

# Summary Plan Description

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**Choice Plus MCP Full-time**

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## SECTION 1 - WELCOME

### Quick Reference Box

- Member services, claim inquiries, Personal Health Support and Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator: 1 (800) 681-3849.
- The City of Columbus Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a confidential free counseling service for all City employees, their family members, and significant others. EAP can be reached at 614-645-6894
- Claims submittal address: UnitedHealthcare - Claims, P.O. Box 30555, Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0555.
- Online assistance: [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com).

The City of Columbus is pleased to provide you with this Summary Plan Description (SPD), which describes the health Benefits available to you and your covered eligible dependents. It includes summaries of:

- who is eligible;
- services that are covered, called Covered Health Services;
- services that are not covered, called Exclusions;
- how Benefits are paid; and
- your rights and responsibilities under the Plan.

This SPD is designed to meet your information needs. It does not supersede the collective bargaining agreement between the City and your union.

### IMPORTANT

The healthcare service, supply or Pharmaceutical Product is only a Covered Health Service if it is Medically Necessary. (See definitions of Medically Necessary and Covered Health Service in Section 15, *Glossary*.) The fact that a Physician or other provider has performed or prescribed a procedure or treatment, or the fact that it may be the only available treatment for a Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, disease or its symptoms does not mean that the procedure or treatment is a Covered Health Service under the Plan.

The City of Columbus intends to continue this Plan, but reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, change, revise, amend or terminate the Plan at any time, for any reason, and without prior notice subject to any collective bargaining agreements between the City and your union. This SPD is not to be construed as a contract of or for employment. If there should be an inconsistency, your rights are determined by the Plan Administration and the Collective Bargaining Agreement or Ordinance.

UnitedHealthcare is a private healthcare Claims Administrator. UnitedHealthcare's goal is to give you the tools you need to make wise healthcare decisions. UnitedHealthcare also helps your employer to administer claims. Although UnitedHealthcare will assist you in many ways, it does not guarantee any Benefits. The City of Columbus is solely responsible for paying Benefits described in this SPD.

Please read this SPD thoroughly to learn how the Plan works. If you have questions contact your Department Human Resources office or call the number on your ID card.

#### **How To Use This SPD**

- Read the entire SPD, and share it with your family. Then keep it in a safe place for future reference.
- Many of the sections of this SPD are related to other sections. You may not have all the information you need by reading just one section.
- You can find copies of your SPD and any future amendments on the City's intranet or internet site at Employee Benefits and Wellness ([columbus.gov](http://columbus.gov)) or by requesting a printed copy by contacting Employee Benefits and Wellness./Risk Management (EB/RM).
- Capitalized words in the SPD have special meanings and are defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.
- If eligible for coverage, the words "you" and "your" refer to Covered Persons as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.
- The City of Columbus is also referred to as the City.

## SECTION 2 - INTRODUCTION

**What this section includes:**

- Who's eligible for coverage under the Plan.
- The factors that impact your cost for coverage.
- Instructions and timeframes for enrolling yourself and your eligible Dependents.
- When coverage begins.
- When you can make coverage changes under the Plan.

### Eligibility

You are eligible to enroll in the Plan if you are a regular full-time employee who is scheduled to work at least 40 hours per week or if you are a part-time employee who has been identified to enroll in the Plan in accordance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Your eligible Dependents may also participate in the Plan. An eligible Dependent is considered to be:

- your Spouse, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*;
- your Domestic Partner, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*;
- your or your Spouse's/Domestic Partner's child who is under age 26, including a natural child, stepchild, a legally adopted child, a child placed for adoption or a child for whom you or your Spouse are the legal guardian; or
- your disabled child over the age of 26 who is disabled prior to reaching the age of 26; child must be eligible for the Plan and dependent upon you, your spouse or domestic partner. Additional verification will be required.

**Note:** Your Dependents may not enroll in the Plan unless you are also enrolled.

A Dependent also includes a child for whom health care coverage is required through a Qualified Medical Child Support Order or other court or administrative order, as described in Section 14, *Other Important Information*.

### Cost of Coverage

You and City of Columbus share in the cost of the Plan. Your contribution amount depends on your selection of a single or family rate and is based on your collective bargaining agreement.

Your contributions may be deducted from your paychecks on a before-tax basis. Before-tax dollars come out of your pay before federal income taxes are withheld—and in most states, before state and local taxes are withheld. This gives your contributions a special tax advantage and lowers the actual cost to you.

**Note:** The Internal Revenue Service generally does not consider Domestic Partners and their children eligible Dependents. Therefore, the value of the City of Columbus's cost in covering a Domestic Partner will be imputed to the Participant as income. In addition, the share of the Participant's contribution that covers a Domestic Partner and their children will be paid using after-tax payroll deductions.

You can obtain current contribution rates by calling your Department Human Resources office or the City's intranet / internet site at [columbus.gov/HumanResources/Employee Benefits](http://columbus.gov/HumanResources/EmployeeBenefits) [Employee Benefits \(columbus.gov\)](http://columbus.gov).

## How to Enroll

You must enroll on DAYFORCE within 30 days of the date you first become eligible for medical Plan coverage. If you do not enroll within 30 days, you will need to wait until the City's next annual Open Enrollment period, the month of February, to make your benefit elections.

Each year during annual Open Enrollment, you have the opportunity to review and change your medical election. Any changes you make during Open Enrollment will become effective on the first of March.

### **Important**

If you wish to change your benefit elections following a life-qualifying event such as your marriage, birth, adoption of a child, placement for adoption of a child or other family status change, you must submit a Life Event declaration and enrollment on DAYFORCE within 30 days of the event. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the next annual Open Enrollment to change your elections.

## When Coverage Begins

Once enrollment submitted to DAYFORCE, coverage will begin on the first day of the month following your date of hire. Coverage for your Dependents will start on the date your coverage begins, provided you have enrolled them in a timely manner.

Coverage for a Spouse or Dependent that you acquire via marriage becomes effective the first of the month following date of your marriage, provided you submit a Life Event declaration and enrolment on DAYFORCE within 30 days of your marriage. Coverage for Dependent children acquired through birth, adoption, or placement for adoption is effective the date of the family status change, provided you submit a Life Event declaration and enrollment on DAYFORCE within 30 days of the birth, adoption, or placement.

### ***If You Are Hospitalized When Your Coverage Begins***

If you are an inpatient in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility on the day your coverage begins, the Plan will pay Benefits for Covered Health Services related to that Inpatient Stay as long as you receive Covered Health Services in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

You should notify UnitedHealthcare within 48 hours of the day your coverage begins, or as soon as is reasonably possible.

## Changing Your Coverage

You may make coverage changes during the year only if you experience a change in family status, i.e., Life Event. The change in coverage must be consistent with the change in status (e.g., you cover your Spouse following your marriage, your child following an adoption, etc.). The following are considered family status changes for purposes of the Plan:

- your marriage, divorce, legal separation or annulment;
- registering a Domestic Partner;
- the birth, adoption, placement for adoption or legal guardianship of a child;
- a change in your Spouse's employment or loss of health coverage (other than coverage under the Medicare or Medicaid programs) under another employer's plan;
- loss of coverage due to the exhaustion of another employer's COBRA benefits, provided you were paying for premiums on a timely basis;
- the death of a Dependent;
- your Dependent child no longer qualifying as an eligible Dependent;
- contributions were no longer paid by the employer (this is true even if you or your eligible Dependent continues to receive coverage under the prior plan and to pay the amounts previously paid by the employer);
- benefits are no longer offered by the Plan to a class of individuals that include you or your eligible Dependent;
- termination of you or your Dependent's Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or State Children's Health Insurance (SCHIP) coverage as a result of loss of eligibility (you must submit Life Event on DAYFORCE within 60 days of termination);
- you or your Dependent become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid, CHIP or SCHIP (you must submit Life Event on DAYFORCE within 60 days of determination of subsidy eligibility); or
- a court or administrative order.

Unless otherwise noted above, if you wish to change your elections, you must submit a Life Event declaration and enrollment on DAYFORCE within 30 days of the change in family status. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the next annual Open Enrollment.

While some of these changes in status are similar to qualifying events under COBRA, you, or your eligible Dependent, do not need to elect COBRA continuation coverage to take advantage of the special enrollment rights listed above. These will also be available to you or your eligible Dependent if COBRA is elected.

**Note:** Any child under age 26 who is placed with you for adoption will be eligible for coverage on the date the child is placed with you, even if the legal adoption is not yet final. If you do not legally adopt the child, all medical Plan coverage for the child will end when the placement ends.

You must provide acceptable documentation on **DAYFORCE** for each eligible dependent whom you wish to enroll in the health plan.

### Chart of Eligible Dependents and Required Documents

SPOUSE AND DOMESTIC PARTNER		
DEPENDENT TYPE	DEFINITION	REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S)
Spouse	Legal spouse of a covered employee	<p><b>One (1) of the following OPTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>OPTION 1:</b> Covered employee's most recent Federal Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) <b>as filed with the IRS</b> listing the spouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> signature page if filed hard copy;</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> Certificate of Electronic Filing</li> </ul> <p><b>OPTION 2:</b> Marriage Certificate (court approved certificate or marriage abstract, not license) <b>PLUS</b> <u>one</u> of the following to show <u>current</u> joint tenancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proof of joint ownership of residence or other real estate;</li> <li>- Proof that covered employee and spouse are both listed on a lease or share the rent of a home or other property;</li> <li>- Joint ownership of a motor vehicle;</li> <li>- Designation of the spouse as a primary beneficiary of the covered employee's life insurance, or retirement benefits;</li> <li>- Utility bill listing both covered employee and spouse (or 2 separate utility bills at the same address, one listing the covered employee and one listing the spouse).</li> </ul>
Domestic Partner	A qualified domestic partner:	<p><b>Affidavit of Domestic Partnership PLUS</b></p> <p><b>Four (4) of the following documents to show financial interdependency</b></p>

<b>SPOUSE AND DOMESTIC PARTNER</b>		
<b>DEPENDENT TYPE</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>	<b>REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- is not currently married to or legally separated from another person under statutory law; and</li> <li>- shares responsibility with the covered person for each other's common welfare; and</li> <li>- is at least 18 years of age and mentally competent to consent to contract; and</li> <li>- has been in an exclusive relationship with the employee for at least 6 months with the intention of remaining in the relationship indefinitely; and</li> <li>- is financially interdependent with the covered employee, as demonstrated by a signed declaration of financial interdependence and at least four (4) of the required documents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Joint ownership of real estate property or joint tenancy on a residential lease; or</li> <li>(2) Joint ownership of an automobile; or</li> <li>(3) Joint bank or credit account; or</li> <li>(4) Joint liabilities (e.g., credit card or loans); or</li> <li>(5) A will designated the eligible dependent as primary beneficiary; or</li> <li>(6) A retirement plan or life insurance policy beneficiary designation form designating the eligible dependent as primary beneficiary; or</li> <li>(7) A durable power of attorney signed to the effect that the employee and eligible dependent have granted powers to one another.</li> </ul>

<b>DEPENDENT CHILD</b>		
<b>DEPENDENT TYPE</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>	<b>REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S)</b>
<b>Natural child (up to age 26)</b>	<p>A natural (biological) child of the covered employee or domestic partner</p> <p>The domestic partner must be enrolled in order to enroll a natural child of the domestic partner unless there is a legal relationship between the employee and the child, i.e., the child was adopted by the employee or the employee has legal guardianship of the child.</p>	<p><b>One (1) of the following OPTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>OPTION 1:</b> Covered employee or domestic partner's most recent Federal Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) <b>as filed with the IRS</b> listing the child as dependent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> signature page if filed hard copy;</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> Certificate of Electronic Filing</li> </ul>
		<p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>OPTION 2</b></p> <p><b>(1) of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hospital release papers on hospital letterhead</li> <li>- Letter from a physician or hospital on respective letterhead</li> <li>- Birth Certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Stepchild (up to age 26)</b>	A natural (biological) child of a covered employee's spouse, i.e., a stepchild of the covered employee	<p><b>One (1) of the following OPTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>OPTION 1:</b> Covered employee or spouse's most recent Federal Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) <b>as filed with the IRS</b> listing the stepchild as dependent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> signature page if filed hard copy;</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> Certificate of Electronic Filing</li> </ul> <p><b>OPTION 2:</b> Birth Certificate of stepchild</p>



<b>DEPENDENT CHILD</b>		
<b>DEPENDENT TYPE</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>	<b>REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S)</b>
		If submitting spouse's tax return or birth certificate of stepchild, and the spouse is not covered under the employee's plan, documents proving eligibility of the spouse are also required.
<b>Child (up to age 26) for whom the employee, spouse or domestic partner is legal guardian.</b>	<p>A child for whom legal guardianship has been awarded to the covered employee, spouse or domestic partner.</p> <p>The domestic partner must be covered in order to cover a child for whom the domestic partner has been awarded legal guardianship unless there is a legal relationship between the employee and the child, i.e., the employee has legal guardianship of the child as well.</p>	<p><b>One (1) of the following OPTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>OPTION 1:</b> Covered employee, spouse or domestic partner's most recent Federal Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) <b>as filed with the IRS</b> listing the child as dependent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> signature page if filed hard copy;</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> Certificate of Electronic Filing</li> </ul> <p><b>OPTION 2:</b> Court documents signed by a court of competent jurisdiction</p>
		If submitting spouse's tax return or court documents of legal custody, and the spouse is not covered under the employee's plan, documents proving eligibility of the spouse are also required.
<b>Adopted child (up to age 26)</b>	<p>A legally adopted child of the covered employee, spouse or domestic partner, includes children placed in anticipation of a legal adoption</p> <p>The domestic partner must be covered in order to cover an adopted child of the domestic partner unless there is a legal relationship between the employee and the child, i.e., the child was</p>	<p><b>One (1) of the following OPTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>OPTION 1:</b> Covered employee, spouse or domestic partner's most recent Federal Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) <b>as filed with the IRS</b> listing the child as dependent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> signature page if filed hard copy;</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 1 <b>PLUS</b> Certificate of Electronic Filing</li> </ul>

DEPENDENT CHILD		
DEPENDENT TYPE	DEFINITION	REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S)
	adopted by the employee as well or the employee has legal guardianship of the child.	<b>OPTION 2:</b> Court documents for the adopted child from a court of competent jurisdiction  <b>OPTION 3:</b> International adoption papers from country of adoption
		<b>If submitting spouse's tax return, court documents or adoption papers, and the spouse is not covered under the employee's plan, documents proving eligibility of the spouse are also required.</b>
<b>Child (up to age 26) covered by a QMCSO</b>	A child for whom health care coverage is required through a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO). Must keep all covered dependent addresses current with your Central Department of Human Resources office.	<b>One (1) of the following OPTIONS:</b>  <b>OPTION 1:</b> Court documents signed by a judge  <b>OPTION 2:</b> Medical support orders issued by a State agency

DISABLED DEPENDENT		
DEPENDENT TYPE	DEFINITION	REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S)
<b>Disabled Dependent</b>	An unmarried dependent incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical disability that are allowed as a federal tax exemption. The disability must have started before age 26 and must be medically certified.	<b>One of the required documents for the applicable dependent child definition type above. (See DEPENDENT CHILD section)</b>  <b>PLUS</b>  <b>Physicians Medical Certification</b>

## SECTION 3 - HOW THE PLAN WORKS

### What this section includes:

- Accessing Benefits.
- Eligible Expenses.
- Annual Deductible.
- Copayment.
- Coinsurance.
- Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

### Accessing Benefits

As a Participant in this Plan, you have the freedom to choose the Physician or health care professional you prefer each time you need to receive Covered Health Services. The choices you make affect the amounts you pay, as well as the level of Benefits you receive and any benefit limitations that may apply.

You are eligible for the Network level of Benefits under this Plan when you receive Covered Health Services from Physicians and other health care professionals who have contracted with UnitedHealthcare to provide those services.

You can choose to receive Network Benefits or non-Network Benefits.

**Network Benefits** apply to Covered Health Services that are provided by a Network Physician or other Network provider.

Emergency Health Services are always paid as Network Benefits. For facility charges, these are Benefits for Covered Health Services that are billed by a Network facility and provided under the direction of either a Network or non-Network Physician or other provider. Network Benefits include Physician services provided in a Network facility by a Network or a non-Network Emergency room Physician, radiologist, anesthesiologist or pathologist.

**Non-Network Benefits** apply to Covered Health Services that are provided by a non-Network Physician or other non-Network provider, or Covered Health Services that are provided at a non-Network facility.

Ground Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section. Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section.

Covered Health Services provided at certain Network facilities by a non-Network Physician, when not Emergency Health Services, will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section. For these Covered Health Services, "certain Network facility" is limited to a hospital (as defined in 1861(e) of the Social Security Act), a hospital outpatient department, a critical access hospital (as defined in 1861(mm)(1) of the Social Security

*Act*), an ambulatory surgical center as described in section 1833(i)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

Air Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section.

Depending on the geographic area and the service you receive, you may have access through UnitedHealthcare's Shared Savings Program to non-Network providers who have agreed to discounts negotiated from their charges on certain claims for Covered Health Services. Refer to the definition of Shared Savings Program in Section 15, *Glossary*, of the SPD for details about how the Shared Savings Program applies.

You must show your identification card (ID card) every time you request health care services from a Network provider. If you do not show your ID card, Network providers have no way of knowing that you are enrolled under the Plan. As a result, they may bill you for the entire cost of the services you receive.

Generally, when you receive Covered Health Services from a Network provider, you pay less than you would if you receive the same care from a non-Network provider. Therefore, in most instances, your out-of-pocket expenses will be less if you use a Network provider.

If you choose to seek care outside the Network, the Plan generally pays Benefits at a lower level. You are required to pay the amount that exceeds the Eligible Expense. The amount in excess of the Eligible Expense could be significant, and this amount does not apply to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum. You may want to ask the non-Network provider about their billed charges before you receive care.

**Note:** Effective June 1, 2015, all services rendered by Dr. Richard Cavender will be excluded from the City of Columbus' health insurance plan, and no payments will be made to the provider or reimbursed to the member.

### ***Health Services from Non-Network Providers Paid as Network Benefits***

If specific Covered Health Services are not available from a Network provider, you may be eligible to receive Network Benefits when Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider. In this situation, your Network Physician will notify UnitedHealthcare, and if UnitedHealthcare confirms that care is not available from a Network provider, UnitedHealthcare will work with you and your Network Physician to coordinate care through a non-Network provider.

#### **Looking for a Network Provider?**

In addition to other helpful information, **[www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)**, UnitedHealthcare's consumer website, contains a directory of health care professionals and facilities in UnitedHealthcare's Network. While Network status may change from time to time, **[www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)** has the most current source of Network information. Use **[www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)** to search for Physicians available in your Plan.

***Network Providers***

UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates arrange for health care providers to participate in a Network. At your request, UnitedHealthcare will send you a directory of Network providers free of charge. Keep in mind, a provider's Network status may change. To verify a provider's status or request a provider directory, you can call UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card or log onto **www.myuhc.com**.

Network providers are independent practitioners and are not employees of the City of Columbus or UnitedHealthcare.

UnitedHealthcare's credentialing process confirms public information about the providers' licenses and other credentials, but does not assure the quality of the services provided.

Before obtaining services you should always verify the Network status of a provider. A provider's status may change. You can verify the provider's status by calling UnitedHealthcare. A directory of providers is available online at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card to request a copy. If you receive a Covered Health Service from a non-Network provider and were informed incorrectly prior to receipt of the Covered Health Service that the provider was a Network provider, either through a database, provider directory, or in a response to your request for such information (via telephone, electronic, web-based or internet-based means), you may be eligible for Network Benefits.

It is possible that you might not be able to obtain services from a particular Network provider. The network of providers is subject to change. Or you might find that a particular Network provider may not be accepting new patients. If a provider leaves the Network or is otherwise not available to you, you must choose another Network provider to get Network Benefits. However, if you are currently receiving treatment for Covered Health Services from a provider whose network status changes from Network to non-Network during such treatment due to expiration or nonrenewal of the provider's contract, you may be eligible to request continued care from your current provider at the Network Benefit level for specified conditions and timeframes. This provision does not apply to provider contract terminations for failure to meet applicable quality standards or for fraud. If you would like help to find out if you are eligible for continuity of care Benefits, please call the telephone number on your ID card.

If you are currently undergoing a course of treatment utilizing a non-Network Physician or health care facility, you may be eligible to receive transition of care Benefits. This transition period is available for specific medical services and for limited periods of time. If you have questions regarding this transition of care reimbursement policy or would like help determining whether you are eligible for transition of care Benefits, please contact UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card.

Do not assume that a Network provider's agreement includes all Covered Health Services. Some Network providers contract with UnitedHealthcare to provide only certain Covered Health Services, but not all Covered Health Services. Some Network providers choose to be a Network provider for only some of our products. Refer to your provider directory or contact UnitedHealthcare for assistance.

## Eligible Expenses

City of Columbus has delegated to the Claims Administrator the discretion and authority to decide whether a treatment or supply is a Covered Health Service and how the Eligible Expenses will be determined and otherwise covered under the Plan.

Eligible Expenses are the amount the Claims Administrator determines that the Plan will pay for Benefits.

- For Designated Network Benefits and Network Benefits for Covered Health Services provided by a Network provider, except for your cost sharing obligations, you are not responsible for any difference between Eligible Expenses and the amount the provider bills.
- For Non-Network Benefits, except as described below, you are responsible for paying, directly to the non-Network provider, any difference between the amount the provider bills you and the amount the Claims Administrator will pay for Eligible Expenses.
  - For Covered Health Services that are **Ancillary Services received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from non-Network Physicians**, you are not responsible, and the non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in this SPD.
  - For Covered Health Services that are **non-Ancillary Services received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from non-Network Physicians who have not satisfied the notice and consent criteria or for unforeseen or urgent medical needs that arise at the time a non-Ancillary Service is provided for which notice and consent has been satisfied as described below**, you are not responsible, and the non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.
  - For Covered Health Services that are **Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider**, you are not responsible, and the non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in this SPD.
  - For Covered Health Services that are **Air Ambulance services provided by a non-Network provider**, you are not responsible, and the non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the rates that would apply if the service was provided by a Network provider which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

Eligible Expenses are determined in accordance with the Claims Administrator's reimbursement policy guidelines or as required by law, as described in the SPD.

**Designated Network Benefits and Network Benefits**

Eligible Expenses are based on the following:

- When Covered Health Services are received from a Designated Network and Network provider, Eligible Expenses are our contracted fee(s) with that provider.
- When Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider as arranged by the Claims Administrator, including when there is no Network provider who is reasonably accessible or available to provide Covered Health Services, Eligible Expenses are an amount negotiated by the Claims Administrator or an amount permitted by law. Please contact the Claims Administrator if you are billed for amounts in excess of your applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or any deductible. The Plan will not pay excessive charges or amounts you are not legally obligated to pay.

**Non-Network Benefits**

**When Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider as described below, Eligible Expenses are determined as follows:**

- **For non-Emergency Covered Health Services received at certain Network facilities from non-Network Physicians** when such services are either Ancillary Services, or non-Ancillary Services that have not satisfied the notice and consent criteria of section 2799B-2(d) of the *Public Health Service Act* with respect to a visit as defined by the Secretary, the Eligible Expense is based on one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by a state *All Payer Model Agreement*.
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by state law.
  - The initial payment made by the Claims Administrator, or the amount subsequently agreed to by the non-Network provider and the Claims Administrator.
  - The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

For the purpose of this provision, "certain Network facilities" are limited to a hospital (as defined in 1861(e) of the *Social Security Act*), a hospital outpatient department, a critical access hospital (as defined in 1861(mm)(1) of the *Social Security Act*), an ambulatory surgical center as described in section 1833(i)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** For Ancillary Services, non-Ancillary Services provided without notice and consent, and non-Ancillary Services for unforeseen or urgent medical needs that arise at the time a service is provided for which notice and consent has been satisfied, you are not responsible, and a non-Network Physician may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

- **For Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider**, the **Eligible Expense** is based on one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by a state *All Payer Model Agreement*.
  - The reimbursement rate as determined by state law.

- The initial payment made by the Claims Administrator, or the amount subsequently agreed to by the non-Network provider and the Claims Administrator.
- The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You are not responsible, and a non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

- **For Air Ambulance transportation provided by a non-Network provider**, the Eligible Expense is based on one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:

- The reimbursement rate as determined by a state *All Payer Model Agreement*.
- The reimbursement rate as determined by state law.
- The initial payment made by the Claims Administrator, or the amount subsequently agreed to by the non-Network provider and the Claims Administrator.
- The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You are not responsible, and a non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the rates that would apply if the service was provided by a Network provider which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

- **For Emergency ground ambulance transportation provided by a non-Network provider**, the Eligible Expense, which includes mileage, is a rate agreed upon by the non-Network provider or, unless a different amount is required by applicable law, determined based upon the median amount negotiated with Network providers for the same or similar service.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Non-Network providers may bill you for any difference between the provider's billed charges and the Eligible Expense described here.

- When Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider, except as described above, Eligible Expenses are determined, based on one of the following:
  - Negotiated rates agreed to by the non-Network provider and either the Claims Administrator or one of the Claims Administrator's vendors, affiliates or subcontractors, at the Claims Administrator's discretion.
  - If rates have not been negotiated, then one of the following amounts applies based on the claim type:
    - ◆ Eligible Expenses are determined based on 140% of the published rates allowed by the *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)* for Medicare for the same or similar service within the geographic market, with the exception of the following:
      - 140% of *CMS* for the same or similar freestanding laboratory service.
      - 140% of *CMS* for the same or similar Durable Medical Equipment from a freestanding supplier, or *CMS* competitive bid rates.
    - ◆ When a rate is not published by *CMS* for the service, the Claims Administrator uses an available gap methodology to determine a rate for the service as follows:
      - For services other than Pharmaceutical Products, the Claims Administrator uses a gap methodology established by *OptumInsight* and/or a third party



vendor that uses a relative value scale or the amount typically accepted by a provider for the same or similar service. The relative value scale may be based on the difficulty, time, work, risk, location and resources of the service. If the relative value scale(s) currently in use become no longer available, the Claims Administrator will use a comparable scale(s). *UnitedHealthcare* and *OptumInsight* are related companies through common ownership by *UnitedHealth Group*. Refer to *UnitedHealthcare's* website at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) for information regarding the vendor that provides the applicable gap fill relative value scale information.

- For Pharmaceutical Products, the Claims Administrator uses gap methodologies that are similar to the pricing methodology used by *CMS*, and produce fees based on published acquisition costs or average wholesale price for the pharmaceuticals. These methodologies are currently created by *RJ Health Systems*, *Thomson Reuters* (published in its *Red Book*), or *UnitedHealthcare* based on an internally developed pharmaceutical pricing resource.
- When a rate for a laboratory service is not published by *CMS* for the service and gap methodology does not apply to the service, the rate is based on the average amount negotiated with similar Network providers for the same or similar service.
- When a rate for all other services is not published by *CMS* for the service and a gap methodology does not apply to the service, the Eligible Expense is based on 50% of the provider's billed charge.

The Claims Administrator updates the *CMS* published rate data on a regular basis when updated data from *CMS* becomes available. These updates are typically implemented within 30 to 90 days after *CMS* updates its data.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** non-Network providers may bill you for any difference between the provider's billed charges and the Eligible Expense described here. This includes non-Ancillary Services when notice and consent is satisfied as described under section 2799B-2(d) of the *Public Health Service Act*.

#### **Don't Forget Your ID Card**

Remember to show your ID card every time you receive health care services from a provider. If you do not show your ID card, a provider has no way of knowing that you are enrolled under the Plan.

### **Annual Deductible**

The Annual Deductible is the amount of Eligible Expenses, or the Recognized Amount when applicable, you must pay each plan year for Covered Health Services before you are eligible to begin receiving Benefits. There are separate Network and non-Network Annual Deductibles for this Plan. The amounts you pay toward your Annual Deductible accumulate over the course of the plan year. The plan year runs from January 1 through December 31.

