programs rendered by Hospice Facilities or Hospitals include services:

- by a Hospice Facility for Room and Board and Services and Supplies;
- by a Hospice Facility for services provided on an outpatient basis:
- by a Physician for professional services;
- by a Psychologist, social worker, family counselor or ordained minister for individual and family counseling;
- for pain relief treatment, including drugs, medicines and medical supplies;

Hospice Care Programs rendered by Other Health Care Facilities or in the Home include services:

• for part-time or intermittent nursing care by or under the supervision of a Nurse;

- for part-time or intermittent services of an Other Health Professional;
- physical, occupational and speech therapy;
- · medical supplies;
- drugs and medicines lawfully dispensed only on the written prescription of a Physician;
- laboratory services;

but only to the extent such charges would have been payable under the policy if the person had remained or been Confined in a Hospital or Hospice Facility.

The following charges for Hospice Care Services are not included as Covered Expenses:

- services of a person who is a member of your family or your Dependent's family or who normally resides in your house or your Dependent's house;
- services for any period when you or your Dependent is not under the care of a Physician;
- services or supplies not listed in the Hospice Care Program;
- to the extent that any other benefits are payable for those expenses under the policy;
- services or supplies that are primarily to aid you or your Dependent in daily living.

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## Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

**Mental Health Services** are services that are required to treat a disorder that impairs the behavior, emotional reaction or thought processes.

**Substance Use Disorder** is defined as the psychological or physical dependence on alcohol or other mind-altering drugs that requires diagnosis, care, and treatment.

#### **Inpatient Mental Health Services**

Services that are provided by a Hospital while you or your Dependent are Confined in a Hospital for the treatment and evaluation of Mental Health. Inpatient Mental Health Services include Mental Health Residential Treatment Services.

Mental Health Residential Treatment Services are services provided by a Hospital for the evaluation and treatment of the psychological and social functional disturbances that are a result of subacute Mental Health conditions.

Mental Health Residential Treatment Center means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Mental Health conditions; provides a subacute, structured, psychotherapeutic treatment program, under the supervision of Physicians; provides 24-hour care, in which a person lives in an open



setting; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency as a residential treatment center.

A person is considered confined in a Mental Health Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Mental Health Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

### **Outpatient Mental Health Services**

Services of Providers who are qualified to treat Mental Health when treatment is provided on an outpatient basis, while you or your Dependent are not Confined in a Hospital, and is provided in an individual, group or Mental Health Partial Hospitalization or Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program. Covered services include, but are not limited to, outpatient treatment of conditions such as: anxiety or depression which interfere with daily functioning; emotional adjustment or concerns related to chronic conditions, such as psychosis or depression; emotional reactions associated with marital problems or divorce; child/adolescent problems of conduct or poor impulse control; affective disorders; suicidal or homicidal threats or acts; eating disorders; or acute exacerbation of chronic Mental Health conditions (crisis intervention and relapse prevention) and outpatient testing and assessment.

Mental Health Partial Hospitalization Services are rendered not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period by a certified/licensed Mental Health program in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

A Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Mental Health program in accordance with the laws of the appropriate, legally authorized agency. Intensive Outpatient Therapy Programs provide a combination of individual, family and/or group therapy in a day, totaling nine or more hours in a week.

### **Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Services**

Services provided for rehabilitation, while you or your Dependent are Confined in a Hospital, when required for the diagnosis and treatment of abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Services include Residential Treatment services.

Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Services are services provided by a Hospital for the evaluation and treatment of the psychological and social functional disturbances that are a result of subacute Substance Use Disorder conditions.

Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Substance Use Disorder; provides a subacute, structured, psychotherapeutic treatment program, under the supervision of Physicians; provides 24-hour care, in which a person lives in an open setting; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency as a residential treatment center.

A person is considered confined in a Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

# **Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Services**

Services provided for the diagnosis and treatment of Substance Use Disorder or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs, while you or your Dependent are not Confined in a Hospital, including outpatient rehabilitation in an individual, or a Substance Use Disorder Partial Hospitalization or Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program.

Substance Use Disorder Partial Hospitalization Services are rendered no less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period by a certified/licensed Substance Use Disorder program in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

A Substance Use Disorder Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Substance Use Disorder program in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency. Intensive Outpatient Therapy Programs provide a combination of individual, family and/or group therapy in a day, totaling nine, or more hours in a week.

### **Substance Use Disorder Detoxification Services**

Detoxification and related medical ancillary services are provided when required for the diagnosis and treatment of addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. Cigna will decide, based on the Medical Necessity of each situation, whether such services will be provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting.

### **Exclusions**

The following are specifically excluded from Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services:

- counseling for activities of an educational nature.
- counseling for borderline intellectual functioning.
- counseling for occupational problems.
- · counseling related to consciousness raising.
- · vocational or religious counseling.
- · I.Q. testing.
- custodial care, including but not limited to geriatric day care.
- psychological testing on children requested by or for a school system.



 occupational/recreational therapy programs even if combined with supportive therapy for age-related cognitive decline.

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### **Durable Medical Equipment**

 charges made for purchase or rental of Durable Medical Equipment that is ordered or prescribed by a Physician and provided by a vendor approved by Cigna for use outside a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility. Coverage for repair, replacement or duplicate equipment is provided only when required due to anatomical change and/or reasonable wear and tear. All maintenance and repairs that result from a person's misuse are the person's responsibility.

Durable Medical Equipment is defined as items which are designed for and able to withstand repeated use by more than one person; customarily serve a medical purpose; generally are not useful in the absence of Injury or Sickness; are appropriate for use in the home; and are not disposable. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, crutches, hospital beds, ventilators, insulin pumps and wheel chairs.

Durable Medical Equipment items that are not covered include but are not limited to those that are listed below:

- **Bed Related Items:** bed trays, over the bed tables, bed wedges, pillows, custom bedroom equipment, mattresses, including nonpower mattresses, custom mattresses and posturepedic mattresses.
- Bath Related Items: bath lifts, nonportable whirlpools, bathtub rails, toilet rails, raised toilet seats, bath benches, bath stools, hand held showers, paraffin baths, bath mats, and spas.
- **Fixtures to Real Property:** ceiling lifts and wheelchair ramps.
- · Car/Van Modifications.
- Air Quality Items: room humidifiers, vaporizers and air purifiers.
- Other Equipment: centrifuges, needleless injectors, heat lamps, heating pads, cryounits, cryotherapy machines, ultraviolet cabinets, that emit Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays sheepskin pads and boots, postural drainage board, AC/DC adaptors, scales (baby and adult), stair gliders, elevators, saunas, cervical and lumbar traction devices, exercise equipment and diathermy machines.

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### **External Prosthetic Appliances and Devices**

 charges made or ordered by a Physician for: the initial purchase and fitting of external prosthetic appliances and devices available only by prescription which are necessary for the alleviation or correction of Injury, Sickness or congenital defect.

External prosthetic appliances and devices include prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices; orthoses and orthotic devices; braces; and splints.

### Prostheses/Prosthetic Appliances and Devices

Prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices are defined as fabricated replacements for missing body parts.

Prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices include, but are not limited to:

- limb prostheses;
- terminal devices such as hands or hooks;
- · speech prostheses; and
- · facial prostheses.

### **Orthoses and Orthotic Devices**

Orthoses and orthotic devices are defined as orthopedic appliances or apparatuses used to support, align, prevent or correct deformities. Coverage is provided for custom foot orthoses and other orthoses as follows:

- Non-foot orthoses only the following non-foot orthoses are covered:
  - rigid and semi-rigid custom fabricated orthoses;
  - semi-rigid prefabricated and flexible orthoses; and
  - rigid prefabricated orthoses including preparation, fitting and basic additions, such as bars and joints.

The following are specifically excluded orthoses and orthotic devices:

- prefabricated foot orthoses;
- cranial banding and/or cranial orthoses. Other similar devices are excluded except when used postoperatively for synostotic plagiocephaly. When used for this indication, the cranial orthosis will be subject to the limitations and maximums of the External Prosthetic Appliances and Devices benefit;
- orthosis shoes, shoe additions, procedures for foot orthopedic shoes, shoe modifications and transfers;
- non-foot orthoses primarily used for cosmetic rather than functional reasons; and
- non-foot orthoses primarily for improved athletic performance or sports participation.



#### **Braces**

A Brace is defined as an orthosis or orthopedic appliance that supports or holds in correct position any movable part of the body and that allows for motion of that part.

The following braces are specifically excluded: Copes scoliosis braces.

### **Splints**

A Splint is defined as an appliance for preventing movement of a joint or for the fixation of displaced or movable parts.

Coverage for replacement of external prosthetic appliances and devices is limited to the following:

- replacement due to regular wear. Replacement for damage due to abuse or misuse by the person will not be covered.
- replacement required because anatomic change has rendered the external prosthetic appliance or device ineffective.
   Anatomic change includes significant weight gain or loss, atrophy and/or growth.
- replacement due to a surgical alteration or revision of the impacted site.

Coverage for replacement is limited as follows:

- no more than once every 24 months for persons 19 years of age and older.
- no more than once every 12 months for persons 18 years of age and under.

The following are specifically excluded external prosthetic appliances and devices:

- external and internal power enhancements for external prosthetic devices; or
- microprocessor controlled prostheses and orthoses; and
- myoelectric prostheses and orthoses.

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### **Infertility Services**

charges made for services related to diagnosis of infertility and treatment of infertility once a condition of infertility has been diagnosed. Services include, but are not limited to: infertility drugs which are administered or provided by a Physician; approved surgeries and other therapeutic procedures that have been demonstrated in existing peerreviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to have a reasonable likelihood of resulting in pregnancy; laboratory tests; sperm washing or preparation; artificial insemination; diagnostic evaluations; gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT); in vitro fertilization (IVF); zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT); and the services of an embryologist.

Infertility is defined as:

- the inability of opposite-sex partners to achieve conception after at least one year of unprotected intercourse;
- the inability of opposite-sex partners to achieve conception after six months of unprotected intercourse, when the female partner trying to conceive is age 35 or older;
- the inability of a woman, with or without an opposite-sex partner, to achieve conception after at least six trials of medically supervised artificial insemination over a oneyear period; and
- the inability of a woman, with or without an opposite-sex partner, to achieve conception after at least three trials of medically supervised artificial insemination over a sixmonth period of time, when the female partner trying to conceive is age 35 or older.

This benefit includes diagnosis and treatment of both male and female infertility.

Artificial insemination / Intrauterine insemination treatment is managed and limited to the number of attempts per live birth shown in the Schedule.

In-vitro treatment is managed and limited to the number of attempts per live birth shown in the Schedule.

However, the following are specifically excluded infertility services:

- infertility services when the infertility is caused by or related to voluntary sterilization;
- · donor charges and services;
- cryopreservation of donor sperm and eggs; and
- any experimental, investigational or unproven infertility procedures or therapies.

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# **Outpatient Therapy Services**

Charges for the following therapy services:

Cognitive Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Osteopathic Manipulation, Physical Therapy, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Speech Therapy

• Charges for therapy services are covered when provided as part of a program of treatment.

### **Cardiac Rehabilitation**

 Charges for Phase II cardiac rehabilitation provided on an outpatient basis following diagnosis of a qualifying cardiac condition when Medically Necessary. Phase II is a Hospitalbased outpatient program following an inpatient Hospital



discharge. The Phase II program must be Physician directed with active treatment and EKG monitoring.

Phase III and Phase IV cardiac rehabilitation is not covered. Phase III follows Phase II and is generally conducted at a recreational facility primarily to maintain the patient's status achieved through Phases I and II. Phase IV is an advancement of Phase III which includes more active participation and weight training.

