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Mailing Address: Hartford, Connecticut 06152*

## **CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

a Cigna company (hereinafter called Cigna) certifies that it insures certain Employees for the benefits provided by the following policy(s):

**POLICYHOLDER:** Northwestern Community Services Board

### **GROUP POLICY(S) - COVERAGE**

00629843 - OPEN ACCESS PLUS MEDICAL BENEFITS

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2023

This certificate describes the main features of the insurance. It does not waive or alter any of the terms of the policy(s). If questions arise, the policy(s) will govern. This certificate takes the place of any other issued to you on a prior date which described the insurance.

This Company is subject to regulation in the Commonwealth by the State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance pursuant to Title 38.2 and by the Virginia Department of Health pursuant to Title 32.1.



*Geneva Cambell Brown, Corporate Secretary*

### **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.**

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## Special Plan Provisions

**When you select a Participating Provider, this Plan pays a greater share of the costs than if you select a non-Participating Provider.** 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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### ■ Care Management and Care Coordination Services

Cigna 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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## Virginia - Important Notice(s)

### ■ Important Information Regarding Your Insurance

In the event you need to contact someone about this insurance for any reason please contact your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of the insurance, or if you have additional questions you may contact the insurance company issuing this insurance at the following address and telephone number:

#### **Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company**

P.O. Box 31353  
Richmond, VA 23294  
1-866-494-2111

If you have been unable to contact or to obtain satisfaction from the company or the agent, you may contact the Virginia Bureau of Insurance at:

Life and Health Division  
Bureau of Insurance  
P.O. Box 1157  
Richmond, VA 23218

1-800-552-7945, in state calls  
1-877-310-6560, national toll free number

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of your inquiry is maintained. When contacting your agent, company or the Bureau of Insurance, have your policy number available.

**If you have any questions regarding an appeal or grievance concerning the health care services that you have been provided which have not been satisfactorily addressed by your plan, you may contact the Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman for assistance.**

Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman  
Bureau of Insurance  
P.O. Box 1157  
Richmond, VA 23218  
1-877-310-6560, national toll free  
1-804-371-9032, Richmond Metropolitan Area  
[ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov) - email address

**If you have quality of care concerns, you may contact the Office of Licensure and Certification at any time, at the following:**

Address: Office of Licensure and Certification (OLC)  
Virginia Department of Health  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 401



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## Virginia - Important Notice(s) - Continued

Richmond, VA 23233

Phone: 804-367-2104 - ask for MCHIP

Fax Line: 804-527-4503

### Continuity of Care

When a PCP or other Participating Provider terminates from the network, other than for cause, you may continue coverage with the terminated provider for a period of 90 days from the date of Cigna's termination notice when:

- You are in an active course of treatment prior to the issuance of the notice; and
- You submit a request to Cigna to continue receiving services.

An extension may be provided beyond 90 days if:

- You are in the 2nd trimester of pregnancy, in which case you may request to continue coverage related to the delivery through the end of the post-partum phase;
- You are terminally ill, in which case you may request to continue coverage for treatment of the Terminal Illness for the remainder of your life.

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### ■ Direct Access to Obstetricians and Gynecologists

You do not need prior authorization from the plan or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, visit [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) or contact customer service at the phone number listed on the back of your ID card.

### ■ Selection of a Primary Care Provider

This plan generally allows the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, visit [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) or contact customer service at the phone number listed on the back of your ID card.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

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### ■ Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act

The Certificate is amended as stated below:





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## Virginia - Important Notice(s) - Continued

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of your plan documents and the provisions of this notice, the provisions that provide the better benefit shall apply.

### Visit Limits:

Any health care service billed with a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder diagnosis, will not incur a visit limit, including but not limited to genetic counseling.

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## 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 and Prescription Drug Products included on the Prescription Drug List. 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 and Prescription Drug Product 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.

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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.



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## Discrimination is Against the Law - Continued

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 [ACAGrievance@cigna.com](mailto:ACAGrievance@cigna.com) 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 [ACAGrievance@cigna.com](mailto:ACAGrievance@cigna.com). 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: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, 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>.

## Discrimination is Against the Law - Continued

### ■ 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: 我们可为您提供免费提供语言协助服务。对于 Cigna 的现有客户, 请致电您的 ID 卡背面的号码。其他客户请致电 1.800.244.6224 (听障专线: 请拨 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 연락해 주십시오. 기타 다른 경우에는 1.800.244.6224(TTY: 다이얼 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

**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 (TTY: 711).

**Arabic** - برجاء الانتباه خدمات الترجمة المجانية متاحة لكم. لعملاء Cigna الحاليين برجاء الاتصال بالرقم المدون على ظهر بطاقتكم الشخصية. أو اتصل ب 1.800.244.6224 (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).

## Discrimination is Against the Law - Continued

**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'assuré. 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).

**Japanese** - 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 زمانی، به صورت رایگان به شما ارائه می شود. برای مشتریان فعلی Cigna، لطفاً با شماره ای که در پشت کارت شناسایی شماست تماس بگیرید. در غیر اینصورت با شماره 1.800.244.6224 تماس بگیرید (شماره تلفن ویژه ناشنوایان: شماره 711 را شماره گیری کنید).



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## How to File Your Claim

There's no paperwork for In-Network care. Just show your identification card and pay your share of the cost, if any; your provider will submit a claim to Cigna for reimbursement. Out-of-Network 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 calling the toll-free number on your identification card.

### CLAIM REMINDERS

- 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 180 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 180 days for Out-of-Network benefits, the claim will not be considered valid and will be denied.

If it was not reasonably possible to furnish the proof of loss within the time required, the claim will not be invalidated if it was submitted as soon as reasonably possible. Except in the absence of legal capacity, proof must be furnished no later than one year from the time proof is otherwise required. If services are rendered on consecutive days, such as for a Hospital Confinement, the limit will be counted from the last date of service.

### Payment of Claim

All benefits payable under the Policy are payable within 40 days of receipt of proof of loss. All or any portion of any benefits may be paid to the health care services provider.

**WARNING:** Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement may have violated state law.



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## **Eligibility - Effective Date**

### **■ Employee Insurance**

This plan is offered to you as an Employee.

### **Eligibility for Employee Insurance**

You will become eligible for insurance on the day you complete the waiting period if:

- you are in a Class of Eligible Employees; and
- you are an eligible, full-time Employee; and
- you normally work at least 30.0 hours a week; and
- you pay any required contribution.

If you were previously insured and your insurance ceased, you must satisfy the Waiting Period to become insured again. If your insurance ceased because you were no longer employed in a Class of Eligible Employees, you are not required to satisfy any waiting period if you again become a member of a Class of Eligible Employees within 3 months after your insurance ceased.

### **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.

### **■ Waiting Period**

None - eligible on first of month following date of hire

### **Classes of Eligible Employees**

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

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

You will become insured on the date you elect the insurance by signing an approved payroll deduction or enrollment form, as applicable, but no earlier than the date you become eligible. If you are a Late Entrant, your insurance will not become effective until Cigna agrees to insure you.

You will become insured on your first day of eligibility, following your election, if you are in Active Service on that date, or if you are not in Active Service on that date due to your health status.

### **Late Entrant - Employee**

You are a Late Entrant if:

- you elect the insurance more than 30 days after you become eligible; or
- you again elect it after you cancel your payroll deduction (if required).

### **■ 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**

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## Eligibility - Effective Date - Continued

Insurance for your Dependents will become effective on the date you elect it by signing an approved payroll deduction form (if required), but no earlier than the day you become eligible for Dependent Insurance. All of your Dependents as defined will be included.

Your Dependents will be insured only if you are insured.

## Late Entrant - Dependent

You are a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance if:

- you elect that insurance more than 30 days after you become eligible for it; or
- you again elect it after you cancel your payroll deduction (if required).

## Exception for Newborns

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, coverage for that child will end on the 31st day. No benefits for expenses incurred beyond the 31st day will be payable.

## Exception to Late Entrant Definition

A person will not be considered a Late Entrant when enrolling outside a designated enrollment period if: he had existing coverage, and he certified in writing, if applicable, that he declined coverage due to other available coverage; Employer contributions toward the other coverage have been terminated; he no longer qualified in an eligible class for prior coverage; or if such prior coverage was continuation coverage and the continuation period has been exhausted; and he enrolls for this coverage within 30 days after losing or exhausting prior coverage; or if he is a Dependent spouse or minor child enrolled due to a court order within 31 days after the order is issued.

If you acquire a new Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption or foster care, you may enroll your eligible Dependents and yourself, if you are not already enrolled, within 30 days of such event. Coverage will be effective on the date of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption or foster care.

## Important Information About Your Medical Plan

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

### ■ Opportunity to Select a Primary Care Physician

Choice of Primary Care Physician:



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## **Important Information About Your Medical Plan - Continued**

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.

### Changing Primary Care Physicians:

You may request a transfer from one Primary Care Physician to another by contacting us at the member services number on 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.

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## Medical Benefits

<b>Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company Open Access Plus Medical Benefits The Schedule</b>
<b>For You and Your Dependents</b>
Open Access Plus Medical Benefits provide coverage for care In-Network and Out-of-Network. To receive Open Access Plus 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.
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.
<b>Coinsurance</b>
The term Coinsurance means the percentage of Covered Expenses that an insured person is required to pay under the plan in addition to Deductible, if any.
<b>Copayments/Deductibles</b>
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. Once the Deductible maximum in the Schedule has been reached, you and your family need not satisfy any further medical deductible for the rest of that year.
<b>Out-of-Pocket Expenses - For In-Network Charges Only</b>
Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred for charges that are not paid by the benefit plan because of any Deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance. Such Covered Expenses accumulate to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in The Schedule. When the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is reached, all Covered Expenses, except charges for non-compliance penalties, are payable by the benefit plan at 100%.
<b>Out-of-Pocket Expenses - For Out-of-Network Charges Only</b>
Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred for Out-of-Network 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%: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Coinsurance.</li><li>- Plan Contract Year Deductible.</li></ul> The following Out-of-Pocket Out-of-Network 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Non-compliance penalties.</li><li>- Provider charges in excess of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge.</li></ul>



## Medical Benefits - Continued

<b>Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company Open Access Plus Medical Benefits The Schedule</b>
<b>Accumulation of Plan Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b>
Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Maximum do not cross-accumulate (that is, In-Network will accumulate to In-Network and Out-of-Network will accumulate to Out-of-Network). However, all other plan maximums and service-specific maximums (dollar and occurrence) cross-accumulate between In- and Out-of-Network unless otherwise noted.
<b>Accumulation of Pharmacy Benefits</b>
Any In-Network Medical Out-of-Pocket Maximums will cross accumulate with any In-Network Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket Maximums.
<b>Contract Year</b> - Contract Year means a twelve month period beginning on each JULY 1.
<b>Assistant Surgeon Charges</b> - 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.)
<b>Co-Surgeon Charges</b> - The maximum amount payable for charges made by co-surgeons will be limited to the amount specified in Cigna Reimbursement Policies.
<b>Out-of-Network Emergency Services Charges</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Emergency services are covered at the In-Network cost sharing level if services are received from a non-participating (Out-of-Network) provider.</li><li>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; (ii) the Maximum Reimbursable Charge; or (iii) the amount payable under the Medicare program.</li></ol>
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.



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK</b> (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK</b> (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)
<b>Lifetime Maximum</b>	Unlimited	Unlimited
<b>The percentage of Covered Expenses the Plan pays</b>	70%	50% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>Maximum Reimbursable Charge</b>		
<p>Maximum Reimbursable Charge is determined based on the lesser of the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or</p> <p>A policyholder-selected percentage of a fee schedule that Cigna has developed that is based upon a methodology similar to a methodology utilized by Medicare to determine the allowable fee for the same or similar services within the geographic market. In some cases, a Medicare based schedule will not be used and the Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or</li> <li>• the 80th percentile of charges made by providers of such service or supply in the geographic area where it is received as compiled in a database selected by Cigna. If sufficient charge data is unavailable in the database for that geographic area to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge, then data in the database for similar services may be used.</li> </ul>	Not Applicable	110%



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BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)	OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)
<p><b>Note:</b> The provider may bill you for the difference between the provider's normal charge and the Maximum Reimbursable Charge, in addition to applicable deductibles, copayments and coinsurance.</p>		
<b>Contract Year Deductible</b>		
Individual	\$1,500.00 per person	\$3,000.00 per person
Family	\$3,000.00 per family	\$6,000.00 per family
<p>Family Deductible Calculation - <i>Individual Calculation</i></p> <p>Family members meet only their individual deductible and then their claims will be covered under the plan coinsurance; if the family deductible has been met prior to their individual deductible being met, their claims will be paid at the plan coinsurance.</p>		
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b>		
Individual	\$6,000.00 per person	\$12,000.00 per person
Family Maximum	\$12,000.00 per family	\$24,000.00 per family
<p>Family Out-of-Pocket Calculation - <i>Individual Calculation</i></p> <p>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%.</p>		
<b>Physician's Services</b>		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visits, Consultant and Referral Physician's Services	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Surgery Performed in the Primary Care Physician's Office	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Surgery Performed in the Specialty Care Physician's Office	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Allergy Treatment/Injections by a Primary Care Physician	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Allergy Treatment/Injections by a Specialty Care Physician	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Allergy Serum (dispensed by Primary Care Physician in the office)	100%	Plan deductible then 50%



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
Allergy Serum (dispensed by a Specialty Care Physician in the office)	100%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Virtual Care</b>		
<b>Dedicated Virtual Providers</b>		
Services available through contracted virtual providers as medically appropriate.		
Virtual Care Services for minor medical conditions	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	In-Network coverage only
Virtual Wellness Screenings <b>Note:</b> Lab services supporting a virtual wellness screening must be obtained through dedicated labs.	100%	In-Network coverage only
<b>Virtual Physician Services</b>		
Services available through Physicians as medically appropriate.		
<b>Note:</b> Preventive services covered at the preventive level.		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visits	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Preventive Care</b>		
Routine Preventive Care: Well-Baby, Well-Child, Adult and Well-Woman (including immunizations)		
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Preventive X-ray and/or Lab Services	100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Immunizations	100%	For children through age 3, 100%. Otherwise, plan deductible then 50%
<b>Mammograms, PSA, PAP Smear</b>		