Eligible Expenses charged by both Network and non-Network providers apply towards both the Network individual and family Deductibles or the non-Network individual and family Deductibles.

Amounts paid toward the Annual Deductible for Covered Health Services that are subject to a visit or day limit will also be calculated against that maximum benefit limit. As a result, the limited benefit will be reduced by the number of days or visits you used toward meeting the Annual Deductible.

### Copayment

A Copayment (Copay) is the amount you pay each time you receive certain Covered Health Services. The Copay is a flat dollar amount and is paid at the time of service or when billed by the provider. Copays count toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum. Copays do not count toward the Annual Deductible. If the Eligible Expense is less than the Copay, you are only responsible for paying the Eligible Expense and not the Copay.

### Coinsurance

Coinsurance is the percentage of Eligible Expenses that you are responsible for paying. Coinsurance is a fixed percentage that applies to certain Covered Health Services after you meet the Annual Deductible.

#### Coinsurance - Example

Let's assume that you receive Plan Benefits for outpatient surgery from a Network provider. Since the Plan pays 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible, you are responsible for paying the other 20%. This 20% is your Coinsurance.

### Out-of-Pocket Maximum

The annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum is the most you pay each plan year for Covered Health Services. There are separate Network and non-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximums for this Plan. If your eligible out-of-pocket expenses in a plan year exceed the annual maximum, the Plan pays 100% of Eligible Expenses for Covered Health Services through the end of the plan year.

The following table identifies what does and does not apply toward your Network and non-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximums:

Plan Features	Applies to the Network Out-of-Pocket Maximum?	Applies to the Non-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximum?
Copays	Yes	Yes
Payments toward the Annual Deductible	Yes	Yes
Coinsurance Payments	Yes	Yes

<b>Plan Features</b>	<b>Applies to the Network Out-of-Pocket Maximum?</b>	<b>Applies to the Non-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximum?</b>
Charges for non-Covered Health Services	No	No
Charges that exceed Eligible Expenses, or the Recognized Amount when applicable	No	No

## SECTION 4 - PERSONAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

### What this section includes:

- An overview of the Personal Health Support program.
- Covered Health Services which require Prior Authorization.

### Care Management

When you seek prior authorization as required, the Claims Administrator will work with you to implement the care management process and to provide you with information about additional services that are available to you, such as disease management programs, health education, and patient advocacy.

UnitedHealthcare provides a program called Personal Health Support designed to encourage personalized, efficient care for you and your covered Dependents.

Personal Health Support Nurses center their efforts on prevention, education, and closing any gaps in your care. The goal of the program is to ensure you receive the most appropriate and cost-effective services available.

If you are living with a chronic condition or dealing with complex health care needs, UnitedHealthcare may assign to you a primary nurse, referred to as a Personal Health Support Nurse to guide you through your treatment. This assigned nurse will answer questions, explain options, identify your needs, and may refer you to specialized care programs. The Personal Health Support Nurse will provide you with their telephone number so you can call them with questions about your conditions, or your overall health and well-being.

Personal Health Support Nurses will provide a variety of different services to help you and your covered family members receive appropriate medical care. Program components are subject to change without notice. When the Claims Administrator is called as required, they will work with you to implement the Personal Health Support process and to provide you with information about additional services that are available to you, such as disease management programs, health education, and patient advocacy. As of the publication of this SPD, the Personal Health Support program includes:

- **Admission counseling** - Personal Health Support Nurses are available to help you prepare for a successful surgical admission and recovery. Call the number on your ID card for support.
- **Inpatient care management** - If you are hospitalized, a Personal Health Support nurse will work with your Physician to make sure you are getting the care you need and that your Physician's treatment plan is being carried out effectively.
- **Readmission Management** - This program serves as a bridge between the Hospital and your home if you are at high risk of being readmitted. After leaving the Hospital, if you have a certain chronic or complex condition, you may receive a phone call from a Personal Health Support Nurse to confirm that medications, needed equipment, or

follow-up services are in place. The Personal Health Support Nurse will also share important health care information, reiterate and reinforce discharge instructions, and support a safe transition home.

- **Risk Management** - Designed for participants with certain chronic or complex conditions, this program addresses such health care needs as access to medical specialists, medication information, and coordination of equipment and supplies. Participants may receive a phone call from a Personal Health Support Nurse to discuss and share important health care information related to the participant's specific chronic or complex condition.
- **Cancer Management** - You have the opportunity to engage with a nurse that specializes in cancer, education and guidance throughout your care path.
- **Kidney Management** - You have the opportunity to engage with a nurse that specializes in kidney disease, education and guidance with CKD stage 4/5 or ESRD throughout your care path.

If you do not receive a call from a Personal Health Support Nurse but feel you could benefit from any of these programs, please call the number on your ID card.

## Prior Authorization

UnitedHealthcare requires prior authorization for certain Covered Health Services. In general, your Network Primary Physician and other Network providers are responsible for obtaining prior authorization before they provide these services to you. There are some Benefits, however, for which you are responsible for obtaining prior authorization. For detailed information on the Covered Health Services that require prior authorization, please refer to Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

It is recommended that you confirm with the Claims Administrator that all Covered Health Services listed below have been prior authorized as required. Before receiving these services from a Network provider, you may want to contact the Claims Administrator to verify that the Hospital, Physician and other providers are Network providers and that they have obtained the required prior authorization. Network facilities and Network providers cannot bill you for services they fail to prior authorize as required. You can contact the Claims Administrator by calling the number on the back of your ID card.

When you choose to receive certain Covered Health Services from non-Network providers, you are responsible for obtaining prior authorization before you receive these services. Note that your obligation to obtain prior authorization is also applicable when a non-Network provider intends to admit you to a Network facility or refers you to other Network providers.

**To obtain prior authorization, call the number on the back of your ID card.** This call starts the utilization review process. Once you have obtained the authorization, please review it carefully so that you understand what services have been authorized and what providers are authorized to deliver the services that are subject to the authorization.

The utilization review process is a set of formal techniques designed to monitor the use of, or evaluate the clinical necessity, appropriateness, efficacy, or efficiency of, health care services, procedures or settings. Such techniques may include ambulatory review, prospective review, second opinion, certification, concurrent review, case management, discharge planning, retrospective review or similar programs.

**Contacting UnitedHealthcare or Personal Health Support is easy.**  
Simply call the number on your ID card.

Network providers are generally responsible for obtaining prior authorization from the Claims Administrator before they provide certain services to you. However, there are some Network Benefits for which you are responsible for obtaining prior authorization from the Claims Administrator.

When you choose to receive certain Covered Health Services from non-Network providers, you are responsible for obtaining prior authorization from the Claims Administrator before you receive these services. In many cases, your Non-Network Benefits will be reduced if the Claims Administrator has not provided prior authorization.

Services for which you are required to obtain prior authorization are identified in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*, within each Covered Health Service Benefit description. Please note that prior authorization timelines apply. Refer to the applicable Benefit description to determine how far in advance you must obtain prior authorization.

### **Special Note Regarding Medicare**

If you are enrolled in Medicare on a primary basis (Medicare pays before the Plan pays Benefits) the prior authorization requirements do not apply to you. Since Medicare is the primary payer, the Plan will pay as secondary payer as described in Section 11, *Coordination of Benefits (COB)*. You are not required to obtain authorization before receiving Covered Health Services.

## SECTION 5 - PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

### What this section includes:

- Payment Terms and Features.
- Schedule of Benefits.

### Payment Terms and Features

The table below outlines the Plan's Annual Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

Plan Features	Network Amounts	Non-Network Amounts
<b>Copays</b> In addition to these Copays, you may be responsible for meeting the Annual Deductible for the Covered Health Services described in the chart on the following pages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Emergency Health Services – Outpatient (Copay is waived if admitted)</li> <li>■ Physician's Office Services - Primary Physician</li> <li>■ Physician's Office Services - Specialist</li> <li>■ Urgent Care</li> </ul> Copays do not apply toward the Annual Deductible Copays apply toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$150  \$20  \$30  \$30	Same as Network  Not Applicable  Not Applicable  \$30
<b>Annual Deductible</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Individual</li> <li>■ Family (not to exceed the applicable Individual amount per Covered Person)</li> </ul> <b>Coupons:</b> The Plan Sponsor may not permit certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate to apply to your Annual Deductible.	\$300  \$600	\$800  \$1,600

Plan Features	Network Amounts	Non-Network Amounts
<b>Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Individual</li> <li>■ Family (not to exceed the applicable Individual amount per Covered Person)</li> </ul> <p><b>Coupons:</b> The Plan Sponsor may not permit certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate to apply to your Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum.</p> <p>The Annual Deductible applies toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for all Covered Health Services</p>	<p>\$700</p> <p>\$1,200</p>	<p>\$1,600</p> <p>\$3,200</p>
<b>Lifetime Maximum Benefit</b> <p>There is no dollar limit to the amount the Plan will pay for essential Benefits during the entire period you are enrolled in this Plan</p> <p>Generally, the following are considered to be essential benefits under the <i>Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act</i></p> <p>Ambulatory patient services; emergency services, hospitalization; maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance-related and addictive disorders services (including behavioral health treatment); rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and pediatric services, including oral and vision care</p>	<p>Unlimited</p>	



## Schedule of Benefits

This table provides an overview of the Plan's coverage levels. For detailed descriptions of your Benefits, refer to Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

Amounts which you are required to pay as shown below in the *Schedule of Benefits* are based on *Eligible Expenses* or, for specific Covered Health Services as described in the definition of Recognized Amount in Section 15, *Glossary*.

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit (The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)	
	Network	Non-Network
<b>Ambulance Services</b>		
<p>■ <b>Emergency Ambulance</b></p> <p>Eligible Expenses for ground and Air Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be determined as described in Section 3, <i>How the Plan Works</i>.</p>	<p><i>Ground Ambulance</i></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p><i>Air Ambulance</i></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>	<p><i>Ground Ambulance</i></p> <p>Same as Network</p> <p><i>Air Ambulance</i></p> <p>Same as Network</p>
<p>■ <b>Non-Emergency Ambulance</b></p> <p>Ground or Air Ambulance, as the Claims Administrator determines appropriate</p> <p>Eligible Expenses for ground and Air Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be determined as described in Section 3, <i>How the Plan Works</i>.</p>	<p><i>Ground Ambulance</i></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p> <p><i>Air Ambulance</i></p> <p>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible</p>	<p><i>Ground Ambulance</i></p> <p>Same as Network</p> <p><i>Air Ambulance</i></p> <p>Same as Network</p>
<p><b>Cellular and Gene Therapy</b></p> <p>Services must be received at a Designated Provider</p>	<p>Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section</p>	<p>Non-Network Benefits are not available</p>

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit (The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)	
	Network	Non-Network
<b>Clinical Trials</b> Benefits are available when the Covered Health Services are provided by either Network or Non-Network providers.	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section
<b>Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Surgeries</b> Network and Non-Network Benefits under this section include only the inpatient facility charges for the congenital heart disease (CHD) surgery	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Contraception Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Depo-Provera, Diaphragm &amp; IUD (Device, fitting and removal)</li> <li>■ Tubal Ligation</li> <li>■ Vasectomy</li> </ul> (Oral contraceptives – covered under pharmacy)	100%	Non-Network Benefits are not available
<b>Dental Services - Accident Only</b> See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for limits	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	Same as Network
<b>Diabetes Services</b> Diabetes Self-Management and Training/ Diabetic Eye Examinations/Foot Care	Benefits for diabetes self-management and training/diabetic eye examinations/foot care will be paid the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service	Benefits for diabetes self-management and training/diabetic eye examinations/foot care will be paid the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit (The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)	
	Network	Non-Network
	category in this section and in Section 16, <i>Outpatient Prescription Drugs</i>	category in this section and in Section 16, <i>Outpatient Prescription Drugs</i>
<p>Diabetes Self-Management Items</p> <p>In the case of items covered under outpatient prescription drugs, please reference your prescription plan for coverage details</p>	Benefits for diabetes self-management items will be the same as those stated under <i>Durable Medical Equipment</i> in this section	Benefits for diabetes self-management items will be the same as those stated under <i>Durable Medical Equipment</i> in this section
<b>Disposable Medical Supplies</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<p><b>Emergency Health Services - Outpatient</b></p> <p>If you are admitted as an inpatient to a Hospital directly from the Emergency room, you will not have to pay this Copay. The Benefits for an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital will apply instead</p> <p>Eligible Expenses for Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider will be determined as described under <i>Eligible Expenses</i> in Section 3: <i>How the Plan Works</i>.</p> <p>Emergency Copayment is waived if the reason for the visit is related to mental health.</p>	80% after you pay a \$150 Copayment and after you meet the Annual Deductible	Same as Network
<b>Enteral Nutrition</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit (The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)	
	Network	Non-Network
<b>Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility</b> See Section 6 <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for limits.	<b>Designated Network</b> 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	Non-Network Benefits are not available
<b>Fertility Services</b>	<b>Designated Network</b> 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	Non-Network Benefits are not available
<b>Gender Dysphoria</b>	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section
<b>Home Health Care</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Hospice Care</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Hospital - Inpatient Stay</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostics - Outpatient</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Lab Testing - Outpatient</li> <li>■ Lab Testing - Office</li> </ul>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  100% after you pay a Copayment of \$20 Primary or \$30 Specialist Copay per service	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>	
	Network	Non-Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ X-Ray and Other Diagnostic Testing - Outpatient</li> <li>■ X-Ray and Other Diagnostic Testing - Office</li> <li>■ PSA Screenings (1<sup>st</sup> PSA in a calendar year)</li> <li>■ PSA Screenings (Subsequent PSA's in a calendar year)</li> </ul>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  100% after you pay a Copayment of \$20 Primary or \$30 Specialist Copay per service  100%  80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics – CT, PET, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Outpatient</li> <li>■ Office</li> </ul>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  100%	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Mental Health Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inpatient</li> <li>■ Outpatient</li> </ul>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  100% after you pay a Copayment of \$20 per visit  80% for Partial Hospitalization / Intensive Outpatient Treatment after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% for Partial Hospitalization / Intensive Outpatient Treatment after you meet the Annual Deductible

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit <i>(The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)</i>	
	Network	Non-Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching</li> </ul>	Designated Network (AbleTo) 100%	Non-Network Benefits are not available
<b>Neurobiological Disorders - Mental Health Services for Autism Spectrum Disorders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inpatient</li> <li>Outpatient</li> </ul>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  100% after you pay a Copayment of \$20 per visit  80% for Partial Hospitalization / Intensive Outpatient Treatment after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% for Partial Hospitalization / Intensive Outpatient Treatment after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Obesity Surgery</b>	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section
<b>Orthognathic and Oral Surgery</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Ostomy Supplies</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit (The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)	
	Network	Non-Network
<b>Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services</b> Covered Health Services provided by a non-Network Physician in certain Network facilities will apply the same cost sharing (Copayment, Coinsurance and applicable deductible) as if those services were provided by a Network provider; however Eligible Expenses will be determined as described in Section 3, <i>How the Plan Works</i> , under <i>Eligible Expenses</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services in the Office</li> </ul>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  100% after you pay a Copayment of \$20 Primary or \$30 Specialist Copay per service	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Primary Physician</li> <li>■ Specialist Physician</li> <li>■ Home Visit</li> </ul>	100% after you pay a Copayment of \$20 per visit 100% after you pay a Copayment of \$30 per visit 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Pregnancy – Maternity Services</b>  No Copayment applies to Physician office visits for prenatal care after the first visit in which a \$20 Copay is applied	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit (The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)	
	Network	Non-Network
<b>Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT-M and PGT-SR) and Related Services</b> See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for limits.	<b>Designated Network</b> 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	Non-Network Benefits are not available
<b>Preventive Care Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Physician Office Services</li> <li>■ Lab, X-ray or Other Preventive Tests</li> <li>■ Breast Pumps</li> </ul>	100%   100%   100%	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Prosthetic Devices</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Reconstructive Procedures</b>	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section
<b>Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and Manipulative Treatment</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Office</li> </ul>	100% after you pay a Copayment of \$20 Primary or \$30 Specialist Copay per service	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible



Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit (The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)	
	Network	Non-Network
■ Outpatient	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility/Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services</b>		
■ Inpatient	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
■ Outpatient	100% after you pay a Copayment of \$20 per visit	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
	80% for Partial Hospitalization / Intensive Outpatient Treatment after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% for Partial Hospitalization / Intensive Outpatient Treatment after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Surgery - Outpatient</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services</b>  See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for limits	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section	Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section
<b>Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Benefit (The Amount Payable by the Plan based on Eligible Expenses)	
	Network	Non-Network
<b>Transplantation Services</b>	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section
<b>Urgent Care Center Services</b> Urgent Care Copayment is waived if the reason for the visit is related to mental health.	100% after you pay a Copayment of \$30	60% after you pay a Copayment of \$30 and meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Urinary Catheters</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Virtual Visits</b> Benefits are available only when services are delivered through a Designated Virtual Network Provider. You can find a Designated Virtual Network Provider by going to <a href="http://www.myuhc.com">www.myuhc.com</a> or by calling the telephone number on your ID card	100% after you pay a Copayment of \$20 per visit	Non-Network Benefits are not available
<b>Vision Care (Vision Therapy)</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible
<b>Wigs</b>	80% after you meet the Annual Deductible	60% after you meet the Annual Deductible

<sup>1</sup> Please obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator before receiving Covered Health Services, as described in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

## SECTION 6 - ADDITIONAL COVERAGE DETAILS

### What this section includes:

- Covered Health Services for which the Plan pays Benefits.
- Covered Health Services that require you to obtain prior authorization before you receive them, and any reduction in Benefits that may apply if you do not call to obtain prior authorization.

This section supplements the second table in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*.

While the table provides you with Benefit limitations along with Copayment, Coinsurance and Annual Deductible information for each Covered Health Service, this section includes descriptions of the Benefits. These descriptions include any additional limitations that may apply, as well as Covered Health Services for which you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator as required. The Covered Health Services in this section appear in the same order as they do in the table for easy reference. Services that are not covered are described in Section 8, *Exclusions*.

Benefits are provided for services delivered via Telehealth/Telemedicine. Benefits are also provided for Remote Physiologic Monitoring. Benefits for these services are provided to the same extent as an in-person service under any applicable Benefit category in this section unless otherwise specified in the table.

### Ambulance Services

The Plan covers Emergency ambulance services and transportation provided by a licensed ambulance service to the nearest Hospital that offers Emergency Health Services. See Section 15, *Glossary* for the definition of Emergency.

Ambulance service by air is covered in an Emergency if ground transportation is impossible, or would put your life or health in serious jeopardy. If special circumstances exist, UnitedHealthcare may pay Benefits for Emergency air transportation to a Hospital that is not the closest facility to provide Emergency Health Services.

The Plan also covers transportation provided by a licensed professional ambulance (either ground or Air Ambulance, as UnitedHealthcare determines appropriate) between facilities when the transport is:

- From a non-Network Hospital to a Network Hospital.
- To a Hospital that provides a higher level of care that was not available at the original Hospital.
- To a more cost-effective acute care facility.
- From an acute facility to a sub-acute setting.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

In most cases, the Claims Administrator will initiate and direct non-Emergency ambulance transportation. If you are requesting non-Emergency Air Ambulance services, you must obtain authorization as soon as possible before transport. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, you will be responsible for paying all charges and no Benefits will be paid.

**Cellular and Gene Therapy**

Cellular Therapy and Gene Therapy received on an inpatient or outpatient basis at a Hospital or on an outpatient basis at an Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office.

Benefits for CAR-T therapy for malignancies are provided as described under *Transplantation Services*.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of a Cellular or Gene Therapy arises. If you do not obtain prior authorization and if, as a result, the services are not received from a Designated Provider, Benefits will not be paid.

**Clinical Trials**

Benefits are available for routine patient care costs incurred during participation in a qualifying clinical trial for the treatment of:

- cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition. For purposes of this benefit, a life-threatening disease or condition is one from which the likelihood of death is probable unless the course of the disease or condition is interrupted;
- cardiovascular disease (cardiac/stroke) which is not life threatening, for which, as UnitedHealthcare determines, a clinical trial meets the qualifying clinical trial criteria stated below;
- surgical musculoskeletal disorders of the spine, hip and knees, which are not life threatening, for which, as UnitedHealthcare determines, a clinical trial meets the qualifying clinical trial criteria stated below; and
- other diseases or disorders which are not life threatening for which, as UnitedHealthcare determines, a clinical trial meets the qualifying clinical trial criteria stated below.

Benefits include the reasonable and necessary items and services used to prevent, diagnose and treat complications arising from participation in a qualifying clinical trial.

Benefits are available only when the Covered Person is clinically eligible for participation in the qualifying clinical trial as defined by the researcher.

Routine patient care costs for qualifying clinical trials include:

- Covered Health Services for which Benefits are typically provided absent a clinical trial;

- Covered Health Services required solely for the provision of the investigational item or service, the clinically appropriate monitoring of the effects of the item or service, or the prevention of complications; and
- Covered Health Services needed for reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of an Investigational item or service.

Routine costs for clinical trials do not include:

- the Experimental or Investigational Service or item. The only exceptions to this are:
  - certain Category B devices;
  - certain promising interventions for patients with terminal illnesses; and
  - other items and services that meet specified criteria in accordance with our medical and drug policies;
- items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient;
- a service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis; and
- items and services provided by the research sponsors free of charge for any person enrolled in the trial.

With respect to cancer or other life-threatening diseases or conditions, a qualifying clinical trial is a Phase I, Phase II, Phase III, or Phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition and which meets any of the following criteria in the bulleted list below.

With respect to cardiovascular disease or musculoskeletal disorders of the spine and hip and knees and other diseases or disorders which are not life-threatening, a qualifying clinical trial is a Phase I, Phase II, or Phase III clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the detection or treatment of such non-life-threatening disease or disorder and which meets any of the following criteria in the bulleted list below.

- Federally funded trials. 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)*. (Includes *National Cancer Institute (NCI)*);
  - *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*;
  - *Agency for Healthcare 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 *Veterans Administration (VA)*;
  - a qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the *National Institutes of Health* for center support grants; or
  - The *Department of Veterans Affairs*, the *Department of Defense* or the *Department of Energy* as long as the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that is determined by the *Secretary of Health and Human Services*

to meet both of the following criteria:

- ◆ comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the *National Institutes of Health*; and
  - ◆ ensures 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*;
  - the study or investigation is a drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application;
  - the clinical trial must have a written protocol that describes a scientifically sound study and have been approved by all relevant institutional review boards (*IRBs*) before participants are enrolled in the trial. UnitedHealthcare may, at any time, request documentation about the trial; or
  - the subject or purpose of the trial must be the evaluation of an item or service that meets the definition of a Covered Health Service and is not otherwise excluded under the Plan.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of participation in a Clinical Trial arises. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

### **Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Surgeries**

The Plan pays Benefits for Congenital heart disease (CHD) surgeries which are ordered by a Physician. CHD surgical procedures include surgeries to treat conditions such as coarctation of the aorta, aortic stenosis, tetralogy of fallot, transposition of the great vessels and hypoplastic left or right heart syndrome.

To learn more about CHD Resource Services program, visit [www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com) or call UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card or you can call the CHD Resource Services Nurse Team at 888-936-7246.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of a CHD surgery arises. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

It is important that you notify the Claims Administrator regarding your intention to have surgery. Your notification will open the opportunity to become enrolled in programs that are designed to achieve the best outcomes for you.

The Plan pays Benefits for Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) services ordered by a Physician and received at a CHD Resource Services program. Benefits include the facility charge and

the charge for supplies and equipment. Benefits are available for the following CHD services:

- outpatient diagnostic testing;
- evaluation;
- surgical interventions;
- interventional cardiac catheterizations (insertion of a tubular device in the heart);
- fetal echocardiograms (examination, measurement and diagnosis of the heart using ultrasound technology); and
- approved fetal interventions.

CHD services other than those listed above are excluded from coverage, unless determined by CHD Resource Services or the Claims Administrator to be proven procedures for the involved diagnoses. Contact CHD Resource Services Nurse Team at (888) 936-7246 or the toll-free number on your ID card for information about CHD services.

If you receive Congenital Heart Disease services from a facility that is not a Designated Provider, the Plan pays Benefits as described under:

- Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury;
- Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services;
- Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic;
- Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient;
- Hospital - Inpatient Stay; and
- Surgery - Outpatient.

To receive Benefits under the CHD program, you must contact CHD Resource Services Nurse Team at (888) 936-7246 prior to obtaining Covered Health Services. The Plan will only pay Benefits under the CHD program if CHD provides the proper notification to the Designated Provider performing the services (even if you self-refer to a provider in that Network).

## **Dental Anesthesia**

Services including general anesthesia and associated Hospital or Alternate Facility charges when the clinical status or underlying medical condition of the Covered Person requires dental procedures that ordinarily would not require general anesthesia to be rendered in a Hospital or Alternate Facility setting. Services are limited to Covered Persons who are one of the following:

- A child under seven years of age.
- A person who is developmentally disabled, regardless of age.

- A person whose health is compromised and for whom general anesthesia is required, regardless of age.

Services for the diagnosis or treatment of a dental disease are not Covered Health Services.

### **Dental Services - Accident Only**

Dental services are covered by the Plan when all of the following are true:

- Treatment is necessary because of accidental damage.
- Dental services are received from a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Doctor of Medical Dentistry.
- The dental damage is severe enough that initial contact with a Physician or dentist occurs within 72 hours of the accident. (You may request an extension of this time period provided that you do so within 60 days of the Injury and if extenuating circumstances exist due to the severity of the Injury.)

Please note that dental damage that occurs as a result of normal activities of daily living or extraordinary use of the teeth is not considered having occurred as an accident. Benefits are not available for repairs to teeth that are damaged as a result of such activities.

The Plan also covers dental care (oral examination, X-rays, extractions and non-surgical elimination of oral infection) required for the direct treatment of a medical condition limited to:

- Dental services related to medical transplant procedures.
- Initiation of immunosuppressives (medication used to reduce inflammation and suppress the immune system).
- Direct treatment of acute traumatic Injury, cancer or cleft palate.

Dental services for final treatment to repair the damage caused by accidental Injury must be started within 3 months of the accident, or if not a Covered Person at the time of the accident, within the first three months of coverage under the Plan, unless extenuating circumstances exist (such as prolonged hospitalization or the presence of fixation wires from fracture care) and completed within 12 months of the accident, or if not a Covered Person at the time of the accident, within the first 12 months of coverage under the Plan.

The Plan pays for treatment of accidental Injury only for:

- Emergency examination.
- Necessary diagnostic X-rays.
- Endodontic (root canal) treatment.
- Temporary splinting of teeth.
- Prefabricated post and core.
- Simple minimal restorative procedures (fillings).



- Extractions.
- Post-traumatic crowns if such are the only clinically acceptable treatment.
- Replacement of lost teeth due to the Injury by implant, dentures or bridges.

## Diabetes Services

### *Diabetes Self-Management and Training/Diabetic Eye Examinations/Foot Care*

Outpatient self-management training for the treatment of diabetes, education and medical nutrition therapy services. Diabetes outpatient self-management training, education and medical nutrition therapy services must be ordered by a Physician and provided by appropriately licensed or registered healthcare professionals.

Benefits under this section also include medical eye examinations (dilated retinal examinations) and preventive foot care for Covered Persons with diabetes.

### *Diabetic Self-Management Items*

Insulin pumps and supplies for the management and treatment of diabetes, based upon the medical needs of the Covered Person. An insulin pump is subject to all the conditions of coverage stated under Durable Medical Equipment. Benefits for blood glucose monitors, insulin syringes with needles, blood glucose and urine test strips, ketone test strips and tablets and lancets and lancet devices are described in Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.