### **Chiropractic Care Services**

Charges for diagnostic and treatment services utilized in an
office setting by chiropractic Physicians. Chiropractic
treatment includes the conservative management of acute
neuromusculoskeletal conditions through manipulation and
ancillary physiological treatment rendered to specific joints
to restore motion, reduce pain, and improve function. For
these services you have direct access to qualified
chiropractic Physicians.

Coverage is provided when Medically Necessary in the most medically appropriate setting to:

- Restore function (called "rehabilitative"):
  - To restore function that has been impaired or lost.
  - To reduce pain as a result of Sickness, Injury, or loss of a body part.
- Improve, adapt or attain function (sometimes called "habilitative"):
  - To improve, adapt or attain function that has been impaired or was never achieved as a result of congenital abnormality (birth defect).
  - To improve, adapt or attain function that has been impaired or was never achieved because of mental health and substance use disorder conditions. Includes conditions such as autism and intellectual disability, or mental health and substance use disorder conditions that result in a developmental delay.

Coverage is provided as part of a program of treatment when the following criteria are met:

- The individual's condition has the potential to improve or is improving in response to therapy, and maximum improvement is yet to be attained.
- There is an expectation that the anticipated improvement is attainable in a reasonable and generally predictable period of time.
- The therapy is provided by, or under the direct supervision of, a licensed health care professional acting within the scope of the license.
- The therapy is Medically Necessary and medically appropriate for the diagnosed condition.

Coverage for occupational therapy is provided only for purposes of enabling individuals to perform the activities of daily living after an Injury or Sickness.

Therapy services that are not covered include:

- sensory integration therapy.
- treatment of dyslexia.
- maintenance or preventive treatment provided to prevent recurrence or to maintain the patient's current status.
- charges for Chiropractic Care not provided in an office setting.
- vitamin therapy.

Coverage is administered according to the following:

- Multiple therapy services provided on the same day constitute one day of service for each therapy type.
- A separate Copayment applies to the services provided by each provider for each therapy type per day.

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### **Breast Reconstruction and Breast Prostheses**

• charges made for reconstructive surgery following a mastectomy; benefits include: surgical services for reconstruction of the breast on which surgery was performed; surgical services for reconstruction of the non-diseased breast to produce symmetrical appearance; postoperative breast prostheses; and mastectomy bras and prosthetics, limited to the lowest cost alternative available that meets prosthetic placement needs. During all stages of mastectomy, treatment of physical complications, including lymphedema therapy, are covered.

# **Reconstructive Surgery**

• charges made for reconstructive surgery or therapy to repair or correct a severe physical deformity or disfigurement which is accompanied by functional deficit; (other than abnormalities of the jaw or conditions related to TMJ disorder) provided that: the surgery or therapy restores or improves function; reconstruction is required as a result of Medically Necessary, non-cosmetic surgery; or the surgery or therapy is performed prior to age 19 and is required as a result of the congenital absence or agenesis (lack of formation or development) of a body part. Repeat or subsequent surgeries for the same condition are covered only when there is the probability of significant additional improvement as determined by the utilization review Physician.

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### **Transplant Services and Related Specialty Care**

Charges made for human organ and tissue transplant services which include solid organ and bone marrow/stem cell procedures at designated facilities throughout the United States or its territories. This coverage is subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Transplant services include the recipient's medical, surgical and Hospital services; inpatient immunosuppressive medications; and costs for organ or bone marrow/stem cell procurement. Transplant services are covered only if they are required to perform any of the following human to human organ or tissue transplants: allogeneic bone marrow/stem cell, autologous bone marrow/stem cell, cornea, heart, heart/lung, kidney, kidney/pancreas, liver, lung, pancreas or intestine which includes small bowel-liver or multi-visceral. Implantation procedures are also covered for artificial heart, percutaneous ventricular assist device (PVAD), extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) ventricular assist device (VAD) and intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP) are also covered.

- All transplant services and related specialty care services, other than cornea transplants, are covered when received at Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facilities.
- Transplant services and related specialty care services received at Participating Provider facilities specifically contracted with Cigna for those transplant services and related specialty care services, other than Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facilities, are payable at the In-Network level.
- Transplant services and related specialty care services received at any other facility, including non-Participating Provider facilities and Participating Provider facilities not specifically contracted with Cigna for transplant services and related specialty care services, are not covered.
- Cornea transplants received at a facility that is specifically contracted with Cigna for this type of transplant are payable at the In-Network level.

Coverage for organ procurement costs are limited to costs directly related to the procurement of an organ, from a cadaver or a live donor. Organ procurement costs shall consist of hospitalization and surgery necessary for removal of an organ and transportation of a live donor (refer to Transplant and Related Specialty Care Travel Services). Compatibility testing undertaken prior to procurement is covered if Medically Necessary. Costs related to the search for, and identification of a bone marrow or stem cell donor for an allogeneic transplant are also covered.

### Transplant and Related Specialty Care Travel Services

Charges made for non-taxable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a preapproved organ/tissue transplant are covered subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- Transplant and related specialty care travel benefits are not available for cornea transplants.
- Benefits for transportation and lodging are available to the recipient of a preapproved organ/tissue transplant and/or related specialty care from a designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility.
- The term recipient is defined to include a person receiving authorized transplant related services during any of the following: evaluation, candidacy, transplant event, or post-transplant care.
- Travel expenses for the person receiving the transplant will include charges for: transportation to and from the designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility); and lodging while at, or traveling to and from, the designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility.
- In addition to your coverage for the charges associated with the items above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany you. The term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver who is at least 18 years of age.
- The following are specifically excluded travel expenses: any
  expenses that if reimbursed would be taxable income, travel
  costs incurred due to travel within 60 miles of your home;
  food and meals; laundry bills; telephone bills; alcohol or
  tobacco products; and charges for transportation that exceed
  coach class rates.

These benefits for Transplant Services and Related Specialty Care, and for Transplant and Related Specialty Care Travel Services are only available when the covered person is the recipient of an organ/tissue transplant. Travel expenses for the designated live donor for a covered recipient are covered subject to the same conditions and limitations noted above. Charges for the expenses of a donor companion are not covered. No transplant and related specialty care services or travel benefits are available when the covered person is the donor for an organ/tissue transplant, the transplant recipient's plan would cover all donor costs.

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### **Advanced Cellular Therapy**

Charges for advanced cellular therapy products and services directly related to their administration are covered when Medically Necessary. Coverage includes the cost of the advanced cellular therapy product; medical, surgical, and facility services directly related to administration of the advanced cellular therapy product, and professional services.

Cigna determines which U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved products are in the category of advanced cellular therapy, based on the nature of the treatment and how it is manufactured, distributed and administered. An example of advanced cellular therapy is chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy that redirects a person's T cells to recognize and kill a specific type of cancer cell.

Advanced cellular therapy products and their administration are covered at the In-Network benefit level when prior authorized to be received at a provider contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services. Advanced cellular therapy products and their administration received from a provider that is not contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services are not covered.

# **Advanced Cellular Therapy Travel Services**

Charges made for non-taxable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a prior authorized advanced cellular therapy product are covered, subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Benefits for transportation and lodging are available to you only when:

- you are the recipient of a prior authorized advanced cellular therapy product;
- the term recipient is defined to include a person receiving prior authorized advanced cellular therapy related services during any of the following: evaluation, candidacy, event, or post care;
- the advanced cellular therapy products and services directly related to their administration are received at a provider contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services; and
- the provider is not available within a 60 mile radius of your primary home residence.

Travel expenses for the person receiving the advanced cellular therapy include charges for: transportation to and from the advanced cellular therapy site (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the facility); and lodging while at, or traveling to and from, the site.

In addition to your coverage for the charges associated with the items above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany you. The term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver who is at least 18 years of age.

The following are specifically excluded travel expenses: any expenses that if reimbursed would be taxable income, travel costs incurred due to travel within a 60 mile radius of your primary home residence; food and meals; laundry bills; telephone bills; alcohol or tobacco products; and charges for transportation that exceed coach class rates.

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### **Medical Pharmaceuticals**

The plan covers charges made for Medical Pharmaceuticals that are administered in an Inpatient setting, Outpatient setting, Physician's office, or in a covered person's home.

Benefits under this section are provided only for Medical Pharmaceuticals which, due to their characteristics (as determined by Cigna), are required to be administered, or the administration of which must be directly supervised, by a qualified Physician or Other Health Professional. Benefits payable under this section include Medical Pharmaceuticals whose administration may initially, or typically, require Physician or Other Health Professional oversight but may be self-administered under certain conditions specified in the product's FDA labeling.

Certain Medical Pharmaceuticals are subject to prior authorization requirements or other coverage conditions. Additionally, certain Medical Pharmaceuticals are subject to step therapy requirements. This means that in order to receive benefits for such Medical Pharmaceuticals, you are required to try a different Medical Pharmaceutical and/or Prescription Drug Product first.

Utilization management requirements or other coverage conditions are based on a number of factors, which may include clinical and economic factors. Clinical factors may include, but are not limited to, the P&T Committee's evaluations of the place in therapy, relative safety or relative efficacy of Medical Pharmaceuticals as well as whether certain supply limits or other utilization management requirements should apply. Economic factors may include, but are not limited to, the Medical Pharmaceutical's cost including, but not limited to, assessments on the cost effectiveness of the Medical Pharmaceuticals and available rebates. Regardless of its eligibility for coverage under your plan, whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is appropriate for you or any of your Dependents is a determination that is made by you (or your Dependent) and the prescribing Physician.



The coverage criteria for a Medical Pharmaceutical may change periodically for various reasons. For example, a Medical Pharmaceutical may be removed from the market, a new Medical Pharmaceutical in the same therapeutic class as a Medical Pharmaceutical may become available, or other market events may occur. Market events that may affect the coverage status of a Medical Pharmaceutical include, but are not limited to, an increase in the cost of a Medical Pharmaceutical.

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### **Gene Therapy**

Charges for gene therapy products and services directly related to their administration are covered when Medically Necessary. Gene therapy is a category of pharmaceutical products approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat or cure a disease by:

- replacing a disease-causing gene with a healthy copy of the gene.
- inactivating a disease-causing gene that may not be functioning properly.
- introducing a new or modified gene into the body to help treat a disease.

Each gene therapy product is specific to a particular disease and is administered in a specialized manner. Cigna determines which products are in the category of gene therapy, based in part on the nature of the treatment and how it is distributed and administered.

Coverage includes the cost of the gene therapy product; medical, surgical, and facility services directly related to administration of the gene therapy product; and professional services.

Gene therapy products and their administration are covered when prior authorized to be received at In-Network facilities specifically contracted with Cigna for the specific gene therapy service. Gene therapy products and their administration received at other facilities are not covered.

### **Gene Therapy Travel Services**

Charges made for non-taxable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a prior authorized gene therapy procedure are covered subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Benefits for transportation and lodging are available to you only when you are the recipient of a prior authorized gene therapy; and when the gene therapy products and services directly related to their administration are received at a participating In-Network facility specifically contracted with Cigna for the specific gene therapy service. The term recipient

is defined to include a person receiving prior authorized gene therapy related services during any of the following: evaluation, candidacy, event, or post care.

Travel expenses for the person receiving the gene therapy include charges for: transportation to and from the gene therapy site (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the facility); and lodging while at, or traveling to and from, the site.

In addition to your coverage for the charges associated with the items above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany you. The term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver who is at least 18 years of age.