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
Preventive Care Related Services (i.e. "routine" services)	100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Diagnostic Related Services (i.e. "non-routine" services)	Subject to the plan's x-ray & lab benefit; based on place of service	Subject to the plan's x-ray & lab benefit; based on place of service
<b>Colorectal Cancer Screening</b>		
Preventive Care Related Services (i.e. "routine" services)		
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited	100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Diagnostic Related Services (i.e. "non-routine" services)		
	Subject to the plan's x-ray & lab benefit; based on place of service	Subject to the plan's x-ray & lab benefit; based on place of service
<b>Inpatient Hospital Facility Services</b>		
	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Semi-Private Room and Board	Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate	Limited to the semi-private room rate
Private Room	Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate	Limited to the semi-private room rate
Special Care Units (ICU/CCU)	Limited to the negotiated rate	Limited to the ICU/CCU daily room rate
<b>Outpatient Facility Services</b>		
Operating Room, Recovery Room, Procedures Room, Treatment Room and Observation Room	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Inpatient Hospital Physician's Visits/Consultations</b>		
	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Inpatient Hospital Professional Services</b>		
Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Radiologist, Pathologist and Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Outpatient Professional Services</b>		
Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
Radiologist, Pathologist and Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Emergency Services</b>		
Hospital Emergency Room	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 70%
Includes Outpatient Professional Services (radiology, pathology and ER Physician), X-ray and/or Lab services, Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, Cat Scans, PET Scans and Nuclear Medicine, etc.)		
<b>Urgent Care Services</b>		
Urgent Care Facility or Outpatient Facility	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Includes Outpatient Professional Services (radiology, pathology and Physician), X-ray and/or Lab, Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, Cat Scans, PET Scans and Nuclear Medicine, etc.)		
<b>Ambulance</b>		
	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 70%
<b>Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities</b>		
Includes Skilled Nursing Facility, Rehabilitation Hospital and Sub-Acute Facilities	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: 60 days for Skilled Nursing Facility		
<b>Radiology Services (includes pre-admission testing)</b>		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Hospital Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Laboratory Services (includes pre-admission testing)</b>		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Hospital Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Independent Lab Facility	100%	Plan deductible then 50%



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
<b>Advanced Radiological Imaging</b> (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans and PET Scans and Nuclear Medicine)		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Outpatient Therapy Services</b>		
Outpatient Physical Therapy	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Physical Therapy Contract Year Maximum (does not apply to the treatment of autism): 30 visits		
<b>Note:</b> The Outpatient Physical Therapy limit is not applicable to mental health conditions.		
Outpatient Physical Therapy Lifetime Maximum: Unlimited		
Outpatient Speech, Hearing and Occupational Therapy	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Speech, Hearing and Occupational Therapy Contract Year Maximum (does not apply to the treatment of autism): 30 visits		
<b>Note:</b> The Outpatient Speech, Hearing and Occupational Therapy limit is not applicable to mental health conditions.		
Outpatient Speech, Hearing and Occupational Therapy Lifetime Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation</b>		
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Professional Services Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Radiologist, Pathologist and Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Chiropractic Care Services</b>		
	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: 30 visits		
Lifetime Maximum: Unlimited		





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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
<b>Home Health Care Services</b>		
Contract Year Maximum: 40 visits (includes outpatient private nursing when approved as Medically Necessary)  (The limit is not applicable to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder conditions.)	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Hospice</b>		
Inpatient Services	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Services (same coinsurance level as Home Health Care Services)	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Lifetime Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Medical Pharmaceuticals</b>		
Physician's Office	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Home Care	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Gene Therapy</b>		
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	In-Network coverage only
Inpatient Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	In-Network coverage only
Outpatient Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	In-Network coverage only
Inpatient Professional Services		



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	In-Network coverage only
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	In-Network coverage only
Outpatient Professional Services		
Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	In-Network coverage only
Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	In-Network coverage only
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)	In-Network coverage only
<b>Maternity Care Services</b>		
Initial Visit to Confirm Pregnancy with a Primary Care Physician	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Initial Visit to Confirm Pregnancy with a Specialty Care Physician	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
All subsequent Prenatal Visits, Postnatal Visits and Physician's Delivery Charges (i.e., global maternity fee)	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Primary Care Physician's Office Visits in addition to the global maternity fee when performed by an OB/GYN	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visits in addition to the global maternity fee when performed by an OB/GYN	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
Delivery--Facility (Inpatient Hospital, Birthing Center)	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Abortion</b>		
Includes elective and non-elective procedures	Based on place of service	Based on place of service
<b>Family Planning Services</b>		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Laboratory and Radiology Services	Based on place of service	Based on place of service
Surgical Sterilization Procedure for Vasectomy (excludes reversals)	Based on place of service	Based on place of service
Inpatient Professional Services Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Radiologist, Pathologist and Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Professional Services Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Radiologist, Pathologist and Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Women's Sterilization Procedures, e.g. tubal ligations (excluding reversals)</b>		
	100%	Based on place of service
<b>Contraceptive Coverage</b>		
Includes coverage for contraceptive devices, e.g., Depo-Provera and Intrauterine Devices (IUDs). Diaphragms are also covered when services are provided in the Primary Care Physician's office.	100%	Plan deductible then 50%



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
Includes coverage for contraceptive devices, e.g., Depo-Provera and Intrauterine Devices (IUDs). Diaphragms are also covered when services are provided in the Specialty Care Physician's office.	100%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>Transplant Services and Related Specialty Care</b>		
Includes all medically appropriate, non-experimental transplants		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Inpatient Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Inpatient Professional Services Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Radiologist, Pathologist and Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Travel expenses up to Lifetime Travel Maximum: Unlimited	100% (only available when using LifeSOURCE facility)	In-Network coverage only
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (including External Prosthetic Appliances)</b>		
	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Lifetime Maximum (applies to all non-life-sustaining Durable Medical Equipment): Unlimited		
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Note:</b> Services also accumulate to the plan's out-of-pocket maximum.		
<b>Diabetic Equipment</b>		
Lifetime Maximum: Unlimited	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Note:</b> Expenses for Diabetic Equipment accumulate to the plan's out-of-pocket maximum.		
<b>Dental Care</b>		
Limited to charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment started within six months of an injury to teeth.		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	\$30.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Inpatient Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Facility	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Inpatient Professional Services Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Radiologist, Pathologist and Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Outpatient Professional Services Surgeon	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Radiologist, Pathologist and Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
<b>TMJ Surgical and Non-surgical</b>		
Always excludes appliances and orthodontic treatment.		
TMJ Treatment	Based on place and type of service	Based on place and type of service
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
Lifetime Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Routine Foot Disorders</b>		
Not covered except for services associated with foot care for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease when Medically Necessary.		
<b>Treatment Resulting from Life Threatening Emergencies</b>		
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.		
<b>Mental Health</b>		
<b>Inpatient</b> Includes Acute Inpatient and Residential Treatment	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Outpatient</b>		



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<b>BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK (copayments indicate Your responsibility; coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK (coinsurance amounts indicate the percentage Cigna will pay)</b>
<b>Outpatient - Office Visits</b> Includes individual, family and group psychotherapy, medication management, virtual care, etc.	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Outpatient - All Other Services</b> Includes Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient Services, virtual care, etc.	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Substance Use Disorder</b>		
<b>Inpatient</b> Includes Acute Inpatient Detoxification, Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation and Residential Treatment	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Outpatient</b>		
<b>Outpatient - Office Visits</b> Includes individual, family and group psychotherapy; medication management, virtual care, etc.	\$50.00 per visit copay then 100%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		
<b>Outpatient - All Other Services</b> Includes Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient Services, virtual care, etc.	Plan deductible then 70%	Plan deductible then 50%
Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited		

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## Medical Benefits - Continued

### ■ Certification Requirements - Out-of-Network

#### For You and Your Dependents

#### Pre-Admission Certification/Continued Stay Review for Hospital Confinement

Pre-Admission Certification (PAC) and Continued Stay Review (CSR) refer to the process used to certify the Medical Necessity and length of a Hospital Confinement when you or your Dependent require treatment in a Hospital:

- as a registered bed patient, except for 48/96 hour maternity stays;
- for Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Services.

You or your Dependent should request PAC prior to any non-emergency treatment in a Hospital described above. In the case of an emergency admission, you should contact the Review Organization within 48 hours after the admission. If you are incapacitated for any reason, the notice period will be extended. For an admission due to pregnancy, you should call the Review Organization by the end of the third month of pregnancy. CSR should be requested, prior to the end of the certified length of stay, for continued Hospital Confinement.

Covered Expenses incurred will not include the first \$750.00 of Hospital charges made for each separate admission to the Hospital unless PAC is received: prior to the date of admission; or in the case of an emergency admission, within 48 hours after the date of admission.

Covered Expenses incurred for which benefits would otherwise be payable under this plan for the charges listed below will not include:

- Hospital charges for Room and Board, for treatment listed above for which PAC was performed, which are made for any day in excess of the number of days certified through PAC or CSR; and
- any Hospital charges for treatment listed above for which PAC was requested, but which was not certified as Medically Necessary.

PAC and CSR are performed through a utilization review program by a Review Organization with which Cigna has contracted.

In any case, those expenses incurred for which payment is excluded by the terms set forth above will not be considered as expenses incurred for the purpose of any other part of this plan, except for the “Coordination of Benefits” section.

#### Outpatient Certification Requirements - Out-of-Network

Outpatient Certification refers to the process used to certify the Medical Necessity of outpatient diagnostic testing and outpatient procedures, including, but not limited to, those listed in this section when performed as an outpatient in a Free-Standing Surgical Facility, Other Health Care Facility or a Physician's office. You or your Dependent should call the toll-free number on the back of your I.D. card to determine if Outpatient Certification is required prior to any outpatient diagnostic testing or outpatient procedures. Outpatient Certification is performed through a utilization review program by a Review Organization with which Cigna has contracted. Outpatient Certification should only be requested for non-emergency procedures or services, and should be requested by you or your Dependent at least four working days (Monday through Friday) prior to having the procedure performed or the service rendered.

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Covered Expenses incurred will not include the first \$750.00 for charges made for any outpatient diagnostic testing or outpatient procedure performed unless Outpatient Certification is received prior to the date the testing or procedure is performed.

Covered Expenses incurred will not include expenses incurred for charges made for outpatient diagnostic testing or outpatient procedures for which Outpatient Certification was performed, but, which was not certified as Medically Necessary.

In any case, those expenses incurred for which payment is excluded by the terms set forth above will not be considered as expenses incurred for the purpose of any other part of this plan, except for the “Coordination of Benefits” section.

### Outpatient Diagnostic Testing and Outpatient Procedures

Including, but not limited to:

- Advanced radiological imaging - CT Scans, MRI, MRA or PET scans.
- Home Health Care Services.
- Medical Pharmaceuticals.
- Radiation therapy.

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### ■ 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.
- outpatient facility services.
- partial hospitalization.
- advanced radiological imaging.
- non-emergency Ambulance.
- certain Medical Pharmaceuticals.
- home health care services.
- radiation therapy.
- transplant services.

Prior Authorization is not required for the inter-hospital transfer of a newborn infant experiencing a life-threatening emergency condition or the hospitalized mother of such newborn infant to accompany the infant.

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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 made by a Physician or a Psychologist for professional services.
- charges made by a Nurse for professional nursing service.
- charges made 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 made for Medically Necessary foot care for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease.
- charges made for an annual Papanicolaou laboratory screening test.
- charges made for laboratory services, radiation therapy and other diagnostic and therapeutic radiological procedures.
- charges made for all routine and necessary immunizations for newborn children from birth through the date the child is thirty-six (36) months of age. Immunizations will include: diphtheria; hepatitis; measles; mumps; pertussis; polio; rubella; tetanus and any other immunization prescribed by the Commissioner of Health.
- charges for Early Intervention Services, including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and assistive technology services and devices for Dependents from birth through age three (3) who are certified by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services as eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. No annual or lifetime maximum will be applied for benefit.

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- charges made for or in connection with a drug that has been prescribed for the treatment of a type of cancer for which it has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Such drug must be covered, provided: it is recognized as medically appropriate for the treatment of the specific type of cancer for which the drug has been prescribed in any one of the following reference compendia: American Medical Association Drug Evaluations; American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information; United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information; or the drug is recommended by one review article in a U.S. peer-reviewed national professional journal; it has been otherwise approved by the FDA; and its use for the specific type of cancer treatment prescribed has not been contraindicated by the FDA.
- charges made for or in connection with a drug that has been prescribed for the treatment of a covered indication, as long as the drug has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for at least one indication, and the drug is recognized for treatment of the covered indication in one of the standard reference compendia (that is, the American Medical Association Drug Evaluations, the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information, or the United States Pharmacopeia Dispensing Information) or in substantially accepted peer-reviewed medical literature. Coverage includes Medically Necessary services associated with the administration of the drug. Coverage will not be provided if: the FDA has determined its use to be contraindicated for the treatment of the specific indication for which the drug is prescribed, or the drug is an experimental drug not otherwise approved by the FDA for the treatment of any indication.
- charges for prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test and digital rectal examinations for the detection of prostate cancer for: men aged 50 and over, regardless of whether or not symptoms are present; and men aged 40 and over who are considered a high risk for prostate cancer.
- charges for at least 48 hours of inpatient care following a radical or modified radical mastectomy, and for at least 24 hours of inpatient care following a total mastectomy or partial mastectomy with lymph node dissection, for the treatment of breast cancer.
- charges not to exceed a single baseline mammogram for women ages 35-39; a mammogram every two years for women ages 40-49; and an annual mammogram for women age 50 and over. The guidelines for a covered mammogram are that it must be: prescribed by a health care practitioner; performed by a registered technologist; interpreted by a qualified radiologist; performed under the direction of a person certified by the American Board of Radiology or an equivalent examining body; and that a copy of the mammogram report must be sent or delivered to the health care practitioner who ordered it.
- charges for a vaginal hysterectomy as follows: at least 23 hours for a laparoscopy-assisted vaginal hysterectomy and 48 hours for a vaginal hysterectomy. A shorter stay is acceptable if the Physician and insured agree that it is appropriate.
- charges for colorectal cancer screening in accordance with the most recently published recommendations of the American College of Gastroenterology in conjunction with the American Cancer Society. Coverage includes screening with an annual fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, or radiologic imaging.
- charges for supplies, equipment, and self-management training and education, including nutritional therapy, for the treatment of insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using diabetes, gestational diabetes, and non-insulin-using diabetes when prescribed by a qualified provider. Diabetes equipment and supplies will not be considered durable medical equipment.
- charges for insulin, insulin syringes, blood sugar control agents, glucose test strips, urine ketone testing strips, microalbuminuria test, lancets, glucose test strips and alcohol swabs which are Medically Necessary for the treatment of diabetes.
- charges for Medically Necessary general anesthesia and hospitalization or made by a facility licensed to provide outpatient surgical procedures for dental care. The insured must: be under 5 years of age; be severely disabled; or have a medical condition that requires admission to a Hospital or outpatient surgical facility and general anesthesia for dental care. Dental care is determined by a licensed dentist in consultation with the treating Physician. Medical Necessity includes, but is not limited to, the determination of whether or not a person's age, physical condition, or mental condition would require such dental care.