In the case of items covered under outpatient prescription drugs, please reference the prescription plan for coverage details.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization before obtaining any Durable Medical Equipment for the management and treatment of diabetes that costs more than \$1,000 (either retail purchase cost or cumulative retail rental cost of a single item). If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

## Disposable Medical Supplies

The Plan pays for disposable medical supplies including, but not limited to, syringes and lancets:

### **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

The Plan pays for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) that is:

- Ordered or provided by a Physician for outpatient use.
- Used for medical purposes.
- Not consumable or disposable.
- Not of use to a person in the absence of a Sickness, Injury or disability.
- Durable enough to withstand repeated use.

- Appropriate for use in the home.

If more than one piece of DME can meet your functional needs, you will receive Benefits only for the most Cost-Effective piece of equipment. Benefits are provided for a single unit of DME (example: one insulin pump) and for repairs of that unit.

Examples of DME include but are not limited to:

- Equipment to administer oxygen.
- Equipment to assist mobility, such as a standard wheelchair.
- Hospital beds.
- Delivery pumps for tube feedings.
- Negative pressure wound therapy pumps (wound vacuums).
- Burn garments.
- Insulin pumps and all related necessary supplies as described under *Diabetes Services* in this section.
- External cochlear devices and systems. Surgery to place a cochlear implant is also covered by the Plan. Cochlear implantation can either be an inpatient or outpatient procedure. See *Hospital - Inpatient Stay*, *Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and Surgery - Outpatient* in this section.
- Braces that stabilize an injured body part, including necessary adjustments to shoes to accommodate braces. Braces that stabilize an injured body part and braces to treat curvature of the spine are considered Durable Medical Equipment and are a Covered Health Service. Dental braces are excluded from coverage.
- Shoe inserts and arch supports when prescribed by a Physician. Custom orthotics, custom foot inserts, custom shoe inserts and custom arch supports are covered with review.
- Mechanical equipment necessary for the treatment of chronic or acute respiratory failure (except that air-conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, air purifiers and filters, and personal comfort items are excluded from coverage).

The Plan also covers tubings, nasal cannulas, connectors and masks used in connection with DME.

Benefits also include dedicated speech generating devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices required for treatment of severe speech impairment or lack of speech directly attributed to Sickness or Injury. Benefits for the purchase of these devices are available only after completing a required three-month rental period.

**Note:** DME is different from prosthetic devices - see *Prosthetic Devices* in this section.

Benefits for dedicated speech generating devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices are limited to the purchase of one device during the entire period of time a Covered Person is

enrolled under the Plan. Benefits for repair/replacement are limited to once every three years.

Benefits are provided for the repair/replacement of a type of Durable Medical Equipment once every three years.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization before obtaining any DME or orthotic that costs more than \$1,000 (either retail purchase cost or cumulative retail rental cost of a single item).

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Emergency Health Services - Outpatient**

The Plan's Emergency services Benefit pays for outpatient treatment at a Hospital or Alternate Facility when required to stabilize a patient or initiate treatment.

Network Benefits will be paid for an Emergency admission to a non-Network Hospital as long as the Claims Administrator is notified within two business days of the admission or on the same day of admission if reasonably possible after you are admitted to a non-Network Hospital. The Claims Administrator may elect to transfer you to a Network Hospital as soon as it is medically appropriate to do so. If you continue your stay in a non-Network Hospital after the date your Physician determines that it is medically appropriate to transfer you to a Network Hospital, Network Benefits will not be provided. Non-Network Benefits may be available if the continued stay is determined to be a Covered Health Service. Eligible Expenses will be determined as described under *Eligible Expenses* in Section 3, *Plan Highlights*.

Benefits under this section are available for services to treat a condition that does not meet the definition of an Emergency.

**Note:** If you are confined in a non-Network Hospital after you receive outpatient Emergency Health Services, you must notify the Claims Administrator within two business days or on the same day of admission if reasonably possible. The Claims Administrator may elect to transfer you to a Network Hospital as soon as it is medically appropriate to do so. If you choose to stay in the non-Network Hospital after the date the Claims Administrator decides a transfer is medically appropriate, Network Benefits will not be provided. Non-Network Benefits may be available if the continued stay is determined to be a Covered Health Service.

**Enteral Nutrition**

Benefits are provided for specialized enteral formulas administered either orally or by tube feeding for certain conditions under the direction of a Physician.

## Fertility Services

Therapeutic services for the treatment of fertility when provided by or under the direction of a Physician. Benefits under this section are limited to the following procedures:

- Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART), including but not limited to InVitro fertilization (IVF). ART procedures include, but are not limited to:
  - Egg/oocyte retrieval.
  - Fresh or frozen embryo transfer.
  - Intracytoplasmic sperm injection - ICSI.
  - Cryopreservation and storage of embryos for 12 months.
  - Embryo biopsy for PGT-M or PGT-SR (formerly known as PGD).
- Frozen Embryo Transfer cycle including the associated cryopreservation and storage of embryos.
- Insemination procedures artificial insemination (AI) and intrauterine insemination (IUI).
- Ovulation induction (or controlled ovarian stimulation).
- Testicular Sperm Aspiration/Microsurgical Epididymal Sperm Aspiration (TESA/MESA) - male factor associated surgical procedures for retrieval of sperm.
- Surgical Procedures, including but not limited to: Laparoscopy, Lysis of adhesions, tubotubal anastomosis, tubal ligations, fimbrioplasty, salpingostomy, resection and ablation of endometriosis, transcervical tubal catheterization, ovarian cystectomy and vasectomy.
- Electroejaculation
- Pre-implantation Genetic Testing for a Monogenic Disorder (PGT-M) or Structural Rearrangement (PGT-SR) - when the genetic parents carry a gene mutation to determine whether that mutation has been transmitted to the embryo.
- Fertility Preservation for Medical Reasons - when planned cancer or other medical treatment is likely to produce Infertility/sterility. Coverage is limited to: collection of sperm, cryopreservation of sperm, ovarian stimulation and retrieval of eggs, oocyte cryopreservation, InVitro fertilization, and embryo cryopreservation. Long-term storage costs (anything longer than 12 months) are not covered.

Treatment for the diagnosis and treatment of the underlying cause of Infertility is covered as described in the *SPD*. Benefits for diagnostic tests are described under *Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic, Physician's Office Services – Sickness and Injury*.

### Criteria to be eligible for Benefits

You do not need to have a diagnosis of Infertility in order to be eligible to receive services described above.

- You are a female:
  - under age 44 and using own oocytes (eggs), or
  - under age 55 and using donor oocytes (eggs).

**Note:** For treatment initiated prior to pertinent birthday, services will be covered to completion of initiated cycle.

- You are not a Child Dependent. Child Dependents are eligible for fertility preservation when planned cancer or other medical treatment is likely to produce infertility/sterility.
- Limited to \$30,000 per Covered Person during the entire period of time he or she is enrolled for coverage under the Plan. This limit includes Benefits as described under *Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility* and for related services as described under *Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT-M and PGT-SR) and Related Services*.
- This limit includes Benefits for Infertility medications provided under *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.

Only charges for the following apply toward the infertility lifetime maximum:

- Surgeon.
- Assistant surgeon.
- Anesthesia.
- Lab tests.
- Specific injections.
- Pharmaceutical Products

### **Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility**

Benefits are available for fertility preservation for medical reasons that cause irreversible infertility such as chemotherapy, radiation treatment, and bilateral oophorectomy due to cancer. Services include the following procedures, when provided by or under the care or supervision of a Physician:

- Collection of sperm.
- Cryo-preservation of sperm.
- Ovarian stimulation, retrieval of eggs and fertilization.
- Oocyte cryo-preservation.
- Embryo cryo-preservation.
- Storage up to one year.

Benefits for medications related to the treatment of fertility preservation are provided as described under Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.

Benefits are not available for embryo transfer.

Benefits are not available for long-term storage costs (greater than one year).

### **Gender Dysphoria**

Benefits for the treatment of Gender Dysphoria limited to the following services:  
The Plan covers the following non-surgical treatments for gender dysphoria:

- Cross-sex hormone therapy:

Cross-sex hormone therapy administered by a medical provider (for example during an office visit) is provided under *Pharmaceutical Products – Outpatient* in the section. (both pre and post-surgical)

- Cross-sex hormone therapy dispensed from a pharmacy is provided under the prescription plan. (both pre and post-surgical)
- Puberty suppressing medication injected or implanted by a medical provider in a clinical setting.
- Laboratory testing to monitor the safety of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy.
- Psychotherapy

■ Surgery for the treatment for Gender Dysphoria, including the surgeries listed below:

- Bilateral mastectomy or breast reduction
- Clitoroplasty (creation of clitoris)
- Hysterectomy (removal of uterus)
- Labiaplasty (creation of labia)
- Metoidioplasty (creation of penis, using clitoris)
- Orchiectomy (removal of testicles)
- Penectomy (removal of penis)
- Penile prosthesis
- Phalloplasty (creation of penis)
- Salpingo-oophorectomy (removal of fallopian tubes and ovaries)
- Scrotoplasty (creation of scrotum)
- Testicular prosthesis
- Urethroplasty (reconstruction of urethra)
- Vaginectomy (removal of vagina)
- Vaginoplasty (creation of vagina)
- Vulvectomy (removal of vulva)

**Genital Surgery and Bilateral Mastectomy or Breast Reduction Surgery  
Documentation Requirements:**

The Covered Person must provide documentation of the following for breast surgery:

- A written psychological assessment from at least one qualified behavioral health provider experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria:
  - Persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria.
  - Capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent for treatment.
  - Must be 18 years or older.
  - If significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled.

The Covered Person must provide documentation of the following for genital surgery:

- A written psychological assessment from at least two qualified behavioral health providers experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria, who have independently assessed

the Covered Person. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria:

- Persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria.
  - Capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent for treatment.
  - Must 18 years or older.
  - If significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled.
  - Complete at least 12 months of successful continuous full-time real-life experience in the desired gender.
  - Complete 12 months of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy appropriate for the desired gender (unless medically contraindicated).
- The treatment plan is based on identifiable external sources including the *World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)* standards, and/or evidence-based professional society guidance.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement for Surgical Treatment**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of surgery arises. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must contact the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for scheduled admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

**It is important that you notify the Claims Administrator as soon as the possibility of surgery arises. Your notification allows the opportunity for the Claims Administrator to provide you with additional information and services that may be available to you and are designed to achieve the best outcomes for you.**

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement for Non-Surgical Treatment**

Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, any applicable prior authorization requirements will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category.

### **Home Health Care**

Covered Health Services are services that a Home Health Agency provides if you need care in your home due to the nature of your condition. Services must be:

- Ordered by a Physician.
- Provided by or supervised by a registered nurse in your home, or provided by either a home health aide or licensed practical nurse and supervised by a registered nurse.
- Not considered Custodial Care, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.
- Provided on a part-time, Intermittent Care schedule when Skilled Care is required. Refer to Section 15, *Glossary* for the definition of Skilled Care.

The Claims Administrator will determine if Skilled Care is needed by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management. A service will not be determined to be "skilled" simply because there is not an available caregiver.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization five business days before receiving services or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

## Hospice Care

Hospice care is an integrated program recommended by a Physician which provides comfort and support services for the terminally ill. Hospice care can be provided on an inpatient or outpatient basis and includes physical, psychological, social, spiritual and respite care for the terminally ill person, and short-term grief counseling for immediate family members while the Covered Person is receiving hospice care. Benefits are available only when hospice care is received from a licensed hospice agency, which can include a Hospital.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission for an Inpatient Stay in a hospice facility or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits, you must contact the Claims Administrator within 24 hours of admission for an Inpatient Stay in a hospice facility.

## Hospital - Inpatient Stay

Hospital Benefits are available for:

- Non-Physician services and supplies received during an Inpatient Stay.
- Room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists and Emergency room Physicians.

The Plan will pay the difference in cost between a Semi-private Room and a private room only if a private room is necessary according to generally accepted medical practice.

Benefits for an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital are available only when the Inpatient Stay is necessary to prevent, diagnose or treat a Sickness or Injury. Benefits for other Hospital-based Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.



Benefits for Emergency admissions and admissions of less than 24 hours are described under *Emergency Health Services* and *Surgery - Outpatient*, *Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic*, and *Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient*, respectively.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for a scheduled admission, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission, or as soon as reasonably possible for a non-scheduled admissions.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits, you must contact the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for scheduled admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

**Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostics - Outpatient**

Services for Sickness and Injury-related diagnostic purposes, received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office include:

- Lab and radiology/X-ray.
- Mammography.

Benefits under this section include:

- The facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment.
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists. (Benefits for other Physician services are described under Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services.)
- Presumptive Drug Tests and Definitive Drug Tests.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* in this section.

Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*. Lab, X-ray and diagnostic services for preventive care are described under *Preventive Care Services* in this section. CT scans, PET scans, MRI, MRA, nuclear medicine and major diagnostic services are described under *Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics - CT, PET Scans, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient* in this section.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for Genetic Testing and sleep studies, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before scheduled services are received. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics - CT, PET Scans, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient**

Services for CT scans, PET scans, MRI, MRA, nuclear medicine, and major diagnostic services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office.

Benefits under this section include:

- The facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment.
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* in this section. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

**Mental Health Services**

Mental Health Services include those received on an inpatient or outpatient basis in a Hospital and an Alternate Facility or in a provider's office. All services must be provided by or under the direction of a behavioral health provider who is properly licensed and qualified by law and acting within the scope of their licensure.

Benefits include the following levels of care:

- Inpatient treatment.
- Residential Treatment.
- Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment.
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment.
- Outpatient treatment.

Inpatient treatment and Residential Treatment includes room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Services include the following:

- Diagnostic evaluations, assessment and treatment and/or procedures.
- Medication management.
- Individual, family and group therapy.
- Crisis intervention.

The Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator provides administrative services for all levels of care

You are encouraged to contact the Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator for assistance in locating a provider and coordination of care by calling the number on your ID card.

### ***Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching***

Specialized virtual behavioral health care provided by AbleTo, Inc. (“AbleTo Therapy360 Program”) for Covered Persons with certain co-occurring behavioral and medical conditions.

AbleTo Therapy360 Program provides behavioral Covered Health Care Services through virtual therapy and coaching services that are individualized and tailored to your specific health needs. Virtual therapy is provided by licensed therapists. Coaching services are provided by coaches who are supervised by licensed professionals.

There are no deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance you must meet or pay for when receiving these services.

If you would like information regarding these services, you may contact the Claims Administrator at the telephone number on your ID Card.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for a scheduled admission for Mental Health Services (including an admission for services at a Residential Treatment facility), you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission or as soon as is reasonably possible for a non-scheduled admission.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization before the following services are received: Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment; Intensive Outpatient Treatment programs; outpatient electro-convulsive treatment; psychological testing and transcranial magnetic stimulation.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

### **Neurobiological Disorders - Autism Spectrum Disorder Services**

The Plan pays Benefits for behavioral services for Autism Spectrum Disorder including Intensive Behavioral Therapies such as Applied Behavioral Analysis that are the following:

- Focused on the treatment of core deficits of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Provided by a Board Certified Applied Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or other qualified provider under the appropriate supervision.
- Focused on treating maladaptive/stereotypic behaviors that are posing danger to self, others and property and impairment in daily functioning.

These Benefits describe only the behavioral component of treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Medical treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder is a Covered Health Service for

which Benefits are available under the applicable medical Covered Health Services categories as described in this section.

Benefits include the following levels of care:

- Inpatient treatment.
- Residential Treatment.
- Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment.
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment.
- Outpatient treatment.

Inpatient treatment and Residential Treatment includes room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Services include the following:

- Diagnostic evaluations, assessment and treatment and/or procedures.
- Medication management.
- Individual, family and group therapy.
- Crisis intervention.

The Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator provides administrative services for all levels of care.

You are encouraged to contact the Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator for assistance in locating a provider and coordination of care by calling the number on your ID card.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for a scheduled admission for Neurobiological Disorders – Autism Spectrum Disorder Services (including an admission for services at a Residential Treatment facility) you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission or as soon as is reasonably possible for a non-scheduled admission.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization before the following services are received. Services requiring prior authorization: Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment; Intensive Outpatient Treatment programs; psychological testing; and Intensive Behavioral Therapy, including *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)*.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

## Obesity Surgery

The Plan covers surgical treatment of obesity provided by or under the direction of a Physician provided either of the following is true:

- You have a minimum Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40.
- You have a minimum BMI of 35 with complicating co-morbidities (such as sleep apnea or diabetes) directly related to, or exacerbated by obesity.
- In addition to meeting the above criteria the following must also be true:
- You have documentation from a Physician of a diagnosis of morbid obesity for a minimum of one year.
- You are over the age of 18.
- You have completed a 6-month physician supervised weight loss program.

Benefits are available for obesity surgery services that meet the definition of a Covered Health Service, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary* and are not Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services.

**Medically appropriate weight loss exams are covered with a diagnosis of Morbid Obesity and have the following limits:**

- 1 visit per week - **1st** month
- 1 visit every 2 weeks - **2nd** month
- 1 visit every 4 weeks - subsequent months.

### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of obesity surgery arises.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must contact the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for an Inpatient Stay.

It is important that you notify the Claims Administrator regarding your intention to have surgery. Your notification will open the opportunity to become enrolled in programs that are designed to achieve the best outcomes for you.

## Orthognathic Surgery

Benefits are available for orthognathic surgery. Some examples of orthognathic surgery may include, but are not limited to, reconstructive jaw surgery required for Covered Persons because of a Congenital Anomaly, acute traumatic injury, dislocations, tumors, cancer or obstructive sleep apnea.

## Ostomy Supplies

Benefits for ostomy supplies are limited to:

- Pouches, face plates and belts.
- Irrigation sleeves, bags and ostomy irrigation catheters.
- Skin barriers.

Benefits are not available for deodorants, filters, lubricants, tape, appliance cleaners, adhesive, adhesive remover, or other items not listed above.

## Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient

The Plan pays for Pharmaceutical Products that are administered on an outpatient basis in a Hospital, Alternate Facility, Physician's office, or in a Covered Person's home. Examples of what would be included under this category are antibiotic injections in the Physician's office or inhaled medication in an Urgent Care Center for treatment of an asthma attack.

Benefits under this section are provided only for Pharmaceutical Products which, due to their characteristics (as determined by UnitedHealthcare), must typically be administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional. Depending on where the Pharmaceutical Product is administered, Benefits will be provided for administration of the Pharmaceutical Product under the corresponding Benefit category in this SPD. Benefits for medication normally available by prescription or order or refill are provided as described under your Outpatient Prescription Drug Plan.

If you require certain Pharmaceutical Products, including specialty Pharmaceutical Products, UnitedHealthcare may direct you to a designated dispensing entity with whom UnitedHealthcare has an arrangement to provide those Pharmaceutical Products. Such Dispensing Entities may include an outpatient pharmacy, specialty pharmacy, Home Health Agency provider, Hospital-affiliated pharmacy or hemophilia treatment center contracted pharmacy.

If you/your provider are directed to a designated dispensing entity and you/your provider choose not to obtain your Pharmaceutical Product from a designated dispensing entity, Network Benefits are not available for that Pharmaceutical Product.

Certain Pharmaceutical Products are subject to step therapy requirements. This means that in order to receive Benefits for such Pharmaceutical Products, you must use a different Pharmaceutical Product and/or prescription drug product first. You may find out whether a particular Pharmaceutical Product is subject to step therapy requirements by contacting UnitedHealthcare at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.

UnitedHealthcare may have certain programs in which you may receive an enhanced or reduced Benefit based on your actions such as adherence/compliance to medication or treatment regimens and/or participation in health management programs. You may access information on these programs through the Internet at **[www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)** or by calling the number on your ID card.

**Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services**

The Plan pays Physician fees for surgical procedures and other medical care received from a Physician in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Alternate Facility or for Physician house calls.

**Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury**

Benefits are paid by the Plan for Covered Health Services provided in a Physician's office for the diagnosis and treatment of a Sickness or Injury. Benefits are provided under this section regardless of whether the Physician's office is free-standing, located in a clinic or located in a Hospital. Benefits under this section include allergy injections and hearing exams in case of Injury or Sickness.

Covered Health Services include medical education services that are provided in a Physician's office by appropriately licensed or registered healthcare professionals when both of the following are true:

- Education is required for a disease in which patient self-management is an important component of treatment.
- There exists a knowledge deficit regarding the disease which requires the intervention of a trained health professional.

Covered Health Services include genetic counseling. Benefits are available for Genetic Testing which is determined to be Medically Necessary following genetic counseling when ordered by the Physician and authorized in advance by UnitedHealthcare.

Benefits for preventive services are described under *Preventive Care Services* in this section.

Benefits under this section include lab, radiology/X-ray or other diagnostic services performed in the Physician's office.

**Please Note**

Your Physician does not have a copy of your SPD, and is not responsible for knowing or communicating your Benefits.

**Pregnancy - Maternity Services**

Benefits for Pregnancy will be paid at the same level as Benefits for any other condition, Sickness or Injury. This includes all maternity-related medical services for prenatal care, postnatal care, delivery, and any related complications.

The Plan will pay Benefits for an Inpatient Stay of at least:

- 48 hours for the mother and newborn child following a vaginal delivery.
- 96 hours for the mother and newborn child following a cesarean section delivery.

These are federally mandated requirements under the *Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996* which apply to this Plan. The Hospital or other provider is not required to get

authorization for the time periods stated above. Authorizations are required for longer lengths of stay. If the mother agrees, the attending Physician may discharge the mother and/or the newborn child earlier than these minimum timeframes.

Both before and during a Pregnancy, Benefits include the services of a genetic counselor when provided or referred by a Physician. These Benefits are available to all Covered Persons in the immediate family. Covered Health Services include related tests and treatment.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization as soon as reasonably possible if the Inpatient Stay for the mother and/or the newborn will be more than 48 hours for the mother and newborn child following a normal vaginal delivery, or more than 96 hours for the mother and newborn child following a cesarean section delivery.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

It is important that you notify the Claims Administrator regarding your Pregnancy. Your notification will open the opportunity to become enrolled in prenatal programs that are designed to achieve the best outcomes for you and your baby.

#### **Healthy moms and babies**

The Plan provides a special prenatal program to help during Pregnancy. Participation is voluntary and free of charge. See Section 7, *Clinical Programs and Resources*, for details.

### **Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT-M and PGT-SR) and Related Services**

Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) performed to identify and to prevent genetic medical conditions from being passed onto offspring. To be eligible for Benefits the following must be met:

- PGT must be ordered by a Physician after Genetic Counseling.
- The genetic medical condition, if passed onto offspring, would result in significant health problems or severe disability and be caused by a single gene (detectable by PGT-M) or structural changes of a parent's chromosome (detectable by PGT-SR).
- Benefits are limited to PGT for the specific genetic disorder and the following related services when provided by or under the supervision of a Physician:
  - Ovulation induction (or controlled ovarian stimulation).
  - Egg retrieval, fertilization and embryo culture.
  - Embryo biopsy.
  - Embryo transfer.
  - Cryo-preservation and short-term embryo storage (less than one year).

Benefits are not available for long-term storage costs (greater than one year).



Benefit limits will be the same as, and combined with, those stated under *Infertility Services*. This limit does not include Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) for the specific genetic disorder. This Benefit limit also includes services as described under *Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility*.

Limited to \$30,000 per Covered Person during the entire period of time he or she is enrolled for coverage under the Plan. This limit includes Benefits for related services as described under *Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility*.

This limit includes Benefits for infertility medications provided under Section 16: *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.

## **Preventive Care Services**

The Plan pays Benefits for in-network Preventive care services provided on an outpatient basis at a Physician's office, an Alternate Facility or a Hospital. Preventive care services encompass medical services that have been demonstrated by clinical evidence to be safe and effective in either the early detection of disease or in the prevention of disease, have been proven to have a beneficial effect on health outcomes and include the following as required under applicable law:

- 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*.
- Immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- 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*.

Preventive care Benefits defined under the *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)* requirement include the cost of renting one breast pump per Pregnancy in conjunction with childbirth. Breast pumps must be ordered by or provided by a Physician. You can obtain additional information on how to access Benefits for breast pumps by going to **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card. Benefits for breast pumps also include the cost of purchasing one breast pump per Pregnancy in conjunction with childbirth. These Benefits are described under Section 5, *Plan Highlights*, under *Covered Health Services*.

If more than one breast pump can meet your needs, Benefits are available only for the most cost effective pump. UnitedHealthcare will determine the following:

- Which pump is the most cost effective.
- Whether the pump should be purchased or rented.
- Duration of a rental.

- Timing of an acquisition.

Benefits are only available if breast pumps are obtained from a DME provider or Physician.

For questions about your preventive care Benefits under this Plan call the number on your ID card.

## Prosthetic Devices

Benefits are paid by the Plan for external prosthetic devices that replace a limb or body part limited to:

- Artificial arms, legs, feet and hands.
- Artificial face, eyes, ears and noses.
- Breast prosthesis as required by the *Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998*. Benefits include mastectomy bras and lymphedema stockings for the arm.

Benefits under this section are provided only for external prosthetic devices and do not include any device that is fully implanted into the body.

If more than one prosthetic device can meet your functional needs, Benefits are available only for the prosthetic device that meets the minimum specifications for your needs. The device must be ordered or provided either by a Physician, or under a Physician's direction. If you purchase a prosthetic device that exceeds these minimum specifications, the Plan will pay only the amount that it would have paid for the prosthetic that meets the minimum specifications, and you may be responsible for paying any difference in cost.

Benefits are available for repairs and replacement, except that:

- There are no Benefits for repairs due to misuse, malicious damage or gross neglect.
- There are no Benefits for replacement due to misuse, malicious damage, gross neglect or for lost or stolen prosthetic devices.

**Note:** Prosthetic devices are different from DME - see *Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* in this section.

### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization before obtaining prosthetic devices that exceed \$1,000 in cost per device. If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

## Reconstructive Procedures

Reconstructive procedures are services performed when the primary purpose of the procedure is either to treat a medical condition or to improve or restore physiologic function for an organ or body part. Reconstructive procedures include surgery or other procedures which are associated with an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly. The primary result of the procedure is not a changed or improved physical appearance.

Improving or restoring physiologic function means that the organ or body part is made to work better. An example of a reconstructive procedure is surgery on the inside of the nose so that a person's breathing can be improved or restored.

Benefits for reconstructive procedures include breast reconstruction following a mastectomy and reconstruction of the non-affected breast to achieve symmetry. Replacement of an existing breast implant is covered by the Plan if the initial breast implant followed mastectomy. Other services required by the *Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998*, including breast prostheses and treatment of complications, are provided in the same manner and at the same level as those for any other Covered Health Service. You can contact UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card for more information about Benefits for mastectomy-related services.

There may be times when the primary purpose of a procedure is to make a body part work better. However, in other situations, the purpose of the same procedure is to improve the appearance of a body part. Cosmetic Procedures are excluded from coverage. Procedures that correct an anatomical Congenital Anomaly without improving or restoring physiologic function are considered Cosmetic Procedures. A good example is upper eyelid surgery. At times, this procedure will be done to improve vision, which is considered a reconstructive procedure. In other cases, improvement in appearance is the primary intended purpose, which is considered a Cosmetic Procedure. This Plan does not provide Benefits for Cosmetic Procedures, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.

The fact that a Covered Person may suffer psychological consequences or socially avoidant behavior as a result of an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly does not classify surgery (or other procedures done to relieve such consequences or behavior) as a reconstructive procedure.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before a scheduled Reconstructive Procedure is performed or, for non-scheduled procedures, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must provide notification to the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for scheduled inpatient admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled inpatient admissions.

### **Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and Manipulative Treatment**

The Plan provides short-term outpatient rehabilitation services (including habilitative services) limited to:

- Physical therapy.
- Occupational therapy.

- Manipulative Treatment.
- Speech therapy.
- Post-cochlear implant aural therapy.
- Vision therapy.
- Cognitive rehabilitation therapy following a post-traumatic brain injury or cerebral vascular accident.
- Pulmonary rehabilitation.
- Cardiac rehabilitation.