The following are specifically excluded travel expenses: any expenses that if reimbursed would be taxable income, travel costs incurred due to travel within 60 miles of your home; food and meals; laundry bills; telephone bills; alcohol or tobacco products; and charges for transportation that exceed coach class rates.

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### **Clinical Trials**

This plan covers routine patient care costs and services related to an approved clinical trial for a qualified individual. The individual must be eligible to participate according to the trial protocol and **either** of the following conditions must be met:

- the referring health care professional is a participating health care provider and has concluded that the individual's participation in such trial would be appropriate; or
- the individual provides medical and scientific information establishing that the individual's participation in the clinical trial would be appropriate.

In addition to qualifying as an individual, the clinical trial must also meet certain criteria in order for patient care costs and services to be covered.

The clinical trial must be a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition that meets **any** of the following criteria:

- it is a federally funded trial. The study or investigation is approved or funded (which may include funding through inkind contributions) by one or more of the following:
  - National Institutes of Health (NIH).
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
  - Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ).



- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- a cooperative group or center of any of the entities described above or the Department of Defense (DOD) or the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- a qualified non-governmental research entity identified in NIH guidelines for center support grants.
- any of the following: Department of Energy, Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, if **both** of the following conditions are met:
  - the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and
  - the study or investigation assures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.
- the study or investigation is conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- the study or investigation is a drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application.

The plan does not cover any of the following services associated with a clinical trial:

- services that are not considered routine patient care costs and services, including the following:
  - the investigational drug, device, item, or service that is provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs.
  - an item or service that is not used in the direct clinical management of the individual.
  - a service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis.
- an item or service provided by the research sponsors free of charge for any person enrolled in the trial.
- travel and transportation expenses, unless otherwise covered under the plan, including but not limited to the following:
  - fees for personal vehicle, rental car, taxi, medical van, ambulance, commercial airline, train.
  - mileage reimbursement for driving a personal vehicle.
  - lodging.
  - · meals.
- routine patient costs obtained out-of-network when Out-of-Network benefits do not exist under the plan.

Examples of routine patient care costs and services include:

radiological services.

- · laboratory services.
- · intravenous therapy.
- · anesthesia services.
- · Physician services.
- · office services.
- · Hospital services.
- Room and Board, and medical supplies that typically would be covered under the plan for an individual who is not enrolled in a clinical trial.

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# **Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations**

# **Exclusions and Expenses Not Covered**

Additional coverage limitations determined by plan or provider type are shown in The Schedule. Payment for the following is specifically excluded from this plan:

- care for health conditions that are required by state or local law to be treated in a public facility.
- care required by state or federal law to be supplied by a public school system or school district.
- care for military service disabilities treatable through governmental services if you are legally entitled to such treatment and facilities are reasonably available.
- treatment of an Injury or Sickness which is due to war, declared, or undeclared.
- charges which you are not obligated to pay and/or for which you are not billed. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to:
  - any instance where Cigna determines that a provider or Pharmacy did not bill you for or has waived, reduced, or forgiven any portion of its charges and/or any portion of any Copayment, Deductible, and/or Coinsurance amount(s) you are required to pay for an otherwise Covered Expense (as shown on The Schedule) without Cigna's express consent.
  - charges of a non-Participating Provider who has agreed to charge you at an In-Network benefits level or some other benefits level not otherwise applicable to the services received.



In the event that Cigna determines that this exclusion applies, then Cigna in its sole discretion shall have the right to:

- require you and/or any provider or Pharmacy submitting claims on your behalf to provide proof sufficient to Cigna that you have made your required cost-share payment(s) prior to the payment of any benefits by Cigna;
- deny the payment of benefits in connection with the Covered Expense regardless of whether the provider or the Pharmacy represents that you remain responsible for any amounts that your plan does not cover; or
- reduce the benefits in proportion to the amount of the Copayment, Deductible, and/or Coinsurance amounts waived, forgiven or reduced, regardless of whether the provider or Pharmacy represents that you remain responsible for any amounts that your plan does not cover.
- charges or payment for healthcare-related services that violate state or federal law.
- assistance in the activities of daily living, including but not limited to eating, bathing, dressing or other Custodial Services or self-care activities, homemaker services and services primarily for rest, domiciliary or convalescent care.
- for or in connection with experimental, investigational or unproven services.
  - Experimental, investigational and unproven services are medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, substance use disorder or other health care technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug or Biologic therapies or devices that are determined by the utilization review Physician to be:
  - not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or other appropriate regulatory agency to be lawfully marketed;
  - not demonstrated, through existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to be safe and effective for treating or diagnosing the condition or Sickness for which its use is proposed;
  - the subject of review or approval by an Institutional Review Board for the proposed use except as provided in the "Clinical Trials" sections of this plan; or
  - the subject of an ongoing phase I, II or III clinical trial, except for routine patient care costs related to qualified clinical trials as provided in the "Clinical Trials" sections of this plan.

In determining whether any such technologies, supplies, treatments, drug or Biologic therapies, or devices are experimental, investigational, and/or unproven, the utilization review Physician may rely on the clinical coverage policies maintained by Cigna or the Review

- Organization. Clinical coverage policies may incorporate, without limitation and as applicable, criteria relating to U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, the standard medical reference compendia and peer-reviewed, evidence-based scientific literature or guidelines.
- cosmetic surgery and therapies. Cosmetic surgery or therapy is defined as surgery or therapy performed to improve or alter appearance or self-esteem.
- the following services are excluded from coverage regardless of clinical indications: macromastia or gynecomastia surgeries; abdominoplasty; panniculectomy; rhinoplasty; blepharoplasty; redundant skin surgery; removal of skin tags; acupressure; craniosacral/cranial therapy; dance therapy; movement therapy; applied kinesiology; rolfing; prolotherapy; and extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) for musculoskeletal and orthopedic conditions.
- dental treatment of the teeth, gums or structures directly supporting the teeth, including dental X-rays, examinations, repairs, orthodontics, periodontics, casts, splints and services for dental malocclusion, for any condition. However, charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment for an Injury to teeth are covered.
- for medical and surgical services intended primarily for the treatment or control of obesity. However, treatment of clinically severe obesity, as defined by the Body Mass Index (BMI) classifications of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) guideline is covered only at approved centers if the services are demonstrated, through existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature and scientifically based guidelines, to be safe and effective for treatment of the condition. Clinically severe obesity is defined by the NHLBI as a BMI of 40 or greater without comorbidities, or 35-39 with comorbidities. The following are specifically excluded:
  - medical and surgical services to alter appearances or physical changes that are the result of any surgery performed for the management of obesity or clinically severe (morbid) obesity; and
  - weight loss programs or treatments, whether prescribed or recommended by a Physician or under medical supervision.
- reports, evaluations, physical examinations, or hospitalization not required for health reasons, including but not limited to employment, insurance or government licenses, and court-ordered, forensic or custodial evaluations, unless otherwise covered under this plan.
- court-ordered treatment or hospitalization, unless treatment is prescribed by a Physician and is a covered service or supply under this plan.



- any medications, drugs, services or supplies for the treatment of male or female sexual dysfunction such as, but not limited to, treatment of erectile dysfunction (including penile implants), anorgasmy, and premature ejaculation.
- medical and Hospital care and costs for the child of your Dependent child, unless the child is otherwise eligible under this plan.
- services for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- payment is excluded for intensive behavior treatment of autism including but not limited to applied behavior analysis, Lovaas therapy, Floortime, Relationship Development Intervention.
- non-medical counseling and/or ancillary services, including but not limited to Custodial Services, educational services, vocational counseling, training and, rehabilitation services, behavioral training, biofeedback, neurofeedback, hypnosis, sleep therapy, return to work services, work hardening programs and driver safety courses.
- therapy or treatment intended primarily to improve or maintain general physical condition or for the purpose of enhancing job, school, athletic or recreational performance, including but not limited to routine, long term, or maintenance care which is provided after the resolution of the acute medical problem and when significant therapeutic improvement is not expected.
- consumable medical supplies other than ostomy supplies and urinary catheters. Excluded supplies include, but are not limited to bandages and other disposable medical supplies, skin preparations and test strips, except as specified in the "Home Health Care Services" or "Breast Reconstruction and Breast Prostheses" sections of this plan.
- private Hospital rooms and/or private duty nursing except as provided under the Home Health Care Services provision.
- personal or comfort items such as personal care kits
  provided on admission to a Hospital, television, telephone,
  newborn infant photographs, complimentary meals, birth
  announcements, and other articles which are not for the
  specific treatment of an Injury or Sickness.
- artificial aids, including but not limited to elastic stockings, garter belts, corsets and dentures.
- aids or devices that assist with non-verbal communications, including but not limited to communication boards, prerecorded speech devices, laptop computers, desktop computers, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), Braille typewriters, visual alert systems for the deaf and memory books.
- eyeglass lenses and frames, contact lenses and associated services (exams and fittings) (except for the initial set after treatment of keratoconus or following cataract surgery).

- routine refractions, eye exercises and surgical treatment for the correction of a refractive error, including radial keratotomy.
- all non-injectable prescription drugs, unless Physician administration or oversight is required, injectable prescription drugs to the extent they do not require Physician supervision and are typically considered selfadministered drugs, non-prescription drugs, and investigational and experimental drugs, except as provided in this plan.
- routine foot care, including the paring and removing of corns and calluses and toenail maintenance. However, foot care services for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease are covered when Medically Necessary.
- membership costs and fees associated with health clubs, weight loss programs or smoking cessation programs.
- genetic screening or pre-implantations genetic screening.
   General population-based genetic screening is a testing method performed in the absence of any symptoms or any significant, proven risk factors for genetically linked inheritable disease.
- dental implants for any condition.
- fees associated with the collection, storage or donation of blood or blood products, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services when medical management review determines the likelihood of excess blood loss is such that transfusion is an expected adjunct to surgery.
- blood administration for the purpose of general improvement in physical condition.
- cost of biologicals that are immunizations or medications for the purpose of travel, or to protect against occupational hazards and risks.
- health and beauty aids, cosmetics and dietary supplements.
- for or in connection with an Injury or Sickness arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit.
- charges related to an Injury or Sickness payable under worker's compensation or similar laws.
- expenses incurred by a participant to the extent reimbursable under automobile insurance coverage. Coverage under this plan is secondary to automobile nofault insurance or similar coverage. The coverage provided under this plan does not constitute "Qualified Health Coverage" under Michigan law and therefore does not replace Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage provided under an automobile insurance policy issued to a Michigan resident. This plan will cover expenses only not otherwise covered by the PIP coverage.



# **General Limitations**

No payment will be made for expenses incurred for you or any one of your Dependents:

- for charges by a Hospital owned or operated by or which provides care or performs services for, the United States Government, if such charges are directly related to a military-service-connected Injury or Sickness.
- for any charges related to care provided through a public program, other than Medicaid.
- for charges which would not have been made if the person did not have coverage.
- to the extent that they are more than Maximum Reimbursable Charges applicable to care, if any, received Out-of-Network.
- to the extent of the exclusions imposed by any certification requirement shown in this plan.
- for expenses for services, supplies, care, treatment, drugs or surgery that are not Medically Necessary.
- for charges made by any Physician or Other Health Professional who is a member of your family or your Dependent's family.
- for expenses incurred outside the United States other than expenses for Medically Necessary emergency or urgent care while temporarily traveling abroad.

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# **Coordination of Benefits**

This section applies if you or any one of your Dependents is covered under more than one Plan and determines how benefits payable from all such Plans will be coordinated. You should file all claims with each Plan.

### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

### Plan

Any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical care or treatment:

- Group insurance and/or group-type coverage, whether insured or self-insured which neither can be purchased by the general public, nor is individually underwritten, including closed panel coverage.
- Coverage under Medicare and other governmental benefits as permitted by law, excepting Medicaid and Medicare supplement policies.

 Medical benefits coverage of group, group-type, and individual automobile contracts.

Each Plan or part of a Plan which has the right to coordinate benefits will be considered a separate Plan.

### **Closed Panel Plan**

A Plan that provides medical or dental benefits primarily in the form of services through a panel of employed or contracted providers, and that limits or excludes benefits provided by providers outside of the panel, except in the case of emergency or if referred by a provider within the panel.

### **Primary Plan**

The Plan that determines and provides or pays benefits without taking into consideration the existence of any other Plan

# Secondary Plan

A Plan that determines, and may reduce its benefits after taking into consideration, the benefits provided or paid by the Primary Plan. A Secondary Plan may also recover from the Primary Plan the Reasonable Cash Value of any services it provided to you.

### Allowable Expense

The amount of charges considered for payment under the Plan for a Covered Service prior to any reductions due to coinsurance, copayment or deductible amounts. If Cigna contracts with an entity to arrange for the provision of Covered Services through that entity's contracted network of health care providers, the amount that Cigna has agreed to pay that entity is the allowable amount used to determine your coinsurance or deductible payments. If the Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the Reasonable Cash Value of each service is the Allowable Expense and is a paid benefit.

Examples of expenses or services that are not Allowable Expenses include, but are not limited to the following:

- An expense or service or a portion of an expense or service that is not covered by any of the Plans is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are confined to a private Hospital room and no Plan provides coverage for more than a semiprivate room, the difference in cost between a private and semiprivate room is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are covered by two or more Plans that provide services or supplies on the basis of reasonable and customary fees, any amount in excess of the highest reasonable and customary fee is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are covered by one Plan that provides services or supplies on the basis of reasonable and customary fees and one Plan that provides services and supplies on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's fee arrangement shall be the Allowable Expense.



• If your benefits are reduced under the Primary Plan (through the imposition of a higher copayment amount, higher coinsurance percentage, a deductible and/or a penalty) because you did not comply with Plan provisions or because you did not use a preferred provider, the amount of the reduction is not an Allowable Expense. Such Plan provisions include second surgical opinions and precertification of admissions or services.

### **Claim Determination Period**

A calendar year, but does not include any part of a year during which you are not covered under this policy or any date before this section or any similar provision takes effect.

#### Reasonable Cash Value

An amount which a duly licensed provider of health care services usually charges patients and which is within the range of fees usually charged for the same service by other health care providers located within the immediate geographic area where the health care service is rendered under similar or comparable circumstances.

# **Order of Benefit Determination Rules**

A Plan that does not have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section shall always be the Primary Plan. If the Plan does have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section, the first of the following rules that applies to the situation is the one to use:

- The Plan that covers you as an enrollee or an employee shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as a Dependent shall be the Secondary Plan;
- If you are a Dependent child whose parents are not divorced or legally separated, the Primary Plan shall be the Plan which covers the parent whose birthday falls first in the calendar year as an enrollee or employee;
- If you are the Dependent of divorced or separated parents, benefits for the Dependent shall be determined in the following order:
  - first, if a court decree states that one parent is responsible
    for the child's healthcare expenses or health coverage and
    the Plan for that parent has actual knowledge of the terms
    of the order, but only from the time of actual knowledge;
  - then, the Plan of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the Plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the Plan of the parent not having custody of the child; and
  - finally, the Plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child.
- The Plan that covers you as an active employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as laid-off or retired employee (or as

- that employee's Dependent) shall be the Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
- The Plan that covers you under a right of continuation which is provided by federal or state law shall be the Secondary Plan and the Plan that covers you as an active employee or retiree (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
- If one of the Plans that covers you is issued out of the state whose laws govern this Policy, and determines the order of benefits based upon the gender of a parent, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefit determination, the Plan with the gender rules shall determine the order of benefits.

If none of the above rules determines the order of benefits, the Plan that has covered you for the longer period of time shall be primary.

When coordinating benefits with Medicare, this Plan will be the Secondary Plan and determine benefits after Medicare, where permitted by the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended. However, when more than one Plan is secondary to Medicare, the benefit determination rules identified above, will be used to determine how benefits will be coordinated.

### Effect on the Benefits of This Plan

If this Plan is the Secondary Plan, this Plan may reduce benefits so that the total benefits paid by all Plans during a Claim Determination Period are not more than 100% of the total of all Allowable Expenses.

The difference between the amount that this Plan would have paid if this Plan had been the Primary Plan, and the benefit payments that this Plan had actually paid as the Secondary Plan, will be recorded as a benefit reserve for you. Cigna will use this benefit reserve to pay any Allowable Expense not otherwise paid during the Claim Determination Period.

As each claim is submitted, Cigna will determine the following:

- Cigna's obligation to provide services and supplies under this policy;
- whether a benefit reserve has been recorded for you; and
- whether there are any unpaid Allowable Expenses during the Claims Determination Period.

If there is a benefit reserve, Cigna will use the benefit reserve recorded for you to pay up to 100% of the total of all Allowable Expenses. At the end of the Claim Determination Period, your benefit reserve will return to zero and a new



benefit reserve will be calculated for each new Claim Determination Period.

### **Recovery of Excess Benefits**

If Cigna pays charges for benefits that should have been paid by the Primary Plan, or if Cigna pays charges in excess of those for which we are obligated to provide under the Policy, Cigna will have the right to recover the actual payment made or the Reasonable Cash Value of any services.

Cigna will have sole discretion to seek such recovery from any person to, or for whom, or with respect to whom, such services were provided or such payments made by any insurance company, healthcare Plan or other organization. If we request, you must execute and deliver to us such instruments and documents as we determine are necessary to secure the right of recovery.

### **Right to Receive and Release Information**

Cigna, without consent or notice to you, may obtain information from and release information to any other Plan with respect to you in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. You must provide us with any information we request in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. This request may occur in connection with a submitted claim; if so, you will be advised that the "other coverage" information, (including an Explanation of Benefits paid under the Primary Plan) is required before the claim will be processed for payment. If no response is received within 55 days of the request, the claim will be closed. If the requested information is subsequently received, the claim will be processed.

### **Coordination of Benefits with Medicare**

If you, your spouse, or your Dependent are covered under this Plan and qualify for Medicare, federal law determines which Plan is the primary payer and which is the secondary payer. The primary payer always determines covered benefits first, without considering what any other coverage will pay. The secondary payer determines its coverage only after the Primary Plan has completed its determination.

### When Medicare is the Primary Payer

Medicare will be the primary payer and this Plan will be the secondary payer, even if you don't elect to enroll in Medicare or you receive services from a provider who does not accept Medicare payments, in the following situations:

- COBRA or State Continuation: You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare for any reason and are covered under this Plan due to COBRA or state continuation of coverage.
- Retirement or Termination of Employment: You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare for any reason and are covered under this Plan due to your retirement or termination of employment.

- <u>Disability</u>: You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to a disability, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has fewer than 100 employees.
- Age: You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to age, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has fewer than 20 employees.
- End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD): You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) and you are an active or retired Employee. This Plan will be the primary payer for the first 30 months. Beginning with the 31st month, Medicare will be the primary payer.

### When This Plan is the Primary Payer

This Plan will be the primary payer and Medicare will be the secondary payer in the following situations:

- <u>Disability</u>: You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to a disability, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has 100 or more employees.
- Age: You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to age, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has 20 or more employees.
- End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD): You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) and you are an active or retired Employee. This Plan is the primary payer for the first 30 months. Beginning with the 31st month, Medicare will be the primary payer.

IMPORTANT: If you, your spouse, or your Dependent do not elect to enroll in Medicare Parts A and/or B when first eligible, or you receive services from a provider who does not accept Medicare payments, this Plan will calculate payment based on what should have been paid by Medicare as the primary payer if the person had been enrolled or had received services from a provider who accepts Medicare payments. A person is considered eligible for Medicare on the earliest date any coverage under Medicare could become effective.

# Failure to Enroll in Medicare

If you, your spouse, or your Dependent do not enroll in Medicare Parts A and/or B during the person's initial Medicare enrollment period, or the person opts out of coverage, the person may be subject to Medicare late enrollment penalties, which can cause a delay in coverage and result in higher Medicare premiums when the person does enroll. It can also result in a reduction in coverage under Medicare Parts A and B. If you are planning to retire or terminate employment and you will be eligible for COBRA, state Continuation, or retiree coverage under this Plan, you should enroll in Medicare before you terminate employment to



avoid penalties and to receive the maximum coverage under Medicare. Please consult Medicare or the Social Security Administration for more information.

### **Assistance with Medicare Questions**

For more information on Medicare's rules and regulations, contact Medicare toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or at <a href="www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a>. You may also contact the Social Security Administration toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, at <a href="www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>, or call your local Social Security Administration office.

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# **Expenses For Which A Third Party May Be Responsible**

This plan does not cover:

- Expenses incurred by you or your Dependent (hereinafter individually and collectively referred to as a "Participant,") for which another party may be responsible as a result of having caused or contributed to an Injury or Sickness.
- Expenses incurred by a Participant to the extent any payment is received for them either directly or indirectly from a third party tortfeasor or as a result of a settlement, judgment or arbitration award in connection with any automobile medical, automobile no-fault, uninsured or underinsured motorist, homeowners, workers' compensation, government insurance (other than Medicaid), or similar type of insurance or coverage. The coverage under this plan is secondary to any automobile no-fault insurance or similar coverage.

# Subrogation/Right of Reimbursement

If a Participant incurs a Covered Expense for which, in the opinion of the plan or its claim administrator, another party may be responsible or for which the Participant may receive payment as described above:

- Subrogation: The plan shall, to the extent permitted by law, be subrogated to all rights, claims or interests that a Participant may have against such party and shall automatically have a lien upon the proceeds of any recovery by a Participant from such party to the extent of any benefits paid under the plan. A Participant or his/her representative shall execute such documents as may be required to secure the plan's subrogation rights.
- Right of Reimbursement: The plan is also granted a right of reimbursement from the proceeds of any recovery whether by settlement, judgment, or otherwise. This right of reimbursement is cumulative with and not exclusive of the

subrogation right granted in paragraph 1, but only to the extent of the benefits provided by the plan.

### Lien of the Plan

By accepting benefits under this plan, a Participant:

- grants a lien and assigns to the plan an amount equal to the benefits paid under the plan against any recovery made by or on behalf of the Participant which is binding on any attorney or other party who represents the Participant whether or not an agent of the Participant or of any insurance company or other financially responsible party against whom a Participant may have a claim provided said attorney, insurance carrier or other party has been notified by the plan or its agents;
- agrees that this lien shall constitute a charge against the proceeds of any recovery and the plan shall be entitled to assert a security interest thereon;
- agrees to hold the proceeds of any recovery in trust for the benefit of the plan to the extent of any payment made by the plan.

### **Additional Terms**

- No adult Participant hereunder may assign any rights that it
  may have to recover medical expenses from any third party
  or other person or entity to any minor Dependent of said
  adult Participant without the prior express written consent
  of the plan. The plan's right to recover shall apply to
  decedents', minors', and incompetent or disabled persons'
  settlements or recoveries.
- No Participant shall make any settlement, which specifically reduces or excludes, or attempts to reduce or exclude, the benefits provided by the plan.
- The plan's right of recovery shall be a prior lien against any proceeds recovered by the Participant. This right of recovery shall not be defeated nor reduced by the application of any so-called "Made-Whole Doctrine", "Rimes Doctrine", or any other such doctrine purporting to defeat the plan's recovery rights by allocating the proceeds exclusively to non-medical expense damages.
- No Participant hereunder shall incur any expenses on behalf of the plan in pursuit of the plan's rights hereunder, specifically; no court costs, attorneys' fees or other representatives' fees may be deducted from the plan's recovery without the prior express written consent of the plan. This right shall not be defeated by any so-called "Fund Doctrine", "Common Fund Doctrine", or "Attorney's Fund Doctrine".
- The plan shall recover the full amount of benefits provided hereunder without regard to any claim of fault on the part of any Participant, whether under comparative negligence or otherwise.