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## Medical Benefits - Continued

- charges for infant hearing screening and all necessary audiological examinations. Coverage includes Medically Necessary follow-up evaluations to confirm the existence or absence of hearing loss.
- charges made for or in connection: with the treatment of congenital defects and abnormalities, including for your newborn child from the moment of birth; and with the treatment of cleft lip, cleft palate and ectodermal dysplasia; including inpatient and outpatient dental, oral surgical and orthodontic services.
- charges for a congenital heart defect screening test using pulse oximetry or other board-approved screening tests pursuant the standards provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics. This test must occur within at least twenty-four (24) hours after birth, but no more than forty-eight (48) hours after birth. This coverage is provided unless the child's parent or guardian raises objections on religious grounds.
- charges for inpatient care for a mother and her newborn for up to 48 hours after a vaginal delivery and up to 96 hours after a caesarean section. Any length of stay beyond the 48 or 96 hours will be covered if determined Medically Necessary. However, a mother and her newborn may be discharged earlier than the 48 or 96 hours in accordance with the most recent AAP/ACOG "Guidelines for Perinatal Care." If a mother and newborn are discharged from the hospital prior to 48 or 96 hours after delivery, at least one home health care visit will be covered. Additional home health care visits will be covered if determined Medically Necessary. If the mother and newborn receive the full 48 or 96 hours of inpatient hospital stay after delivery, home health care visits will be authorized if it is determined Medically Necessary.
- 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, tubal ligations, vasectomies, elective abortions and infertility testing.
- charges made for 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](http://www.healthcare.gov). For additional information on immunizations, visit the immunization schedule section of [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

- charges made for surgical and non-surgical treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ).
- Medically Necessary orthognathic surgery to repair or correct a severe facial deformity or disfigurement.
- charges made for contraceptives, other than oral contraceptives. Refer to the Prescription Drug Benefits section for information regarding coverage on oral contraceptives.
- charges made for anti-cancer medications administered orally, intravenously or by injection, prescribed in connection with cancer chemotherapy treatments.
- charges made for coverage of hemophilia and congenital bleeding disorders. Benefits include coverage for the purchase of blood products and blood infusion equipment required for home treatment of routine bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia and other congenital bleeding disorders when the home treatment program is under the supervision of the state-approved hemophilia treatment center. Blood infusion equipment includes, but is not limited to, syringes and needles. Blood products include, but are not limited to, Factor VII, VIII, IX and cryoprecipitate.

Home treatment program means a program where individuals or family members are trained to provide infusion therapy at home in order to achieve optimal health and cost effectiveness.

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## Medical Benefits - Continued

State-approved hemophilia treatment center means a Hospital or clinic which received federal or state Maternal and Child Health Bureau and/or Centers for Disease Control funds to conduct comprehensive care for persons with hemophilia and other congenital bleeding disorders.

### Dedicated Virtual Providers

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

### Virtual Physician Services

Charges for the delivery of medical and health-related services and consultations 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. Coverage does not include services provided by telephone alone.

Behavioral consultations and services via secure telecommunications technologies that shall include video capability, including telephones and internet, when delivered through a behavioral provider.

### Nutritional Counseling

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

**Enteral Nutrition** means medical foods, liquid or solid formation of formula and Enteral nutrition products that are specially formulated for enteral feedings or oral consumption.

Coverage includes medically approved formulas prescribed by a Physician or Other Health Professional for treatment of inherited metabolic disorders (e.g. inborn errors of metabolism, disorders of amino acid or organic acid metabolism). Enteral Nutrition when Medically Necessary and proven effective as a treatment regimen, and critical source of nutrition is covered. Enteral Nutrition does not need to be the primary source of nutrition.

Coverage also includes:

- partial or exclusive feeding by means of oral intake or enteral feeding by tube;
- any medical equipment, supplies, and services that are required to administer the covered formula or Enteral Nutrition products; and
- Enteral Nutrition used under medical supervision which may include a home setting.

### Internal Prosthetic/Medical Appliances

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

### Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorder

- charges for the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder. For purposes of this provision:

“Applied Behavior Analysis” means the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.

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“Autism Spectrum Disorder” means any pervasive developmental disorder, including autistic disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association.

“Behavioral Health Treatment” means professional, counseling, and guidance services and treatment programs that are necessary to develop, maintain, or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual.

“Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder” means Medically Necessary assessments, evaluations, or tests to diagnose whether an individual has an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

“Medically Necessary” means based upon evidence and reasonably expected to do any of the following: prevent the onset of an illness, condition, Injury, or disability; reduce or ameliorate the physical, mental, or developmental effects of an illness, condition, Injury, or disability; or assist to achieve or maintain maximum functional capacity in performing daily activities, taking into account both the functional capacity of the individual and the functional capacities that are appropriate for individuals of the same age.

“Pharmacy care” means medications prescribed by a licensed Physician and any health-related services deemed Medically Necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the medications.

“Psychiatric care” means direct or consultative services provided by a psychiatrist licensed in the state in which the psychiatrist practices.

“Psychological care” means direct or consultative services provided by a Psychologist licensed in the state in which the Psychologist practices.

“Therapeutic care” means services provided by licensed or certified speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, or clinical social workers.

“Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder” shall be identified in a treatment plan and includes the following care prescribed or ordered for an individual diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder by a licensed Physician or a licensed Psychologist who determines the care to be Medically Necessary: Behavioral Health Treatment, pharmacy care, psychiatric care, psychological care, therapeutic care, and Applied Behavior Analysis when provided or supervised by a board certified behavior analyst who shall be licensed by the Board of Medicine. The prescribing practitioner shall be independent of the provider of Applied Behavior Analysis.

“Treatment plan” means a plan for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder developed by a licensed Physician or a licensed Psychologist pursuant to a comprehensive evaluation or reevaluation performed in a manner consistent with the most recent clinical report or recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics or the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Except for inpatient services, if an individual is receiving treatment for an Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cigna has the right to request a review of that treatment, including an independent review, not more than once every 12 months unless it is agreed by Cigna and the individual's licensed Physician or licensed Psychologist that a more frequent review is necessary. The cost of obtaining any review, including an independent review, shall be covered under the policy.

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Coverage under this section will not be subject to any visit limits, and shall be neither different nor separate from coverage for any other illness, condition, or disorder for purposes of determining Deductibles, lifetime dollar limits, Copayment and Coinsurance factors, and benefit year maximum for Deductibles and Copayment and Coinsurance factors.

Cigna may require prior authorization to determine the appropriateness of, and Medical Necessity for, treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder under this section, provided that all such appropriateness and Medical Necessity determinations are made in the same manner as those determinations are made for the treatment of any other illness, condition, or disorder covered by the policy.

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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 a physical therapist; occupational therapist or 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.

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 a person who has been diagnosed as having six months or fewer to live, due to Terminal Illness, for the following Hospice Care Services provided under a Hospice Care Program:
  - 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;
  - by an Other Health Care Facility for:
    - \* part-time or intermittent nursing care by or under the supervision of a Nurse;
    - \* part-time or intermittent services of an Other Health Professional;
  - charges for physical, occupational and speech therapy;
  - charges for palliative and supportive physical, psychological, and psychosocial services;
  - charges for medical supplies; drugs and medicines lawfully dispensed only on the written prescription of a Physician; and 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:

- for the 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;
- for any period when you or your Dependent is not under the care of a Physician;
- for services or supplies not listed in the Hospice Care Program;
- for any curative or life-prolonging procedures;
- to the extent that any other benefits are payable for those expenses under the policy;
- for 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. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any physiological conditions related to Mental Health will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of Mental Health.

**Substance Use Disorder** is defined as the psychological or physical dependence on alcohol or other mind-altering drugs that requires diagnosis, care, and treatment. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any physiological conditions related to rehabilitation services for alcohol or drug abuse or addiction will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of Substance Use Disorder.

### Inpatient Mental Health Services

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

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## Medical Benefits - Continued

**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 is 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 is 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.



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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 abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs, while you or your Dependent is not Confined in a Hospital, including outpatient rehabilitation in an individual, a group, or a Substance Use Disorder Partial Hospitalization or Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program.

Substance Use Disorder 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 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. 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:

- treatment of disorders which have been diagnosed as organic mental disorders associated with permanent dysfunction of the brain.
- developmental disorders, including but not limited to, developmental reading disorders, developmental arithmetic disorders, developmental language disorders or developmental articulation disorders.
- 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.

## Durable Medical Equipment

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- 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 non-power mattresses, custom mattresses and posturepedic mattresses.
- **Bath Related Items:** bath lifts, non-portable 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. Coverage also includes charges made for the repair, fitting, replacement, and components of Medically Necessary external prosthetic devices.

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:

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- 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.
- Custom foot orthoses - custom foot orthoses are only covered as follows:
  - for persons with impaired peripheral sensation and/or altered peripheral circulation (e.g. diabetic neuropathy and peripheral vascular disease);
  - when the foot orthosis is an integral part of a leg brace and is necessary for the proper functioning of the brace;
  - when the foot orthosis is for use as a replacement or substitute for missing parts of the foot (e.g. amputated toes) and is necessary for the alleviation or correction of Injury, Sickness or congenital defect; and
  - for persons with neurologic or neuromuscular condition (e.g. cerebral palsy, hemiplegia, spina bifida) producing spasticity, malalignment, or pathological positioning of the foot and there is reasonable expectation of improvement.

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; and
- 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;
- microprocessor controlled prostheses and orthoses; and
- myoelectric prostheses and orthoses.

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### Outpatient Therapy Services

Charges for the following therapy services:

#### **Cognitive Therapy, Hearing 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 Hospital-based 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 are 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.

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## Medical Benefits - Continued

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.

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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 nondiseased 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; provided that: the surgery or therapy restores or improves function; reconstruction is required as a result of Medically Necessary, noncosmetic 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 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.

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## Medical Benefits - Continued

- All transplant services and related specialty care services, other than cornea transplants, are covered when received at Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network<sup>®</sup> facilities.
- 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 covered at the Out-of-Network level.
- 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.

Advanced cellular therapy, including but not limited to, immune effector cell therapies and Chimeric Antigen Receptor Therapy (CAR-T) cellular therapy, is covered when performed at a Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network<sup>®</sup> facility with an approved stem cell transplant program. Advanced cellular therapy received at any other facility, including non-Participating Provider facilities and Participating Provider facilities not specifically contracted with Cigna for advanced cellular therapy, are covered at the Out-of-Network level.

## Transplant and Related Specialty Care Travel Services

Charges made for non-taxable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a pre-approved 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 pre-approved organ/tissue transplant and/or related specialty care from a designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> facility (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the Cigna designated LifeSOURCE Transplant Network<sup>®</sup> facility); and lodging while at, or traveling to and from the Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network<sup>®</sup> 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.

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## Medical Benefits - Continued

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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## 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. Benefits payable under this section include Medical Pharmaceuticals whose administration may initially, or typically, require Physician 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.

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## Medical Benefits - Continued

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.

### 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.



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## Medical Benefits - Continued

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 in-kind 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.

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## Medical Benefits - Continued

- 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.

Clinical trials conducted by Out-of-Network providers will be covered only when the following conditions are met:

- In-Network providers are not participating in the clinical trial; or
- the clinical trial is conducted outside the individual's state of residence.