For all rehabilitation services, a licensed therapy provider, under the direction of a Physician (when required by state law), must perform the services. Benefits under this section include rehabilitation services provided in a Physician's office or on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility. Rehabilitative services provided in a Covered Person's home by a Home Health Agency are provided as described under Home Health Care. Rehabilitative services provided in a Covered Person's home other than by a Home Health Agency are provided as described under this section.

Benefits can be denied or shortened for Covered Persons who are not progressing in goal-directed rehabilitation services or if rehabilitation goals have previously been met. Benefits can be denied or shortened for Covered Persons who are not progressing in goal-directed Manipulative Treatment or if treatment goals have previously been met. Benefits under this section are not available for maintenance/preventive Manipulative Treatment.

For outpatient rehabilitation services for speech therapy, the Plan will pay Benefits for the treatment of disorders of speech, language, voice, communication and auditory processing only when the disorder results from Injury, sickness, stroke, cancer, or Congenital Anomaly. There are no treatment limits to speech therapy once diagnosis of accident or illness is established as a covered benefit.

### ***Habilitative Services***

For the purpose of this Benefit, "habilitative services" means Medically Necessary skilled health care services that help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Habilitative services are skilled when all of the following are true:

- The services are part of a prescribed plan of treatment or maintenance program that is Medically Necessary to maintain a Covered Person's current condition or to prevent or slow further decline.
- It is ordered by a Physician and provided and administered by a licensed provider.
- It is not delivered for the purpose of assisting with activities of daily living, including dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair.
- It requires clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively.
- It is not Custodial Care.

The Claims Administrator will determine if Benefits are available by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management. Therapies provided for the purpose of general well-being or conditioning in the absence of a disabling condition are not considered habilitative services. A service will not be determined to be "skilled" simply because there is not an available caregiver.

Benefits are provided for habilitative services provided on an outpatient basis for Covered Persons with a disabling condition when both of the following conditions are met:

- The treatment is administered by a licensed speech-language pathologist, licensed audiologist, licensed occupational therapist, licensed physical therapist or Physician.
- The initial or continued treatment must be proven and not Experimental or Investigational.

Benefits for habilitative services do not apply to those services that are solely educational in nature or otherwise paid under state or federal law for purely educational services. Custodial Care, respite care, day care, therapeutic recreation, educational/vocational training and Residential Treatment are not habilitative services. A service or treatment plan that does not help the Covered Person to meet functional goals is not a habilitative service.

The Plan may require the following be provided:

- medical records.
- other necessary data to allow the Plan to prove medical treatment is needed.

When the treating provider expects that continued treatment is or will be required to allow the Covered Person to achieve progress, the Claims Administrator may request additional medical records.

Benefits for Durable Medical Equipment and prosthetic devices, when used as a component of habilitative services, are described under *Durable Medical Equipment* and *Prosthetic Devices* in this section.

For outpatient rehabilitation services for speech therapy, the Plan will pay Benefits for the treatment of disorders of speech, language, voice, communication and auditory processing only when the disorder results from Injury, stroke, cancer, Congenital Anomaly or Autism Spectrum Disorder. There are no treatment limits to speech therapy once diagnosis of accident or illness is established as a covered benefit.

Any combination of Network and Non-Network Benefits is limited as follows:

- Occupational, Physical and Chiropractic Therapies are limited to a combined total of 30 visits per person within a 12-month period. Cognitive therapy is covered when the treatment is following a traumatic brain injury or cerebral vascular accident and is covered under Occupational Therapy. Additional visits may be available with required review. Limits do not apply to the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder for Physical and Occupational Therapies.

- Speech Therapy Services have no visit limit once diagnosis of Injury, Stroke, or Congenital Anomaly is established as a covered benefit. Limits do not apply to the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder for Speech Therapy.
- Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehabilitation, Orthoptic Therapy and Post Cochlear Implant Aural Services have no visit limit once diagnosis is established as a covered benefit.

### **Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic**

The Plan pays for diagnostic and therapeutic scopic procedures and related services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office.

Diagnostic scopic procedures are those for visualization, biopsy and polyp removal. Examples of diagnostic scopic procedures include colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy, and endoscopy.

Benefits under this section include:

- The facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment.
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* in this section. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

Please note that Benefits under this section do not include surgical scopic procedures, which are for the purpose of performing surgery. Benefits for surgical scopic procedures are described under *Surgery - Outpatient*. Examples of surgical scopic procedures include arthroscopy, laparoscopy, bronchoscopy, hysteroscopy.

When these services are performed for preventive screening purposes, Benefits are described in this section under *Preventive Care Services*.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility/Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services**

Facility services for an Inpatient Stay in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility are covered by the Plan. Benefits include:

- Supplies and non-Physician services received during the Inpatient Stay.
- Room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists.

Benefits are available when skilled nursing and/or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility services are needed on a daily basis. Benefits are also available in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility for treatment of a Sickness or Injury that would have otherwise required an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital.

Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

UnitedHealthcare will determine if Benefits are available by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management. A service will not be determined to be "skilled" simply because there is not an available caregiver.

Benefits are available only if both of the following are true:

- The initial confinement in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility was or will be a Cost Effective alternative to an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital.
- You will receive skilled care services that are not primarily Custodial Care.

Skilled care is skilled nursing, skilled teaching, and skilled rehabilitation services when all of the following are true:

- It must be delivered or supervised by licensed technical or professional medical personnel in order to obtain the specified medical outcome, and provide for the safety of the patient.
- It is ordered by a Physician.
- It is not delivered for the purpose of assisting with activities of daily living, including dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair.
- It requires clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively.

You are expected to improve to a predictable level of recovery. Benefits can be denied or shortened for Covered Persons who are not progressing in goal-directed rehabilitation services or if discharge rehabilitation goals have previously been met.

**Note:** The Plan does not pay Benefits for Custodial Care or Domiciliary Care, even if ordered by a Physician, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission, or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must contact the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for scheduled admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

### **Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services**

Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services include those received on an inpatient or outpatient basis in a Hospital or an Alternate Facility or in a provider's office. All services

must be provided by or under the direction of a behavioral health provider who is properly licensed and qualified by law and acting within the scope of their licensure.

Benefits include the following services:

- Inpatient treatment.
- Residential Treatment.
- Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment.
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment.
- Outpatient treatment.

Inpatient treatment and Residential Treatment includes room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Services include the following:

- Diagnostic evaluations, assessment and treatment and/or procedures.
- Medication management.
- Individual, family and group therapy.
- Crisis intervention.

The Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator provides administrative services for all levels of care.

You are encouraged to contact the Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator for assistance in locating a provider and coordination of care by calling the number on your ID card.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for a scheduled admission for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services (including an admission for services at a Residential Treatment facility) you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission or as soon as is reasonably possible for a non-scheduled admission.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization before the following services are received. Services requiring prior authorization: Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment; Intensive Outpatient Treatment programs and psychological testing.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

#### **Surgery - Outpatient**

The Plan pays for surgery and related services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office.



Benefits under this section include certain scopic procedures. Examples of surgical scopic procedures include arthroscopy, laparoscopy, bronchoscopy and hysteroscopy.

Examples of surgical procedures performed in a Physician's office are mole removal and ear wax removal.

Benefits under this section include:

- The facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment.
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* in this section.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for all outpatient surgeries, for blepharoplasty, uvulopalatopharyngoplasty, pain management procedures, vein procedures, spine surgery, total joint replacements and sleep apnea surgery you must obtain prior authorization five business days before scheduled services are received or for non-scheduled services, within two business days or as soon as is reasonably possible.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

### **Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services**

The Plan covers Services for the evaluation and treatment of temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ) and associated muscles.

Diagnosis: Examination, radiographs and applicable imaging studies and consultation.

Non-surgical treatment including clinical examinations, oral appliances (orthotic splints), arthrocentesis and trigger-point injections.

Benefits are provided for surgical treatment if the following criteria are met:

- There is clearly demonstrated radiographic evidence of significant joint abnormality.
- Non-surgical treatment has failed to adequately resolve the symptoms.
- Pain or dysfunction is moderate or severe.

Benefits for surgical services include arthrocentesis, arthroscopy, arthroplasty, arthrotomy, open or closed reduction of dislocations.

Benefits for an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital and Hospital-based Physician services are described in this section under *Hospital - Inpatient Stay* and *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*, respectively.

Oral appliances are **not** covered **except** for certain appliances for a sleep apnea diagnosis.

### Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient

The Plan pays Benefits for therapeutic treatments received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office, including dialysis (both hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis), intravenous chemotherapy or other intravenous infusion therapy and radiation oncology.

Covered Health Services include medical education services that are provided on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility by appropriately licensed or registered healthcare professionals when:

- Education is required for a disease in which patient self-management is an important component of treatment.
- There exists a knowledge deficit regarding the disease which requires the intervention of a trained health professional.

Benefits under this section include:

- The facility charge and the charge for related supplies and equipment.
- Physician services for anesthesiologists, pathologists and radiologists. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services*.

#### Prior Authorization Requirement

For Non-Network Benefits for all outpatient therapeutic services, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before scheduled services are received or, for non-scheduled services, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible. Services that require pre-service notification: dialysis, IV infusion, radiation oncology, intensity modulated radiation therapy, MR-guided focused ultrasound.

If you do not obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

### Transplantation Services

Organ and tissue transplants including CAR-T cell therapy for malignancies when ordered by a Physician. Benefits are available for transplants when the transplant meets the definition of a Covered Health Service, and is not an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service.

Examples of transplants for which Benefits are available include bone marrow including CAR-T cell therapy for malignancies, heart, heart/lung, lung, kidney, kidney/pancreas, liver, liver/small bowel, pancreas, small bowel and cornea.

Benefits are available to the donor and the recipient when the recipient is covered under this Plan. Donor costs that are directly related to organ removal or procurement are Covered Health Services for which Benefits are payable through the organ recipient's coverage under the Plan.

The Claims Administrator has specific guidelines regarding Benefits for transplant services. Contact the Claims Administrator at the number on your ID card for information about these guidelines.

Transplantation services including evaluation for transplant, organ procurement and donor searches and transplantation procedures may be received at a Designated Provider, Network facility that is not a Designated Provider or a non-Network facility.

Benefits are also available for cornea transplants. You are not required to obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator for a cornea transplant nor is the cornea transplant required to be performed at a Designated Provider.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of a transplant arises (and before the time a pre-transplantation evaluation is performed at a transplant center).

For Non-Network Benefits, if you don't obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must contact the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for scheduled admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

**Support in the event of serious illness**

If you or a covered family member has cancer or needs an organ or bone marrow transplant, UnitedHealthcare can put you in touch with quality treatment centers around the country.

**Urgent Care Center Services**

The Plan provides Benefits for services, including professional services, received at an Urgent Care Center, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*. When Urgent Care services are provided in a Physician's office, the Plan pays Benefits as described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury*.

**Urinary Catheters**

Benefits are provided for external, indwelling and intermittent urinary catheters for incontinence or retention.

Benefits include related urologic supplies for indwelling catheters limited to:

- Urinary drainage bag and insertion tray (kit).
- Anchoring device.
- Irrigation tubing set.

### **Virtual Care Services**

Virtual care for Covered Health Services that includes the diagnosis and treatment of less serious medical conditions. Virtual care provides communication of medical information in real-time between the patient and a distant Physician or health specialist, outside of a medical facility (for example, from home or from work).

Benefits are available only when services are delivered through a Designated Virtual Network Provider. You can find a Designated Virtual Network Provider by contacting the Claims Administrator at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or the telephone number on your ID card.

Benefits are available for the following:

- Urgent on-demand health care delivered through live audio with video or audio only technology for treatment of acute but non-emergency medical needs.

Please Note: Not all medical conditions can be treated through virtual care. The Designated Virtual Network Provider will identify any condition for which treatment by in-person Physician contact is needed.

Benefits do not include email, fax and standard telephone calls, or for services that occur within medical facilities (*CMS* defined originating facilities).

### **Wigs**

The Plan pays Benefits for wigs and other scalp hair prosthesis for hair loss due to a medical condition.

Any combination of Network Benefits and Non-Network Benefits is limited to \$750 per calendar year.

## SECTION 7 - CLINICAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

### **What this section includes:**

Health and well-being resources available to you, including:

- Consumer Solutions and Self-Service Tools.
- Disease Management Services.
- Wellness Programs.
- Complex Medical Conditions Programs and Services.
- Women's Health/Reproductive.

City of Columbus believes in giving you the tools you need to be an educated health care consumer. To that end, City of Columbus has made available several convenient educational and support services, accessible by phone and the Internet, which can help you to:

- take care of yourself and your family members;
- manage a chronic health condition; and
- navigate the complexities of the health care system.

### ***NOTE:***

Information obtained through the services identified in this section is based on current medical literature and on Physician review. It is not intended to replace the advice of a doctor. The information is intended to help you make better health care decisions and take a greater responsibility for your own health. UnitedHealthcare and City of Columbus are not responsible for the results of your decisions from the use of the information, including, but not limited to, your choosing to seek or not to seek professional medical care, or your choosing or not choosing specific treatment based on the text.

## **Consumer Solutions and Self-Service Tools**

### ***Health Survey***

You and your Spouse are invited to learn more about your health and wellness at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) and are encouraged to participate in the online health survey. The health survey is an interactive questionnaire designed to help you identify your healthy habits as well as potential health risks.

Your health survey is kept confidential. Completing the survey will not impact your Benefits or eligibility for Benefits in any way.

If you need any assistance with the online survey, please call the number on your ID card.

### ***Reminder Programs***

To help you stay healthy, UnitedHealthcare may send you and your covered Dependents reminders to schedule recommended screening exams. Examples of reminders include:

- Mammograms for women.

- Pediatric and adolescent immunizations.
- Cervical cancer screenings for women.
- Comprehensive screenings for individuals with diabetes.
- Influenza/pneumonia immunizations for enrollees.

There is no need to enroll in this program. You will receive a reminder automatically if you have not had a recommended screening exam.

### ***Decision Support***

In order to help you make informed decisions about your health care, UnitedHealthcare has a program called Decision Support. This program targets specific conditions as well as the treatments and procedures for those conditions.

This program offers:

- Access to health care information.
- Support by a nurse to help you make more informed decisions in your treatment and care.
- Expectations of treatment.
- Information on providers and programs.

Conditions for which this program is available include:

- Back pain.
- Knee & hip replacement.
- Prostate disease.
- Prostate cancer.
- Benign uterine conditions.
- Breast cancer.
- Coronary disease.
- Bariatric surgery.

### ***Second Opinion Service***

The Plan offers a voluntary second opinion education service, which is a live interactive video experience, powered by 2nd.MD. A dedicated nurse will oversee medical records collection, selection, and scheduling with a post-consultation support.

For additional information regarding the program, please contact the number on your ID card.

***www.myuhc.com***

UnitedHealthcare's member website, **www.myuhc.com**, provides information at your fingertips anywhere and anytime you have access to the Internet. **www.myuhc.com** opens the door to a wealth of health information and convenient self-service tools to meet your needs.

With **www.myuhc.com** you can:

- receive personalized messages that are posted to your own website;
- research a health condition and treatment options to get ready for a discussion with your Physician;
- search for Network providers available in your Plan through the online provider directory;
- complete a health risk assessment to identify health habits you can improve, learn about healthy lifestyle techniques and access health improvement resources;
- use the treatment cost estimator to obtain an estimate of the costs of various procedures in your area; and
- use the Hospital comparison tool to compare Hospitals in your area on various patient safety and quality measures.

**Registering on [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)**

If you have not already registered as a **www.myuhc.com** subscriber, simply go to **www.myuhc.com** and click on "Register Now." Have your ID card handy. The enrollment process is quick and easy.

Visit **www.myuhc.com** and:

- make real-time inquiries into the status and history of your claims;
- view eligibility and Plan Benefit information, including Copays and Annual Deductibles;
- view and print all of your Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) online; and
- order a new or replacement ID card or print a temporary ID card.

**Want to learn more about a condition or treatment?**

Log on to **www.myuhc.com** and research health topics that are of interest to you. Learn about a specific condition, what the symptoms are, how it is diagnosed, how common it is, and what to ask your Physician.

***Health Management Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching Programs***

The Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching program identifies Covered Persons with chronic medical conditions that frequently co-occur with mental health challenges, and provides support through virtual sessions for depression, anxiety and stress that often accompany chronic medical health issues like diabetes, cancer or cardiac conditions. This

means that you may be called by a licensed clinical social worker or coach. You may also call the program and speak with a licensed clinical social worker or coach.

This Plan includes access to an online portal available specifically for Covered Persons enrolled in the program for monitoring your progress toward meeting all the participation criteria.

You're encouraged to visit the site frequently to keep abreast of the activities you should be completing and ensure that your information is up to date. The site also includes links to other helpful tools and resources for Behavioral Health.

The program is provided through AbleTo, Inc. Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. If you think you may be eligible to participate or would like additional information regarding the program, please contact the number on your ID card.

## **Disease Management Services**

### ***Disease Management Services***

If you have been diagnosed with certain chronic medical conditions you may be eligible to participate in a disease management program at no cost to you. The heart failure, coronary artery disease, diabetes, asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) programs are designed to support you. This means that you will receive free educational information, and may even be called by a registered nurse who is a specialist in your specific medical condition. This nurse will be a resource to advise and help you manage your condition.

These programs offer:

- educational materials that provide guidance on managing your specific chronic medical condition. This may include information on symptoms, warning signs, self-management techniques, recommended exams and medications;
- access to educational and self-management resources on a consumer website;
- an opportunity for the disease management nurse to work with your Physician to ensure that you are receiving the appropriate care; and
- access to and one-on-one support from a registered nurse who specializes in your condition. Examples of support topics include:
  - education about the specific disease and condition;
  - medication management and compliance;
  - reinforcement of on-line behavior modification program goals;
  - preparation and support for upcoming Physician visits;
  - review of psychosocial services and community resources;
  - caregiver status and in-home safety;
  - use of mail-order pharmacy and Network providers.



Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. If you think you may be eligible to participate or would like additional information regarding the program, please contact the number on your ID card.

## **Complex Medical Conditions Programs and Services**

### ***Cancer Resource Services (CRS) Program***

Your Plan offers Cancer Resource Services (CRS) program to provide you with access to information and member assistance through a team of specialized cancer nurse consultants and access to one of the nation's leading cancer programs.

To learn more about CRS, visit [www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com) or call the number on your ID card or call the program directly at 1-866-936-6002.

Coverage for oncology services and oncology-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary.

### ***Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Resource Services***

UnitedHealthcare provides a program that identifies and supports a Covered Person who has Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) through all stages of treatment and recovery. This program will work with you and your Physicians, as appropriate, to offer support and education on CHD. Program features include clinical management by specialized CHD Nurses, support from specialized Social Workers, assistance with choosing Physicians and Facilities, and access to Designated Providers.

To learn more about CHD Resource Services program, visit [www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com) or call UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card or you can call the CHD Resource Services Nurse Team at 888-936-7246.

Coverage for CHD surgeries and related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary. If you are considering any CHD surgeries you must contact CHD Resource Services prior to surgery to enroll in the program in order for the surgery to be considered a Covered Health Service under the Plan.

### ***Comprehensive Kidney Solution (CKS) program***

For Participants diagnosed with Kidney Disease, your Plan offers the Comprehensive Kidney Solution (CKS) program to help you manage the effects of advanced Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) through End-stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

Should the disease progress to the point of needing dialysis, CKS provides access to top-performing dialysis centers. That means you will receive treatment based on a "best practices" approach from health care professionals with demonstrated expertise.

There are hundreds of contracted dialysis centers across the country, but in situations where you cannot conveniently access a contracted dialysis center, CKS will work to negotiate patient-specific agreements on your behalf.

To learn more about Comprehensive Kidney Solutions, visit [www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com) or call the number on your ID card.

Coverage for dialysis and kidney-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary. If you decide to no longer participate in the program, please contact CKS of your decision.

### ***Kidney Resource Services (KRS) program***

#### **End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)**

The Kidney Resource Services program provides Covered Persons with access to a registered nurse advocate who specializes in helping individuals live with kidney disease. As a participant in the KRS program, you'll work with a nurse who will provide you with support and information. The nurse can help you manage other conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. He or she can also help you find doctors, specialists and dialysis centers. This program is available at no extra cost to you.

With KRS, you have access to a registered nurse who specializes in kidney health. This program is designed to help you be your own best advocate for your health. You may have been referred to the KRS program by your medical provider or from past claim information. As part of your health insurance benefits, it's available at no extra cost to you.

KRS nurse advocates are available, Monday through Friday toll-free at 1-866-561-7518 (TTY: 711).

Coverage for dialysis and kidney-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary.

### ***Kaia Health***

UnitedHealthcare has worked with Kaia Health to provide a mobile app for on-demand, personalized support to help relieve pain and live healthier.

### ***Specialist Management Solutions Program***

Specialist Management Solutions is a program that provides guidance and options for both conservative and surgical care as well as access to networks of ambulatory surgery centers and designated providers to help support a positive journey and better health outcomes.

If you think you may be eligible to participate or would like additional information regarding the program, please call the number on your ID card.

***Transplant Resource Services (TRS) Program***

Your Plan offers Transplant Resource Services (TRS) program to provide you with access to one of the nation's leading transplant programs. Receiving transplant services through this program means your transplant treatment is based on a "best practices" approach from health care professionals with extensive expertise in transplantation.

To learn more about Transplant Resource Services, visit **[www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com)** or call the number on your ID card.

Coverage for transplant and transplant-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary.

**Wellness Programs*****Quit For Life Program***

UnitedHealthcare provides a tobacco cessation program to help tobacco users withdraw from nicotine dependence. The Quit For Life<sup>®</sup> program employs an evidence-based combination of physical, psychological and behavioral strategies to help enable you to take responsibility for and overcome your addiction to tobacco use.

If you are a tobacco user, the Quit For Life<sup>®</sup> program tailors a quitting plan for you and incorporates the following components:

- Multiple planned phone-based coaching sessions.
- Unlimited access to Quit Coach<sup>®</sup> staff for ongoing support for the duration of your program via toll-free phone and live chat.
- Nicotine replacement therapy (patch or gum) sent to you in conjunction with your quit date.
- Unlimited access to a mobile-friendly online web portal, including support tools that complement your phone-based coaching.
- An online Quit Guide designed to complement your phone-based coaching sessions and web activity.
- Tailored motivational emails sent throughout your quitting process.
- Personalized, interactive text messages.

If you would like to enroll in Quit For Life<sup>®</sup>, or if you would like additional information regarding the program and also how to access the program online, please call the number on your ID card.

**Women's Health/Reproductive*****Maternity Support Program***

If you are pregnant or thinking about becoming pregnant, and you are enrolled in the medical Plan, you can get valuable educational information, advice and comprehensive case

management by calling the number on your ID card. Your enrollment in the program will be handled by an OB nurse who is assigned to you.

This program offers:

- Enrollment by an OB nurse.
- Pre-conception health coaching.
- Written and online educational resources covering a wide range of topics.
- First and second trimester risk screenings.
- Identification and management of at- or high-risk conditions that may impact pregnancy.
- Pre-delivery consultation.
- Coordination with and referrals to other benefits and programs available under the medical plan.
- A phone call from a nurse approximately two weeks postpartum to provide information on postpartum and newborn care, feeding, nutrition, immunizations and more.
- Post-partum depression screening.

Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. To take full advantage of the program, you are encouraged to enroll within the first trimester of Pregnancy. You can enroll any time, up to your 34th week. To enroll, call the number on your ID card.

As a program participant, you can always call your nurse with any questions or concerns you might have.

### ***Fertility Solutions***

Fertility Solutions is a program administered by the Claims Administrator or its affiliates made available to you by the Plan Sponsor. The Fertility Solutions program provides:

- Specialized clinical consulting services to Employees and enrolled Dependents to educate on fertility treatment options.
- Access to specialized Network facilities and Physicians for fertility services.
- Provides education, specialized clinical counseling, treatment options and access to national Network of premier fertility treatment clinics.

The Plan pays Benefits for the fertility services described above when provided by Designated Providers participating in the Fertility Solutions program.

Covered Persons who do not live within a 60 mile radius of a Fertility Solutions Designated Provider will need to contact a Fertility Solutions case manager to determine a Network Provider prior to starting treatment.

For fertility services and supplies to be considered Covered Health Services through this program, you must contact Fertility Solutions and enroll with a nurse consultant prior to receiving services.

To take part in the Fertility Solutions program, call a nurse at 1-866-774-4626. The Plan will only pay Benefits under the Fertility Solutions program if Fertility Solutions provides the proper notification to the Designated Provider performing the services (even if you self-refer to a provider in that Network).

**Note:** you may have access to certain mobile apps for personalized support to help live healthier. Please call the number on your ID card for additional information.

## SECTION 8 - EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS: WHAT THE MEDICAL PLAN WILL NOT COVER

### What this section includes:

- Services, supplies and treatments that are not Covered Health Services, except as may be specifically provided for in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

The Plan does not pay Benefits for the following services, treatments or supplies even if they are recommended or prescribed by a provider or are the only available treatment for your condition.

When Benefits are limited within any of the Covered Health Services categories described in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*, those limits are stated in the corresponding Covered Health Service category in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*. Limits may also apply to some Covered Health Services that fall under more than one Covered Health Service category. When this occurs, those limits are also stated in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*. Please review all limits carefully, as the Plan will not pay Benefits for any of the services, treatments, items or supplies that exceed these benefit limits.

**Please note that in listing services or examples, when the SPD says, "this includes," or "including but not limiting to", it is not UnitedHealthcare's intent to limit the description to that specific list. When the Plan does intend to limit a list of services or examples, the SPD specifically states that the list "is limited to."**

### Alternative Treatments

1. Acupressure and acupuncture.
2. Aromatherapy.
3. Hypnotism.
4. Massage therapy.
5. Rolfing.
6. Art therapy, music therapy, dance therapy, animal-assisted therapy and other forms of alternative treatment as defined by the *National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)* of the *National Institutes of Health*. This exclusion does not apply to Manipulative Treatment and non-manipulative osteopathic care for which Benefits are provided as described in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
7. Wilderness, adventure, camping, outdoor, or other similar programs.

### Dental

1. Dental care (which includes dental X-rays, supplies and appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalizations and anesthesia).

This exclusion does not apply to accident-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Services - Accident Only* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

This exclusion does not apply to dental anesthesia for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Anesthesia* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

This exclusion does not apply to dental care (oral examination, X-rays, extractions and non-surgical elimination of oral infection) required for the direct treatment of a medical condition for which Benefits are available under the Plan, limited to:

- Transplant preparation.
- Prior to the initiation of immunosuppressives drugs.
- The direct treatment of acute traumatic Injury, cancer or cleft palate.

Dental care that is required to treat the effects of a medical condition, but that is not necessary to directly treat the medical condition, is excluded. Examples include treatment of dental caries resulting from dry mouth after radiation treatment or as a result of medication.

Endodontics, periodontal surgery and restorative treatment are excluded.

2. Preventive care, diagnosis, treatment of or related to the teeth, jawbones or gums.

Examples include:

- Extractions, restoration and replacement of teeth.
- Medical or surgical treatments of dental conditions.
- Services to improve dental clinical outcomes.

This exclusion does not apply to preventive care for which Benefits are provided under the *United States Preventive Services Task Force* requirement or the *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)* requirement. This exclusion also does not apply to accident-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Services - Accident Only* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

3. Dental implants, bone grafts, and other implant-related procedures.

This exclusion does not apply to accident-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Services - Accident Only* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

4. Dental braces (orthodontics).
5. Treatment of congenitally missing, malpositioned or supernumerary (extra) teeth, even if part of a Congenital Anomaly.

## **Devices, Appliances and Prosthetics**

1. Devices used specifically as safety items or to affect performance in sports-related activities.
2. Orthotic appliances and devices that straighten or re-shape a body part, except when prescribed by a Physician as described under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*. This exclusion does not apply to cranial molding helmets and cranial banding that meet clinical criteria.