- The plan hereby disavows all equitable defenses in pursuit of its right of recovery. The plan's subrogation or recovery rights are neither affected nor diminished by equitable defenses.
- In the event that a Participant shall fail or refuse to honor its obligations hereunder, then the plan shall be entitled to recover any costs incurred in enforcing the terms hereof including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, litigation, court costs, and other expenses. The plan shall also be entitled to offset the reimbursement obligation against any entitlement to future medical benefits hereunder until the Participant has fully complied with his reimbursement obligations hereunder, regardless of how those future medical benefits are incurred.
- Any reference to state law in any other provision of this plan shall not be applicable to this provision, if the plan is governed by ERISA. By acceptance of benefits under the plan, the Participant agrees that a breach hereof would cause irreparable and substantial harm and that no adequate remedy at law would exist. Further, the Plan shall be entitled to invoke such equitable remedies as may be necessary to enforce the terms of the plan, including, but not limited to, specific performance, restitution, the imposition of an equitable lien and/or constructive trust, as well as injunctive relief.
- Participants must assist the plan in pursuing any subrogation or recovery rights by providing requested information.

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# **Payment of Benefits**

### **Assignment and Payment of Benefits**

You may not assign to any party, including, but not limited to, a provider of healthcare services/items, your right to benefits under this plan, nor may you assign any administrative, statutory, or legal rights or causes of action you may have under ERISA, including, but not limited to, any right to make a claim for plan benefits, to request plan or other documents, to file appeals of denied claims or grievances, or to file lawsuits under ERISA. Any attempt to assign such rights shall be void and unenforceable under all circumstances.

You may, however, authorize Cigna to pay any healthcare benefits under this policy to a Participating or Non-Participating Provider. When you authorize the payment of your healthcare benefits to a Participating or Non-Participating Provider, you authorize the payment of the entire amount of the benefits due on that claim. If a provider is overpaid because of accepting duplicate payments from you and Cigna, it is the provider's responsibility to reimburse the

overpayment to you. Cigna may pay all healthcare benefits for Covered Expenses directly to a Participating Provider without your authorization. You may not interpret or rely upon this discrete authorization or permission to pay any healthcare benefits to a Participating or Non-Participating Provider as the authority to assign any other rights under this policy to any party, including, but not limited to, a provider of healthcare services/items.

Even if the payment of healthcare benefits to a Non-Participating Provider has been authorized by you, Cigna may, at its option, make payment of benefits to you. When benefits are paid to you or your Dependent, you or your Dependents are responsible for reimbursing the Non-Participating Provider.

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

When one of our participants passes away, Cigna may receive notice that an executor of the estate has been established. The executor has the same rights as our insured and benefit payments for unassigned claims should be made payable to the executor.

Payment as described above will release Cigna from all liability to the extent of any payment made.

### **Recovery of Overpayment**

When an overpayment has been made by Cigna, Cigna will have the right at any time to: recover that overpayment from the person to whom or on whose behalf it was made; or offset the amount of that overpayment from a future claim payment. In addition, your acceptance of benefits under this plan and/or assignment of Medical Benefits separately creates an equitable lien by agreement pursuant to which Cigna may seek recovery of any overpayment. You agree that Cigna, in seeking recovery of any overpayment as a contractual right or as an equitable lien by agreement, may pursue the general assets of the person or entity to whom or on whose behalf the overpayment was made.

### Calculation of Covered Expenses

Cigna, in its discretion, will calculate Covered Expenses following evaluation and validation of all provider billings in accordance with:

• the methodologies in the most recent edition of the Current Procedural terminology.



 the methodologies as reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.

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# **Termination of Insurance**

# **Employees**

Your insurance will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date you cease to be in a Class of Eligible Employees or cease to qualify for the insurance.
- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.
- the date the policy is cancelled.

Any continuation of insurance must be based on a plan which precludes individual selection.

# **Dependents**

Your insurance for all of your Dependents will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date your insurance ceases.
- the date you cease to be eligible for Dependent Insurance.
- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.
- the date Dependent Insurance is cancelled.

The insurance for any one of your Dependents will cease on the date that Dependent no longer qualifies as a Dependent.

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# **Federal Requirements**

The following pages explain your rights and responsibilities under federal laws and regulations. Some states may have similar requirements. If a similar provision appears elsewhere in this booklet, the provision which provides the better benefit will apply.

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# **Notice of Provider Directory/Networks**

# **Notice Regarding Provider Directories and Provider Networks**

A list of network providers is available to you without charge by visiting the website or by calling the phone number on your ID card. The network consists of providers, including hospitals, of varied specialties as well as general practice, affiliated or contracted with Cigna or an organization contracting on its behalf.

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# **Qualified Medical Child Support Order** (QMCSO)

# Eligibility for Coverage Under a QMCSO

If a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) is issued for your child, that child will be eligible for coverage as required by the order and you will not be considered a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance.

You must notify your Employer and elect coverage for that child, and yourself if you are not already enrolled, within 31 days of the QMCSO being issued.

### **Qualified Medical Child Support Order Defined**

A Qualified Medical Child Support Order is a judgment, decree or order (including approval of a settlement agreement) or administrative notice, which is issued pursuant to a state domestic relations law (including a community property law), or to an administrative process, which provides for child support or provides for health benefit coverage to such child and relates to benefits under the group health plan, and satisfies all of the following:

- the order recognizes or creates a child's right to receive group health benefits for which a participant or beneficiary is eligible;
- the order specifies your name and last known address, and the child's name and last known address, except that the name and address of an official of a state or political subdivision may be substituted for the child's mailing address;
- the order provides a description of the coverage to be provided, or the manner in which the type of coverage is to be determined;
- the order states the period to which it applies; and
- if the order is a National Medical Support Notice completed in accordance with the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998, such Notice meets the requirements above.



The QMCSO may not require the health insurance policy to provide coverage for any type or form of benefit or option not otherwise provided under the policy, except that an order may require a plan to comply with State laws regarding health care coverage.

### **Payment of Benefits**

Any payment of benefits in reimbursement for Covered Expenses paid by the child, or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, shall be made to the child, the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, or a state official whose name and address have been substituted for the name and address of the child.

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# Special Enrollment Rights Under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)

If you or your eligible Dependent(s) experience a special enrollment event as described below, you or your eligible Dependent(s) may be entitled to enroll in the Plan outside of a designated enrollment period upon the occurrence of one of the special enrollment events listed below. If you are already enrolled in the Plan, you may request enrollment for you and your eligible Dependent(s) under a different option offered by the Employer for which you are currently eligible. If you are not already enrolled in the Plan, you must request special enrollment for yourself in addition to your eligible Dependent(s). You and all of your eligible Dependent(s) must be covered under the same option. The special enrollment events include:

- Acquiring a new Dependent. If you acquire a new Dependent(s) through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may request special enrollment for any of the following combinations of individuals if not already enrolled in the Plan: Employee only; spouse only; Employee and spouse; Dependent child(ren) only; Employee and Dependent child(ren); Employee, spouse and Dependent child(ren). Enrollment of Dependent children is limited to the newborn or adopted children or children who became Dependent children of the Employee due to marriage.
- Loss of eligibility for State Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). If you and/or your Dependent(s) were covered under a state Medicaid or CHIP plan and the coverage is terminated due to a loss of eligibility, you may request special enrollment for yourself and any affected Dependent(s) who are not already enrolled

- in the Plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days after termination of Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
- Loss of eligibility for other coverage (excluding continuation coverage). If coverage was declined under this Plan due to coverage under another plan, and eligibility for the other coverage is lost, you and all of your eligible Dependent(s) may request special enrollment in this Plan. If required by the Plan, when enrollment in this Plan was previously declined, it must have been declined in writing with a statement that the reason for declining enrollment was due to other health coverage. This provision applies to loss of eligibility as a result of any of the following:
  - · divorce or legal separation;
  - cessation of Dependent status (such as reaching the limiting age);
  - death of the Employee;
  - termination of employment;
  - reduction in work hours to below the minimum required for eligibility;
  - you or your Dependent(s) no longer reside, live or work in the other plan's network service area and no other coverage is available under the other plan;
  - you or your Dependent(s) incur a claim which meets or exceeds the lifetime maximum limit that is applicable to all benefits offered under the other plan; or
  - the other plan no longer offers any benefits to a class of similarly situated individuals.
- Termination of Employer contributions (excluding continuation coverage). If a current or former Employer ceases all contributions toward the Employee's or Dependent's other coverage, special enrollment may be requested in this Plan for you and all of your eligible Dependent(s).
- Exhaustion of COBRA or other continuation coverage. Special enrollment may be requested in this Plan for you and all of your eligible Dependent(s) upon exhaustion of COBRA or other continuation coverage. If you or your Dependent(s) elect COBRA or other continuation coverage following loss of coverage under another plan, the COBRA or other continuation coverage must be exhausted before any special enrollment rights exist under this Plan. An individual is considered to have exhausted COBRA or other continuation coverage only if such coverage ceases: due to failure of the Employer or other responsible entity to remit premiums on a timely basis; when the person no longer resides or works in the other plan's service area and there is no other COBRA or continuation coverage available under the plan; or when the individual incurs a claim that would meet or exceed a lifetime maximum limit on all benefits and there is no other COBRA or other continuation coverage



available to the individual. This does not include termination of an Employer's limited period of contributions toward COBRA or other continuation coverage as provided under any severance or other agreement.

• Eligibility for employment assistance under State Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). If you and/or your Dependent(s) become eligible for assistance with group health plan premium payments under a state Medicaid or CHIP plan, you may request special enrollment for yourself and any affected Dependent(s) who are not already enrolled in the Plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days after the date you are determined to be eligible for assistance.

Except as stated above, special enrollment must be requested within 30 days after the occurrence of the special enrollment event. If the special enrollment event is the birth or adoption of a Dependent child, coverage will be effective immediately on the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. Coverage with regard to any other special enrollment event will be effective no later than the first day of the first calendar month following receipt of the request for special enrollment.

Domestic Partners and their children (if not legal children of the Employee) are not eligible for special enrollment.

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# **Eligibility for Coverage for Adopted Children**

Any child who is adopted by you, including a child who is placed with you for adoption, will be eligible for Dependent Insurance, if otherwise eligible as a Dependent, upon the date of placement with you. A child will be considered placed for adoption when you become legally obligated to support that child, totally or partially, prior to that child's adoption.

If a child placed for adoption is not adopted, all health coverage ceases when the placement ends, and will not be continued.

The provisions in the "Exception for Newborns" section of this document that describe requirements for enrollment and effective date of insurance will also apply to an adopted child or a child placed with you for adoption.

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# **Coverage for Maternity Hospital Stay**

Group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage generally may not, under a federal law known as the "Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act": restrict benefits for any Hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section; or require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of the above periods. The law generally does not prohibit an attending provider of the mother or newborn, in consultation with the mother, from discharging the mother or newborn earlier than 48 or 96 hours, as applicable.

Please review this Plan for further details on the specific coverage available to you and your Dependents.