## Prescription Drug Benefits

<b>Prescription Drug Benefits The Schedule</b>
<b>For You and Your Dependents</b>
<p>This plan provides Prescription Drug benefits for Prescription Drug Products provided by Pharmacies as shown in this Schedule. To receive Prescription Drug Benefits, you and your Dependents may be required to pay a Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance requirement for Covered Expenses for Prescription Drug Products.</p> <p>You and your Dependents will pay 100% of the cost of any Prescription Drug Product excluded from coverage under this plan. The amount you and your Dependent pays for any excluded Prescription Drug Product to the dispensing Pharmacy, will not count towards your Deductible, if any, or Out-of-Pocket Maximum.</p>
<b>Coinsurance</b>
<p>The term Coinsurance means the percentage of the Prescription Drug Charge for a covered Prescription Drug Product that you or your Dependent are required to pay under this plan.</p>
<b>Copayments (Copay)</b>
<p>Copayments are amounts to be paid by you or your Dependent for covered Prescription Drug Products.</p>
<b>Oral Chemotherapy Medication</b>
<p>Prescription oral chemotherapy medication that is used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells is covered at Network Pharmacies at 100% with no deductible and if applicable at non-Network pharmacies, the same as the out of network medical cost share for injectable/IV chemotherapy.</p>
<b>Non-Network Pharmacies</b>
<p>You may receive coverage for your Prescription Drug Product at the Network Pharmacy cost-share amount when dispensed by a non-Network Pharmacy or, as applicable, non-Designated Pharmacy, provided the Pharmacy agrees in writing to accept reimbursement at the same rate as a Network Pharmacy or Designated Pharmacy.</p>



## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<b>Contract Year Deductible</b>		
Individual	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Family	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<p><b>Patient Assurance Program</b></p> <p>Your plan offers additional discounts for certain covered Prescription Drug Products that are dispensed by a retail or home delivery Network Pharmacy included in what is known as the “Patient Assurance Program”. As may be described elsewhere in this plan, from time to time Cigna may directly or indirectly enter into arrangements with pharmaceutical manufacturers for discounts that result in a reduction of your Out-of-Pocket Expenses for certain covered Prescription Drug Products for which Cigna directly or indirectly earns the discounts. Specifically, some or all of the Patient Assurance Program discount earned by Cigna for certain covered Prescription Drug Products included in the Patient Assurance Program is applied or credited to a portion of your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any. The Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, otherwise applicable to those certain covered Prescription Drug Products as set forth in The Schedule may be reduced in order for Patient Assurance Program discounts earned by Cigna to be applied or credited to the Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, as described above.</p> <p>For example, certain insulin product(s) covered under the Prescription Drug Benefit for which Cigna directly or indirectly earns a discount in connection with the Patient Assurance Program shall result in a credit toward some or all of your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, which, as noted, may be reduced from the amount set forth in The Schedule, for the insulin product. In addition, the covered insulin products eligible for Patient Assurance Program discounts shall not be subject to the Deductible, if any.</p> <p>Your Copayment or Coinsurance payment, if any, for covered Prescription Drug Products under the Patient Assurance Program counts toward your Out-of-Pocket Maximum.</p> <p>Any Patient Assurance Program discount that is used to satisfy your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, for covered Prescription Drug Products under the Patient Assurance Program counts toward your Out-of-Pocket Maximum.</p> <p>Please note that the Patient Assurance Program discounts that Cigna may earn for Prescription Drug Products, and may apply or credit to your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, in connection with the Patient Assurance Program are unrelated to any rebates or other payments that Cigna may earn from a pharmaceutical manufacturer for the same or other Prescription Drug Products. Except as may be noted elsewhere in this plan, you are not entitled to the benefit of those rebates or other payments earned by Cigna because they are unrelated to the Patient Assurance Program. Additionally, the availability of the Patient Assurance Program, as well as the Prescription Drug Products included in the Patient Assurance Program and/or your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any for those eligible Prescription Drug Products, may change from time to time depending on factors including, but not limited to, the continued availability of the Patient Assurance Program discount(s) to Cigna in connection with the Patient Assurance Program. More information about the Patient Assurance Program including the Prescription Drug Products included in the program, is available at the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.</p>		



## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<p>For all insulin drugs covered by this plan your cost share amount will be capped so that the amount you are required to pay for all covered prescription insulin drugs for each 30 day supply will not exceed \$50 dollars, per prescription. Deductible will be waived.</p>		
<p><b>Maintenance Drug Products</b></p>		
<p>Maintenance Drug Products may be filled in an amount up to a consecutive 90 day supply per Prescription Order or Refill at a retail Pharmacy or home delivery Network Pharmacy.</p>		
<p>Certain Preventive Medications covered under this plan and required as part of preventive care services (detailed information is available at <a href="http://www.healthcare.gov">www.healthcare.gov</a>) are payable at 100% with no Copayment or Deductible, when purchased from a Network Pharmacy. A written prescription is required.</p>		
<p><b>Prescription Drug Products at Retail Pharmacies</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 30-day supply at a Network Pharmacy</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 30-day supply at a non-Network Pharmacy</b></p>
<p><b>Tier 1</b></p>		
<p>Generic Drugs on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>No charge after \$10.00 Copay</p>	<p>50%</p>
<p><b>Tier 2</b></p>		
<p>Brand Drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>No charge after \$40.00 Copay</p>	<p>50%</p>
<p><b>Tier 3</b></p>		
<p>Brand Drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>No charge after \$60.00 Copay</p>	<p>50%</p>
<p><b>Tier 4</b></p>		
<p>Specialty Prescription Drug Products</p>	<p>20%, subject to a maximum of \$250.00, then Plan pays 100%</p>	<p>50%</p>
<p><b>Prescription Drug Products at Retail Designated Pharmacies</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a Designated Pharmacy</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a non-Designated Pharmacy</b></p>
<p>Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30-day supply per Prescription Order or Refill.</p>		
<p>Note: In this context, a retail Designated Pharmacy is a retail Network Pharmacy that has contracted with Cigna for dispensing of covered Prescription Drug Products, including Maintenance Drug Products, in 90-day supplies.</p>		
<p><b>Tier 1</b></p>		
<p>Generic Drugs on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>No charge after \$25.00 Copay</p>	<p>50%</p>



## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<b>Tier 2</b>		
Brand Drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$100.00 Copay	50%
<b>Tier 3</b>		
Brand Drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$150.00 Copay	50%
<b>Tier 4</b>		
Specialty Prescription Drug Products	Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30 day supply per Prescription Order or Refill	Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30 day supply per Prescription Order or Refill
<b>Prescription Drug Products at Home Delivery Pharmacies</b>	<b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a Network Pharmacy</b>	<b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a non-Network Pharmacy</b>
Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30-day supply per Prescription Order or Refill and are subject to the same Copayment or Coinsurance that applies to retail Pharmacies.		
<b>Tier 1</b>		
Generic Drugs on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$25.00 Copay	50%
<b>Tier 2</b>		
Brand Drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$100.00 Copay	50%
<b>Tier 3</b>		
Brand Drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$150.00 Copay	50%
<b>Tier 4</b>		
Specialty Prescription Drug Products	Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30 day supply per Prescription Order or Refill  20%, subject to a maximum of \$250.00, then Plan pays 100%	Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30 day supply per Prescription Order or Refill  50%

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## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

### ■ Covered Expenses

Your plan provides benefits for Prescription Drug Products dispensed by a Pharmacy. Details regarding your plan's Covered Expenses, which for the purposes of the Prescription Drug Benefit include Medically Necessary Prescription Drug Products ordered by a Physician, Limitations, and Exclusions are provided below and/or are shown in The Schedule.

Your prescription drug benefits will not be denied for any drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in the treatment of cancer pain, on the basis that the dosage is in excess of the recommended dosage of the pain-relieving agent, if the prescription has been prescribed for intractable cancer pain.

If you or any one of your Dependents, while insured for Prescription Drug Benefits, incurs expenses for charges made by a Pharmacy for Medically Necessary Prescription Drug Products ordered by a Physician, your plan provides coverage for those expenses as shown in The Schedule. Your benefits may vary depending on which of the Prescription Drug List tiers the Prescription Drug Product is listed, or the Pharmacy that provides the Prescription Drug Product.

Coverage under your plan's Prescription Drug Benefits also includes Medically Necessary Prescription Drug Products dispensed pursuant to a Prescription Order or Refill issued to you or your Dependents by a licensed dentist for the prevention of infection or pain in conjunction with a dental procedure.

When you or a Dependent is issued a Prescription Order or Refill for Medically Necessary Prescription Drug Products as part of the rendering of Emergency Services and Cigna determines that it cannot reasonably be filled by a Network Pharmacy, the prescription will be covered pursuant to the, as applicable, Copayment or Coinsurance for the Prescription Drug Product when dispensed by a Network Pharmacy.

### ■ Prescription Drug List Management

Your plan's Prescription Drug List coverage tiers may contain Prescription Drug Products that are Generic Drugs, Brand Drugs or Specialty Prescription Drug Products. Determination of inclusion of a Prescription Drug Product to a certain coverage tier on the Prescription Drug List and 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 the Prescription Drug Product, as well as whether certain supply limits or other utilization management requirements should apply. Economic factors may include, but are not limited to, the Prescription Drug Product's acquisition cost including, but not limited to, assessments on the cost effectiveness of the Prescription Drug Product and available rebates. Regardless of its eligibility for coverage under the 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.

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## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

The coverage status of a Prescription Drug Product may change periodically for various reasons. For example, a Prescription Drug Product may be removed from the market, a New Prescription Drug Product in the same therapeutic class as a Prescription Drug Product may become available, or other market events may occur. Market events that may affect the coverage status of a Prescription Drug Product include, but are not limited to, an increase in the acquisition cost of a Prescription Drug Product. As a result of coverage changes, for the purposes of benefits the plan may require you to pay more or less for that Prescription Drug Product, to obtain the Prescription Drug Product from a certain Pharmacy(ies) for coverage, or try another covered Prescription Drug Product(s). Please access the Prescription Drug List through the website shown on your ID card or call member services at the telephone number on your ID card for the most up-to-date tier status, utilization management, or other coverage limitations for a Prescription Drug Product.

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### ■ Limitations

For most Prescription Drug Products you and your Dependent pay only the cost sharing detailed in The Schedule of Prescription Drug Benefits. However, in the event you or your Dependent insist on a more expensive Brand Drug where a Therapeutic Equivalent Generic Drug is available, you will be financially responsible for an Ancillary Charge, in addition to any required Brand Drug Copayment and/or Coinsurance. In this case, the Ancillary Charge will not apply to your Deductible, if any, or Out-of-Pocket Maximum. However, in the event your Physician determines that the Generic Drug is not an acceptable alternative for you (and indicates Dispensed as Written on the Prescription Order or Refill), you will only be responsible for payment of the appropriate Brand Drug Coinsurance and/or Copayment after satisfying your Deductible, if any.

Your plan includes a Brand Drug for Generic Drug dispensing program. This program allows certain Brand Drugs to be dispensed in place of the Therapeutic Equivalent Generic Drug at the time your Prescription Order or Refill is processed by a participating Pharmacy. Brand Drug for Generic Drug substitution will occur only for certain Brand Drugs included in the program. When this substitution program is applied, the participating Pharmacy will dispense the Brand Drug to you in place of the available Generic Drug. You will be responsible for payment of only a Generic Drug Copayment and/or Coinsurance, after satisfying your Deductible, if any.

### ■ Prior Authorization Requirements

Coverage for certain Prescription Drug Products prescribed to you requires your Physician to obtain prior authorization from Cigna or its Review Organization. The reason for obtaining prior authorization from Cigna is to determine whether the Prescription Drug Product is Medically Necessary in accordance with Cigna's coverage criteria. Coverage criteria for a Prescription Drug Product may vary based on the clinical use for which the Prescription Order or Refill is submitted, and may change periodically based on changes in, without limitation, clinical guidelines or practice standards, or market factors.

If Cigna or its Review Organization reviews the documentation provided and determines that the Prescription Drug Product is not Medically Necessary or otherwise excluded, your plan will not cover the Prescription Drug Product. Cigna, or its Review Organization, will not review claims for excluded Prescription Drug Products or other services to determine if they are Medically Necessary, unless required by law.



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## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

When Prescription Drug Products that require prior authorization are dispensed at a Pharmacy, you or your prescribing Physician are responsible for obtaining prior authorization from Cigna. If you do not obtain prior authorization from us before the Prescription Drug Product is dispensed by the Pharmacy, you can ask us to consider reimbursement after you pay for and receive the Prescription Drug Product. You will need to pay for the Prescription Drug Product at the Pharmacy prior to submitting a reimbursement request.

When you submit a claim on this basis, you will need to submit a paper claim using the form that appears on the website shown on your ID card.

If a prior authorization request is approved, your Physician will receive confirmation. The authorization will be processed in the claim system to allow you to have coverage for the Prescription Drug Product. The length of the authorization may depend on the diagnosis and the Prescription Drug Product. The authorization will at all times be subject to the plan's terms of coverage for the Prescription Drug Product, which may change from time to time. When your Physician advises you that coverage for the Prescription Drug Product has been approved, you can contact a Pharmacy to fill the covered Prescription Order or Refill.

If the prior authorization request is denied, your Physician and you will be notified that coverage for the Prescription Drug Product is not authorized. If you disagree with a coverage decision, you may appeal that decision in accordance with the provisions of the plan by submitting a written request stating why the Prescription Drug Product should be covered.

### ■ Step Therapy

Certain Prescription Drug Products are subject to step therapy requirements. This means that in order to receive benefits for such Prescription Drug Products you are required to try a different Prescription Drug Product(s) first unless you satisfy the plan's exception criteria. You may identify whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is subject to step therapy requirements at the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

If your treating health care provider submits a request for a step therapy exception determination, the request must state the circumstance that qualifies for a step therapy exception.

We will respond to the exception request with our decision within three (3) business days of receipt of the exception request.

In cases where emergency circumstances exist, we will respond with our decision within 24 hours of receipt of an exception request.

If we grant an exception request, we will authorize coverage for the Prescription Drug Product.

You may request an appeal of any step therapy exception denial by following the appeals process.

## Contraceptive Drugs

FDA-approved, self-administered hormonal contraceptives will be covered for up to a 12-month supply.

### ■ Supply Limits

Benefits for Prescription Drug Products are subject to the supply limits that are stated in The Schedule. For a single Prescription Order or Refill, you may receive a Prescription Drug Product up to the stated supply limit.

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## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

Some products are subject to additional supply limits, quantity limits or dosage limits based on coverage criteria that have been approved based on consideration of the P&T Committee's clinical findings. Coverage criteria are subject to periodic review and modification. The limit may restrict the amount dispensed per Prescription Order or Refill and/or the amount dispensed per month's supply, or may require that a minimum amount be dispensed.

You may determine whether a Prescription Drug Product has been assigned a dispensing supply limit or similar limit or requirement at the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

### ■ Medication Synchronization

Prescription Drug Products that are dispensed by a Network Pharmacy for a partial supply will be covered if the prescribing provider or the pharmacist determines the Prescription Order or Refill to be in the best interest of you or your Dependent, and you or your Dependent requests or agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of synchronizing medications. Early refills of Prescription Drug Products will be covered for the purposes of synchronizing medications.