Examples of excluded orthotic appliances and devices include but are not limited to some type of braces, including orthotic braces available over the counter. This exclusion does not include diabetic footwear which may be covered for a Covered Person with

diabetic foot disease. This exclusion does not include orthotics as described under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

3. The following items are excluded, even if prescribed by a Physician:
  - Blood pressure cuff/monitor.
  - Enuresis alarm.
  - Non-wearable external defibrillator.
  - Trusses.
  - Ultrasonic nebulizers.
4. Repairs to prosthetic devices due to misuse, malicious damage or gross neglect.
5. Replacement of prosthetic devices due to misuse, malicious damage or gross neglect or to replace lost or stolen items.
6. Devices and computers to assist in communication and speech except for dedicated speech generating devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices for which Benefits are provided as described under *Durable Medical Equipment* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
7. Oral appliances except for sleep apnea as described under *Surgery – Outpatient* in Section 6 *Additional Coverage Details*.
8. Powered and non-powered exoskeleton devices.

## Drugs

The exclusions listed below apply to the medical portion of the Plan only. Prescription Drug coverage is excluded under the medical plan because it is a separate benefit. Coverage may be available under the Prescription Drug portion of the Plan. See Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*, for coverage details and exclusions.

1. Prescription Drug Products for outpatient use that are filled by a prescription order or refill.
2. Self-administered or self-infused medications. This exclusion does not apply to medications which, due to their characteristics, (as determined by UnitedHealthcare), must typically be administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional in an outpatient setting. This exclusion does not apply to hemophilia treatment centers contracted to dispense hemophilia factor medications directly to Covered Persons for self-infusion.
3. Non-injectable medications given in a Physician's office. This exclusion does not apply to non-injectable medications that are required in an Emergency and consumed in the Physician's office.
4. Over-the-counter drugs and treatments.
5. Growth hormone therapy.
6. Certain New Pharmaceutical Products and/or new dosage forms until the date as determined by the Claims Administrator or the Claims Administrator's designee, but no later than December 31st of the following calendar year.



This exclusion does not apply if you have a life-threatening Sickness or condition (one that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment). If you have a life-threatening Sickness or condition, under such circumstances, Benefits may be available for the New Pharmaceutical Product to the extent provided for in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

7. A Pharmaceutical Product that contains (an) active ingredient(s) available in and therapeutically equivalent (having essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile) to another covered Pharmaceutical Product. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year.
8. A Pharmaceutical Product that contains (an) active ingredient(s) which is (are) a modified version of and therapeutically equivalent (having essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile) to another covered Pharmaceutical Product. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year.
9. A Pharmaceutical Product with an approved biosimilar or a biosimilar and therapeutically equivalent (having essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile) to another covered Pharmaceutical Product. For the purpose of this exclusion a "biosimilar" is a biological Pharmaceutical Product approved based on showing that it is highly similar to a reference product (a biological Pharmaceutical Product) and has no clinically meaningful differences in terms of safety and effectiveness from the reference product. Such determinations may be made up to six times per calendar year.
10. Certain Pharmaceutical Products for which there are therapeutically equivalent (having essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile) alternatives available, unless otherwise required by law or approved by the Claims Administrator. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year.
11. Benefits for Pharmaceutical Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which exceeds the supply limit.
12. Compounded drugs that contain certain bulk chemicals. Compounded drugs that are available as a similar commercially available Pharmaceutical Product.

### **Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services**

1. Experimental or Investigational Services and Unproven Services and all services related to Experimental or Investigational and Unproven Services are excluded, unless the Plan has agreed to cover them as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*. The fact that an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service, treatment, device or pharmacological regimen is the only available treatment for a particular condition will not result in Benefits if the procedure is considered to be Experimental or Investigational or Unproven in the treatment of that particular condition.

This exclusion does not apply to Covered Health Services provided during a Clinical Trial for which Benefits are provided as described under *Clinical Trials* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

### **Foot Care**

1. Routine foot care. Examples include the cutting or removal of corns and calluses.

2. Nail trimming, nail cutting, or nail debridement.
3. Hygienic and preventive maintenance foot care. Examples include:
  - Cleaning and soaking the feet.
  - Applying skin creams in order to maintain skin tone.

This exclusion does not apply to preventive foot care due to conditions associated with metabolic, neurologic or peripheral vascular disease.

4. Treatment of flat feet.
5. Treatment of subluxation of the foot.
6. Shoes, lifts and wedges.
7. Shoe orthotics, unless as described under *Durable Medical Equipment* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
8. Foot orthotics, shoe inserts and arch supports are not covered if over the counter.

### **Gender Dysphoria**

1. Cosmetic Procedures, including the following:
  - Abdominoplasty.
  - Blepharoplasty.
  - Body contouring, such as lipoplasty.
  - Brow lift.
  - Calf implants.
  - Cheek, chin, and nose implants.
  - Injection of fillers or neurotoxins.
  - Face lift, forehead lift, or neck tightening.
  - Facial bone remodeling for facial feminizations.
  - Hair removal, except as part of a genital reconstruction procedure by a Physician for the treatment of Gender Dysphoria.
  - Hair transplantation.
  - Lip augmentation.
  - Lip reduction.
  - Liposuction.
  - Mastopexy.
  - Pectoral implants for chest masculinization.
  - Rhinoplasty.
  - Skin resurfacing.

### **Medical Supplies and Equipment**

1. Prescribed or non-prescribed medical supplies. Examples include:
  - Ace bandages, gauze and dressings.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- Ostomy bags and related supplies for which Benefits are provided as described under *Ostomy Supplies* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
  - Disposable supplies necessary for the effective use of Durable Medical Equipment for which Benefits are provided as described under *Durable Medical Equipment* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
  - Diabetic supplies for which Benefits are provided as described under *Diabetes Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
  - Non-ostomy catheters, surgical dressings and surgical / compression stockings.
  - Urinary catheters for which Benefits are provided as described under *Urinary Catheters* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
2. Tubings and masks except when used with Durable Medical Equipment as described under *Durable Medical Equipment*.

### **Mental Health, Neurobiological Disorders – Autism Spectrum Disorder and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services**

In addition to all other exclusions listed in this Section 8, *Exclusions and Limitations*, the exclusions listed directly below apply to services described under *Mental Health Services*, *Neurobiological Disorder - Autism Spectrum Disorder* and/or *Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

1. Services performed in connection with conditions not classified in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*.
2. Outside of an initial assessment, services as treatments for a primary diagnosis of conditions and problems that may be a focus of clinical attention, but are specifically noted not to be mental disorders within the current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*.
3. Outside of initial assessment, services as treatments for the primary diagnoses of learning disabilities, pyromania, kleptomania, gambling disorder and paraphilic disorders.
4. Services that are solely educational in nature or otherwise paid under state or federal law for purely educational purposes.
5. Tuition for or services that are school based for children and adolescents under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*.
6. Outside of initial assessment, unspecified disorders for which the provider is not obligated to provide clinical rationale as defined in the current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*.
7. Transitional Living services.
8. Non-Medical 24-Hour Withdrawal Management.
9. High intensity residential care including *American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)* criteria for Covered Persons with substance-related and addictive disorders who are unable to participate in their care due to significant cognitive impairment.

**Nutrition**

1. Nutritional or cosmetic therapy using high dose or mega quantities of vitamins, minerals or elements, and other nutrition based therapy. Examples include supplements, electrolytes and foods of any kind (including high protein foods and low carbohydrate foods).
2. Individual and group nutritional counseling, including non-specific disease nutritional education such as general good eating habits, calorie control or dietary preferences.

This exclusion does not apply to medical or behavioral/mental health related education services as described in *Physician Office Service's – Sickness and Injury*, in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

3. Food of any kind, infant formula, standard milk-based formula, and donor breast milk. This exclusion does not apply to specialized enteral formula for which Benefits are provided as described under *Enteral Nutrition* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
4. Health education classes unless offered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates, including but not limited to asthma, smoking cessation, and weight control classes.

**Personal Care, Comfort or Convenience**

1. Television.
2. Telephone.
3. Beauty/barber service.
4. Guest service.
5. Supplies, equipment and similar incidentals for personal comfort. Examples include:
  - Air conditioners, air purifiers and filters and dehumidifiers.
  - Batteries and battery chargers.
  - Breast pumps. This exclusion does not apply to breast pumps for which Benefits are provided under the *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)* requirement;
  - Car seats.
  - Chairs, bath chairs, feeding chairs, toddler chairs, ergonomically correct chairs, chair lifts and recliners.
  - Exercise equipment and treadmills.
  - Hot tubs.
  - Humidifiers.
  - Jacuzzis.
  - Medical alert systems.
  - Motorized beds, non-Hospital beds, comfort beds and mattresses.
  - Music devices.
  - Personal computers.
  - Pillows.
  - Power-operated vehicles.
  - Radios.
  - Saunas.
  - Stair lifts and stair glides.
  - Strollers.

- Safety equipment.
- Treadmills.
- Vehicle modifications such as van lifts.
- Video players.
- Whirlpools.

## Physical Appearance

1. Cosmetic Procedures. See the definition in Section 15, *Glossary*. Examples include:
  - Liposuction or removal of fat deposits considered undesirable, including fat accumulation under the male breast and nipple. This exclusion does not apply to liposuction for which Benefits are provided as described under *Reconstructive Procedures* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
  - Pharmacological regimens, nutritional procedures or treatments.
  - Scar or tattoo removal or revision procedures (such as salabrasion, chemosurgery and other such skin abrasion procedures).
  - Sclerotherapy treatment of veins.
  - Hair removal or replacement by any means.
  - Treatments for skin wrinkles or any treatment to improve the appearance of the skin.
  - Treatment for spider veins.
  - Skin abrasion procedures performed as a treatment for acne.
  - Treatments for hair loss.
  - Varicose vein treatment of the lower extremities, when it is considered cosmetic.
2. Replacement of an existing intact breast implant if the earlier breast implant was performed as a Cosmetic Procedure. **Note:** Replacement of an existing breast implant is considered reconstructive if the initial breast implant followed mastectomy. See *Reconstructive Procedures* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
3. Physical conditioning programs such as athletic training, body-building, exercise, fitness, flexibility, health club memberships and programs, spa treatments and diversion or general motivation.
4. Weight loss programs whether or not they are under medical supervision or for medical reasons, even if for morbid obesity.
5. Wigs and other scalp hair prosthesis regardless of the reason for the hair loss except for loss of hair resulting from a medical condition, in which case the Plan pays up to a maximum of \$750 per Covered Person per calendar year.
6. Treatment of benign gynecomastia (abnormal breast enlargement in males).

## Procedures and Treatments

1. Biofeedback.
2. Medical and surgical treatment of snoring, except when provided as a part of treatment for documented obstructive sleep apnea.
3. Rehabilitation services and Manipulative Treatment to improve general physical condition that are provided to reduce potential risk factors, where significant therapeutic

improvement is not expected, including routine, long-term or maintenance/preventive treatment.

4. Outpatient cognitive rehabilitation therapy except as Medically Necessary following traumatic brain Injury or cerebral vascular accident.
5. Speech therapy to treat stuttering, stammering, or other articulation disorders.
6. Speech therapy, except when required for diagnosis and treatment of a speech impairment, speech dysfunction, or hearing disorders that result from Injury, sickness, stroke, cancer, Congenital Anomaly or autism spectrum disorder as identified under *Rehabilitation Services - Outpatient Therapy and Manipulative Treatment* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*. There are no treatment limits to speech therapy once diagnosis of accident or illness is established as a covered benefit.
7. Excision or elimination of hanging skin on any part of the body. Examples include plastic surgery procedures called abdominoplasty or abdominal panniculectomy and brachioplasty.
8. Psychosurgery (lobotomy).
9. Stand-alone multi-disciplinary smoking cessation programs. These are programs that usually include health care providers specializing in smoking cessation and may include a psychologist, social worker or other licensed or certified professional. The programs usually include intensive psychological support, behavior modification techniques and medications to control cravings.
10. Chelation therapy, except to treat heavy metal poisoning.
11. Physiological modalities and procedures that result in similar or redundant therapeutic effects when performed on the same body region during the same visit or office encounter.
12. The following treatments for obesity:
  - Non-surgical treatment of obesity, even if for morbid obesity.
  - Surgical treatment of obesity unless there is a diagnosis of morbid obesity as described under *Obesity Surgery* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
13. Medical and surgical treatment of excessive sweating (hyperhidrosis).
14. The following services for the diagnosis and treatment of temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ): surface electromyography, Doppler analysis, vibration analysis, computerized mandibular scan or jaw tracking, craniosacral therapy, orthodontics, occlusal adjustment, and dental restorations.
15. Breast reduction surgery that is determined to be a Cosmetic Procedure. This exclusion does not apply to breast reduction surgery which the Claims Administrator determines is requested to treat a physiologic functional impairment or to coverage required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 for which Benefits are described under *Reconstructive Procedures* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
16. Habilitative services or therapies for the purpose of general well-being or condition in the absence of a disabling condition.
17. Intracellular micronutrient testing.

18. Cellular and Gene Therapy services not received from a Designated Provider.

### **Providers**

1. Services performed by a provider who is a family member by birth or marriage, including your Spouse, brother, sister, parent or child. This includes any service the provider may perform on himself or herself.
2. Services performed by a provider with your same legal residence.
3. Services ordered or delivered by a Christian Science practitioner.
4. Services performed by an unlicensed provider or a provider who is operating outside of the scope of his/her license.
5. Services provided at a free-standing or Hospital-based diagnostic facility without an order written by a Physician or other provider. Services that are self-directed to a free-standing or Hospital-based diagnostic facility. Services ordered by a Physician or other provider who is an employee or representative of a free-standing or Hospital-based diagnostic facility, when that Physician or other provider:
  - Has not been actively involved in your medical care prior to ordering the service.
  - Is not actively involved in your medical care after the service is received.

This exclusion does not apply to mammography.

### **Reproduction**

1. The following fertility treatment-related services:
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  - Long-term storage (greater than one year) of reproductive materials such as sperm, eggs, embryos, ovarian tissue and testicular tissue.
  - Donor services and non-medical costs of oocyte or sperm donation such as donor agency fees.
  - Embryo or oocyte accumulation defined as a fresh oocyte retrieval prior to the depletion of previously banked frozen embryos or oocytes
  - Ovulation predictor kits.
2. The following services related to a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate:
  - Fees for the use of a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate.
  - Insemination or InVitro fertilization procedures for Surrogate or transfer of an embryo to Gestational Carrier.
  - Pregnancy services for a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate who is not a Covered Person.
3. Donor, Gestational Carrier or Surrogate administration, agency fees or compensation.
4. The following services related to donor services for donor sperm, ovum (egg cell) or oocytes (eggs), or embryos (fertilized eggs):
  - Known egg donor (altruistic donation i.e., friend, relative or acquaintance) - The cost of donor eggs. Medical costs related to donor stimulation and egg retrieval. This

- refers to purchasing or receiving a donated egg that is fresh, or one that has already been retrieved and is frozen.
- Purchased egg donor (i.e., clinic or egg bank) – The cost of donor eggs. Medical costs related to donor stimulation and egg retrieval. This refers to purchasing a donor egg that has already been retrieved and is frozen or choosing a donor who will then undergo an egg retrieval once they have been selected in the database.
  - Known donor sperm (altruistic donation i.e., friend, relative or acquaintance) The cost of sperm collection, cryopreservation and storage. This refers to purchasing or receiving donated sperm that is fresh, or that has already been obtained and is frozen.
  - Purchased donor sperm (i.e., clinic or sperm bank) – The cost of procurement and storage of donor sperm. This refers to purchasing donor sperm that has already been obtained and is frozen or choosing a donor from a database.
5. The reversal of voluntary sterilization.
  6. Fertility services not received from a Designated Provider.
  7. Assisted Reproductive Technology procedures done for non-genetic disorder sex selection or eugenic (selective breeding) purposes.
  8. Infertility treatment with voluntary sterilization currently in place (vasectomy, bilateral tubal ligation).
  9. Infertility treatment following unsuccessful reversal of voluntary sterilization.
  10. Infertility treatment following the reversal of voluntary sterilization (tubal reversal/reanastomosis; vasectomy reversal/vasovasostomy or vasoepididymostomy).
  11. Pre-implantation Genetic Testing for Aneuploidy (PGT-A) used to select embryos for transfer in order to increase the chance for conception.
  12. Elective fertility preservation.

### **Services Provided under Another Plan**

Services for which coverage is available:

1. Under another plan, except for Eligible Expenses payable as described in Section 11, *Coordination of Benefits (COB)*.
2. Under workers' compensation, no-fault automobile coverage or similar legislation if you could elect it, or could have it elected for you.
3. While on active military duty.
4. For treatment of military service-related disabilities when you are legally entitled to other coverage, and facilities are reasonably available to you.
5. Services resulting from accidental bodily injuries arising out of a motor vehicle accident to the extent the services are payable under a medical expense payment provision of an automobile insurance policy.



**Transplants**

1. Health services for organ and tissue transplants except as identified under *Transplantation Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details* unless UnitedHealthcare determines the transplant to be appropriate according to UnitedHealthcare's transplant guidelines.
2. Health services for transplants involving animal organs.
3. Health services connected with the removal of an organ or tissue from you for purposes of a transplant to another person. (Donor costs for removal are payable for a transplant through the organ recipient's Benefits under the Plan.)

**Travel**

1. Health services provided in a foreign country, unless required as Emergency Health Services.
2. Travel or transportation expenses, even if ordered by a Physician. Additional travel expenses related to Covered Health Services received from a Designated Provider or other Network Provider may be reimbursed at the Plan's discretion. This exclusion does not apply to ambulance transportation for which Benefits are provided as described under *Ambulance Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

**Types of Care**

1. Custodial Care or maintenance care as defined in Section 15, *Glossary* or maintenance care.
2. Domiciliary Care, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.
3. Multi-disciplinary pain management programs provided on an inpatient basis for acute pain or for exacerbation of chronic pain.
4. Private Duty Nursing.
5. Respite care. This exclusion does not apply to respite care that is part of an integrated hospice care program of services provided to a terminally ill person by a licensed hospice care agency for which Benefits are provided as described under *Hospice Care* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
6. Rest cures.
7. Services of personal care attendants.
8. Work hardening (individualized treatment programs designed to return a person to work or to prepare a person for specific work).

**Vision and Hearing**

1. Routine vision examinations, including refractive examinations to determine the need for vision correction.
2. Implantable lenses used only to correct a refractive error (such as *Intacs* corneal implants).
3. Purchase cost and associated fitting charges for eyeglasses or contact lenses.

4. Purchase cost and associated fitting and testing charges for hearing aids, Bone Anchor Hearing Aids (BAHA) and all other hearing assistive devices.
5. Surgery and other related treatment that is intended to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, presbyopia and astigmatism including, but not limited to, procedures such as laser and other refractive eye surgery and radial keratotomy.

### **All Other Exclusions**

1. Autopsies and other coroner services and transportation services for a corpse.
2. Charges for:
  - Missed appointments.
  - Room or facility reservations.
  - Completion of claim forms.
  - Record processing.
3. Charges prohibited by federal anti-kickback or self-referral statutes.
4. Diagnostic tests that are:
  - Delivered in other than a Physician's office or health care facility.
  - Self-administered home diagnostic tests, including but not limited to HIV and Pregnancy tests.
5. Expenses for health services and supplies:
  - That are received as a result of war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared, while part of any armed service force of any country. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Persons who are civilians injured or otherwise affected by war, any act of war or terrorism in a non-war zone.
  - That are received after the date your coverage under this Plan ends, including health services for medical conditions which began before the date your coverage under the Plan ends.
  - For which you have no legal responsibility to pay, or for which a charge would not ordinarily be made in the absence of coverage under this Benefit Plan.
  - That exceed Eligible Expenses or any specified limitation in this SPD.
  - For which a non-Network provider waives the Copay, Annual Deductible or Coinsurance amounts.
6. Foreign language and sign language services.
7. Long term (more than 30 days) storage of blood, umbilical cord or other material.
8. Health services and supplies that do not meet the definition of a Covered Health Service
  - see the definition in Section 15, *Glossary*. Covered Health Services are those health services including services, supplies or Pharmaceutical Products, which the Claims Administrator determines to be all of the following:
    - Medically Necessary.
    - Described as a Covered Health Service in this SPD under Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details* and in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*.
    - Not otherwise excluded in this SPD under this Section 8, *Exclusions and Limitations*.

9. Health services related to a non-Covered Health Service: When a service is not a Covered Health Service, all services related to that non-Covered Health Service are also excluded. This exclusion does not apply to services the Plan would otherwise determine to be Covered Health Services if they are to treat complications that arise from the non-Covered Health Service.

For the purpose of this exclusion, a "complication" is an unexpected or unanticipated condition that is superimposed on an existing disease and that affects or modifies the prognosis of the original disease or condition. Examples of a "complication" are bleeding or infections, following a Cosmetic Procedure, that require hospitalization.

10. Physical, psychiatric or psychological exams, testing, vaccinations, immunizations or treatments when:
- Required solely for purposes of education, sports or camp, travel, career or employment, insurance, marriage or adoption; or as a result of incarceration.
  - Conducted for purposes of medical research.
  - Related to judicial or administrative proceedings or orders.
  - Required to obtain or maintain a license of any type.
11. In the event a non-Network provider waives, does not pursue, or fails to collect, Copayments, Coinsurance and/or any deductible or other amount owed for a particular health care service, no Benefits are provided for the health care service when the Copayments, Coinsurance and/or deductible are waived, not pursued, or not collected.

## SECTION 9 - CLAIMS PROCEDURES

### What this section includes:

- How Network and non-Network claims work.
- What to do if your claim is denied, in whole or in part.

### If You Receive Covered Health Services from a Network Provider

UnitedHealthcare pays Network providers directly for your Covered Health Services. If a Network provider bills you for any Covered Health Service, contact us. However, you are responsible for meeting any applicable deductible and for paying any required Copayments and Coinsurance to a Network provider at the time of service, or when you receive a bill from the provider.

### If You Receive Covered Health Services from a Non-Network Provider

When you receive Covered Health Services from a non-Network provider, you are responsible for requesting payment from us. You must file the claim in a format that contains all of the information we require, as described below.

You should submit a request for payment of Benefits within 90 days after the date of service. If you don't provide this information to us within one year of the date of service, Benefits for that health service will be denied or reduced, in our discretion. This time limit does not apply if you are legally incapacitated or if extenuating circumstances apply. If your claim relates to an Inpatient Stay, the date of service is the date your Inpatient Stay ends.

### Required Information

When you request payment of Benefits from us, you must provide us with all of the following information:

- The Subscriber's name and address.
- The patient's name and age.
- The number stated on your ID card.
- The name and address of the provider of the service(s).
- The name and address of any ordering Physician.
- A diagnosis from the Physician.
- An itemized bill from your provider that includes the *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) codes or a description of each charge.
- The date the Injury or Sickness began.
- A statement indicating either that you are, or you are not, enrolled for coverage under any other
- health insurance plan or program.
- If you are enrolled for other coverage you must include the name of the other carrier(s).

The above information should be filed with us at the address on your ID card.

**If Your Provider Does Not File Your Claim**

You can obtain a claim form by visiting [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com), calling the toll-free number on your ID card or contacting Human Resources. If you do not have a claim form, simply attach a brief letter of explanation to the bill, and verify that the bill contains the information listed below. If any of these items are missing from the bill, you can include them in your letter:

- Your name and address.
- The patient's name, age and relationship to the Participant.
- The number as shown on your ID card.
- The name, address and tax identification number of the provider of the service(s).
- A diagnosis from the Physician.
- The date of service.
- An itemized bill from the provider that includes:
  - The *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)* codes.
  - A description of, and the charge for, each service.
  - The date the Sickness or Injury began.
  - A statement indicating either that you are, or you are not, enrolled for coverage under any other health insurance plan or program. If you are enrolled for other coverage you must include the name and address of the other carrier(s).

Failure to provide all the information listed above may delay any reimbursement that may be due you.

For medical claims, the above information should be filed with UnitedHealthcare at the address on your ID card. When filing a claim for Outpatient Prescription Drug Product Benefits, your claims should be submitted to:

Optum RX  
PO Box 29077  
Hot Springs, AR 71903

After UnitedHealthcare has processed your claim, you will receive payment for Benefits that the Plan allows. It is your responsibility to pay the non-Network provider the charges you incurred, including any difference between what you were billed and what the Plan paid.

***Payment of Benefits***

You may not assign, transfer, or in any way convey your Benefits under the Plan or any cause of action related to your Benefits under the Plan to a provider or to any other third party. Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to make the Plan, Plan Sponsor, or Claims Administrator or its affiliates liable for payments to a provider or to a third party to whom you may be liable for payments for Benefits.

The Plan will not recognize claims for Benefits brought by a third party. Also, any such third party shall not have standing to bring any such claim independently, as a Covered Person or beneficiary, or derivatively, as an assignee of a Covered Person or beneficiary.

References herein to “third parties” include references to providers as well as any collection agencies or third parties that have purchased accounts receivable from providers or to whom accounts receivables have been assigned.

As a matter of convenience to a Covered Person, and where practicable for the Claims Administrator (as determined in its sole discretion), the Claims Administrator may make payment of Benefits directly to a provider.

Any such payment to a provider:

- is NOT an assignment of your Benefits under the Plan or of any legal or equitable right to institute any proceeding relating to your Benefits; and
- is NOT a waiver of the prohibition on assignment of Benefits under the Plan; and
- shall NOT estop the Plan, Plan Sponsor, or Claims Administrator from asserting that any purported assignment of Benefits under the Plan is invalid and prohibited.

If this direct payment for your convenience is made, the Plan’s obligation to you with respect to such Benefits is extinguished by such payment. If any payment of your Benefits is made to a provider as a convenience to you, the Claims Administrator will treat you, rather than the provider, as the beneficiary of your claim for Benefits, and the Plan reserves the right to offset any Benefits to be paid to a provider by any amounts that the provider owes the Plan (including amounts owed as a result of the assignment of other plans’ overpayment recovery rights to the Plan), pursuant to *Refund of Overpayments* in *Section 11: Coordination of Benefits*.

Eligible Expenses due to a non-Network provider for Covered Health Services that are subject to the *No Surprises Act* of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-260)* are paid directly to the provider.

### ***Form of Payment of Benefits***

Payment of Benefits under the Plan shall be in cash or cash equivalents, or in the form of other consideration that UnitedHealthcare in its discretion determines to be adequate. Where Benefits are payable directly to a provider, such adequate consideration includes the forgiveness in whole or in part of amounts the provider owes to other plans for which UnitedHealthcare makes payments, where the Plan has taken an assignment of the other plans’ recovery rights for value.

## SECTION 10: QUESTIONS, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

For the purpose of this section, the terms below will have the following meanings:

- "Adverse benefit determination" means a decision by UnitedHealthcare or UnitedHealthcare's designee:
  - To deny, reduce or terminate a requested health care service or payment, in whole or in part, including all of the following:
    - ◆ A determination that the health care service does not meet UnitedHealthcare's requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness, including Experimental or Investigational Services.
    - ◆ A determination of an individual's eligibility for individual health coverage, including coverage offered to individuals through a non-employer group, to participate in a plan or health plan coverage.
    - ◆ A determination that a health care service does not meet the definition of a Covered Health Service.
    - ◆ The imposition of an exclusion, source of Injury, Network or any other limitation on Benefits that would otherwise be covered.
  - To not issue individual health coverage to an applicant, including coverage offered to an individual through a non-employer group.
  - To rescind coverage on a health benefit plan.
- "Authorized representative" means an individual who represents a Covered Person in the internal appeals or external review process of an adverse benefit determination who is any of the following:
  - A person to whom the Covered Person has given express, written consent to represent her or him in the internal appeals or external review process of an adverse benefit determination.
  - A person authorized by law to provide substituted consent for the Covered Person.
  - A family member or a treating health care professional if the Covered Person is unable to provide consent.
- "Covered Person" means either the Participant or an Enrolled Dependent, but this term applies only while the person is enrolled under the Plan. References to "you" and "your" throughout this summary plan description are references to a Covered Person. For purposes of an internal appeal or external review, Covered Person also includes the Covered Person's authorized representative.
- "Final adverse benefit determination" means an adverse benefit determination that is upheld at the completion of UnitedHealthcare's internal appeals process.
- "Health benefit plan" means a Plan, contract or agreement offered by UnitedHealthcare to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for or reimburse any of the costs of health care services.
- "Health care services" means services for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure or relief of a health condition, Sickness, Injury or disease.