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# Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA)

Do you know that your plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including all stages of reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy, including lymphedema? Call Member Services at the toll free number listed on your ID card for more information.

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# **Group Plan Coverage Instead of Medicaid**

If your income and liquid resources do not exceed certain limits established by law, the state may decide to pay premiums for this coverage instead of for Medicaid, if it is cost effective. This includes premiums for continuation coverage required by federal law.

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# **Claim Determination Procedures**

The following complies with federal law. Provisions of applicable laws of your state may supersede.

### **Procedures Regarding Medical Necessity Determinations**

In general, health services and benefits must be Medically Necessary to be covered under the plan. The procedures for determining Medical Necessity vary, according to the type of service or benefit requested, and the type of health plan. Medical Necessity determinations are made on a preservice, concurrent, or postservice basis, as described below:

Certain services require prior authorization in order to be covered. The booklet describes who is responsible for obtaining this review. You or your authorized representative (typically, your health care professional) must request prior authorization according to the procedures described below, in the booklet, and in your provider's network participation documents as applicable.

When services or benefits are determined to be not covered, you or your representative will receive a written description of the adverse determination, and may appeal the determination. Appeal procedures are described in the booklet, in your provider's network participation documents as applicable, and in the determination notices.

Note: An oral statement made to you by a representative of Cigna or its designee that indicates, for example, a particular service is a Covered Expense, is authorized for coverage by the plan, or that you are eligible for coverage is not a guarantee that you will receive benefits for services under this plan. Cigna will make a benefit determination after a claim is received from you or your authorized representative, and the benefit determination will be based on, your eligibility as of the date services were rendered to you and the terms and conditions of the plan in effect as of the date services were rendered to you.

# **Preservice Determinations**

When you or your representative requests a required prior authorization, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the determination within 15 days after receiving the request. However, if more time is needed due to matters beyond Cigna's control, Cigna will notify you or your representative within 15 days after receiving your request. This notice will include the date a determination can be expected, which will be no more than 30 days after receipt of the request. If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what information is needed, and you or your representative must provide the specified information to Cigna within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on the date Cigna sends such a notice of missing information, and the determination period will resume on the date you or your representative responds to the notice.

If the determination periods above would seriously jeopardize your life or health, your ability to regain maximum function, or in the opinion of a health care professional with knowledge of your health condition, cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services, Cigna will make the preservice determination on an expedited basis. Cigna's reviewer, in consultation with the treating health care professional, will decide if an expedited determination is necessary. Cigna will notify you or your representative of an expedited determination within 72 hours after receiving the request.

However, if necessary information is missing from the request, Cigna will notify you or your representative within 24 hours after receiving the request to specify what information is needed. You or your representative must provide the specified information to Cigna within 48 hours after receiving the notice. Cigna will notify you or your representative of the expedited benefit determination within 48 hours after you or your representative responds to the notice. Expedited determinations may be provided orally, followed within 3 days by written or electronic notification.

If you or your representative attempts to request a preservice determination, but fails to follow Cigna's procedures for requesting a required preservice determination, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the failure and describe the proper procedures for filing within 5 days (or 24 hours, if an expedited determination is required, as described above) after receiving the request. This notice may be provided orally, unless you or your representative requests written notification.

### **Concurrent Determinations**

When an ongoing course of treatment has been approved for you and you wish to extend the approval, you or your representative must request a required concurrent coverage determination at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the approved period of time or number of treatments. When you or your representative requests such a determination, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the determination within 24 hours after receiving the request.

### Postservice Determinations

When you or your representative requests a coverage determination or a claim payment determination after services have been rendered, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the determination within 30 days after receiving the request. However, if more time is needed to make a determination due to matters beyond Cigna's control, Cigna will notify you or your representative within 30 days after receiving the request. This notice will include the date a determination can be expected, which will be no more than 45 days after receipt of the request.

If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what

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information is needed, and you or your representative must provide the specified information to Cigna within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on the date Cigna sends such a notice of missing information, and the determination period will resume on the date you or your representative responds to the notice.

### **Notice of Adverse Determination**

Every notice of an adverse benefit determination will be provided in writing or electronically, and will include all of the following that pertain to the determination: the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; a description of any additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; a description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable, including a statement of a claimant's rights to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse benefit determination on appeal, (if applicable); upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your claim; and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit; and in the case of a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

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# **Appointment of Authorized Representative**

You may appoint an authorized representative to assist you in submitting a claim or appealing a claim denial. However, Cigna may require you to designate your authorized representative in writing using a form approved by Cigna. At all times, the appointment of an authorized representative is revocable by you. To ensure that a prior appointment remains valid, Cigna may require you to re-appoint your authorized representative, from time to time.

Cigna reserves the right to refuse to honor the appointment of a representative if Cigna reasonably determines that:

- the signature on an authorized representative form may not be yours, or
- the authorized representative may not have disclosed to you all of the relevant facts and circumstances relating to the overpayment or underpayment of any claim, including, for example, that the billing practices of the provider of medical services may have jeopardized your coverage through the

waiver of the cost-sharing amounts that you are required to pay under your plan.

If your designation of an authorized representative is revoked, or Cigna does not honor your designation, you may appoint a new authorized representative at any time, in writing, using a form approved by Cigna.

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# Medical - When You Have a Complaint or an Appeal

For the purposes of this section, any reference to "you" or "your" also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf; unless otherwise noted.

We want you to be completely satisfied with the services you receive. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and solving your problems.

#### **Start With Customer Service**

We are here to listen and help. If you have a concern regarding a person, a service, the quality of care, or contractual benefits, you may call the toll-free number on your ID card, explanation of benefits, or claim form and explain your concern to one of our Customer Service representatives. You may also express that concern in writing.

We will do our best to resolve the matter on your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your concern, we will get back to you as soon as possible, but in any case within 30 days. If you are not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, you may start the appeals procedure.

### **Internal Appeals Procedure**

To initiate an appeal of an adverse benefit determination, you must submit a request for an appeal to Cigna within 180 days of receipt of a denial notice. If you appeal a reduction or termination in coverage for an ongoing course of treatment that Cigna previously approved, you will receive, as required by applicable law, continued coverage pending the outcome of an appeal.

You should state the reason why you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information supporting your appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask Cigna to register your appeal by telephone. Call or write us at the toll-free number on your ID card, explanation of benefits, or claim form.

Your appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial decision. Appeals



involving Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness will be considered by a health care professional.

We will respond in writing with a decision within 30 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a required preservice or concurrent care coverage determination or a postservice Medical Necessity determination. We will respond within 60 calendar days after we receive an appeal for any other postservice coverage determination. If more time or information is needed to make the determination, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

You may request that the appeal process be expedited if the time frames under this process would seriously jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum functionality or in the opinion of your health care provider would cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services.

When an appeal is expedited, Cigna will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

### **External Review Procedure**

If you are not fully satisfied with the decision of Cigna's internal appeal review regarding your Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness issue, you may request that your appeal be referred to an Independent Review Organization (IRO). The IRO is composed of persons who are not employed by Cigna, or any of its affiliates. A decision to request an external review to an IRO will not affect the claimant's rights to any other benefits under the plan.

There is no charge for you to initiate an external review. Cigna and your benefit plan will abide by the decision of the IRO.

In order to request a referral to an IRO, the reason for the denial must be based on a Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness determination by Cigna. Administrative, eligibility or benefit coverage limits or exclusions are not eligible for appeal under this process.

To request a review, you must notify the Appeals Coordinator within 4 months of your receipt of Cigna's appeal review denial. Cigna will then forward the file to a randomly selected IRO. The IRO will render an opinion within 30 days.

When requested and when a delay would be detrimental to your medical condition, as determined by Cigna's reviewer, the external review shall be completed within 3 days.

### **Notice of Benefit Determination on Appeal**

Every notice of a determination on appeal will be provided in writing or electronically and, if an adverse determination, will include: the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge,

reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other Relevant Information as defined below; a statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the plan and the claimant's right to bring an action under ERISA section 502(a), if applicable; upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your appeal, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit.

You also have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA if you are not satisfied with the decision on review. You or your plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options such as Mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor office and your State insurance regulatory agency. You may also contact the Plan Administrator.

#### **Relevant Information**

Relevant Information is any document, record or other information which: was relied upon in making the benefit determination; was submitted, considered or generated in the course of making the benefit determination, without regard to whether such document, record, or other information was relied upon in making the benefit determination; demonstrates compliance with the administrative processes and safeguards required by federal law in making the benefit determination; or constitutes a statement of policy or guidance with respect to the plan concerning the denied treatment option or benefit for the claimant's diagnosis, without regard to whether such advice or statement was relied upon in making the benefit determination.

### Legal Action

If your plan is governed by ERISA, you have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA if you are not satisfied with the outcome of the Appeals Procedure. In most instances, you may not initiate a legal action against Cigna until you have completed the appeal processes. However, no action will be brought at all unless brought within 3 years after a claim is submitted for In-Network Services.

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# **COBRA Continuation Rights Under Federal Law**

# For You and Your Dependents

# What is COBRA Continuation Coverage?

Under federal law, your Dependents must be given the opportunity to continue health insurance when there is a "qualifying event" that would result in loss of coverage under the Plan. Your Dependents will be permitted to continue the same coverage under which you or your Dependents were covered on the day before the qualifying event occurred, unless you move out of that plan's coverage area or the plan is no longer available. Your Dependents cannot change coverage options until the next open enrollment period.

### When is COBRA Continuation Available?

For your Dependents, COBRA continuation coverage is available for up to 36 months from the date of the following qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan:

- · your death;
- your divorce or legal separation; or
- for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

### Who is Entitled to COBRA Continuation?

Only a "qualified beneficiary" (as defined by federal law) may elect to continue health insurance coverage. A qualified beneficiary may include the following individuals who were covered by the Plan on the day the qualifying event occurred: your spouse and your Dependent children. Each qualified beneficiary has their own right to elect or decline COBRA continuation coverage even if you decline or are not eligible for COBRA continuation.

The following individuals are not qualified beneficiaries for purposes of COBRA continuation: domestic partners, grandchildren (unless adopted by you), stepchildren (unless adopted by you).

### **Medicare Extension for Your Dependents**

If you retire and you became enrolled in Medicare (Part A, Part B or both) within the 18 months before retirement, COBRA continuation coverage for your Dependents will last for up to 36 months after the date you became enrolled in Medicare.

### **Termination of COBRA Continuation**

COBRA continuation coverage will be terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- the end of the COBRA continuation period of 18, 29 or 36 months, as applicable;
- failure to pay the required premium within 30 calendar days after the due date;

- cancellation of the Employer's policy with Cigna;
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary enrolls in Medicare (Part A, Part B, or both);
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary becomes covered under another group health plan, unless the qualified beneficiary has a condition for which the new plan limits or excludes coverage under a preexisting condition provision. In such case coverage will continue until the earliest of: the end of the applicable maximum period; the date the pre-existing condition provision is no longer applicable; or the occurrence of an event described in one of the first three bullets above;
- any reason the Plan would terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary who is not receiving continuation coverage (e.g., fraud).

# Moving Out of Employer's Service Area or Elimination of a Service Area

If your Dependents move out of the Employer's service area or the Employer eliminates a service area in their location, their COBRA continuation coverage under the plan will be limited to emergency services only. Because the Plan does not provide out-of-network coverage, nonemergency services will not be covered under the plan outside of the Employer's service area. If the Employer offers another benefit option through Cigna or another carrier which can provide coverage in your Dependent's location, they may elect COBRA continuation coverage under that option.