### ■ Specialty Prescription Drug Products

Benefits are provided for Specialty Prescription Drug Products. If you require Specialty Prescription Drug Products, you may be directed to a Designated Pharmacy with whom Cigna has an arrangement to provide those Specialty Prescription Drug Products.

### ■ Designated Pharmacies

If you require certain Prescription Drug Products, including, but not limited to, Specialty Prescription Drug Products, we may direct you to a Designated Pharmacy with whom we have an arrangement to provide those Prescription Drug Products. If you are directed to a Designated Pharmacy and you choose not to obtain your Prescription Drug Product from a Designated Pharmacy, you may receive reduced or no coverage for the Prescription Drug Product. Refer to The Schedule for further information.

### ■ Newly FDA Approved Prescription Drug Products

During the time Cigna reviews newly FDA-approved Prescription Drug Products for appropriate placement on its formulary, your physician may request a non-formulary coverage exception by submitting a prior authorization for the drug product under formulary review. Cigna or its Review Organization will review the individual request, along with all necessary information submitted, to determine coverage based on Medical Necessity. If authorized, the newly approved Prescription Drug Product will be covered at the applicable coverage tier as set forth in The Schedule. In placing newly FDA-approved Prescription Drugs Products on its formulary, Cigna considers clinical recommendations from its independent panel of practicing physicians and pharmacists that make up its P&T Committee in addition to pharmacoeconomic data. Consideration for formulary placement typically occurs within 180 days of a drug being marketed.

### ■ Your Payments

Covered Prescription Drug Products purchased at a Pharmacy are subject to any applicable Deductible, Copayments or Coinsurance shown in The Schedule, as well as any limitations or exclusions set forth in this plan. Please refer to The Schedule for any required Copayments, Coinsurance, Deductibles or Out-of-Pocket Maximums.

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## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

### ■ Copayment

Your plan requires that you pay a Copayment for covered Prescription Drug Products as set forth in The Schedule. After satisfying any applicable annual Deductible set forth in The Schedule, your costs under the plan for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a Network Pharmacy and that is subject to a Copayment requirement will be the lowest of the following amounts:

- the Copayment for the Prescription Drug Product set forth in The Schedule; or
- the Prescription Drug Charge; or
- the Pharmacy Rate; or
- the Network Pharmacy's submitted Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge, if any.

### ■ Coinsurance

Your plan requires that you pay a Coinsurance amount for covered Prescription Drug Products as set forth in The Schedule. After satisfying any applicable annual Deductible set forth in The Schedule, your costs under the plan for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a Network Pharmacy and that is subject to a Coinsurance requirement will be the lowest of the following amounts:

- the amount that results from applying the applicable Coinsurance percentage set forth in The Schedule to the Prescription Drug Charge; or
- the Pharmacy Rate; or
- the Network Pharmacy's submitted Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge, if any.

### ■ Payments at Non-Network Pharmacies

Any reimbursement due to you under this plan for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a non-Network Pharmacy may be determined by applying the Deductible, if any, and/or non-Network Pharmacy Coinsurance amount set forth in The Schedule to the average wholesale price (or "AWP"), or other benchmark price Cigna applies, for a Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a non-Network Pharmacy. Your reimbursement, if any, for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a non-Network Pharmacy will never exceed the average wholesale price (or other benchmark price applied by Cigna) for the Prescription Drug Product.

### Payments

Any reimbursement due to you under this plan for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a Pharmacy may be determined by applying the Deductible, if any, and/or Pharmacy Coinsurance amount set forth in The Schedule to the average wholesale price (or "AWP"), or other benchmark price Cigna applies, for a Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a Pharmacy. Your reimbursement, if any, for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a Pharmacy will never exceed the average wholesale price (or other benchmark price applied by Cigna) for the Prescription Drug Product.

When a treatment regimen contains more than one type of Prescription Drug Products that are packaged together for you or your Dependent's convenience, any applicable Copayment or Coinsurance may apply to each Prescription Drug Product.

You will need to obtain prior approval from Cigna or its Review Organization for any Prescription Drug Product not listed on the Prescription Drug List that is not otherwise excluded. Cigna or its Review Organization approves as coverage for the Prescription Drug Product because it meets the applicable coverage exception criteria, the Prescription Drug Product shall be covered at the applicable coverage tier as set forth in The Schedule.

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## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

If you have been receiving a Medically Necessary non-Prescription Drug List Prescription Drug Product for at least six (6) months previous to the development or revision of the Prescription Drug List and the prescribing Physician has determined that the Prescription Drug List Prescription Drug Product is inappropriate for you or that changing that drug therapy presents a significant health risk to you, then the non-Prescription Drug List Prescription Drug Product shall be covered at the applicable coverage tier as set forth in The Schedule.

The amount you or your Dependent pays for any excluded Prescription Drug Product or other product or service will not be included in calculating any applicable plan Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

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### ■ Exclusions

Coverage exclusions listed under the “Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations” section also apply to benefits for Prescription Drug Products. In addition, the exclusions listed below apply to benefits for Prescription Drug Products. When an exclusion or limitation applies to only certain Prescription Drug Products, you can access the internet through the website shown on your ID card or call member services at the telephone number on your ID card for information on which Prescription Drug Products are excluded.

- coverage for Prescription Drug Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply) which exceeds the applicable supply limit, or is less than any applicable supply minimum set forth in The Schedule, or which exceeds quantity limit(s) or dosage limit(s) set by the P&T Committee.
- more than one Prescription Order or Refill for a given prescription supply period for the same Prescription Drug Product prescribed by one or more Physicians and dispensed by one or more Pharmacies.
- Prescription Drug Products dispensed outside the jurisdiction of the United States, except as required for emergency or Urgent Care treatment.
- Prescription Drug Products which are prescribed, dispensed or intended to be taken by or administered to you while you are a patient in a licensed Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, rest home, rehabilitation facility, or similar institution which operates on its premises or allows to be operated on its premises a facility for dispensing pharmaceutical products.
- Prescription Drug Products furnished by the local, state or federal government (except for a Network Pharmacy owned or operated by a local, state or federal government).
- any product dispensed for the purpose of appetite suppression (anorectics) or weight loss.
- prescription and non-prescription supplies other than supplies covered as Prescription Drug Products.
- medications used for cosmetic purposes, including, without limitation, medications used to reduce wrinkles, medications used to promote hair growth and fade cream products.
- Prescription Drug Products as a replacement for a previously dispensed Prescription Drug Product that was lost, stolen, broken or destroyed.
- Prescription Drug Products used for the treatment of infertility.
- Medical Pharmaceuticals covered solely under the plan's medical benefits.
- any ingredient(s) in a compounded Prescription Drug Product that has not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- medications available over-the-counter that do not require a Prescription Order or Refill by federal or state law before being dispensed, unless state or federal law requires coverage of such medications or the over-the-counter medication has been designated as eligible for coverage as if it were a Prescription Drug Product.

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## Prescription Drug Benefits - Continued

- certain Prescription Drug Products that are a Therapeutic Equivalent or Therapeutic Alternative to an over-the-counter drug(s), or are available in over-the-counter form. Such coverage determinations may be made periodically, and benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision may be reinstated at any time.
- any product for which the primary use is a source of nutrition, nutritional supplements, or dietary management of disease, even when used for the treatment of Sickness or Injury, unless coverage for such product(s) is required by federal or state law.
- medications used for travel prophylaxis, immunization agents, virus detection testing, virus antibody testing, biological products for allergy immunization, biological sera, blood, blood plasma and other blood products or fractions unless specifically identified on the Prescription Drug List.
- certain Prescription Drug Products that are a Therapeutic Equivalent or Therapeutic Alternative to another covered Prescription Drug Product(s). Such coverage determinations may be made periodically, and benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision may be reinstated at any time.
- medications that are experimental investigational or unproven as described under the “General Exclusion and Limitations” section of your plan's certificate.

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### ■ Reimbursement/Filing a Claim

#### Retail Pharmacy

When you or your Dependents purchase your Prescription Drug Products through a Network Pharmacy, you pay any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance, or Deductible shown in The Schedule at the time of purchase. You do not need to file a claim form for a Prescription Drug Product obtained at a Network Pharmacy unless you pay the full cost of a Prescription Drug Product at a Network Pharmacy and later seek reimbursement for the Prescription Drug Product under the plan. For example, if you must pay the full cost of a Prescription Drug Product to the retail Network Pharmacy because you did not have your ID card, then you must submit a claim to Cigna for any reimbursement or benefit you believe is due to you under this plan. If, under this example, your payment to the retail Network Pharmacy for the covered Prescription Drug Product exceeds any applicable copay, then you will be reimbursed the difference, if any, between the applicable copay and the Prescription Drug Charge for the Prescription Drug Product.

If you obtain a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a non-Network Pharmacy, then you must pay the non-Network Pharmacy for the Prescription Drug Product and then submit a claim to Cigna for any reimbursement or benefit you believe is due to you under this plan. You can obtain a claim form 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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## 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, riot or insurrection.
- charges which you are not obligated to pay or for which you are not billed or for which you would not have been billed except that they were covered under this plan.
- custodial care of a member whose health is stabilized and whose current condition is not expected to significantly or objectively improve or progress over a specified period of time. Custodial care does not seek a cure, can be provided in any setting and may be provided between periods of acute or inter-current health care needs. Custodial care includes any skilled or non-skilled health services or personal comfort and convenience services which provide general maintenance, supportive, preventive and/or protective care. This includes assistance with, performance of, or supervision of: walking, transferring or positioning in bed and range of motion exercises; self administered medications; meal preparation and feeding by utensil, tube or gastronomy; oral hygiene, skin and nail care, toilet use, routine enemas; nasal oxygen applications, dressing changes, maintenance of in-dwelling bladder catheters, general maintenance of colostomy ileostomy, gastronomy, tracheostomy and casts.
- for or in connection with experimental, investigational or except medical and surgical services that are mandated as preventive care, but including both 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.

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## Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations - Continued

The plan or policy shall not deny coverage for a drug or Biologic therapy as experimental, investigational and unproven if the drug or Biologic therapy is otherwise approved by the FDA to be lawfully marketed, has not been contraindicated by the FDA for the use for which the drug or Biologic has been prescribed, and is recognized as safe and effective for the treatment of cancer in any of the standard reference compendia (American Medical Association Drug Evaluations, the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information, or the United States Pharmacopoeia Dispensing Information).

- cosmetic surgery and therapies. Cosmetic surgery or therapy is defined as surgery or therapy performed to improve or alter appearance or self-esteem or to treat psychological symptomatology or psychosocial complaints related to one's appearance including Idiopathic Short Stature Syndrome. However, reconstructive surgery and therapy are covered as provided in the "Reconstructive Surgery" section of Covered Expenses.
- the following services are excluded from coverage unless Medically Necessary or subject to another exclusion:
  - surgical treatment of varicose veins;
  - rhinoplasty; or
  - orthognathic surgeries.
- the following services are excluded from coverage regardless of clinical indications: macromastia or gynecomastia surgeries; abdominoplasty; panniculectomy; 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. Charges made for services or supplies provided for or in connection with an accidental Injury to teeth are covered provided a continuous course of dental treatment is started within six months of an accident. Additionally, charges made by a Physician for any of the following surgical procedures are covered: excision of unerupted impacted wisdom tooth, including removal of alveolar bone and sectioning of tooth; removal of residual root (when performed by a dentist other than the one who extracted the tooth).
- for medical and surgical services, initial and repeat, intended for the treatment or control of obesity including clinically severe (morbid) obesity, including: medical and surgical services to alter appearance 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.
- medical and surgical services, initial and repeat, intended for the treatment or control of obesity, except for treatment of clinically severe (morbid) obesity as shown in Covered Expenses, including: medical and surgical services to alter appearance 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.
- unless otherwise covered in this plan, for 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.
- court-ordered treatment or hospitalization, unless such treatment is prescribed by a Physician and listed as covered in this plan.
- infertility services including infertility drugs, surgical or medical treatment programs for infertility, including in vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT), zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT), variations of these procedures, and any costs associated with the collection, washing, preparation or storage of sperm for artificial insemination (including donor fees). Cryopreservation of donor sperm and eggs is also excluded from coverage.
- reversal of male or female voluntary sterilization procedures.

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

- any 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), anorgasm, and premature ejaculation.
- medical and Hospital care and costs for the infant child of a Dependent, unless this infant child is otherwise eligible under this plan.
- 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 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, corrective orthopedic shoes, arch supports, elastic stockings, garter belts, corsets, dentures and wigs.
- hearing aids, including but not limited to semi-implantable hearing devices, audiant bone conductors and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs). A hearing aid is any device that amplifies sound.
- aids, devices or other adaptive equipment that assist with non-verbal communications, including, but not limited to communication boards, pre-recorded 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 and contact lenses (except for the first pair of corrective lenses or the first set of eyeglass lenses and frames for treatment of keratoconus or following cataract surgery).
- routine refractions, eye exercises and surgical treatment for the correction of a refractive error, including radial keratotomy.
- treatment by acupuncture.
- 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 self-administered 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.
- membership costs or fees associated with health clubs, weight loss programs and 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 or donation of blood or blood products, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services where in the utilization review Physician's opinion 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.



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

- cost of biologicals that are immunizations or medications for the purpose of travel, or to protect against occupational hazards and risks.
- cosmetics, dietary supplements and health and beauty aids.
- enteral feedings, supplies and specialty formulated medical foods that are prescribed and non-prescribed, except for infant formula needed for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism.
- for or in connection with an Injury or Sickness arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit.
- massage therapy.
- charges for voluntary vasectomies.