- "Health plan issuer" means any entity subject to the insurance laws and rules of this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Insurance, that contracts, or offers to contract to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health care services under a health benefit plan, including a sickness and accident insurance company, a health insuring corporation, a fraternal benefit society, a self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangement, or a nonfederal, government health plan. Health plan issuer includes a third party administrator to the extent that the benefits that such an entity is contracted to administer under a health benefit plan are subject to the insurance laws and rules of this state or subject to the jurisdiction of the Superintendent.
- "Independent review organization (IRO)" means an organization certified by the State of Ohio to hear appeals of adverse determinations.
- "Rescind" or "rescission" means to retroactively cancel or discontinue coverage. It does not include cancelling or discontinuing coverage that only has a prospective effect or cancelling or discontinuing coverage that is effective retroactively to the extent it is attributable to a failure to timely pay required premiums or contributions towards the cost of coverage.
- "Stabilize" means the provision of such medical treatments as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability that no material deterioration of a Covered Person's medical condition is likely to result from or occur during a transfer, if the medical condition could result in any of the following:
  - Placing the health of the Covered Person, or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy;
  - Serious impairment to bodily functions;
  - Serious dysfunction to any bodily organ or part.
  - In the case of a woman having contractions, "stabilize" means such medical treatment as may be necessary to deliver, including the placenta.
- "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Insurance.

Covered Health Services, Emergency Health Services and Emergency Medical Condition have the same meanings as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.

To resolve a question, complaint, or appeal, just follow these steps:

### **What to Do if You Have a Question**

Call the toll-free number shown on your ID card. UnitedHealthcare representatives are available to take your call during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

### **What to Do if You Have a Complaint**

Call the toll-free number shown on your ID card. UnitedHealthcare representatives are available to take your call during regular business hours, Monday through Friday between 7am and 8pm CST.

If you would rather send your complaint to UnitedHealthcare in writing, the UnitedHealthcare representative can provide you with the appropriate address.



If the UnitedHealthcare representative cannot resolve the issue to your satisfaction over the phone, he/she can help you prepare and submit a written complaint. UnitedHealthcare will notify you of its decision regarding your complaint within 60 days of receiving it.

A complaint is a dissatisfaction, not an appeal, expressed by you or your authorized representative including, but not limited to, a provider's hours, the availability of Network providers, or a provider who is not accepting new patients.

## **How to Appeal a Claim Decision**

### **Post-service Claims**

Post-service claims are those claims that are filed for payment of Benefits after medical care has been received.

### **Pre-service Requests for Benefits**

Pre-service requests for Benefits are those requests that require prior notification or benefit confirmation prior to receiving medical care. UnitedHealthcare will notify you of its decision as expeditiously as your medical condition or circumstances require, but not later than 5 days for non-urgent pre-service requests or 24 hours for urgent care pre-service requests. This notice will be oral unless a written notification is requested.

## **How to Request an Appeal**

If you disagree with either a pre-service request for Benefits determination, post-service claim determination or a rescission of coverage determination, you can contact UnitedHealthcare in writing to formally request an appeal.

Your request for an appeal should include:

- The patient's name and the identification number from the ID card.
- The date(s) of medical service(s).
- The provider's name.
- The reason you believe the claim should be paid.
- Any documentation or other written information to support your request for claim payment.

Your first appeal request must be submitted to UnitedHealthcare within 180 days after you receive the denial of a pre-service request for Benefits or the claim denial.

## **Appeal Process**

The appeals process consists of two steps:

- Internal appeals.
- External reviews.

You or your authorized representative may appeal an adverse benefit determination regardless of the actual or estimated cost of the health care service. An adverse benefit determination is UnitedHealthcare's decision to do any of the following:

- Deny, reduce or terminate a requested health care service or payment in whole or part.
- Not issue health care coverage to an applicant, including coverage offered to an individual through a non-employer group.
- Rescind coverage (coverage that was cancelled or discontinued retroactively).

A qualified individual who was not involved in the decision being appealed will be appointed to decide the appeal. If your appeal is related to clinical matters, the review will be done in consultation with a health care professional with appropriate expertise in the field, who was not involved in the prior determination. UnitedHealthcare may consult with, or seek the participation of, medical experts as part of the appeal resolution process. You consent to this referral and the sharing of pertinent medical claim information. Upon request and free of charge, you have the right to reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records and other information relevant to your claim for Benefits. In addition, if any new or additional evidence and/or rationale is relied upon or generated by UnitedHealthcare during the determination of the appeal, UnitedHealthcare will provide it to you free of charge and sufficiently in advance of the due date of the response to the adverse benefit determination. During the appeals process, you or your authorized representative may provide testimony, written comments, documents, records and other information relating to your appeal.

During the internal appeals process, continued coverage of your ongoing course of treatment will be provided pending the outcome of your appeal. Your ongoing course of treatment cannot be reduced or terminated unless UnitedHealthcare provides advance notice and an opportunity for advance review. For those appeals relating to an ongoing course of treatment involving urgent care, you may proceed with an external review at the same time as an internal appeal. If UnitedHealthcare's decision is upheld, you may be responsible for payment of any health care services or devices that are not Covered Health Services.

## **Internal Appeals**

### **Pre-service Requests for Benefits and Post-service Claim Appeals**

For procedures associated with urgent requests for Benefits, see *Urgent Appeal that Require Immediate Action* below.

You will be provided written or electronic notification of the decision on your appeal as follows:

- For appeals of pre-service requests for Benefits as defined above, the first level appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 15 days from receipt of a request for appeal of a denied request for Benefits. If you are not satisfied with the first level appeal decision, you have the right to request a second level appeal. This request must be submitted to the Claims Administrator within 60 days from receipt of the first level appeal decision. The second level appeal will take place and you will be notified of

the decision within 15 days from receipt of a request for review of the first level appeal decision.

- For appeals of post-service claims as defined above, the first level appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 30 days from receipt of a request for appeal of a denied claim. If you are not satisfied with the first level appeal decision, you have the right to request a second level appeal. This request must be submitted to the Claims Administrator within 60 days from receipt of the first level appeal decision. The second level appeal will take place and you will be notified of the decision within 30 days from receipt of a request for review of the first level appeal decision.

Please note that UnitedHealthcare's decision is based only on whether or not Benefits are available under the Plan for the proposed treatment or procedure.

UnitedHealthcare's internal appeals process for addressing all issues related to quality of care and treatment provides for review by a clinical peer. Issues related to quality of care and treatment will be reviewed by the appropriate physician specialty panel. The Panel's recommendation will be forwarded to the physician's quality review committee. You will be notified in writing, within five days of the final review of the complaint.

You may have the right to external review through an *IRO* upon the completion of the internal appeals process. Instructions regarding any such rights, and how to access those rights, will be provided in our decision letter to you.

### **Urgent Appeals that Require Immediate Action**

Your appeal may require immediate action if a delay in treatment could significantly increase the risk to your health, or the ability to regain maximum function, or cause severe pain. If your situation is urgent, your review will be conducted as quickly as possible. If you believe your situation is urgent, you may request an expedited review, and, if applicable, file an external review at the same time. For help call the Claims Administrator at the number listed on your health plan ID card. Generally, an urgent situation is when your life or health may be in serious jeopardy. Or when, in the opinion of your doctor, you may be experiencing severe pain that cannot be adequately controlled while you wait for a decision on your claim or appeal.

The appeal process for urgent situations does not apply to prescheduled treatments, therapies or surgeries.

If your request involves both urgent care and an extension of a course of treatment beyond the period of time or number of treatments previously approved, the Claims Administrator will provide a decision as follows:

- When the request is made at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the previously approved treatment, as expeditiously as your medical condition or circumstances require, but not later than 24 hours following receipt of the request.
- When the request is not made at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the previously approved treatment, as expeditiously as your medical condition or circumstances require, but not later than 72 hours following receipt of the request.

You or your authorized representative may request an expedited external review of an urgent care claim:

- After an adverse benefit determination, if both of the following apply:
  - The Covered Person's treating Physician certifies the adverse benefit determination involves a medical condition that could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Covered Person if treated after the timeframe of an expedited internal appeal.
  - The Covered Person has requested an expedited internal appeal.
- After a final adverse benefit determination, if either of the following apply:
  - The Covered Person's treating Physician certifies the adverse benefit determination involves a medical condition that could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Covered Person or would jeopardize the Covered Person's ability to regain maximum function if treated after the timeframe of a standard external review.
  - The final adverse benefit determination concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay or health care service for which the Covered Person received Emergency Health Care Services and has not been discharged from the facility.

The Claims Administrator's decision will be provided by the most expeditious method available (electronically, by telephone or facsimile).

For additional information concerning expedited external reviews, these reviews are described under *Expedited External Reviews* below.

### **Concurrent Expedited Internal Appeals and Expedited External Reviews**

A Covered Person in the process of an expedited internal appeal may request that an expedited external review be conducted at the same time if either of the following applies:

- The Covered Person's treating Physician has certified in writing that the adverse benefit determination involves a medical condition that could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Covered Person or would jeopardize the Covered Person's ability to regain maximum function if treatment was not provided until after the timeframe of an expedited internal appeal. The procedure for an expedited external review is described below under *Expedited External Reviews*.

The Covered Person's treating Physician, in the case of an Experimental or Investigational Service, has certified in writing that the recommended health care service or treatment would be significantly less effective if not initiated promptly. The procedure for these expedited external reviews is described under *External Reviews for Experimental or Investigational Services*.

### **External Review Program**

#### **Understanding the External Review Process**

Under Chapter 3922 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is required to provide a process that allows a Covered Person under a health benefit plan or a person applying for health benefit plan coverage to request an independent external review of an adverse benefit determination. This section is a summary of the external review process.

An adverse benefit determination is a decision by the Claims Administrator or the Claims Administrator's designee to deny Benefits because services are not covered, are excluded or limited under the health benefit plan or the Covered Person is not eligible to receive the Benefit. Adverse determinations can involve issues of medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting or level of care or effectiveness. Decisions to deny health benefit plan coverage or to rescind coverage can also be adverse benefit determinations.

### **Opportunity for External Review**

An external review may be conducted by an *Independent Review Organization (IRO)* or by the Superintendent. You are not responsible for paying for the external review and there is no minimum cost of health care services denied in order to qualify for an external review. However, before initiating an external review, you must exhaust the internal appeals process, except in the following instances:

- The Claims Administrator agrees to waive the exhaustion requirement.
- You did not receive a written decision of your internal appeal within the required timeframe.
- The Claims Administrator did not meet all of the requirements of the internal appeals process unless the failure was due to a *de minimis* violation which:
  - Did not cause or is not likely to cause prejudice or harm to you;
  - Was for a good cause or due to matters beyond the Claims Administrator's control;
  - Occurred during the ongoing, good faith exchange between you and the Claims Administrator; and
  - Is not reflective of a pattern or practice of non-compliance.
- An expedited internal review and an expedited external review are being completed at the same time.

Any exceptions to the exhaustion requirement will be included in the adverse benefit determination notice.

An external review is not available for a retrospective final adverse benefit determinations until you have exhausted the internal appeals process unless the Claims Administrator agrees to waive the exhaustion requirement. Retrospective final adverse benefit determinations are those for health care services that have already been provided to a Covered Person.

### **Standard External Review**

A standard external review includes all of the following:

- A preliminary review by the Claims Administrator of the request.
- A referral of the request by the Claims Administrator to the *IRO*.
- A decision by the *IRO*.

After receipt of the request, the Claims Administrator will complete a preliminary review within the applicable timeframe, to determine whether the individual for whom the request was submitted meets all of the following:

- Is or was covered under the Plan at the time the health care service or procedure that is at issue in the request was provided.
- Has exhausted the applicable internal appeals process.
- Has provided all the information and forms required so that the Claims Administrator may process the request.

After the Claims Administrator completes this review, the Claims Administrator will issue a notification in writing to you. If the request is eligible for external review, the Claims Administrator will assign an *IRO* to conduct such review. The Claims Administrator will assign requests by either rotating the assignment of claims among the *IRO*s or by using a random selection process.

The *IRO* will notify you in writing of the request's eligibility and acceptance for external review and if necessary, for any additional information needed to conduct the external review. You will generally have to submit the additional information in writing to the *IRO* within ten business days after the date you receive the *IRO*'s request for the additional information. The *IRO* is not required to, but may, accept and consider additional information submitted by you after ten business days.

The Claims Administrator will provide to the assigned *IRO* the documents and information considered in making the Claims Administrator's determination. The documents include:

- All relevant medical records.
- All other documents relied upon by the Claims Administrator.
- All other information or evidence that you or your Physician submitted. If there is any information or evidence you or your Physician wish to submit that was not previously provided, you may include this information with your external review request. The Claims Administrator will include it with the documents forwarded to the *IRO*.

In reaching a decision, the *IRO* will review the claim as new and not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached by the Claims Administrator. The *IRO* will provide written notice of its determination (the "*Final External Review Decision*") within 45 days after it receives the request for the external review (unless they request additional time and you agree). The *IRO* will deliver the notice of *Final External Review Decision* to you and the Claims Administrator, and it will include the clinical basis for the determination.

If the Claims Administrator receives a *Final External Review Decision* reversing the determination, the Claims Administrator's will provide coverage or payment for the Benefit claim at issue according to the terms and conditions of the Policy, and any applicable law regarding plan remedies. If the *Final External Review Decision* agrees with the Claims Administrator's determination, the Plan will not be obligated to provide Benefits for the health care service or procedure.

### **Expedited External Review**

An expedited external review is similar to a standard external review. The main difference between the two is that the time periods for completing certain portions of the review

process are much shorter for the expedited external review, and in some instances you may file an expedited external review before completing the internal appeals process.

You may make a written or verbal request for an expedited external review, separately or at the same time you have filed a request for an expedited internal appeal, if you receive either of the following:

- An adverse benefit determination of a claim or appeal that involves a medical condition for which the time frame for completion of an expedited internal appeal would either jeopardize:
  - The life or health of the individual.
  - The individual's ability to regain maximum function.

In addition, you must have filed a request for an expedited internal appeal.

- A final appeal decision, that either:
  - Involves a medical condition where the timeframe for completion of a standard external review would either jeopardize the life or health of the individual or jeopardize the individual's ability to regain maximum function.
  - Concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care service, procedure or product for which the individual received emergency care services, but has not been discharged from a facility.

Immediately upon receipt of the request, the Claims Administrator will determine whether the individual meets both of the following:

- Is or was covered under the Plan at the time the health care service or procedure that is at issue in the request was provided.
- Has provided all the information and forms required so that the Claims Administrator may process the request.

After the Claims Administrator completes the review, the Claims Administrator will send a notice in writing to you. Upon a determination that a request is eligible for expedited external review, the Claims Administrator will assign an *IRO* in the same manner the Claims Administrator utilizes to assign standard external reviews to *IROs*. the Claims Administrator will provide all required documents and information the Claims Administrator used in making the adverse benefit determination or final adverse benefit determination to the assigned *IRO* electronically or by telephone or facsimile or any other available method in a timely manner. The *IRO*, to the extent the information or documents are available and the *IRO* considers them appropriate, must consider the same type of information and documents considered in a standard external review.

In reaching a decision, the *IRO* will review the claim as new and not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached by the Claims Administrator. The *IRO* will provide notice of the final external review decision for an expedited external review as quickly as the claimant's medical condition or circumstances require, but in no event more than 72 hours after the *IRO* receives the request. If the *IRO's* final external review decision is first

communicated verbally, the *IRO* will follow-up with a written confirmation of the decision within 48 hours of that verbal communication.

You may call the Claims Administrator at the telephone number on your ID card for more information regarding external review rights, or if making a verbal request for an expedited external review.

### **External Reviews for Experimental or Investigational Services**

An external review for an Experimental or Investigational Service is similar to a standard or expedited external review. The most significant difference is that these are external reviews of adverse benefit determinations when Benefits have been denied for a health care service that the Claims Administrator have determined to be an Experimental or Investigational Service unless the requested health care service is specifically listed as an exclusion in the Plan.

You or your authorized representative may request an external review for Experimental or Investigational Services only if your treating Physician certifies that one of the following situations applies:

- Standard health care services have not been effective in improving the condition of the Covered Person.
- Standard health care services are not medically appropriate for the Covered Person.
- There is no available standard health care service covered under the Plan that is more beneficial than the requested health care service.

### **External Reviews by the Superintendent of Insurance**

You or your authorized representative may request an external review by the Superintendent for either of the following:

- The adverse benefit determination is based on a contractual issue that does not involve a medical judgment or any medical information.
- The adverse benefit determination indicates that Emergency Health Care Services did not meet the definition of an Emergency Medical Condition (prudent layperson) and the decision has been upheld through an external review by an *IRO*.

If the Claims Administrator denies your request for an external review, you or your authorized representative may appeal the denial to the Superintendent. Regardless of the Claims Administrator's decision, the Superintendent may determine that the request is eligible for external review and require that the request be referred for external review. The Superintendent's decision will be made in accordance with the terms of your Plan and all applicable provisions of the law.



## Requests for an External Review

Your or your authorized representative must contact the Claims Administrator to request an external review by either an *IRO* or the Superintendent within 180 days of the date of the notice of the final adverse benefit determination issued by the Claims Administrator.

All requests must be in writing, including electronic means, except for a request for an expedited external review. Expedited external reviews may be requested orally by calling the toll-free number on your ID card.

An external review request should include all of the following:

- A specific request for an external review.
- The Covered Person's name, address, and insurance ID number.
- Your authorized representative's name and address, when applicable.
- The service that was denied.
- Any new, relevant information that was not provided during the internal appeal.
- A medical records release authorization signed by the Covered Person which consents to the release of all applicable medical records.

If the request for the external review is complete, the Claims Administrator will initiate the external review and will notify the Covered person in writing, or immediately in the case of an expedited review, that the request is complete and eligible for external review. This notice will include the name and contact information for the assigned *IRO* or the *Ohio Department of Insurance* (whichever is applicable) to allow for the submittal of additional information. When a standard review is requested, the notice will advise you that, within ten business days after receipt of the notice, you may submit additional information in writing to the *IRO* or *Ohio Department of Insurance* (whichever is applicable) for consideration in the review. The Claims Administrator will also forward all documents and information used to make the adverse benefit determination to the assigned *IRO* or the *Ohio Department of Insurance* (whichever is applicable).

If the request for the external review is not complete, the Claims Administrator will notify you in writing and specify what information is needed to make the request complete.

If the Claims Administrator determines that the adverse benefit determination is not eligible for an external review, the Claims Administrator will notify you in writing and will provide you with the reason for the denial and your option to appeal this decision to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent may determine the request is eligible for an external review regardless of the Claims Administrator's decision and will require that the request be referred for external review. The decision made by the Superintendent will be in accordance with the terms of your Plan and all applicable provisions of the law.

## **IRO Assignment**

When the Claims Administrator initiates an external review by an *IRO*, the *Ohio Department of Insurance's* web-based system randomly assigns the review to an accredited *IRO* qualified to conduct the review based on the type of health care service being appealed. If an *IRO* has a conflict of interest with you, the health care provider, the health care facility or the Claims Administrator, it will not be selected to conduct the review.

## **IRO Review and Decision**

In making its decision, the *IRO* must consider the following:

- All documents and information considered by the Claims Administrator in making the adverse benefit determination;
- Any information the Covered Person has submitted; and
- Other information, such as the Covered Person's medical records, the attending health care professional's recommendation, consulting reports from appropriate health care professionals, the terms of coverage under this Plan, the most appropriate practice guidelines, clinical review criteria used by the Claims Administrator or our utilization review organization, and the opinions of the *IRO's* clinical reviewers.

The *IRO* will provide a written notice of its decision within 30 days of receipt by the Claims Administrator of a request for a standard review or within 72 hours of receipt by the Claims Administrator of a request for an expedited review. This notice will be sent to the Covered Person, the *Ohio Department of Insurance* and the Claims Administrator and will include the following information:

- A general description of the reason for the request for an external review.
- The date the *IRO* was assigned by the *Ohio Department of Insurance* to conduct the external review.
- The dates over which the external review was conducted.
- The date the *IRO* made its decision.
- The rationale for the *IRO's* decision.
- References for the evidence or documentation, including any evidence-based standards, used by the *IRO* to reach its decision.

For an adverse benefit determination that involves a health care treatment or service that is stated to be an Experimental or Investigational Service, the written decision by the *IRO* will also include the following:

- The principal reason or reasons for the *IRO's* decision.
- The written opinion of each clinical reviewer including each clinical reviewer's recommendation as to whether the recommended or requested health care service or treatment should be covered and rationale for the recommendation.

### **Binding Nature of the External Review Decision**

An external review decision is binding on the Claims Administrator except to the extent the Claims Administrator has other remedies available under applicable state law. The decision is also binding on the Covered Person except to the extent the Covered Person has other remedies available under applicable state or Federal law.

A Covered Person may not file a subsequent request for an external review involving the same adverse benefit determination that has been previously reviewed unless new medical and scientific evidence is submitted to the Claims Administrator.

### **If You Have Questions about Your Rights or Need Assistance**

You may contact UnitedHealthcare at the toll-free number on your ID card or the *Ohio Department of Insurance* at the address and telephone number below for more information regarding the internal appeals or external review processes:

Ohio Department of Insurance Attention: Consumer Affairs 50 West Town Street  
Third Floor – Suite 300 Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 644-2673 or (800) 686-1526  
(614) 644-3744 (Fax)  
(614) 644-3745 (TDD)

## SECTION 11 - COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (COB)

### Benefits When You Have Coverage under More than One Plan

This section describes how Benefits under the Plan will be coordinated with those of any other plan that provides benefits to you.

### When Does Coordination of Benefits Apply?

This *Coordination of Benefits (COB)* provision applies to you if you are covered by more than one health benefits plan, including any one of the following:

- Another employer sponsored health benefits plan.
- A medical component of a group long-term care plan, such as skilled nursing care.
- No-fault or traditional "fault" type medical payment benefits or personal injury protection benefits under an auto insurance policy.
- Medical payment benefits under any premises liability or other types of liability coverage.
- Medicare or other governmental health benefit.

If coverage is provided under two or more plans, COB determines which plan is primary and which plan is secondary. The plan considered primary pays its benefits first, without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. Any remaining expenses may be paid under the other plan, which is considered secondary. The Secondary Plan may determine its benefits based on the benefits paid by the Primary Plan. How much this Plan will reimburse you, if anything, will also depend in part on the Allowable Expense. The term, "Allowable Expense," is further explained below.

### What Are the Rules for Determining the Order of Benefit Payments?

#### *Order of Benefit Determination Rules*

The order of benefit determination rules determine whether this Plan is a Primary Plan or Secondary Plan when the person has health care coverage under more than one Plan. When this Plan is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other Plan without considering any other Plan's benefits. When this Plan is secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another Plan and may reduce the benefits it pays so that all Plan benefits do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense.

The order of benefit determination rules below govern the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits.

- **Primary Plan.** The Plan that pays first is called the Primary Plan. The Primary Plan must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses.
- **Secondary Plan.** The Plan that pays after the Primary Plan is the Secondary Plan. The Secondary Plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense. Allowable Expense is defined below.

When a person is covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are as follows:

- A. This Plan will always be secondary to medical payment coverage or personal injury protection coverage under any auto liability or no-fault insurance policy.
- B. When you have coverage under two or more medical plans and only one has COB provisions, the plan without COB provisions will pay benefits first.
- C. Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:
  - 1. **Non-Dependent or Dependent.** The Plan that covers the person other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, former employee under COBRA, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers the person as a dependent is the Secondary Plan. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the Plan covering the person as a dependent; and primary to the Plan covering the person as other than a dependent (e.g. a retired employee); then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed so that the Plan covering the person as an employee, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Secondary Plan and the other Plan is the Primary Plan.
  - 2. **Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Coverage Plan.** Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, plans covering a dependent child shall determine the order of benefits as follows:
    - a) For a dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
      - (1) The Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary Plan; or
      - (2) If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that covered the parent longest is the Primary Plan.
    - b) For a dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or are not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
      - (1) If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. If the parent with responsibility has no health care coverage for the dependent child's health care expenses, but that parent's spouse does, that parent's spouse's plan is the Primary Plan. This shall not apply with respect to any plan year during which benefits are paid or provided before the entity has actual knowledge of the court decree provision.
      - (2) If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of subparagraph a) above shall determine the order of benefits.
      - (3) If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the dependent child, the provisions of subparagraph a) above shall determine the order of benefits.

- (4) If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:

- a) The Plan covering the Custodial Parent.
- b) The Plan covering the Custodial Parent's spouse.
- c) The Plan covering the non-Custodial Parent.
- d) The Plan covering the non-Custodial Parent's spouse.

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

- c) For a dependent child covered under more than one plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the order of benefits shall be determined, as applicable, under subparagraph a) or b) above as if those individuals were parents of the child.
  - d) (i) For a dependent child who has coverage under either or both parents' plans and also has his or her own coverage as a dependent under a spouse's plan, the rule in paragraph (5) applies.  
(ii) In the event the dependent child's coverage under the spouse's plan began on the same date as the dependent child's coverage under either or both parents' plans, the order of benefits shall be determined by applying the birthday rule in subparagraph (a) to the dependent child's parent(s) and the dependent's spouse.
3. **Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee.** The Plan that covers a person as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired is the Primary Plan. The same would hold true if a person is a dependent of an active employee and that same person is a dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled C.1. can determine the order of benefits.
  4. **COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If a person whose coverage is provided pursuant to COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another Plan, the Plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering the person as a dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan, and the COBRA or state or other federal continuation coverage is the Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled C.1. can determine the order of benefits.
  5. **Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage.** The Plan that covered the person the longer period of time is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covered the person the shorter period of time is the Secondary Plan.
  6. If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the Allowable Expenses shall be shared equally between the Plans meeting the definition of Plan. In addition, this Plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the Primary Plan.

## How Are Benefits Paid When This Plan is Secondary?

If this Plan is secondary, it determines the amount it will pay for a Covered Health Service by following the steps below.

- The Plan determines the amount it would have paid based on the Allowable expense.
- The Plan pays the entire difference between the Allowable Expense and the amount paid by the Primary Plan, as long as this amount is not more than the Plan would have paid had it been the only plan involved.

You will be responsible for any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible payments as part of the COB payment. The maximum combined payment you may receive from all plans cannot exceed 100% of the Allowable Expense.

## How is the Allowable Expense Determined when this Plan is Secondary?

### *Determining the Allowable Expense If this Plan is Secondary*

What is an Allowable Expense? For purposes of COB, an Allowable Expense is a health care expense that is covered at least in part by one of the health benefit plans covering you.

When the provider is a Network provider for both the Primary Plan and this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the Primary Plan's network rate. When the provider is a network provider for the Primary Plan and a non-Network provider for this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the Primary Plan's network rate. When the provider is a non-Network provider for the Primary Plan and a Network provider for this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the reasonable and customary charges allowed by the Primary Plan. When the provider is a non-Network provider for both the Primary Plan and this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the greater of the two Plans' reasonable and customary charges. If this plan is secondary to Medicare, please also refer to the discussion in the section below, titled "Determining the Allowable Expense When this Plan is Secondary to Medicare".

## What is Different When You Qualify for Medicare?

### *Determining Which Plan is Primary When You Qualify for Medicare*

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

- Employees with active current employment status age 65 or older and their Spouses age 65 or older (however, Domestic Partners are excluded as provided by Medicare).
- Individuals with end-stage renal disease, for a limited period of time.
- Disabled individuals under age 65 with current employment status and their Dependents under age 65.