# **Employer's Notification Requirements**

Your former Employer is required to provide you and/or your Dependents with the following notices:

- An initial notification of COBRA continuation rights must be provided within 90 days after your (or your spouse's) coverage under the Plan begins (or the Plan first becomes subject to COBRA continuation requirements, if later). If you and/or your Dependents experience a qualifying event before the end of that 90-day period, the initial notice must be provided within the time frame required for the COBRA continuation coverage election notice as explained below.
- A COBRA continuation coverage election notice must be provided to you and/or your Dependents within the following timeframes:
  - if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the loss of coverage, 44 days after loss of coverage under the Plan;
  - if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the



- occurrence of a qualifying event, 44 days after the qualifying event occurs; or
- in the case of a multi-employer plan, no later than 14 days after the end of the period in which Employers must provide notice of a qualifying event to the Plan Administrator.

# **How to Elect COBRA Continuation Coverage**

The COBRA coverage election notice will list the individuals who are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage and inform you of the applicable premium. The notice will also include instructions for electing COBRA continuation coverage. You or your Dependents must notify the Plan Administrator of the election no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If a written election notice is required, it must be post-marked no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If proper notification is not made by the due date shown on the notice, your Dependents will lose the right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If COBRA continuation coverage is rejected before the due date, your Dependents may change their mind as long as they furnish a completed election form before the due date.

Each qualified beneficiary has an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Continuation coverage may be elected for only one, several, or for all Dependents who are qualified beneficiaries. Parents may elect to continue coverage on behalf of their Dependent children. You or your spouse may elect continuation coverage on behalf of all the qualified beneficiaries.

### **How Much Does COBRA Continuation Coverage Cost?**

Each qualified beneficiary may be required to pay the entire cost of continuation coverage. The amount may not exceed 102% of the cost to the group health plan (including both Employer and Employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated active Employee or family member.

For example: If the spouse or one Dependent child alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% of the active Employee premium. If more than one qualified beneficiary elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% of the applicable family premium.

# When and How to Pay COBRA Premiums

First payment for COBRA continuation

If you elect COBRA continuation coverage, you do not have to send any payment with the election form. However, you must make your first payment no later than 45 calendar days after the date of your election. (This is the date the Election Notice is postmarked, if mailed.) If you do not make your first payment within that 45 days, you will lose all COBRA continuation rights under the Plan.

### Subsequent payments

After you make your first payment for COBRA continuation coverage, you will be required to make subsequent payments of the required premium for each additional month of coverage. Payment is due on the first day of each month. If you make a payment on or before its due date, your coverage under the Plan will continue for that coverage period without any break.

# Grace periods for subsequent payments

Although subsequent payments are due by the first day of the month, you will be given a grace period of 30 days after the first day of the coverage period to make each monthly payment. Your COBRA continuation coverage will be provided for each coverage period as long as payment for that coverage period is made before the end of the grace period for that payment. However, if your payment is received after the due date, your coverage under the Plan may be suspended during this time. Any providers who contact the Plan to confirm coverage during this time may be informed that coverage has been suspended. If payment is received before the end of the grace period, your coverage will be reinstated back to the beginning of the coverage period. This means that any claim you submit for benefits while your coverage is suspended may be denied and may have to be resubmitted once your coverage is reinstated. If you fail to make a payment before the end of the grace period for that coverage period, you will lose all rights to COBRA continuation coverage under the Plan.

# You Must Give Notice of Certain Qualifying Events

If your Dependent(s) experience one of the following qualifying events, you or your Dependents must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the later of the date the qualifying event occurs or the date coverage would cease as a result of the qualifying event:

- · Your divorce or legal separation; or
- Your child ceases to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

Notice must be made in writing and must include: the name of the Plan, name and address of the Employee covered under the Plan, name and address(es) of the qualified beneficiaries affected by the qualifying event; the qualifying event; the date the qualifying event occurred; and supporting documentation (e.g., divorce decree, birth certificate, etc.).

### **Newly Acquired Dependents**

If you acquire a new Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption while your coverage is being continued, you may cover such Dependent under your COBRA continuation coverage.



# **COBRA Continuation for Retirees Following Employer's Bankruptcy**

If you are covered as a retiree, and a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the Employer under Title 11 of the United States Code, you may be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage. If the bankruptcy results in a loss of coverage for you, your Dependents or your surviving spouse within one year before or after such proceeding, you and your covered Dependents will become COBRA qualified beneficiaries with respect to the bankruptcy. You will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage until your death. Your surviving spouse and covered Dependent children will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage for up to 36 months following your death. However, COBRA continuation coverage will cease upon the occurrence of any of the events listed under "Termination of COBRA Continuation" above.

### **Interaction With Other Continuation Benefits**

You may be eligible for other continuation benefits under state law. Refer to the Termination section for any other continuation benefits.

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# **Definitions**

# Ambulance

Licensed ambulance transportation services involve the use of specially designed and equipped vehicles for transporting ill or injured patients. It includes ground, air, or sea transportation when Medically Necessary and clinically appropriate.

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### **Biologic**

A virus, therapeutic serum, toxin, antitoxin, vaccine, blood, blood component or derivative, allergenic product, protein (except any chemically synthesized polypeptide), or analogous product, or arsphenamine or derivative of arsphenamine (or any other trivalent organic arsenic compound), used for the prevention, treatment, or cure of a disease or condition of human beings, as defined under Section 351(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 262(i)) (as amended by the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009, title VII of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, § 7002 (2010), and as may be amended thereafter).

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### Biosimilar

A Biologic that is highly similar to the reference Biologic product notwithstanding minor differences in clinically inactive components, and has no clinically meaningful differences from the reference Biologic in terms of its safety, purity, and potency, as defined under Section 351(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 262(i)) (as amended by the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009, title VII of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, § 7002 (2010), and as may be amended thereafter).

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#### **Business Decision Team**

A committee comprised of voting and non-voting representatives across various Cigna business units such as clinical, medical and business leadership that is duly authorized by Cigna to effect changes regarding coverage treatment of Medical Pharmaceuticals based on clinical findings provided by the P&T Committee, including, but not limited to, changes regarding tier placement and application of utilization management to Medical Pharmaceuticals.

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### Charges

The term charges means the actual billed charges; except when Cigna has contracted directly or indirectly for a different amount including where Cigna has directly or indirectly contracted with an entity to arrange for the provision of services and/or supplies through contracts with providers of such services and/or supplies.

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# **Chiropractic Care**

The term Chiropractic Care means the conservative management of acute neuromusculoskeletal conditions through manipulation and ancillary physiological treatment rendered to specific joints to restore motion, reduce pain and improve function.

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#### **Convenience Care Clinics**

Convenience Care Clinics are staffed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants and offer customers convenient, professional walk-in care for common ailments and routine services. Convenience Care Clinics have extended hours and are located in or near easy-to-access, popular locations (pharmacies, grocery and free-standing locations) with or without appointment.

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### **Custodial Services**

Any services that are of a sheltering, protective, or safeguarding nature. Such services may include a stay in an institutional setting, at-home care, or nursing services to care for someone because of age or mental or physical condition. This service primarily helps the person in daily living. Custodial care also can provide medical services, given mainly to maintain the person's current state of health. These services cannot be intended to greatly improve a medical condition; they are intended to provide care while the patient cannot care for himself or herself. Custodial Services include but are not limited to:

- Services related to watching or protecting a person;
- Services related to performing or assisting a person in performing any activities of daily living, such as: walking, grooming, bathing, dressing, getting in or out of bed, toileting, eating, preparing foods, or taking medications that can be self administered, and
- Services not required to be performed by trained or skilled medical or paramedical personnel.

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# **Dependent**

Dependents are:

- your lawful spouse; and
- any child of yours who is
  - less than 26 years old.
  - 26 or more years old, unmarried, and primarily supported by you and incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical disability which arose while the child was covered as a Dependent under this Plan, or while covered as a dependent under a prior plan with no break in coverage.

Proof of the child's condition and dependence may be required to be submitted to the plan within 31 days after

the date the child ceases to qualify above. From time to time, but not more frequently than once a year, the plan may require proof of the continuation of such condition and dependence.

The term child means a child born to you or a child legally adopted by you. It also includes a stepchild, a foster child, or a child for whom you are the legal guardian.

Benefits for a Dependent child will continue until the last day of the calendar month in which the limiting age is reached.

Anyone who is eligible as an Employee will not be considered as a Dependent or Dependent spouse unless the Dependent or Dependent spouse declines Employee coverage.

No one may be considered as a Dependent of more than one Employee.

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### **Emergency Services**

Emergency Services means, with respect to an emergency medical condition, a medical screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate the Emergency Medical Condition; and such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital, to stabilize the patient.

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### **Employee**

The term Employee means a retired Employee.

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### **Employer**

The term Employer means the plan sponsor self-insuring the benefits described in this booklet, on whose behalf Cigna is providing claim administration services.

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### **Expense Incurred**

An expense is incurred when the service or the supply for which it is incurred is provided.

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### Free-Standing Surgical Facility

The term Free-Standing Surgical Facility means an institution which meets all of the following requirements:

- it has a medical staff of Physicians, Nurses and licensed anesthesiologists;
- it maintains at least two operating rooms and one recovery room;
- it maintains diagnostic laboratory and x-ray facilities;
- it has equipment for emergency care;
- it has a blood supply;
- it maintains medical records;
- it has agreements with Hospitals for immediate acceptance of patients who need Hospital Confinement on an inpatient basis; and
- it is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

A Free-Standing Surgical Facility, unless specifically noted otherwise, is covered with the same cost share as an Outpatient Facility.

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# **Hospice Care Program**

The term Hospice Care Program means:

- a coordinated, interdisciplinary program to meet the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of dying persons and their families;
- a program that provides palliative and supportive medical, nursing and other health services through home or inpatient care during the illness;
- a program for persons who have a Terminal Illness and for the families of those persons.

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### **Hospice Care Services**

The term Hospice Care Services means any services provided by: a Hospital, a Skilled Nursing Facility or a similar institution, a Home Health Care Agency, a Hospice Facility, or any other licensed facility or agency under a Hospice Care Program.

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### **Hospice Facility**

The term Hospice Facility means an institution or part of it which:

- primarily provides care for Terminally Ill patients;
- is accredited by the National Hospice Organization;
- · meets standards established by Cigna; and
- fulfills any licensing requirements of the state or locality in which it operates.

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### Hospital

The term Hospital means:

- an institution licensed as a hospital, which: maintains, on the premises, all facilities necessary for medical and surgical treatment; provides such treatment on an inpatient basis, for compensation, under the supervision of Physicians; and provides 24-hour service by Registered Graduate Nurses;
- an institution which qualifies as a hospital, a psychiatric hospital or a tuberculosis hospital, and a provider of services under Medicare, if such institution is accredited as a hospital by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; or
- an institution which: specializes in treatment of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder or other related illness; provides residential treatment programs; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

The term Hospital does not include an institution which is primarily a place for rest, a place for the aged, or a nursing home.

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### Hospital Confinement or Confined in a Hospital

A person will be considered Confined in a Hospital if he is:

- a registered bed patient in a Hospital upon the recommendation of a Physician;
- receiving treatment for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services in a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center.

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### Injury

The term Injury means an accidental bodily injury.

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### **Maintenance Treatment**

The term Maintenance Treatment means:

 treatment rendered to keep or maintain the patient's current status.

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### Maximum Reimbursable Charge - Medical

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge (also referred to as MRC) is the maximum amount that your plan will pay a health care provider for a Covered Expense. Your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance and/or Deductible amount(s), if any, set forth in The Schedule are determined based on the MRC. Unless prohibited by applicable law or agreement, providers may also bill you for the difference between the MRC and their charges, and you may be financially responsible for that amount. If you receive a bill from a provider for more than the What I Owe amount on the Explanation of Benefits (EOB), please call Cigna at the phone number on your ID card.