### General Limitations

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

- for charges made 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.
- to the extent that you or any one of your Dependents is in any way paid or entitled to payment for those expenses by or through a public program, other than Medicaid.
- to the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred.
- for charges which would not have been made if the person had no insurance.
- to the extent that they are more than Maximum Reimbursable Charges.
- to the extent of the exclusions imposed by any certification requirement shown in this plan.
- expenses for supplies, care, treatment, or surgery that are not Medically Necessary.
- charges made by any covered provider who is a member of your family or your Dependent's family.
- expenses incurred outside the United States other than expenses for Medically Necessary urgent or emergent care while temporarily traveling abroad.

## 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 health 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.
- 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 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.

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## **Coordination of Benefits - Continued**

- 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.



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## **Coordination of Benefits - Continued**

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 health insurance company or healthcare plan. 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**

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## Coordination of Benefits - Continued

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.
- **Disability**: 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:

- **Disability**: 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



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## Coordination of Benefits - Continued

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 [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). You may also contact the Social Security Administration toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov), or call your local Social Security Administration office.

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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 Health Care 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 Health Care 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, you or your Dependents are responsible for reimbursing the Non-Participating Provider. Coverage for services provided by an Emergency Services vehicle will receive direct reimbursement from Cigna when presented with an assignment of benefits by the person providing such services.

## **Payment of Benefits - Continued**

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 an overpayment from the person or entity that was overpaid and that any benefit reduction would be from a payment being made to the Covered Person or provider who received the payment in error.

## **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.

## **Termination of Insurance**

### **■ 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.
- the last day of the calendar month in which your Active Service ends except as described below.

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

### **Temporary Layoff or Leave of Absence**

If your Active Service ends due to temporary layoff or leave of absence, your insurance will be continued until the date your Employer stops paying premium for you or otherwise cancels your insurance. However, your insurance will not be continued for more than 60 days past the date your Active Service ends.

### **Injury or Sickness**

If your Active Service ends due to an Injury or Sickness, your insurance will be continued while you remain totally and continuously disabled as a result of the Injury or Sickness. However, your insurance will not continue past the date your Employer stops paying premium for you or otherwise cancels your insurance.

### **■ Termination of Insurance - 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.

### **■ Termination of Insurance - Continuation**

#### **Special Continuation of Medical Insurance**

If your Active Service ends because of termination of employment and if you have been insured for at least three consecutive months under the policy, the Medical Insurance will be continued, upon payment of the required premium by you to the Employer, but not beyond the earliest of:

- 12 months from the date your Active Service ends;
- the last day for which you have paid the required premium;
- the date the policy cancels.

Your Employer will notify you of your right to elect such continuation. Within 60 days after the date the insurance would otherwise cease, you may elect such continuation by paying the required premium to the Employer.





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## Termination of Insurance - Continued

If your insurance is being continued as outlined above, the Medical Insurance for any of your Dependents insured on the date your insurance would otherwise cease may be continued, subject to the above provisions. The Dependent Medical Insurance will be continued until the earlier of:

- the date your insurance ceases; or
- with respect to any one Dependent, the date that Dependent no longer qualifies as a Dependent.

This option will not operate to reduce any continuation of insurance otherwise provided.

## Reinstatement of Medical Insurance

If your Medical Insurance ceases because of active duty in: the United States Armed Forces; the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces; or the National Guard, the insurance for you and your Dependents will be reinstated after your deactivation provided you apply for reinstatement and you are otherwise eligible.

Such reinstatement will be without the application of: a new waiting period. The remainder of any waiting period which existed prior to interruption of coverage may still be applied.

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## ■ Termination of Insurance - Rescissions

Your coverage may not be rescinded (retroactively terminated) by Cigna or the plan sponsor unless the plan sponsor or an individual (or a person seeking coverage on behalf of the individual) performs an act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud; or the plan sponsor or individual (or a person seeking coverage on behalf of the individual) makes an intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

Should your coverage be rescinded, Cigna will provide a 30-day advance written notice prior to the rescission of your coverage. Any premiums paid for coverage periods that are being rescinded will be refunded.

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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 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.

### ■ Notice Regarding Pharmacy Directories and Pharmacy Networks

A list of network pharmacies is available to you without charge by visiting the website or by calling the phone number on your ID card. The network consists of pharmacies 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

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

- 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.

## Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO)

### 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 Dependents 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;

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

- 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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### ■ Effect of Section 125 Tax Regulations on This Plan

Your Employer has chosen to administer this Plan in accordance with Section 125 regulations of the Internal Revenue Code. Per this regulation, you may agree to a pretax salary reduction put toward the cost of your benefits. Otherwise, you will receive your taxable earnings as cash (salary).

#### A. Coverage elections

Per Section 125 regulations, you are generally allowed to enroll for or change coverage only before each annual benefit period. However, exceptions are allowed:

- if you meet Special Enrollment criteria and enroll as described in the Special Enrollment section; or

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## **Federal Requirements - Continued**

- if your Employer agrees, and you meet the criteria shown in the following Sections B through H and enroll for or change coverage within the time period established by your Employer.

### **B. Change of status**

A change in status is defined as:

- change in legal marital status due to marriage, death of a spouse, divorce, annulment or legal separation;
- change in number of Dependents due to birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or death of a Dependent;
- change in employment status of Employee, spouse or Dependent due to termination or start of employment, strike, lockout, beginning or end of unpaid leave of absence, including under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), or change in worksite;
- changes in employment status of Employee, spouse or Dependent resulting in eligibility or ineligibility for coverage;
- change in residence of Employee, spouse or Dependent to a location outside of the Employer's network service area; and
- changes which cause a Dependent to become eligible or ineligible for coverage.

### **C. Court order**

A change in coverage due to and consistent with a court order of the Employee or other person to cover a Dependent.

### **D. Medicare or Medicaid eligibility/entitlement**

The Employee, spouse or Dependent cancels or reduces coverage due to entitlement to Medicare or Medicaid, or enrolls or increases coverage due to loss of Medicare or Medicaid eligibility.

### **E. Change in cost of coverage**

If the cost of benefits increases or decreases during a benefit period, your Employer may, in accordance with plan terms, automatically change your elective contribution.

When the change in cost is significant, you may either increase your contribution or elect less-costly coverage. When a significant overall reduction is made to the benefit option you have elected, you may elect another available benefit option. When a new benefit option is added, you may change your election to the new benefit option.

### **F. Changes in coverage of spouse or dependent under another employer's plan**

You may make a coverage election change if the plan of your spouse or Dependent: incurs a change such as adding or deleting a benefit option; allows election changes due to Special Enrollment, Change in Status, Court Order or Medicare or Medicaid Eligibility/Entitlement; or this Plan and the other plan have different periods of coverage or open enrollment periods.

### **G. Reduction in work hours**

If an Employee's work hours are reduced below 30 hours/week (even if it does not result in the Employee losing eligibility for the Employer's coverage); and the Employee (and family) intend to enroll in another plan that provides Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC). The new coverage must be effective no later than the 1st day of the 2nd month following the month that includes the date the original coverage is revoked.

### **H. Enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP)**

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

**Employee:** The Employee must be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a QHP through an Exchange (Marketplace) or the Employee seeks to enroll in a QHP through an Exchange during the Marketplace's annual open enrollment period, and the disenrollment from the group plan corresponds to the intended enrollment of the Employee (and family) in a QHP through an Exchange for new coverage effective beginning no later than the day immediately following the last day of the original coverage.

**Family:** A plan may allow an Employee to revoke family coverage midyear in order for family members ("related individuals") to enroll in a QHP through an Exchange (Marketplace). The related individual(s) must be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a QHP or seek to enroll in a QHP during the Marketplace's annual open enrollment period, and the disenrollment from the group plan corresponds to the intended enrollment of the individual(s) in a QHP for new coverage effective beginning no later than the day immediately following the last day of the original coverage. If the Employee does not enroll in a QHP, the Employee must select self-only coverage or family coverage including one or more already-covered individuals.

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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)

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

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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### ■ Requirements of Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (as amended) (FMLA)

Any provisions of the policy that provide for: continuation of insurance during a leave of absence; and reinstatement of insurance following a return to Active Service; are modified by the following provisions of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, where applicable:

#### Continuation of Health Insurance During Leave

Your health insurance will be continued during a leave of absence if:

- that leave qualifies as a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended; and
- you are an eligible Employee under the terms of that Act.

The cost of your health insurance during such leave must be paid, whether entirely by your Employer or in part by you and your Employer.

#### Reinstatement of Canceled Insurance Following Leave

Upon your return to Active Service following a leave of absence that qualifies under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, any canceled insurance (health, life or disability) will be reinstated as of the date of your return.

You will not be required to satisfy any eligibility or benefit waiting period to the extent that they had been satisfied prior to the start of such leave of absence.

Your Employer will give you detailed information about the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended.

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### ■ Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA)

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

The Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) sets requirements for continuation of health coverage and re-employment in regard to an Employee's military leave of absence. These requirements apply to medical and dental coverage for you and your Dependents. They do not apply to any Life, Short-term or Long-term Disability or Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage you may have.

### Continuation of Coverage

For leaves of less than 31 days, coverage will continue as described in the Termination section regarding Leave of Absence.

For leaves of 31 days or more, you may continue coverage for yourself and your Dependents as follows:

You may continue benefits by paying the required premium to your Employer, until the earliest of the following:

- 24 months from the last day of employment with the Employer;
- the day after you fail to return to work; and
- the date the policy cancels.

Your Employer may charge you and your Dependents up to 102% of the total premium.

### Reinstatement of Benefits (applicable to all coverages)

If your coverage ends during the leave of absence because you do not elect USERRA or an available conversion plan at the expiration of USERRA and you are reemployed by your current Employer, coverage for you and your Dependents may be reinstated if you gave your Employer advance written or verbal notice of your military service leave, and the duration of all military leaves while you are employed with your current Employer does not exceed 5 years.

You and your Dependents will be subject to only the balance of a waiting period that was not yet satisfied before the leave began. However, if an Injury or Sickness occurs or is aggravated during the military leave, full Plan limitations will apply.

If your coverage under this plan terminates as a result of your eligibility for military medical and dental coverage and your order to active duty is canceled before your active duty service commences, these reinstatement rights will continue to apply.

## ■ Claim Determination Procedures Under ERISA

**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:



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## **Federal Requirements - Continued**

Certain services require prior authorization in order to be covered. The Certificate 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 Certificate, 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 Certificate, 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 will defer to the determination of the treating health care professional regarding whether 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**

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

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 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: information sufficient to identify the claim including, if applicable, the date of service, provider and claim amount; diagnosis and treatment codes, and their meanings; the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination including, if applicable, the denial code and its meaning and a description of any standard that was used in the denial; 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; a description of any available internal appeal and/or external review process(es); information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist you with the appeal process; and in the case of a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

## ■ COBRA Continuation Rights Under Federal Law

### For You and Your Dependents

#### What is COBRA Continuation Coverage?

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

Under federal law, you and/or 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. You and/or 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. You and/or your Dependents cannot change coverage options until the next open enrollment period.

### When is COBRA Continuation Available?

For you and your Dependents, COBRA continuation is available for up to 18 months from the date of the following qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan:

- your termination of employment for any reason, other than gross misconduct; or
- your reduction in work hours.

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: you, 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). Although these individuals do not have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage, if you elect COBRA continuation coverage for yourself, you may also cover your Dependents even if they are not considered qualified beneficiaries under COBRA. However, such individuals' coverage will terminate when your COBRA continuation coverage terminates. The sections titled “Secondary Qualifying Events” and “Medicare Extension For Your Dependents” are not applicable to these individuals.

### Secondary Qualifying Events

If, as a result of your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, your Dependent(s) have elected COBRA continuation coverage and one or more Dependents experience another COBRA qualifying event, the affected Dependent(s) may elect to extend their COBRA continuation coverage for an additional 18 months (7 months if the secondary event occurs within the disability extension period) for a maximum of 36 months from the initial qualifying event. The second qualifying event must occur before the end of the initial 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage or within the disability extension period discussed below. Under no circumstances will COBRA continuation coverage be available for more than 36 months from the initial qualifying event. Secondary qualifying events are: your death; your divorce or legal separation; or, for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

### Disability Extension

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## **Federal Requirements - Continued**

If, after electing COBRA continuation coverage due to your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, you or one of your Dependents is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be totally disabled under Title II or XVI of the SSA, you and all of your Dependents who have elected COBRA continuation coverage may extend such continuation for an additional 11 months, for a maximum of 29 months from the initial qualifying event.

To qualify for the disability extension, all of the following requirements must be satisfied:

- SSA must determine that the disability occurred prior to or within 60 days after the disabled individual elected COBRA continuation coverage; and
- A copy of the written SSA determination must be provided to the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the date the SSA determination is made AND before the end of the initial 18-month continuation period.

If the SSA later determines that the individual is no longer disabled, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 30 days after the date the final determination is made by SSA. The 11-month disability extension will terminate for all covered persons on the first day of the month that is more than 30 days after the date the SSA makes a final determination that the disabled individual is no longer disabled.

All causes for “Termination of COBRA Continuation” listed below will also apply to the period of disability extension.

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

When the qualifying event is your termination of employment or reduction in work hours and you became enrolled in Medicare (Part A, Part B or both) within the 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage for your Dependents will last for up to 36 months after the date you became enrolled in Medicare. Your COBRA continuation coverage will last for up to 18 months from the date of your termination of employment or reduction in work hours.

### **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 pre-existing 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**

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

If you and/or your Dependents move out of the Employer's service area or the Employer eliminates a service area in your location, your COBRA continuation coverage under the plan will be limited to out-of-network coverage only. In-network coverage is not available 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 location, you may elect COBRA continuation coverage under that option.

### Employer's Notification Requirements

Your 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 must notify the Plan Administrator of your 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 you do not make proper notification by the due date shown on the notice, you and your Dependents will lose the right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If you reject COBRA continuation coverage before the due date, you may change your mind as long as you 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. You are not required to elect COBRA continuation coverage in order for your Dependents to elect COBRA continuation.

### 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. The premium during the 11-month disability extension may not exceed 150% 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.