### *Determining the Allowable Expense When this Plan is Secondary to Medicare*

If this Plan is secondary to Medicare, the Medicare approved amount is the Allowable Expense, as long as the provider accepts reimbursement directly from Medicare. If the

provider accepts reimbursement directly from Medicare, the Medicare approved amount is the charge that Medicare has determined that it will recognize and which it reports on an "explanation of Medicare benefits" issued by Medicare (the "EOMB") for a given service. Medicare typically reimburses such providers a percentage of its approved charge – often 80%.

If the provider does not accept assignment of your Medicare benefits, the Medicare limiting charge (the most a provider can charge you if they don't accept Medicare – typically 115% of the Medicare approved amount) will be the Allowable Expense. Medicare payments, combined with Plan Benefits, will not exceed 100% of the Allowable Expense.

If you are eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicare, and this Plan is secondary to Medicare, or if you have enrolled in Medicare but choose to obtain services from an Opt-out provider or one that does not participate in the Medicare program or a provider who does not accept assignment of Medicare benefits, Benefits will be paid on a secondary basis under this Plan and will be determined as if you timely enrolled in Medicare and obtained services from a Medicare participating provider.

When calculating the Plan's Benefits in these situations, and when Medicare does not issue an EOMB, for administrative convenience the Claims Administrator will use the provider's billed charges for covered services as the Allowable Expense for both the Plan and Medicare.

If this Plan is secondary to Medicare, it determines the amount it will pay for a Covered Health Services by following the steps below.

- The Plan determines the amount it would have paid had it been the only plan involved.
- The Plan pays the entire difference between the Allowable Expense and the amount paid by the Primary Plan – as long as this amount is not more than the Plan would have paid had it been the only plan involved.

**The maximum combined payment you may receive from all plans cannot exceed 100% of the applicable Allowable Expense.**

### **Medicare Crossover Program**

The Plan offers a Medicare Crossover program for Medicare Part A and Part B and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) claims. Under this program, you no longer have to file a separate claim with the Plan to receive secondary benefits for these expenses. Your Dependent will also have this automated Crossover, as long as he or she is eligible for Medicare and this Plan is your only secondary medical coverage.

Once the Medicare Part A and Part B and DME carriers have reimbursed your health care provider, the Medicare carrier will electronically submit the necessary information to the Claims Administrator to process the balance of your claim under the provisions of this Plan.

You can verify that the automated crossover took place when your copy of the explanation of Medicare benefits (EOMB) states your claim has been forwarded to your secondary carrier.



This crossover process does not apply to expenses that Medicare does not cover. You must continue to file claims for these expenses.

For information about enrollment or if you have questions about the program, call the telephone number listed on your ID card.

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

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under this Plan and other plans. The Claims Administrator may get the facts needed from, or give them to, other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under this Plan and other plans covering the person claiming benefits.

The Claims Administrator does not need to tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under this Plan must give the Claims Administrator any facts needed to apply those rules and determine benefits payable. If you do not provide the Claims Administrator the information needed to apply these rules and determine the Benefits payable, your claim for Benefits will be denied.

### **Does This Plan Have the Right of Recovery?**

#### ***Overpayment and Underpayment of Benefits***

If you are covered under more than one medical plan, there is a possibility that the other plan will pay a benefit that the Plan should have paid. If this occurs, the Plan may pay the other plan the amount owed.

If the Plan pays you more than it owes under this COB provision, you should pay the excess back promptly. Otherwise, the Plan Sponsor may recover the amount in the form of salary, wages, or benefits payable under any Plan Sponsor-funded benefit plans, including this Plan. The Plan Sponsor also reserves the right to recover any overpayment by legal action or offset payments on future Eligible Expenses.

If the Plan overpays a health care provider, the Claims Administrator reserves the right to recover the excess amount from the provider pursuant to Refund of Overpayments, below.

#### ***Refund of Overpayments***

If the Plan pays for Benefits for expenses incurred on account of a Covered Person, that Covered Person or any other person or organization that was paid, must make a refund to the Plan if:

- The Plan's obligation to pay Benefits was contingent on the expenses incurred being legally owed and paid by you, but all or some of the expenses were not paid by you or did not legally have to be paid by you.
- All or some of the payment the Plan made exceeded the Benefits under the Plan.
- All or some of the payment was made in error.

The amount that must be refunded equals the amount the Plan paid in excess of the amount that should have been paid under the Plan. If the refund is due from another person or organization, you agree to help the Plan get the refund when requested.

If the refund is due from you and you do not promptly refund the full amount owed, the Plan may recover the overpayment by reallocating the overpaid amount to pay, in whole or in part, future Benefits for you that are payable under the Plan. If the refund is due from a person or organization other than you, the Plan may recover the overpayment by reallocating the overpaid amount to pay, in whole or in part, (i) future Benefits that are payable in connection with services provided to other Covered Persons under the Plan; or (ii) future Benefits that are payment in connection with services provided to persons under other plans for which the Claims Administrator processes payments, pursuant to a transaction in which the Plan's overpayment recovery rights are assigned to such other plans in exchange for such plans' remittance of the amount of the reallocated payment. The reallocated payment amount will either:

- equal the amount of the required refund, or
- if less than the full amount of the required refund, will be deducted from the amount of refund owed to the Plan.

The Plan may have other rights in addition to the right to reallocate overpaid amounts and other enumerated rights, including the right to commence a legal action.

## SECTION 12 - SUBROGATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

The Plan has the right to subrogation and reimbursement. References to “you” or “your” in this Subrogation and Reimbursement section shall include you, your estate and your heirs and beneficiaries unless otherwise stated.

Subrogation applies when the Plan has paid Benefits on your behalf for a Sickness or Injury for which any third party is allegedly responsible. The right to subrogation means that the Plan is substituted to and shall succeed to any and all legal claims that you may be entitled to pursue against any third party for the Benefits that the Plan has paid that are related to the Sickness or Injury for which any third party is considered responsible.

### **Subrogation Example:**

Suppose you are injured in a car accident that is not your fault, and you receive Benefits under the Plan to treat your injuries. Under subrogation, the Plan has the right to take legal action in your name against the driver who caused the accident and that driver's insurance carrier to recover the cost of those Benefits.

The right to reimbursement means that if it is alleged that any third party caused or is responsible for a Sickness or Injury for which you receive a settlement, judgment, or other recovery from any third party, you must use those proceeds to fully return to the Plan 100% of any Benefits you receive for that Sickness or Injury. The right of reimbursement shall apply to any benefits received at any time until the rights are extinguished, resolved or waived in writing.

### **Reimbursement Example:**

Suppose you are injured in a boating accident that is not your fault, and you receive Benefits under the Plan as a result of your injuries. In addition, you receive a settlement in a court proceeding from the individual who caused the accident. You must use the settlement funds to return to the Plan 100% of any Benefits you received to treat your injuries.

The following persons and entities are considered third parties:

- A person or entity alleged to have caused you to suffer a Sickness, Injury or damages, or who is legally responsible for the Sickness, Injury or damages.
- Any insurer or other indemnifier of any person or entity alleged to have caused or who caused the Sickness, Injury or damages.
- Your employer in a workers' compensation case or other matter alleging liability.
- Any person or entity who is or may be obligated to provide benefits or payments to you, including benefits or payments for underinsured or uninsured motorist protection, no-fault or traditional auto insurance, medical payment coverage (auto, homeowners or otherwise), workers' compensation coverage, other insurance carriers or third party administrators.

- Any person or entity against whom you may have any claim for professional and/or legal malpractice arising out of or connected to a Sickness or Injury you allege or could have alleged were the responsibility of any third party.
- Any person or entity that is liable for payment to you on any equitable or legal liability theory.

You agree as follows:

- You will cooperate with the Plan in protecting the Plan's legal and equitable rights to subrogation and reimbursement in a timely manner, including, but not limited to:
  - Notifying the Plan, in writing, of any potential legal claim(s) you may have against any third party for acts which caused Benefits to be paid or become payable.
  - Providing any relevant information requested by the Plan.
  - Signing and/or delivering such documents as the Plan or the Plan's agents reasonably request to secure the subrogation and reimbursement claim.
  - Responding to requests for information about any accident or injuries.
  - Making court appearances.
  - Obtaining the Plan's consent or the Plan's agents' consent before releasing any party from liability or payment of medical expenses.
  - Complying with the terms of this section.

Your failure to cooperate with the Plan is considered a breach of contract. As such, the Plan has the right to terminate or deny future Benefits, take legal action against you, and/or set off from any future Benefits the value of Benefits the Plan has paid relating to any Sickness or Injury alleged to have been caused or caused by any third party to the extent not recovered by the Plan due to you or your representative not cooperating with the Plan. If the Plan incurs attorneys' fees and costs in order to collect third party settlement funds held by you or your representative, the Plan has the right to recover those fees and costs from you. You will also be required to pay interest on any amounts you hold which should have been returned to the Plan.

- The Plan has a first priority right to receive payment on any claim against any third party before you receive payment from that third party. Further, the Plan's first priority right to payment is superior to any and all claims, debts or liens asserted by any medical providers, including but not limited to hospitals or emergency treatment facilities, that assert a right to payment from funds payable from or recovered from an allegedly responsible third party and/or insurance carrier.
- The Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights apply to full and partial settlements, judgments, or other recoveries paid or payable to you or your representative, your estate, your heirs and beneficiaries, no matter how those proceeds are captioned or characterized. Payments include, but are not limited to, economic, non-economic, pecuniary, consortium and punitive damages. The Plan is not required to help you to pursue your claim for damages or personal injuries and no amount of associated costs, including attorneys' fees, shall be deducted from the Plan's recovery without the Plan's express written consent. No so-called "Fund Doctrine" or "Common Fund Doctrine" or "Attorney's Fund Doctrine" shall defeat this right.

- Regardless of whether you have been fully compensated or made whole, the Plan may collect from you the proceeds of any full or partial recovery that you or your legal representative obtain, whether in the form of a settlement (either before or after any determination of liability) or judgment, no matter how those proceeds are captioned or characterized. Proceeds from which the Plan may collect include, but are not limited to, economic, non-economic, and punitive damages. No "collateral source" rule, any "Made-Whole Doctrine" or "Make-Whole Doctrine," claim of unjust enrichment, nor any other equitable limitation shall limit the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights.
- Benefits paid by the Plan may also be considered to be Benefits advanced.
- If you receive any payment from any party as a result of Sickness or Injury, and the Plan alleges some or all of those funds are due and owed to the Plan, you and/or your representative shall hold those funds in trust, either in a separate bank account in your name or in your representative's trust account.
- By participating in and accepting Benefits under the Plan, you agree that (i) any amounts recovered by you from any third party shall constitute Plan assets (to the extent of the amount of Benefits provided on behalf of the Covered Person), (ii) you and your representative shall be fiduciaries of the Plan with respect to such amounts, and (iii) you shall be liable for and agree to pay any costs and fees (including reasonable attorney fees) incurred by the Plan to enforce its reimbursement rights.
- The Plan's right to recovery will not be reduced due to your own negligence.
- By participating in and accepting Benefits from the Plan, you agree to assign to the Plan any benefits, claims or rights of recovery you have under any automobile Plan - including no-fault benefits, PIP benefits and/or medical payment benefits - other coverage or against any third party, to the full extent of the Benefits the Plan has paid for the Sickness or Injury. By agreeing to provide this assignment in exchange for participating in and accepting benefits, you acknowledge and recognize the Plan's right to assert, pursue and recover on any such claim, whether or not you choose to pursue the claim, and you agree to this assignment voluntarily.
- The Plan may, at its option, take necessary and appropriate action to preserve the Plan's rights under these provisions, including but not limited to, providing or exchanging medical payment information with an insurer, the insurer's legal representative or other third party and filing suit in your name or your estate's name, which does not obligate the Plan in any way to pay you part of any recovery the Plan might obtain.
- You may not accept any settlement that does not fully reimburse the Plan, without the Plan's written approval.
- The Plan has the authority and discretion to resolve all disputes regarding the interpretation of the language stated herein.
- In the case of your death, giving rise to any wrongful death or survival claim, the provisions of this section apply to your estate, the personal representative of your estate, and your heirs or beneficiaries. In the case of your death the Plan's right of reimbursement and right of subrogation shall apply if a claim can be brought on behalf of you or your estate that can include a claim for past medical expenses or damages. The

obligation to reimburse the Plan is not extinguished by a release of claims or settlement agreement of any kind.

- No allocation of damages, settlement funds or any other recovery, by you, your estate, the personal representative of your estate, your heirs, your beneficiaries or any other person or party, shall be valid if it does not reimburse the Plan for 100% of the Plan's interest unless the Plan provides written consent to the allocation.
- The provisions of this section apply to the parents, guardian, or other representative of a Dependent child who incurs a Sickness or Injury caused by any third party. If a parent or guardian brings a claim for damages arising out of a minor's Sickness or Injury, the terms of this subrogation and reimbursement clause shall apply to that claim.
- If any third party causes or is alleged to have caused you to suffer a Sickness or Injury while you are covered under the Plan, the provisions of this section continue to apply, even after you are no longer covered.
- In the event that you do not abide by the terms of the Plan pertaining to reimbursement, the Plan may terminate Benefits to you, your dependents or the participant, deny future Benefits, take legal action against you, and/or set off from any future Benefits the value of Benefits the Plan has paid relating to any Sickness or Injury alleged to have been caused or caused by any third party to the extent not recovered by the Plan due to your failure to abide by the terms of the Plan. If the Plan incurs attorneys' fees and costs in order to collect third party settlement funds held by you or your representative, the Plan has the right to recover those fees and costs from you. You will also be required to pay interest on any amounts you hold which should have been returned to the Plan.
- The Plan and all Administrators administering the terms and conditions of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights have such powers and duties as are necessary to discharge its duties and functions, including the exercise of the Plan's discretionary authority to (1) construe and enforce the terms of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights and (2) make determinations with respect to the subrogation amounts and reimbursements owed to the Plan.

### **Right of Recovery**

The Plan also has the right to recover benefits it has paid on you or your Dependent's behalf that were:

- Made in error.
- Due to a mistake in fact.
- Advanced during the time period of meeting the calendar year Deductible.
- Advanced during the time period of meeting the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for the calendar year.

Benefits paid because you or your Dependent misrepresented facts are also subject to recovery.

If the Plan provides a Benefit for you or your Dependent that exceeds the amount that should have been paid, the Plan will:

- Require that the overpayment be returned when requested.
- Reduce a future benefit payment for you or your Dependent by the amount of the overpayment.

If the Plan provides an advancement of benefits to you or your Dependent during the time period of meeting the Deductible and/or meeting the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for the calendar year, the Plan will send you or your Dependent a monthly statement identifying the amount you owe with payment instructions. The Plan has the right to recover Benefits it has advanced by:

- Submitting a reminder letter to you or a covered Dependent that details any outstanding balance owed to the Plan.
- Conducting courtesy calls to you or a covered Dependent to discuss any outstanding balance owed to the Plan.

## SECTION 13 - WHEN COVERAGE ENDS

### What this section includes:

- Circumstances that cause coverage to end.
- Conversion from a group policy to an individual policy.
- How to continue coverage after it ends.

Your entitlement to Benefits automatically ends on the date that coverage ends, even if you are hospitalized or are otherwise receiving medical treatment on that date.

When your coverage ends, City of Columbus will still pay claims for Covered Health Services that you received before your coverage ended. However, once your coverage ends, Benefits are not provided for health services that you receive after coverage ended, even if the underlying medical condition occurred before your coverage ended.

Your coverage under the Plan will end on the earliest of:

- The last day of the month your employment with the City ends.
- The date the Plan ends.
- The last day of the month you stop making the required contributions.
- The last day of the month you are no longer eligible.
- The last day of the month UnitedHealthcare receives written notice from City of Columbus to end your coverage, or the date requested in the notice, if later.
- The last day of the month you retire or are pensioned under the Plan, unless specific coverage is available for retired or pensioned persons and you are eligible for that coverage.

Coverage for your eligible Dependents will end on the earliest of:

- The date your coverage ends.
- The last day of the month you stop making the required contributions.
- The last day of the month UnitedHealthcare receives written notice from City of Columbus to end your coverage, or the date requested in the notice, if later.
- The 26<sup>th</sup> date of birth of Dependent.
- In the event of a divorce or legal separation, coverage terminates on the date of the divorce decree or the date documented in the court certified legal separation.

### *Other Events Ending Your Coverage*

The Plan will provide at least thirty days' prior written notice to you that your coverage will end on the date identified in the notice if you commit an act, practice, or omission that constituted fraud, or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact including, but not limited to, knowingly providing incorrect information relating to another person's eligibility



or status as a Dependent. You may appeal this decision during the 30-day notice period. The notice will contain information on how to pursue your appeal.

**Note:** If UnitedHealthcare and City of Columbus find that you have performed an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud, or have made an intentional misrepresentation of material fact City of Columbus has the right to demand that you pay back all Benefits City of Columbus paid to you, or paid in your name, during the time you were incorrectly covered under the Plan.

### **Coverage for a Disabled Dependent Child**

Coverage for an unmarried enrolled Dependent child who is disabled will not end just because the child has reached a certain age. The Plan will extend the coverage for that child beyond the limiting age if both of the following are true regarding the enrolled Dependent child:

- Is not able to be self-supporting because of mental or physical handicap or disability.
- Depends mainly on you for support.

Coverage will continue as long as the enrolled Dependent is medically certified as disabled and dependent unless coverage is otherwise terminated in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

The Plan will ask you to furnish proof of the medical certification of disability within 30 days of the date coverage would otherwise have ended because the child reached a certain age. Before the Plan agrees to this extension of coverage for the child, the Plan may require that a Physician chosen by the Plan examine the child. The Plan will pay for that examination.

The Plan may continue to ask you for proof that the child continues to be disabled and dependent. Such proof might include medical examinations at the Plan's expense. However, the Plan will not ask for this information more than once a year.

If you do not provide proof of the child's disability and dependency within 30 days of the Plan's request as described above, coverage for that child will end.

### **Continuing Coverage Through COBRA**

If you lose your Plan coverage, you may have the right to extend it under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.

Continuation coverage under COBRA is available only to Plans that are subject to the terms of COBRA. You can contact your Plan Administrator to determine if City of Columbus is subject to the provisions of COBRA.

#### ***Continuation Coverage under Federal Law (COBRA)***

Much of the language in this section comes from the federal law that governs continuation coverage. You should call your Plan Administrator if you have questions about your right to continue coverage.

In order to be eligible for continuation coverage under federal law, you must meet the definition of a "Qualified Beneficiary". A Qualified Beneficiary is any of the following persons who were covered under the Plan on the day before a qualifying event:

- A Participant.
- A Participant's enrolled Dependent, including with respect to the Participant's children, a child born to or placed for adoption with the Participant during a period of continuation coverage under federal law.
- A Participant's former Spouse.

### ***Qualifying Events for Continuation Coverage under COBRA***

The following table outlines situations in which you may elect to continue coverage under COBRA for yourself and your Dependents, and the maximum length of time you can receive continued coverage. These situations are considered qualifying events.

If Coverage Ends Because of the Following Qualifying Events:	You May Elect COBRA:		
	For Yourself	For Your Spouse	For Your Child(ren)
Your work hours are reduced	18 months	18 months	18 months
Your employment terminates for any reason (other than gross misconduct)	18 months	18 months	18 months
You or your family member become eligible for Social Security disability benefits at any time within the first 60 days of losing coverage <sup>1</sup>	29 months	29 months	29 months
You die	N/A	36 months	36 months
You divorce (or legally separate)	N/A	36 months	36 months
Your child is no longer an eligible family member (e.g., reaches the maximum age limit)	N/A	N/A	36 months
You become entitled to Medicare	N/A	See table below	See table below
City of Columbus files for bankruptcy under Title 11, United States Code. <sup>2</sup>	36 months	36 months <sup>3</sup>	36 months <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Subject to the following conditions: (i) notice of the disability must be provided within the latest of 60 days after a). the determination of the disability, b). the date of the qualifying event, c). the date

the Qualified Beneficiary would lose coverage under the Plan, and in no event later than the end of the first 18 months; (ii) the Qualified Beneficiary must agree to pay any increase in the required premium for the additional 11 months over the original 18 months; and (iii) if the Qualified Beneficiary entitled to the 11 months of coverage has non-disabled family members who are also Qualified Beneficiaries, then those non-disabled Qualified Beneficiaries are also entitled to the additional 11 months of continuation coverage. Notice of any final determination that the Qualified Beneficiary is no longer disabled must be provided within 30 days of such determination. Thereafter, continuation coverage may be terminated on the first day of the month that begins more than 30 days after the date of that determination.

<sup>2</sup>This is a qualifying event for any retired Participant and his or her enrolled Dependents if there is a substantial elimination of coverage within one year before or after the date the bankruptcy was filed.

<sup>3</sup>From the date of the Participant's death if the Participant dies during the continuation coverage.

### ***How Your Medicare Eligibility Affects Dependent COBRA Coverage***

The table below outlines how your Dependents' COBRA coverage is impacted if you become entitled to Medicare.

<b>If Dependent Coverage Ends When:</b>	<b>You May Elect COBRA Dependent Coverage For Up To:</b>
You become entitled to Medicare and don't experience any additional qualifying events	18 months
You become entitled to Medicare, after which you experience a second qualifying event* before the initial 18-month period expires	36 months
You experience a qualifying event*, after which you become entitled to Medicare before the initial 18-month period expires; and, if absent this initial qualifying event, your Medicare entitlement would have resulted in loss of Dependent coverage under the Plan	36 months

\* Your work hours are reduced or your employment is terminated for reasons other than gross misconduct.

### ***Getting Started***

You will be notified by mail if you become eligible for COBRA coverage as a result of a reduction in work hours or termination of employment. The notification will give you instructions for electing COBRA coverage, and advise you of the monthly cost. Your monthly cost is the full cost, including both Participant and Employer costs, plus a 2% administrative fee or other cost as permitted by law.

You will have up to 60 days from the date you receive notification or 60 days from the date your coverage ends to elect COBRA coverage, whichever is later. You will then have an

additional 45 days to pay the cost of your COBRA coverage, retroactive to the date your Plan coverage ended.

During the 60-day election period, the Plan will, only in response to a request from a provider, inform that provider of your right to elect COBRA coverage, retroactive to the date your COBRA eligibility began.

While you are a participant in the medical Plan under COBRA, you have the right to change your coverage election:

- During Open Enrollment.
- Following a change in family status, as described under *Changing Your Coverage* in Section 2, *Introduction*.

### ***Notification Requirements***

If your covered Dependents lose coverage due to divorce, legal separation, or loss of Dependent status, you or your Dependents must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days of the latest of:

- The date of the divorce, legal separation or an enrolled Dependent's loss of eligibility as an enrolled Dependent.
- The date your enrolled Dependent would lose coverage under the Plan.
- The date on which you or your enrolled Dependent are informed of your obligation to provide notice and the procedures for providing such notice.

You or your Dependents must also notify the Plan Administrator when a qualifying event occurs that will extend continuation coverage.

If you or your Dependents fail to notify the Plan Administrator of these events within the 60 day period, the Plan Administrator is not obligated to provide continued coverage to the affected Qualified Beneficiary. If you are continuing coverage under federal law, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days of the birth or adoption of a child.

Once you have notified the Plan Administrator, you will then be notified by mail of your election rights under COBRA.

### ***Notification Requirements for Disability Determination***

If you extend your COBRA coverage beyond 18 months because you are eligible for disability benefits from Social Security, you must provide your Department Human Resources office with notice of the Social Security Administration's determination within 60 days after you receive that determination, and before the end of your initial 18-month continuation period.

The notice requirements will be satisfied by providing written notice to the Plan Administrator at the address stated in Section 17, *Important Administrative Information*. The contents of the notice must be such that the Plan Administrator is able to determine the

covered Employee and qualified beneficiary(ies), the qualifying event or disability, and the date on which the qualifying event occurred.

### ***Trade Act of 2002***

The Trade Act of 2002 amended COBRA to provide for a special second 60-day COBRA election period for certain Participants who have experienced a termination or reduction of hours and who lose group health plan coverage as a result. The special second COBRA election period is available only to a very limited group of individuals: generally, those who are receiving trade adjustment assistance (TAA) or 'alternative trade adjustment assistance' under a federal law called the Trade Act of 1974. These Participants are entitled to a second opportunity to elect COBRA coverage for themselves and certain family members (if they did not already elect COBRA coverage), but only within a limited period of 60 days from the first day of the month when an individual begins receiving TAA (or would be eligible to receive TAA but for the requirement that unemployment benefits be exhausted) and only during the six months immediately after their group health plan coverage ended.

If a Participant qualifies or may qualify for assistance under the Trade Act of 1974, he or she should contact the Plan Administrator for additional information. The Participant must contact the Plan Administrator promptly after qualifying for assistance under the Trade Act of 1974 or the Participant will lose his or her special COBRA rights. COBRA coverage elected during the special second election period is not retroactive to the date that Plan coverage was lost, but begins on the first day of the special second election period.

### **When COBRA Ends**

COBRA coverage will end, before the maximum continuation period, on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date, after electing continuation coverage, that coverage is first obtained under any other group health plan.
- The date, after electing continuation coverage, that you or your covered Dependent first becomes entitled to Medicare;
- The date coverage ends for failure to make the first required premium (premium is not paid within 45 days).
- The date coverage ends for failure to make any other monthly premium (premium is not paid within 30 days of its due date).
- The date the entire Plan ends.
- The date coverage would otherwise terminate under the Plan as described in the beginning of this section.

**Note:** If you selected continuation coverage under a prior plan which was then replaced by coverage under this Plan, continuation coverage will end as scheduled under the prior plan or in accordance with the terminating events listed in this section, whichever is earlier.

**Conversion from a Group Plan to an Individual Plan**

If your coverage terminates for one of the reasons described below, you may apply for conversion coverage, without furnishing evidence of insurability, if:

- You are no longer eligible as a Participant or enrolled Dependent.
- Continuation coverage ends.

This right to conversion coverage is contingent upon the exhaustion of COBRA continuation coverage.

In addition, you may not be eligible for conversion coverage if you are:

- Age 65 or older.
- Covered under or eligible for coverage under Medicare (title XVIII as amended).
- Covered under or eligible for any group, individual, prepayment, government, or other plan or program which would result in over insurance if conversion coverage was issued.

You must submit your first application and payment to UnitedHealthcare or its designated insurance company within 31 days after coverage ends under this Plan. UnitedHealthcare or its designated insurance company will issue conversion coverage according to the terms and conditions in effect at the time you apply. Conversion coverage may be substantially different from coverage provided under this Plan. Even though you may be eligible for conversion coverage, UnitedHealthcare does not offer conversion products in certain states. When a conversion product is not available, the conversion coverage may be provided by a state sponsored risk pool.

**Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act**

A Participant who is absent from employment for more than 30 days by reason of service in the Uniformed Services may elect to continue Plan coverage for the Participant and the Participant's Dependents in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as amended (USERRA).

The terms "Uniformed Services" or "Military Service" mean the Armed Forces, the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard when engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty training, or full-time National Guard duty, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or national emergency.

If qualified to continue coverage pursuant to the USERRA, Participants may elect to continue coverage under the Plan by notifying the Plan Administrator in advance, and providing payment of any required contribution for the health coverage. This may include the amount the Plan Administrator normally pays on a Participant's behalf. If a Participant's Military Service is for a period of time less than 31 days, the Participant may not be required to pay more than the regular contribution amount, if any, for continuation of health coverage.

A Participant may continue Plan coverage under USERRA for up to the lesser of:

- The 24 month period beginning on the date of the Participant's absence from work.
- The day after the date on which the Participant fails to apply for, or return to, a position of employment.

Regardless of whether a Participant continues health coverage, if the Participant returns to a position of employment, the Participant's health coverage and that of the Participant's eligible Dependents will be reinstated under the Plan. No exclusions or waiting period may be imposed on a Participant or the Participant's eligible Dependents in connection with this reinstatement, unless a Sickness or Injury is determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to have been incurred in, or aggravated during, the performance of military service.