If a provider is willing to agree to a rate that Cigna, in its discretion, determines to be market competitive, then that rate will become the MRC used to calculate the allowable amount for a Covered Expense. A provider can agree to a rate by: (i) entering into an agreement with Cigna or one of Cigna's third-party vendors that establishes the rate the provider is willing to accept as payment for the Covered Expense; or (ii) receiving a payment from Cigna based on an allowed amount that Cigna or one of Cigna's third-party vendors has determined is a market competitive rate without billing you and/or obligating

you to pay the difference between the payment amount and the charged amount.

If a provider does not agree to a market competitive rate as described in the previous paragraph, then the MRC for Open Access In-Network will be based on an amount required by law, or if no amount is required by law, then the lesser of:

- the providers normal charge for a similar service or supply;
- the percentage of a fee schedule Cigna has developed that is based upon a methodology similar to a methodology utilized by Medicare to determine the allowable reimbursement for the same or similar service or supply within the geographic market. In the event that Medicare does not have a published rate for a particular service or supply, Cigna may, in its discretion, determine the MRC based on a rate for the same or similar service or supply by applying a Medicare-based methodology that Cigna deems appropriate.

The percentage used to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge can be obtained by contacting Member Services/Customer Service.

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge is subject to all other benefit limitations and exclusions and Cigna's applicable Coverage Policies, Reimbursement Policies, and other coding and payment methodologies. Additional information about how Cigna determines the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is available upon request.

Note: Some providers attempt to forgive, waive, or not collect the cost share obligation (e.g., your Copayment, Coinsurance and/or Deductible amount(s), if any), that this plan requires you to pay. This practice jeopardizes your coverage under this plan. Please read the Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations section, or call Cigna at the phone number on your ID card for more details.

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### Medicaid

The term Medicaid means a state program of medical aid for needy persons established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended.

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### Medical Pharmaceutical

An FDA-approved prescription pharmaceutical product, including a Specialty Prescription Drug Product, typically required to be administered in connection with a covered



service by a Physician or Other Health Professional within the scope of the provider's license. This definition includes certain pharmaceutical products whose administration may initially or typically require Physician or Other Health Professional oversight but may be self-administered under certain conditions specified in the product's FDA labeling.

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### Medically Necessary/Medical Necessity

Health care services, supplies and medications provided for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating a Sickness, Injury, condition, disease or its symptoms, that are all of the following as determined by a Medical Director or Review Organization:

- required to diagnose or treat an illness, Injury, disease or its symptoms;
- in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
- clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration;
- not primarily for the convenience of the patient, Physician or Other Health Professional;
- not more costly than an alternative service(s), medication(s)
  or supply(ies) that is at least as likely to produce equivalent
  therapeutic or diagnostic results with the same safety profile
  as to the prevention, evaluation, diagnosis or treatment of
  your Sickness, Injury, condition, disease or its symptoms;
  and
- rendered in the least intensive setting that is appropriate for the delivery of the services, supplies or medications. Where applicable, the Medical Director or Review Organization may compare the cost-effectiveness of alternative services, supplies, medications or settings when determining least intensive setting.

In determining whether health care services, supplies, or medications are Medically Necessary, the Medical Director or Review Organization may rely on the clinical coverage policies maintained by Cigna or the Review Organization. Clinical coverage policies may incorporate, without limitation and as applicable, criteria relating to U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, the standard medical reference compendia and peer-reviewed, evidence-based scientific literature or guidelines.

HC-DFS1486 01-21

#### Medicare

The term Medicare means the program of medical care benefits provided under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended.

HC-DFS17 04-10

### **Necessary Services and Supplies**

The term Necessary Services and Supplies includes any charges, except charges for Room and Board, made by a Hospital for medical services and supplies actually used during Hospital Confinement.

The term Necessary Services and Supplies will not include any charges for special nursing fees, dental fees or medical fees.

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### **New Prescription Drug Product**

A Prescription Drug Product, or new use or dosage form of a previously FDA-approved Prescription Drug Product, for the period of time starting on the date the Prescription Drug Product or newly-approved use or dosage form becomes available on the market following approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and ending on the date Cigna makes a Prescription Drug List coverage status decision.

HC-DFS1498 07-20

### Nurse

The term Nurse means a Registered Graduate Nurse, a Licensed Practical Nurse or a Licensed Vocational Nurse who has the right to use the abbreviation "R.N.," "L.P.N." or "L.V.N."

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### **Other Health Care Facility**

The term Other Health Care Facility means a facility other than a Hospital or Hospice Facility. Examples of Other Health Care Facilities include, but are not limited to, licensed skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation Hospitals and subacute facilities.

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### **Other Health Professional**

The term Other Health Professional means an individual other than a Physician who is licensed or otherwise authorized under the applicable state law to deliver medical services and supplies. Other Health Professionals include, but are not limited to physical therapists, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Other Health Professionals do not include providers such as Certified First Assistants, Certified Operating Room Technicians, Certified Surgical Assistants/Technicians, Licensed Certified Surgical Assistants/Technicians, Licensed Surgical Assistants, Orthopedic Physician Assistants and Surgical First Assistants.

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# **Participating Provider**

The term Participating Provider means a person or entity that has a direct or indirect contractual arrangement with Cigna to provide covered services and/or supplies, the Charges for which are Covered Expenses. It includes an entity that has directly or indirectly contracted with Cigna to arrange, through contracts with providers of services and/or supplies, for the provision of any services and/or supplies, the Charges for which are Covered Expenses.

HC-DFS1194 01-19

### Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee

A committee comprised of physicians and an independent pharmacist that represent a range of clinical specialties. The committee regularly reviews Medical Pharmaceuticals for safety and efficacy, the findings of which clinical reviews inform coverage determinations made by the Business Decision Team. The P&T Committee's review may be based on consideration of, without limitation, U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, standard medical reference compendia, or scientific studies published in peer-reviewed English-language bio-medical journals.

HC-DFS1495 07-20

### Physician

The term Physician means a licensed medical practitioner who is practicing within the scope of his license and who is licensed to prescribe and administer drugs or to perform surgery. It will also include any other licensed medical practitioner whose services are required to be covered by law in the locality where the policy is issued if he is:

- operating within the scope of his license; and
- performing a service for which benefits are provided under this plan when performed by a Physician.

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### **Prescription Drug List**

A list that categorizes Prescription Drug Products covered under the plan's Prescription Drug Benefits. This list is developed by Cigna based on clinical factors communicated by the P&T Committee and adopted by your Employer as part of the plan. The list is subject to periodic review and change, and is subject to the limitations and exclusions of the plan.

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### **Prescription Drug Product**

A drug, Biologic (including a Biosimilar), or other product that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), certain products approved under the Drug Efficacy Study Implementation review, or products marketed prior to 1938 and not subject to review and that can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only pursuant to a Prescription Order or Refill. For the purpose of benefits under the plan, this definition may also include products in the



following categories if specifically identified in the Prescription Drug List:

- Certain durable products and supplies that support drug therapy;
- Certain diagnostic testing and screening services that support drug therapy;
- Certain medication consultation and other medication administration services that support drug therapy; and
- Certain digital products, applications, electronic devices, software and cloud based service solutions used to predict, detect and monitor health conditions in support of drug therapy.

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### **Prescription Order or Refill**

The lawful directive to dispense a Prescription Drug Product issued by a Physician whose scope of practice permits issuing such a directive.

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### **Preventive Treatment**

The term Preventive Treatment means treatment rendered to prevent disease or its recurrence.

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### **Primary Care Physician**

The term Primary Care Physician means a Physician who qualifies as a Participating Provider in general practice, internal medicine, family practice OB/GYN or pediatrics; and who has been voluntarily selected by you and is contracted as a Primary Care Physician with, as authorized by Cigna, to provide or arrange for medical care for you or any of your insured Dependents.

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### **Psychologist**

The term Psychologist means a person who is licensed or certified as a clinical psychologist. Where no licensure or certification exists, the term Psychologist means a person who is considered qualified as a clinical psychologist by a recognized psychological association. It will also include any other licensed counseling practitioner whose services are required to be covered by law in the locality where the policy is issued if he is operating within the scope of his license and performing a service for which benefits are provided under this plan when performed by a Psychologist.

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# **Review Organization**

The term Review Organization refers to an affiliate of Cigna or another entity to which Cigna has delegated responsibility for performing utilization review services. The Review Organization is an organization with a staff of clinicians which may include Physicians, Registered Graduate Nurses, licensed mental health and substance use disorder professionals, and other trained staff members who perform utilization review services.

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### Room and Board

The term Room and Board includes all charges made by a Hospital for room and meals and for all general services and activities needed for the care of registered bed patients.

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### Sickness - For Medical Insurance

The term Sickness means a physical or mental illness. It also includes pregnancy. Expenses incurred for routine Hospital and pediatric care of a newborn child prior to discharge from the Hospital nursery will be considered to be incurred as a result of Sickness.

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### Skilled Nursing Facility

The term Skilled Nursing Facility means a licensed institution (other than a Hospital, as defined) which specializes in:

- physical rehabilitation on an inpatient basis; or
- skilled nursing and medical care on an inpatient basis; but only if that institution: maintains on the premises all facilities necessary for medical treatment; provides such



treatment, for compensation, under the supervision of Physicians; and provides Nurses' services.

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### **Specialist**

The term Specialist means a Physician who provides specialized services, and is not engaged in general practice, family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology or pediatrics.

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### **Specialty Prescription Drug Product**

A Medical Pharmaceutical considered by Cigna to be a Specialty Prescription Drug Product based on consideration of the following factors, subject to applicable law: whether the Medical Pharmaceutical is prescribed and used for the treatment of a complex, chronic or rare condition; whether the Medical Pharmaceutical has a high acquisition cost; and, whether the Medical Pharmaceutical is subject to limited or restricted distribution, requires special handling and/or requires enhanced patient education, provider coordination or clinical oversight. A Specialty Prescription Drug Product may not possess all or most of the foregoing characteristics, and the presence of any one such characteristic does not guarantee that a Medical Pharmaceutical will be considered a Specialty Prescription Drug Product. Specialty Prescription Drug Products may vary by plan benefit assignment based on factors such as method or site of clinical administration, or utilization management requirements based on factors such as acquisition cost. You may determine whether a medication is a Specialty Prescription Drug Product through the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

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### **Terminal Illness**

A Terminal Illness will be considered to exist if a person becomes terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less to live, as diagnosed by a Physician.

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### Therapeutic Alternative

A Medical Pharmaceutical that is of the same therapeutic or pharmacological class, and usually can be expected to have similar outcomes and adverse reaction profiles when administered in therapeutically equivalent doses as, another Medical Pharmaceutical or over-the-counter medication.

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### Therapeutic Equivalent

A Medical Pharmaceutical that is a pharmaceutical equivalent to another Medical Pharmaceutical or over-the-counter medication.

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# **Urgent Care**

Urgent Care is medical, surgical, Hospital or related health care services and testing which are not Emergency Services, but which are determined by Cigna, in accordance with generally accepted medical standards, to have been necessary to treat a condition requiring prompt medical attention. This does not include care that could have been foreseen before leaving the immediate area where you ordinarily receive and/or were scheduled to receive services. Such care includes, but is not limited to, dialysis, scheduled medical treatments or therapy, or care received after a Physician's recommendation that the insured should not travel due to any medical condition.

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