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

For example: If the Employee alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, the Employee will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If the spouse or one Dependent child alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If more than one qualified beneficiary elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) 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 you or your Dependent(s) experience one of the following qualifying events, you 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.
- The occurrence of a secondary qualifying event as discussed under “Secondary Qualifying Events” above (this notice must be received prior to the end of the initial 18- or 29-month COBRA period).

(Also refer to the section titled “Disability Extension” for additional notice requirements.)

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## Federal Requirements - Continued

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, disability determination, 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. However, only your newborn or adopted Dependent child is a qualified beneficiary and may continue COBRA continuation coverage for the remainder of the coverage period following your early termination of COBRA coverage or due to a secondary qualifying event. COBRA coverage for your Dependent spouse and any Dependent children who are not your children (e.g., stepchildren or grandchildren) will cease on the date your COBRA coverage ceases and they are not eligible for a secondary qualifying event.

### 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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## ■ ERISA Required Information

The name of the Plan is: Northwestern Community Services Board

The name, address, ZIP code and business telephone number of the sponsor of the Plan is:

Northwestern Community Services Board  
209 West Criser Road  
Ste. 300  
Front Royal, VA  
22630  
540-636-4250



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## **Federal Requirements - Continued**

Plan Number: 501

Number (EIN): 54-1011223

The name, address, ZIP code and business telephone number of the Plan Administrator is:

Employer named above

The name, address and ZIP code of the person designated as agent for service of legal process is:

Employer named above

The office designated to consider the appeal of denied claims is:

The Cigna Claim Office responsible for this Plan

The cost of the Plan is shared by Employee and Employer.

The Plan's fiscal year ends on June 30.

The preceding pages set forth the eligibility requirements and benefits provided for you under this Plan.

### **Plan Trustees**

A list of any Trustees of the Plan, which includes name, title and address, is available upon request to the Plan Administrator.

### **Plan Type**

The plan is a healthcare benefit plan.

### **Collective Bargaining Agreements**

You may contact the Plan Administrator to determine whether the Plan is maintained pursuant to one or more collective bargaining agreements and if a particular Employer is a sponsor. A copy is available for examination from the Plan Administrator upon written request.

### **Discretionary Authority**

The Plan Administrator delegates to Cigna the discretionary authority to interpret and apply plan terms and to make factual determinations in connection with its review of claims under the plan. Such discretionary authority is intended to include, but not limited to, the determination of the eligibility of persons desiring to enroll in or claim benefits under the plan, the determination of whether a person is entitled to benefits under the plan, and the computation of any and all benefit payments. The Plan Administrator also delegates to Cigna the discretionary authority to perform a full and fair review, as required by ERISA, of each claim denial which has been appealed by the claimant or his duly authorized representative.

### **Plan Modification, Amendment and Termination**



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## Federal Requirements - Continued

The Employer as Plan Sponsor reserves the right to, at any time, change or terminate benefits under the Plan, to change or terminate the eligibility of classes of employees to be covered by the Plan, to amend or eliminate any other plan term or condition, and to terminate the whole plan or any part of it. Contact the Employer for the procedure by which benefits may be changed or terminated, by which the eligibility of classes of employees may be changed or terminated, or by which part or all of the Plan may be terminated. No consent of any participant is required to terminate, modify, amend or change the Plan.

Termination of the Plan together with termination of the insurance policy(s) which funds the Plan benefits will have no adverse effect on any benefits to be paid under the policy(s) for any covered medical expenses incurred prior to the date that policy(s) terminates. Likewise, any extension of benefits under the policy(s) due to you or your Dependent's total disability which began prior to and has continued beyond the date the policy(s) terminates will not be affected by the Plan termination. Rights to purchase limited amounts of life and medical insurance to replace part of the benefits lost because the policy(s) terminated may arise under the terms of the policy(s). A subsequent Plan termination will not affect the extension of benefits and rights under the policy(s).

Your coverage under the Plan's insurance policy(s) will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- the date you leave Active Service (or later as explained in the Termination Section;)
- the date you are no longer in an eligible class;
- if the Plan is contributory, the date you cease to contribute;
- the date the policy(s) terminates.

See your Plan Administrator to determine if any extension of benefits or rights are available to you or your Dependents under this policy(s). No extension of benefits or rights will be available solely because the Plan terminates.

## Statement of Rights

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

### Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits

- examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each person under the Plan with a copy of this summary financial report.

### Continue Group Health Plan Coverage

- continue health care coverage for yourself, your spouse or Dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your Dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review the documents governing the Plan on the rules governing your federal continuation coverage rights.

### Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

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## **Federal Requirements - Continued**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan, called “fiduciaries” of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA. If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

### **Enforce Your Rights**

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of documents governing the plan or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court.

In addition, if you disagree with the plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example if it finds your claim is frivolous.

### **Assistance with Your Questions**

If you have any questions about your plan, you should contact the plan administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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## When You Have a Complaint or an Appeal

### ■ Notice of an Appeal or a Grievance

The appeal or grievance provision in this certificate may be superseded by the law of your state. Please see your explanation of benefits for the applicable appeal or grievance procedure.

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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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For the purposes of this section, any reference to “you,” “your” or “Member” 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 care you receive. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and solving your problems.

#### Start With Member Services

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 our toll-free number found on your Benefit Identification card and explain your concern to one of our Customer Service representatives. You may also express that concern in writing. Please write to us at the following address:

Cigna  
National Appeals Organization (NAO)  
P.O. Box 188011  
Chattanooga, TN 37422



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## **When You Have a Complaint or an Appeal - Continued**

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 can start the appeals procedure.

### **Internal Appeals Procedure**

Cigna has a two-step appeals procedure for coverage decisions. To initiate an appeal, you must submit a request for an appeal 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 to register your appeal by telephone. Call us at the toll-free number or address on your Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

### **Level One Appeal**

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 Physician or Dentist reviewer.

For all level one appeals we will make a determination within 15 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a pre-service claim, and no later than 30 calendar days for post-service claims. You will be notified of Cigna's decision the earlier of: five business days from the decision; or within 15 calendar days from the receipt of the appeal for pre-service claims, and no later than 30 calendar days from the receipt of the appeal for post-service claims.

### **Expedited Level One Appeal**

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 function or in the opinion of your Physician would cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services.

If you request an expedited internal appeal of an adverse determination with Cigna, you are deemed to have exhausted the internal appeal process and may file a request for an expedited external review of the adverse determination at the same time, if otherwise eligible.

Cigna's Physician reviewer or your treating Physician, will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, Cigna will respond orally with a decision as soon as possible, not to exceed 72 hours, taking into account medical exigencies. Cigna will respond orally to expedited appeals related to prescriptions for the alleviation of cancer pain within 24 hours of the receipt of all necessary information. We will follow up in writing within 24 hours of the oral response to an expedited appeal.

### **Level Two Appeal**

If you are dissatisfied with our level one appeal decision, you may request a second review. To start a level two appeal, follow the same process required for a level one appeal.

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## When You Have a Complaint or an Appeal - Continued

If the appeal involves a coverage decision based on issues of Medical Necessity, clinical appropriateness or experimental treatment, a medical review will be conducted by a Physician reviewer in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration, as determined by Cigna's Physician reviewer. For all other coverage plan-related appeals, a second level review will be conducted by someone who was: not involved in any previous decision related to your appeal; and not a subordinate of previous decision makers. Provide all relevant documentation with your second level appeal request.

For required pre-service and concurrent care coverage determinations, Cigna's review will be completed within 15 calendar days. For post-service claims, Cigna's review will be completed within 30 calendar days. In the event any new or additional information (evidence) is considered, relied upon or generated by Cigna in connection with the level two appeal, Cigna will provide this information to you as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the decision, so that you will have an opportunity to respond. Also, if any new or additional rationale is considered by Cigna, Cigna will provide the rationale to you as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the decision so that you will have an opportunity to respond.

You will be notified of Cigna's decision (either an approval or denial) of a pre-service claim the earlier of: five business days from the decision; or within 15 calendar days from the receipt of the appeal. For a post-service claim, you will be notified of Cigna's decision the earlier of five business days from the decision; or within 30 days from the receipt of the appeal.

### Expedited Level Two Appeal

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 function or in the opinion of your Physician would cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services; or your appeal involves nonauthorization of an admission, or availability of care, or continuing inpatient Hospital stay, or healthcare service for which you received emergency services.

If you request an expedited internal appeal of an adverse determination with Cigna, you are deemed to have exhausted the internal appeal process and may file a request for an expedited external review of the adverse determination at the same time, if otherwise eligible.

Cigna's Physician reviewer or your treating Physician will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, we will respond orally with a decision as soon as possible, not to exceed 72 hours, taking into account medical exigencies. We will respond orally to expedited appeals related to prescriptions for the alleviation of cancer pain within 24 hours of the receipt of all necessary information. We will follow up in writing within 24 hours of the oral response to an expedited appeal.

### 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:

- information sufficient to identify the claim;
- 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;
- 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);

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- 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;
- information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist you in the appeal process. A final notice of adverse determination will include a discussion of the decision; and
- a statement regarding the availability of language assistance services.

An adverse determination will also inform you of the following: *“We have denied your request for the provision of or payment for a health care service or course of treatment. You may have the right to have our decision reviewed by health care professionals who have no association with us if our decision involved making a judgment as to the Medical Necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care, or effectiveness of the health care service or treatment you requested by submitting a request for external review to the Commission.”*

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 or the claimant's diagnosis, without regard to whether such advice or statement was relied upon in making the benefit determination.

### Assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia

If you have any questions regarding an appeal concerning the health care services you have been provided, which have not been satisfactorily addressed, you may contact the Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman for assistance. The Virginia Bureau of Insurance (BOI), Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman may be contacted as follows:

Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman

Bureau of Insurance (BOI)

P.O. Box 1157

Richmond, VA 23218

Toll-Free: 1-877-310-6560

Richmond Metropolitan Area: 804-371-9032

E-mail: [ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov)

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Web Page: Information regarding the Ombudsman may be found by accessing State Corporation Commission's Web Page at: [www.scc.virginia.gov](http://www.scc.virginia.gov)

If you have quality of care or quality of service concerns, you may contact the Office of Licensure and Certification at any time, at the following:

Office of Licensure and Certification (OLC)  
Virginia Department of Health  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 401  
Richmond, VA 23233  
Phone: 804-367-2104 - ask for MCHIP  
Fax Line: 804-527-4503

No insured who exercises the right to file a complaint or an appeal shall be subject to disenrollment or otherwise penalized due to the filing of a complaint or appeal.

### Independent External Review

If you are still not satisfied following completion of Cigna's internal appeals process, you have the option to submit a request for an Independent External Review. A request for an external review may not be made until you have exhausted Cigna's internal appeal process, unless you are being treated for cancer.

You will be considered to have exhausted the internal appeal process if you have:

- completed Cigna's two level internal appeal process;
- filed an appeal requesting a review of an adverse determination, and, except to the extent that you agreed to a delay, have not received a written decision from Cigna within 30 days for pre-service claims and 60 days for post-service claims, following the date the appeal was filed with Cigna; or
- filed a request for an expedited internal appeal of an adverse determination with Cigna. You may file a request for an expedited external review of the adverse determination at the same time. Upon receipt of a request for an expedited external review of an adverse determination, the Independent Review Organization (IRO) conducting the external review will determine whether you are required to complete Cigna's expedited internal appeal process before it conducts the expedited external review. The IRO must promptly notify you of this determination, and either proceed with the expedited external review or wait until completion of the internal expedited appeal process. A request for an external review of an adverse determination may be made before you have exhausted Cigna's internal appeal process if Cigna agrees to waive the exhaustion requirement, or you are being treated for cancer. If the exhaustion requirement is waived, you may file a request in writing for a standard external review.

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## When You Have a Complaint or an Appeal - Continued

The request for an external review must be submitted within 120 days of your receipt of a final adverse determination. Adverse determination in the context of external review means a determination has been made that an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or other health care service, based on the information provided, does not meet Cigna's requirements for Medical Necessity, appropriateness, level of care, health care setting, effectiveness, or is determined to be Experimental or Investigational. When filing a request for an external review, you may be required to authorize the release of any medical records that may be required for the purpose of reaching a decision on the external review.

### Standard External Appeal

Within 45 days after the date it receives a request for a standard external review, the IRO will provide written notice of its decision to uphold or reverse the adverse determination.

Upon receipt of a notice of a decision reversing the adverse determination or final adverse determination, Cigna shall promptly approve coverage of the recommended or requested health care service or treatment.

**Please note** that review and response requirements imposed on the IRO may be different than those shown above if the adverse determination is related to Experimental or Investigational Treatment. Should you wish to request an External Appeal for an adverse determination based in Experimental or Investigational Treatment, please contact Customer Service at the number on the back of your member ID card, or you can contact the Virginia Bureau of Insurance at the contact information shown above.

### Expedited External Appeal

You may be entitled to make a request for an Expedited External Appeal if you receive:

- an adverse determination if the adverse determination involves a medical condition for which the time frame for completion of a standard internal appeal involving an adverse determination would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function; or
- a final adverse determination if you have a medical condition where the time frame for completion of a standard external appeal would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function, or if the final adverse determination concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay or health care service for which you received emergency services but have not been discharged from a facility.

Retrospective adverse determinations are not eligible for an expedited review.

If your request is approved for an Expedited Appeal, the IRO assigned by the BOI will make a decision, as expeditiously as your medical condition or circumstances requires, but in no event more than 72 hours after the date of receipt, to uphold or reverse the adverse determination. You, Cigna and the BOI will be provided written notice within 48 hours after the date of providing the initial determination.

Upon receipt of a notice of a decision reversing the adverse determination or final adverse determination, Cigna shall promptly approve coverage of the recommended or requested health care service or treatment.

**Please note** that review and response requirements imposed on the IRO may be different than those shown above if the adverse determination is related to Experimental or Investigational Treatment. Should you wish to request an External Appeal for an adverse determination based in Experimental or Investigational Treatment, please contact Customer Service at the number on the back of your member ID card, or you can contact the Virginia Bureau of Insurance at the contact information shown above.





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## **When You Have a Complaint or an Appeal - Continued**

### **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 Internal Appeal process.

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## Definitions

### Active Service

You will be considered in Active Service:

- on any of your Employer's scheduled work days if you are performing the regular duties of your work on a full-time basis on that day either at your Employer's place of business or at some location to which you are required to travel for your Employer's business.
- on a day which is not one of your Employer's scheduled work days if you were in Active Service on the preceding scheduled work day.

HC-DFS1095

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### 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.

HC-DFS1406

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### Ancillary Charge

An additional cost, outside of plan cost sharing detailed in The Schedule of Prescription Drug Benefits, which may apply to some Prescription Drug Products when you request a more expensive Brand Drug when a lower cost, Therapeutic Equivalent, Generic Drug is available. The Ancillary Charge is the amount by which the cost of the requested Brand Drug exceeds the cost of the Generic Drug.

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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, Section 7002 (2010), and as may be amended thereafter).

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### Biologically-Based Mental Illness

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## Definitions - Continued

Any mental or nervous condition caused by a biological disorder of the brain that results in a clinically significant syndrome which substantially limits a covered person's functioning. Specifically, a Biologically-Based Mental Illness is any of the following: schizophrenia; schizoaffective disorder; bipolar disorder; major depressive disorder; panic disorder; obsessive-compulsive disorder; attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; autism; or drug and alcohol addiction.

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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, Section 7002 (2010), and as may be amended thereafter).

HC-DFS841

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### Brand Drug

A Prescription Drug Product that Cigna identifies as a Brand Drug product across its book-of-business, principally based on available data resources, including, but not limited to, First DataBank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source, that classify drugs or Biologics as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a “brand name” by the manufacturer, Pharmacy, or your Physician may be classified as a Brand Drug under the plan.

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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 Prescription Drug Products and 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 Prescription Drug Products and Medical Pharmaceuticals.

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### Charges

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## Definitions - Continued

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.

HC-DFS1193

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### Chiropractic Care

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

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### Covered Person

The term Covered Person means a policyholder, subscriber, enrollee, or other individual entitled to receive health care benefits provided by a Health Benefit Plan.

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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:

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## Definitions - Continued

- 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 intellectual disability or physical handicap 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 child's attainment of the specified age. Subsequent proof may be required, but not more frequently than annually after the two year period following the child's attainment of the specified age.

The term child means a child born to you or a child legally adopted by you, including that child from the first day of placement in your home regardless of whether the adoption has become final. It also includes a stepchild, and a foster child.

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 spouse. A child under age 26 may be covered as either an Employee or as a Dependent child. You cannot be covered as an Employee while also covered as a Dependent of an Employee.

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

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## Designated Pharmacy

A Network Pharmacy that has entered into an agreement with Cigna, or with an entity contracting on Cigna's behalf, to provide Prescription Drug Products or services, including, without limitation, specific Prescription Drug Products, to plan enrollees on a preferred or exclusive basis. For example, a Designated Pharmacy may provide enrollees certain Specialty Prescription Drug Products that have limited distribution availability, provide enrollees with an extended days' supply of Prescription Drug Products or provide enrollees with Prescription Drug Products on a preferred cost share basis. A Pharmacy that is a Network Pharmacy is not necessarily a Designated Pharmacy.

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## Early Intervention Services

Early intervention services are defined as services designed to help an individual attain or retain the capability to function age-appropriately within his environment and must include services that enhance functional ability without affecting a cure.

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## Definitions - Continued

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### Emergency Medical Condition

Emergency Medical Condition means, regardless of the final diagnosis rendered to a Covered Person, a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, so that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in (i) serious jeopardy to the mental or physical health of the individual, (ii) danger of serious impairment to bodily functions, (iii) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part, or (iv) in the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the fetus.

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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 full-time employee of the Employer who is currently in Active Service. The term does not include employees who are part-time, temporary or seasonal or who normally work less than 30.0 hours a week for the Employer.

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### Employer

**The term Employer means the policyholder and those affiliated Employers whose Employees are covered under this Policy.**

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### Essential Health Benefits

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## Definitions - Continued

Essential health benefits means, to the extent covered under the plan, expenses incurred with respect to covered services, in at least the following categories: ambulatory patient services, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

HC-DFS411

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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.

HC-DFS1407

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## Generic Drug

A Prescription Drug Product that Cigna identifies as a Generic Drug product at a book-of-business level principally based on available data resources, including, but not limited to, First DataBank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source, that classify drugs or Biologics (including Biosimilars) as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a “generic” by the manufacturer, Pharmacy or your Physician may be classified as a Generic Drug under the plan. A Biosimilar may be classified as a Generic Drug for the purposes of benefits under the plan even if it is identified as a “brand name” drug by the manufacturer, Pharmacy or your Physician.

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## Definitions - Continued

### Genetic Information

Genetic Information means, with respect to an individual, information about: the individual's Genetic Tests; the Genetic Tests of the individual's family members; the manifestation of a disease or disorder in family members of the individual; or any request for, or receipt of, Genetic Services, or participation in clinical research that includes Genetic Services, by the individual or any family member of the individual. Genetic Information does not include information about the sex or age of any individual. As used in this definition, family member includes a first-degree, second-degree, third-degree, or fourth-degree relative of a covered person.

### Genetic Services

Genetic Services means a Genetic Test, genetic counseling, including obtaining, interpreting, or assessing Genetic Information, or genetic education.

### Genetic Test

Genetic Test means an analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins, or metabolites, if the analysis detects genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes. Genetic Test does not include an analysis of proteins or metabolites that is directly related to a manifested disease, disorder, or pathological condition.

HC-DFS788

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### Health Benefit Plan

The term Health Benefit Plan means a policy, contract, certificate or agreement offered by a Health Carrier to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of Health Care Services. Health Benefit Plan includes short-term and catastrophic health insurance policies, and a policy that pays on a cost-incurred basis, except as otherwise specifically exempted in this definition. Health Benefit Plan does not include the excepted benefits as defined in § 38.2-3431, Va. Code Ann.

HC-DFS479

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### Health Carrier

Health Carrier means an entity subject to the insurance laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission that contracts or offers to contract to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of Health Care Services, including an insurer licensed to sell accident and sickness insurance, a health maintenance organization, a health services plan, or any other entity providing a plan of health insurance, health benefits, or Health Care Services.

HC-DFS786

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### Health Care Professional



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## Definitions - Continued

Health Care Professional means a Physician or other health care practitioner licensed, accredited, or certified to perform specified Health Care Services consistent with state law.

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### Health Care Services

Health Care Services means services for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure or relief of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease.

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### Health Status-Related Factor

Health Status-Related Factor means any of the following factors: health status; medical condition, including physical and mental illnesses; claims experience; receipt of Health Care Services; medical history; Genetic Information; evidence of insurability, including conditions arising out of acts of domestic violence; disability; or any other Health Status-Related Factor as determined by federal regulation.

HC-DFS787

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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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## Definitions - Continued

### 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.

HC-DFS1415

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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; or
- receiving treatment for Substance Use Disorder in a Substance Use Disorder Intensive Therapy Program.
- receiving treatment for Chemical Dependency in a Chemical Dependency Intensive Therapy Program.

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### Injury

The term Injury means an accidental bodily injury.

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## Definitions - Continued

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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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### Maintenance Drug Product

A Prescription Drug Product that is prescribed for use over an extended period of time for the treatment of chronic or long-term conditions such as asthma, hypertension, diabetes and heart disease, and is identified principally based on consideration of available data resources, including, but not limited to, First DataBank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source and clinical factors. For the purposes of benefits, the list of your plan's Maintenance Drug Products does not include compounded medications, Specialty Prescription Drug Products or Prescription Drug Products, such as certain narcotics that a Pharmacy cannot dispense above certain supply limits per Prescription Drug Order or Refill under applicable federal or state law. You may determine whether a drug is a Maintenance Medication by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

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### Maximum Reimbursable Charge - Medical

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:

- the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or
- a policyholder-selected percentage of a schedule that Cigna has developed that is based upon a methodology similar to a methodology utilized by Medicare to determine the allowable fee for the same or similar service within the geographic market.

The percentage used to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is listed in The Schedule.

In some cases, a Medicare based schedule will not be used and the Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:

- the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or
- the 80th percentile of charges made by providers of such service or supply in the geographic area where it is received as compiled in a database selected by Cigna. If sufficient charge data is unavailable in the database for that geographic area to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge, then data in the database for similar services may be used.

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge is subject to all other benefit limitations and applicable coding and payment methodologies determined by Cigna. Additional information about how Cigna determines the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is available upon request.

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## Definitions - Continued

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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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### 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-DFS1630

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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 Care Professional within the scope of the provider's license. This definition includes certain pharmaceutical products whose administration may initially or typically require Physician oversight but may be self-administered under certain conditions specified in the product's FDA labeling. This definition does not include any charges for mobile, web-based or other electronic applications or software, even if approved for marketing as a prescription product by the FDA.

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## Definitions - Continued

HC-DFS1410

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### 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

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### 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.

HC-DFS1409

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### Network Pharmacy

A retail or home delivery Pharmacy that has:

- entered into an agreement with Cigna or an entity contracting on Cigna's behalf to provide Prescription Drug Products to plan enrollees.
- agreed to accept specified reimbursement rates for dispensing Prescription Drug Products.
- been designated as a Network Pharmacy for the purposes of coverage under your Employer's plan.

This term may also include, as applicable, an entity that has directly or indirectly contracted with Cigna to arrange for the provision of any Prescription Drug Products the charges for which are Covered Expenses.

HC-DFS1198

01-19

### 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-DFS1568

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### Non-Participating Provider

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## Definitions - Continued

The term Non-Participating Provider means a Hospital, a Physician or any other health care practitioner or entity that does not have a direct or indirect contractual arrangement with Cigna to provide covered services with regard to a particular plan under which you are covered.

When you obtain services from a Non-Participating Provider, you may be responsible for the cost of services above the Maximum Reimbursable Charge in addition to any copayments, coinsurance and deductible. Certain Non-Participating Providers have discount arrangements with vendors that Cigna is able to access. If Cigna is able to access those discounts, you will receive the benefit of such discounts and will also be protected from balance billing by those Non-Participating Providers.

HC-DFS1055

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### 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.

HC-DFS1412

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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.

HC-DFS1413

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### Participating Provider

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## Definitions - Continued

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

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### Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (“PPACA”)

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 means the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152).

HC-DFS412

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### Pharmacy

A duly licensed Pharmacy that dispenses Prescription Drug Products in a retail setting or via home delivery. A home delivery Pharmacy is a Pharmacy that primarily provides Prescription Drug Products through mail order.

HC-DFS851

10-16

### 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 or Prescription Drug Products, including New Prescription Drug Products, 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-DFS1570

01-21

### 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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## Definitions - Continued

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### Prescription Drug Charge

The Prescription Drug Charge is the amount that, prior to application of the plan's cost-share requirement(s), is payable by Cigna to its Pharmacy Benefit Manager for a specific covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed at a Network Pharmacy, including any applicable dispensing fee and tax. The "Pharmacy Benefit Manager" is the business unit, affiliate, or other entity that manages the Prescription Drug Benefit for Cigna.

HC-DFS1191

01-19

### Prescription Drug List

A list that categorizes drugs, Biologics (including Biosimilars) or other products covered under the plan's Prescription Drug Benefits that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) into coverage tiers. This list is 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. You may determine to which tier a particular Prescription Drug Product has been assigned through the website shown on your ID card or by calling customer service at the telephone number on your ID card.

HC-DFS1571

01-21

### 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. A Prescription Drug Product includes a drug, Biologic or product that, due to its characteristics, is approved by the FDA for self-administration or administration by a non-skilled caregiver. For the purpose of benefits under the plan, this definition also includes:

- The following diabetic supplies: alcohol pads, swabs, wipes, Glucagon/Glucagen, injection aids, insulin pump accessories (but excluding insulin pumps), needles including pen needles, syringes, test strips, lancets, urine glucose and ketone strips;
- Needles and syringes for self-administered medications or Biologics covered under the plan's Prescription Drug benefit; and
- Inhaler assistance devices and accessories, peak flow meters.

This definition does not include any charges for mobile, web-based or other electronic applications or software, even if approved for marketing as a prescription product by the FDA.

HC-DFS1645

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### Prescription Order or Refill



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## Definitions - Continued

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

HC-DFS856

10-16

### Preventive Care Medications

The Prescription Drug Products or other medications (including over-the-counter medications) designated as payable by the plan at 100% of the cost (without application of any Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance) as required by applicable law under any of the following:

- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of “A” or “B” in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- With respect to infants, children and adolescents, evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- With respect to women, such additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

A written prescription is required to process a claim for a Preventive Care Medication. You may determine whether a drug is a Preventive Care Medication through the internet website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

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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

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## Definitions - Continued

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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## Definitions - Continued

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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 Prescription Drug Product or 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 Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical is prescribed and used for the treatment of a complex, chronic or rare condition; whether the Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical has a high acquisition cost; and, whether the Prescription Drug Product or 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 Prescription Drug Product or 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 by tier assignment 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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### Stabilize

Stabilize means, with respect to an emergency medical condition, to provide such medical treatment of the condition as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the individual from a facility.

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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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## Definitions - Continued

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### Therapeutic Alternative

A Prescription Drug Product or 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 Prescription Drug Product, Medical Pharmaceutical or over-the-counter medication.

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### Therapeutic Equivalent

A Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical that is a pharmaceutical equivalent to another Prescription Drug Product, 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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### Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge

The usual fee that a Pharmacy charges individuals for a Prescription Drug Product (and any services related to the dispensing thereof) without reference to reimbursement to the Pharmacy by third parties. The Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge includes a dispensing fee and any applicable sales tax.

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### Wellness Program



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## **Definitions - Continued**

Wellness Program means a program offered by an Employer that is designed to promote health or prevent disease.

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