You should call the Plan Administrator if you have questions about your rights to continue health coverage under USERRA.

### **USERRA Provision**

The health and life insurance provided to City employees, pursuant to federal and state law, the various management compensation plans, and/or collective bargaining agreements between the City of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge No. 9; International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 67; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1632 and Local 2191; Communications Workers of America Local 4502; the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc. be continued in full force no less than 24 months of continuous coverage if they elect to continue and effect subject to the same definitions, limitations, and exclusions as are found in the above-referenced federal and state law, collective bargaining agreements, and/or management compensation plans as well as those contracts and agreements between the Department of Human Resources and the various insurance providers, for those City employees who have been or may be called to perform service in the uniformed services for the ensuing year effective November 23, 2020.

That affected City employees remain liable for their regular monthly premium payments, which can be paid as due or held in abeyance and paid in total upon return to City service. If such funds are not paid as herein provided, the amount of unpaid monthly premium payments may be withheld from an employee's final paycheck.

### **Medicare Eligibility**

Benefits under the Plan are not intended to supplement any coverage provided by Medicare. Nevertheless, in some circumstances Covered Persons who are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare may also be enrolled under the Plan.

If you are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare, please read the following information carefully.

If you are eligible for Medicare on a primary basis (Medicare pays before Benefits under the Plan), you should enroll in and maintain coverage under both Medicare Part A and Part B. If you don't enroll and maintain that coverage, and if the Plan is the secondary payer as

described in Section 10, *Coordination of Benefits*, the Plan will pay Benefits under the Plan as if you were covered under both Medicare Part A and Part B. As a result, you will be responsible for the costs that Medicare would have paid and you will incur a larger out-of-pocket cost.

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C) plan on a primary basis (Medicare pays before Benefits under the Plan), you should follow all rules of that plan that require you to seek services from that plan's participating providers. When the Plan is the secondary payer, the Plan will pay any Benefits available to you under the Plan as if you had followed all rules of the Medicare Advantage plan. You will be responsible for any additional costs or reduced Benefits that result from your failure to follow these rules, and you will incur a larger out-of-pocket cost.



## SECTION 14 - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### What this section includes:

- Court-ordered Benefits for Dependent children.
- Your relationship with UnitedHealthcare and City of Columbus.
- Relationships with providers.
- Interpretation of Benefits.
- Information and records.
- Incentives to providers and you.
- The future of the Plan.
- How to access the official Plan documents.

### Qualified Medical Child Support Orders (QMCSOs)

A qualified medical child support order (QMCSO) is a judgment, decree or order issued by a court or appropriate state agency that requires a child to be covered for medical benefits. Generally, a QMCSO is issued as part of a paternity, divorce, or other child support settlement.

If the Plan receives a medical child support order for your child that instructs the Plan to cover the child, the Plan Administrator will review it to determine if it meets the requirements for a QMCSO. If it determines that it does, your child will be enrolled in the Plan as your Dependent, and the Plan will be required to pay Benefits as directed by the order.

You may obtain, without charge, a copy of the procedures governing QMCSOs from the Plan Administrator.

**Note:** A National Medical Support Notice will be recognized as a QMCSO if it meets the requirements of a QMCSO.

### Your Relationship with UnitedHealthcare and City of Columbus

In order to make choices about your health care coverage and treatment, City of Columbus believes that it is important for you to understand how UnitedHealthcare interacts with the Plan Sponsor's benefit Plan and how it may affect you. UnitedHealthcare helps administer the Plan Sponsor's benefit plan in which you are enrolled. UnitedHealthcare does not provide medical services or make treatment decisions. This means:

- UnitedHealthcare communicates to you decisions about whether the Plan will cover or pay for the health care that you may receive (the Plan pays for Covered Health Services, which are more fully described in this SPD).
- The Plan may not pay for all treatments you or your Physician may believe are necessary. If the Plan does not pay, you will be responsible for the cost.

City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare may use individually identifiable information about you to identify for you (and you alone) procedures, products or services that you may find valuable. City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare will use individually identifiable information about you as permitted or required by law, including in operations and in research. City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare will use de-identified data for commercial purposes including research.

### **Relationship with Providers**

The Claims Administrator has agreements in place that govern the relationships between it and City of Columbus and Network providers, some of which are affiliated providers. Network providers enter into agreements with the Claims Administrator to provide Covered Health Services to Covered Persons.

City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare do not provide health care services or supplies, nor do they practice medicine. Instead, City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare arrange for health care providers to participate in a Network and administer payment of Benefits. Network providers are independent practitioners who run their own offices and facilities. UnitedHealthcare's credentialing process confirms public information about the providers' licenses and other credentials, but does not assure the quality of the services provided. They are not City of Columbus's employees nor are they employees of UnitedHealthcare. City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare are not responsible for any act or omission of any provider.

UnitedHealthcare is not considered to be an employer of the Plan Administrator for any purpose with respect to the administration or provision of benefits under this Plan.

City of Columbus is solely responsible for:

- Enrollment and classification changes (including classification changes resulting in your enrollment or the termination of your coverage).
- The timely payment of the service fee to UnitedHealthcare.
- The funding of Benefits on a timely basis.
- Notifying you of the termination or modifications to the Plan.

### **Your Relationship with Providers**

The relationship between you and any provider is that of provider and patient. Your provider is solely responsible for the quality of the services provided to you. You:

- Are responsible for choosing your own provider.
- Are responsible for paying, directly to your provider, any amount identified as a member responsibility, including Copayments, Coinsurance, any Annual Deductible and any amount that exceeds Eligible Expenses.
- Are responsible for paying, directly to your provider, the cost of any non-Covered Health Service.

- Must decide if any provider treating you is right for you (this includes Network providers you choose and providers to whom you have been referred).
- Must decide with your provider what care you should receive.

### **Interpretation of Benefits**

City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare have the sole and exclusive discretion to do all of the following:

- Interpret Benefits under the Plan.
- Interpret the other terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Plan, including this SPD, the Schedule of Benefits and any Addendums, SMMs and/or Amendments.
- Make factual determinations related to the Plan and its Benefits.

City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare may delegate this discretionary authority to other persons or entities including Claims Administrator's affiliates that may provide services in regard to the administration of the Plan. The identity of the service providers and the nature of their services may be changed from time to time in Plan Sponsor's and the Claims Administrator's discretion. In order to receive Benefits, you must cooperate with those service providers.

In certain circumstances, for purposes of overall cost savings or efficiency, City of Columbus may, in its discretion, offer Benefits for services that would otherwise not be Covered Health Services. The fact that City of Columbus does so in any particular case shall not in any way be deemed to require City of Columbus to do so in other similar cases.

### **Information and Records**

City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare may use your individually identifiable health information to administer the Plan and pay claims, to identify procedures, products, or services that you may find valuable, and as otherwise permitted or required by law. City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare may request additional information from you to decide your claim for Benefits. City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare will keep this information confidential. City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare may also use your de-identified data for commercial purposes, including research, as permitted by law.

By accepting Benefits under the Plan, you authorize and direct any person or institution that has provided services to you to furnish City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare with all information or copies of records relating to the services provided to you, including provider billing and provider payment records. City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare have the right to request this information at any reasonable time. This applies to all Covered Persons, including enrolled Dependents whether or not they have signed the Participant's enrollment form. City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare agree that such information and records will be considered confidential.

City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare have the right to release any and all records concerning health care services which are necessary to implement and administer the terms of the Plan, for appropriate medical review or quality assessment, or as City of Columbus is

required to do by law or regulation. During and after the term of the Plan, City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare and its related entities may use and transfer the information gathered under the Plan in a de-identified format for commercial purposes, including research and analytic purposes.

For complete listings of your medical records or billing statements City of Columbus recommends that you contact your health care provider. Providers may charge you reasonable fees to cover their costs for providing records or completing requested forms.

If you request medical forms or records from UnitedHealthcare, they also may charge you reasonable fees to cover costs for completing the forms or providing the records.

In some cases, City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare will designate other persons or entities to request records or information from or related to you, and to release those records as necessary. UnitedHealthcare's designees have the same rights to this information as does the Plan Administrator.

### **Incentives to Providers**

Network providers may be provided financial incentives by UnitedHealthcare to promote the delivery of health care in a cost efficient and effective manner. These financial incentives are not intended to affect your access to health care.

Examples of financial incentives for Network providers are:

- Bonuses for performance based on factors that may include quality, member satisfaction, and/or cost-effectiveness.
- A practice called capitation which is when a group of Network providers receives a monthly payment from UnitedHealthcare for each Covered Person who selects a Network provider within the group to perform or coordinate certain health services. The Network providers receive this monthly payment regardless of whether the cost of providing or arranging to provide the Covered Person's health care is less than or more than the payment.
- Bundled payments - certain Network providers receive a bundled payment for a group of Covered Health Services for a particular procedure or medical condition. The applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance will be calculated based on the provider type that received the bundled payment. The Network providers receive these bundled payments regardless of whether the cost of providing or arranging to provide the Covered Person's health care is less than or more than the payment. If you receive follow-up services related to a procedure where a bundled payment is made, an additional Copayment and/or Coinsurance may not be required if such follow-up services are included in the bundled payment. You may receive some Covered Health Services that are not considered part of the inclusive bundled payment and those Covered Health Services would be subject to the applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance as described in your *Plan Highlights*.

The Claims Administrator uses various payment methods to pay specific Network providers. From time to time, the payment method may change. If you have questions about whether

your Network provider's contract with the Claims Administrator includes any financial incentives, the Claims Administrator encourages you to discuss those questions with your provider. You may also call the Claims Administrator at the telephone number on your ID card. The Claims Administrator can advise whether your Network provider is paid by any financial incentive, including those listed above.

### **Incentives to You**

Sometimes you may be offered coupons or other incentives to encourage you to participate in various wellness programs or certain disease management programs, surveys, discount programs and/or programs to seek care in a more cost effective setting and/or from Designated Providers. In some instances, these programs may be offered in combination with a non-UnitedHealthcare entity. The decision about whether or not to participate is yours alone but City of Columbus recommends that you discuss participating in such programs with your Physician. These incentives are not Benefits and do not alter or affect your Benefits. You may call the number on your ID card if you have any questions. Additional information may be found in Section 7, *Clinical Programs and Resources*.

### **Rebates and Other Payments**

City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare may receive rebates for certain drugs that are administered to you in a Physician's office, or at a Hospital or Alternate Facility. This includes rebates for those drugs that are administered to you before you meet your Annual Deductible. City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare may pass a portion of these rebates on to you. When rebates are passed on to you, they may be taken into account in determining your Copays or Coinsurance.

### **Workers' Compensation Not Affected**

Benefits provided under the Plan do not substitute for and do not affect any requirements for coverage by workers' compensation insurance.

### **Future of the Plan**

Although the Company expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, it reserves the right to discontinue, alter or modify the Plan in whole or in part, at any time and for any reason, at its sole determination.

The Company's decision to terminate or amend a Plan may be due to changes in federal or state laws governing employee benefits, the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code or any other reason. A plan change may transfer plan assets and debts to another plan or split a plan into two or more parts. If the Company does change or terminate a plan, it may decide to set up a different plan providing similar or different benefits.

If this Plan is terminated, Covered Persons will not have the right to any other Benefits from the Plan, other than for those claims incurred prior to the date of termination, or as otherwise provided under the Plan. In addition, if the Plan is amended, Covered Persons may be subject to altered coverage and Benefits.

The amount and form of any final benefit you receive will depend on any Plan document or contract provisions affecting the Plan and Company decisions. After all Benefits have been paid and other requirements of the law have been met, certain remaining Plan assets will be turned over to the Company and others as may be required by any applicable law.

## **Plan Document**

This Summary Plan Description (SPD) represents an overview of your Benefits. In the event there is a discrepancy in the SPD, the Plan Administrator with the Collective Bargaining Agreement or Ordinance will govern.

## **Review and Determine Benefits in Accordance with UnitedHealthcare Reimbursement Policies**

UnitedHealthcare develops its reimbursement policy guidelines, in its sole discretion, in accordance with one or more of the following methodologies:

- As indicated in the most recent edition of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), a publication of the American Medical Association, and/or the *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)*.
- As reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.
- As used for Medicare.
- As determined by medical staff and outside medical consultants pursuant to other appropriate sources or determinations that UnitedHealthcare accepts.

Following evaluation and validation of certain provider billings (e.g., error, abuse and fraud reviews), UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies are applied to provider billings. UnitedHealthcare shares its reimbursement policies with Physicians and other providers in UnitedHealthcare's Network through UnitedHealthcare's provider website. Network Physicians and providers may not bill you for the difference between their contract rate (as may be modified by UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies) and the billed charge. However, non-Network providers are not subject to this prohibition, and may bill you for any amounts the Plan does not pay, including amounts that are denied because one of UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies does not reimburse (in whole or in part) for the service billed. You may obtain copies of UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies for yourself or to share with your non-Network Physician or provider by going to **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.

Ohio's *House Bill 388* and the *Federal No Surprises Act* establish patient protections including from out-of-Network providers' surprise bills ("balance billing") for emergency care and other specified items or services. The Plan will comply with these new state and federal requirements including how claims are processed from certain out-of-Network providers.

UnitedHealthcare may apply a reimbursement methodology established by *OptumInsight* and/or a third party vendor, which is based on *CMS* coding principles, to determine appropriate reimbursement levels for Emergency Health Services. The methodology is usually based on elements reflecting the patient complexity, direct costs, and indirect costs of

an Emergency Health Service. If the methodology(ies) currently in use become no longer available, UnitedHealthcare will use a comparable methodology(ies). UnitedHealthcare and *OptumInsight* are related companies through common ownership by *UnitedHealth Group*. Refer to UnitedHealthcare's website at **[www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)** for information regarding the vendor that provides the applicable methodology.

## SECTION 15 - GLOSSARY

### What this section includes:

- Definitions of terms used throughout this SPD.

Many of the terms used throughout this SPD may be unfamiliar to you or have a specific meaning with regard to the way the Plan is administered and how Benefits are paid. This section defines terms used throughout this SPD, but it does not describe the Benefits provided by the Plan.

**Addendum** - any attached written description of additional or revised provisions to the Plan. The benefits and exclusions of this SPD and any Amendments thereto shall apply to the Addendum except that in the case of any conflict between the Addendum and SPD and/or Amendments to the SPD, the Addendum shall be controlling.

**Air Ambulance** – medical transport by rotary wing Air Ambulance or fixed wing Air Ambulance helicopter or airplane as defined in *42 CFR 414.605*.

**Alternate Facility** - a health care facility that is not a Hospital and that provides one or more of the following services on an outpatient basis, as permitted by law:

- Surgical services.
- Emergency Health Services.
- Rehabilitative, laboratory, diagnostic or therapeutic services.

An Alternate Facility may also provide Mental Health Services or Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services on an outpatient basis or inpatient basis (for example a Residential Treatment Facility).

**Amendment** - any attached written description of additional or alternative provisions to the Plan. Amendments are effective only when distributed by the Plan Sponsor or the Plan Administrator. Amendments are subject to all conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Plan, except for those that the amendment is specifically changing.

**Ancillary Services** – items and services provided by non-Network Physicians at a Network facility that are any of the following:

- Related to emergency medicine, anesthesiology, pathology, radiology, and neonatology;
- Provided by assistant surgeons, hospitalists, and intensivists;
- Diagnostic services, including radiology and laboratory services, unless such items and services are excluded from the definition of Ancillary Services as determined by the Secretary;
- Provided by such other specialty practitioners as determined by the Secretary; and
- Provided by a non-Network Physician when no other Network Physician is available.



**Annual Deductible (or Deductible)** - the amount you must pay for Covered Health Services in a plan year before the Plan will begin paying Benefits in that plan year. The Deductible is shown in the first table in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*.

**Autism Spectrum Disorders** - a condition marked by enduring problems communicating and interacting with others, along with restricted and repetitive behavior, interests or activities.

**Benefits** - Plan payments for Covered Health Services, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and any Addendums and/or Amendments.

**BMI** - see Body Mass Index (BMI).

**Body Mass Index (BMI)** - a calculation used in obesity risk assessment which uses a person's weight and height to approximate body fat.

**Cancer Resource Services (CRS)** - a program administered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates made available to you by City of Columbus. The CRS program provides:

- Specialized consulting services, on a limited basis, to Participants and enrolled Dependents with cancer.
- Access to cancer centers with expertise in treating the most rare or complex cancers.
- Education to help patients understand their cancer and make informed decisions about their care and course of treatment.

**Cellular Therapy** - administration of living whole cells into a patient for the treatment of disease.

**CHD** - see Congenital Heart Disease (CHD).

**Claims Administrator** - UnitedHealthcare (also known as United Healthcare Services, Inc.) and its affiliates, who provide certain claim administration services for the Plan.

**Clinical Trial** - a scientific study designed to identify new health services that improve health outcomes. In a Clinical Trial, two or more treatments are compared to each other and the patient is not allowed to choose which treatment will be received.

**COBRA** - see Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA).

**Coinsurance** - the charge, stated as a percentage of Eligible Expenses or the Recognized Amount when applicable, that you are required to pay for certain Covered Health Services as described in Section 3, *How the Plan Works* and Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.

**City** - City of Columbus.

**Congenital Anomaly** - a physical developmental defect that is present at birth and is identified within the first twelve months of birth.

**Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)** - any structural heart problem or abnormality that has been present since birth. Congenital heart defects may:

- Be passed from a parent to a child (inherited).
- Develop in the fetus of a woman who has an infection or is exposed to radiation or other toxic substances during her Pregnancy.
- Have no known cause.

**Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA)** - a federal law that requires employers to offer continued health insurance coverage to certain employees and their dependents whose group health insurance has been terminated.

**Copayment (or Copay)** - the charge, stated as a set dollar amount, that you are required to pay for certain Covered Health Services as described in Section 3, *How the Plan Works and* Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.

Please note that for Covered Health Services, you are responsible for paying the lesser of the following:

- The applicable Copayment.
- The Eligible Expense or the Recognized Amount when applicable.

**Cosmetic Procedures** - procedures or services that change or improve appearance without significantly improving physiological function, as determined by the Claims Administrator.

**Cost-Effective** - the least expensive equipment that performs the necessary function. This term applies to Durable Medical Equipment and prosthetic devices.

**Covered Health Services** – those health services, including services, supplies or Pharmaceutical Products, which the Claims Administrator determines to be all of the following:

- Provided for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating a Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, condition, disease or its symptoms.
- Medically Necessary.
- Described as a Covered Health Service in this SPD under Section 5, *Plan Highlights* and Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details* and Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.
- Provided to a Covered Person who meets the Plan's eligibility requirements, as described under *Eligibility* in Section 2, *Introduction*.
- Not otherwise excluded in this SPD under Section 8, *Exclusions and Limitations* or Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.

**Covered Person** - either the Participant or an enrolled Dependent, but this term applies only while the person is enrolled and eligible for Benefits under the Plan. References to "you" and "your" throughout this SPD are references to a Covered Person.

**CRS** - see Cancer Resource Services (CRS).

**Custodial Care** - services that are any of the following:

- Non-health-related services, such as assistance in activities of daily living (examples include feeding, dressing, bathing, transferring and ambulating).
- Health-related services that are provided for the primary purpose of meeting the personal needs of the patient or maintaining a level of function (even if the specific services are considered to be skilled services), as opposed to improving that function to an extent that might allow for a more independent existence.
- Services that do not require continued administration by trained medical personnel in order to be delivered safely and effectively.

**Deductible** - see Annual Deductible.

**Definitive Drug Test** - test to identify specific medications, illicit substances and metabolites and is qualitative or quantitative to identify possible use or non-use of a drug.

**Dependent** - an individual who meets the eligibility requirements specified in the Plan, as described under *Eligibility* in Section 2, *Introduction*.

**Designated Dispensing Entity** - a pharmacy, provider, or facility that has entered into an agreement with the Claims Administrator, or with an organization contracting on the Claims Administrator's behalf, to provide Pharmaceutical Products for the treatment of specified diseases or conditions. Not all Network pharmacies, providers, or facilities are Designated Dispensing Entities.

**Designated Network Benefits** – for Benefit plans that have a Designated Network Benefit level, this is the description of how Benefits are paid for the Covered Health Services provided by a Physician or other provider that has been identified as a Designated Provider. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights*, to determine whether or not your Benefit plan offers Designated Network Benefits and for details about how Designated Network Benefits apply.

**Designated Provider** - a provider and/or facility that:

- Has entered into an agreement with the Claims Administrator, or with an organization contracting on the Claims Administrator's behalf, to provide Covered Health Services for the treatment of specific diseases or conditions; or
- The Claims Administrator has identified through the Claims Administrator's designation programs as a Designated Provider. Such designation may apply to specific treatments, conditions and/or procedures.

A Designated Provider may or may not be located within your geographic area. Not all Network Hospitals or Network Physicians are Designated Providers.

You can find out if your provider is a Designated Provider by contacting the Claims Administrator at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or the telephone number on your ID card.

**Designated Virtual Network Provider** - a provider or facility that has entered into an agreement with the Claims Administrator, or with an organization contracting on the Claims Administrator's behalf, to deliver Covered Health Care Services through live audio with video technology or audio only.

**DME** - see Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

**Domestic Partner** - a person of the same or opposite sex with whom the Participant has established a Domestic Partnership.

**Domestic Partnership** - a relationship between a Participant and one other person of the same or opposite sex. All of the following requirements apply to both persons:

- They must not be related by blood or a degree of closeness that would prohibit marriage in the law of the state in which they reside.
- They must not be currently married to, or a Domestic Partner of, another person under either statutory or common law.
- They must be at least 18 years old.
- They must share the same permanent residence and the common necessities of life
- They must be mentally competent to enter into a contract.
- They must be financially interdependent and have furnished documents to support at least four of the following conditions of such financial interdependence:
  - They have a single dedicated relationship of at least 6 months duration, as documented by at least one of the required (4) four documents below.
  - They have joint ownership of a residence.
  - They have at least four of the following:
    - ◆ A joint ownership of an automobile.
    - ◆ A joint checking, bank or investment account.
    - ◆ A joint credit account.
    - ◆ A lease for a residence identifying both partners as tenants.
    - ◆ A will and/or life insurance policies which designate the other as primary beneficiary.

The Participant and Domestic Partner must jointly sign an affidavit of domestic partnership provided by your Central Department of Human Resources office or the Employee Benefits and Wellness office, upon your request.

**Domiciliary Care** - living arrangements designed to meet the needs of people who cannot live independently but do not require Skilled Nursing Facility services.

**Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** - medical equipment that is all of the following:

- Is used to serve a medical purpose with respect to treatment of a Sickness, Injury or their symptoms.
- Is not disposable.
- Is generally not useful to a person in the absence of a Sickness, Injury or their symptoms.
- Can withstand repeated use.
- Is not implantable within the body.
- Is appropriate for use, and is primarily used, within the home.

**Eligible Expenses** – for Covered Health Services, incurred while the Plan is in effect, Eligible Expenses are determined by the Claims Administrator as stated below and as detailed in Section 3, *How the Plan Works*.

Eligible Expenses are determined in accordance with the Claims Administrator's reimbursement policy guidelines or as required by law. The Claims Administrator develops the reimbursement policy guidelines, in the Claims Administrator's discretion, following evaluation and validation of all provider billings in accordance with one or more of the following methodologies:

- As indicated in the most recent edition of the *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)*, a publication of the *American Medical Association*, and/or the *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)*.
- As reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.
- As used for Medicare.
- As determined by medical staff and outside medical consultants pursuant to other appropriate source or determination that the Claims Administrator accepts.

**Emergency** – 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 any of the following:

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

**Emergency Health Services** – with respect to an Emergency:

- An appropriate medical screening examination (as required under section 1867 of the *Social Security Act*, 42 U.S.C. 1395dd or as would be required under such section if such section applied to an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department) that is within

the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital, or an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, as applicable, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such Emergency.

- Such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital or an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, as applicable, as are required under section 1867 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395dd(e)(3)), or as would be required under such section if such section applied to an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, to stabilize the patient (regardless of the department of the Hospital in which such further exam or treatment is provided). For the purpose of this definition, “to stabilize” has the meaning as given such term in section 1867(e)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395dd(e)(3)).
- Emergency Health Services include items and services otherwise covered under the Plan when provided by a non-Network provider or facility (regardless of the department of the Hospital in which the items are services are provided) after the patient is stabilized and as part of outpatient observation, or as a part of an Inpatient Stay or outpatient stay that is connected to the original Emergency unless the following conditions are met:
  - a. The attending Emergency Physician or treating provider determines the patient is able to travel using nonmedical transportation or non-Emergency medical transportation to an available Network provider or facility located within a reasonable distance taking into consideration the patient's medical condition.
  - b. The provider furnishing the additional items and services satisfies notice and consent criteria in accordance with applicable law.
  - c. The patient is in such a condition, as determined by the Secretary, to receive information as stated in b) above and to provide informed consent in accordance with applicable law.
  - d. The provider or facility satisfies any additional requirements or prohibitions as may be imposed by state law.
  - e. Any other conditions as specified by the Secretary.

The above conditions do not apply to unforeseen or urgent medical needs that arise at the time the service is provided regardless of whether notice and consent criteria has been satisfied.

**Employer** - City of Columbus.

**EOB** - see Explanation of Benefits (EOB).

**Experimental or Investigational Service(s)** – medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, mental health, substance-related and addictive disorders or other health care services, technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies, medications, or devices that, at the time the Claims Administrator makes a determination regarding coverage in a particular case, are determined to be any of the following:

- Not approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* to be lawfully marketed for the proposed use and not as appropriate for the proposed use in any of the following:
  - *AHFS Drug Information (AHFS DI)* under therapeutic uses section;
  - *Elsevier Gold Standard's Clinical Pharmacology* under the indications section;
  - *DRUGDEX System by Micromedex* under the therapeutic uses section and has a strength recommendation rating of class I, class IIa, or class IIb; or
  - *National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)* drugs and biologics compendium category of evidence 1, 2A, or 2B.
- Subject to review and approval by any institutional review board for the proposed use (Devices which are *FDA* approved under the *Humanitarian Use Device* exemption are not considered to be Experimental or Investigational.)
- The subject of an ongoing Clinical Trial that meets the definition of a Phase I, II or III Clinical Trial set forth in the *FDA* regulations, regardless of whether the trial is actually subject to *FDA* oversight.
- Only obtainable, with regard to outcomes for the given indication, within research settings.

Exceptions:

- Clinical Trials for which Benefits are available as described under *Clinical Trials* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
- If you are not a participant in a qualifying Clinical Trial as described under Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*, and have a Sickness or condition that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment, the Claims Administrator may, at its discretion, consider an otherwise Experimental or Investigational Service to be a Covered Health Service for that Sickness or condition. Prior to such consideration, the Claims Administrator must determine that, although unproven, the service has significant potential as an effective treatment for that Sickness or condition.

**Explanation of Benefits (EOB)** - a statement provided by UnitedHealthcare to you, your Physician, or another health care professional that explains:

- The Benefits provided (if any).
- The allowable reimbursement amounts.
- Deductibles.
- Coinsurance.
- Any other reductions taken.
- The net amount paid by the Plan.
- The reason(s) why the service or supply was not covered by the Plan.

**Fertility Solutions (FS)** – a program administered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates made available to you by City of Columbus. The FS program provides:

- Specialized clinical consulting services to Participants and enrolled Dependents to educate on infertility treatment options.
- Access to specialized Network facilities and Physicians for infertility services.

**Gender Dysphoria** - A disorder characterized by the diagnostic criteria classified in the current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*.

**Gene Therapy** - therapeutic delivery of nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) into a patient's cells as a drug to treat a disease.

**Genetic Counseling** - counseling by a qualified clinician that includes:

- Identifying your potential risks for suspected genetic disorders;
- An individualized discussion about the benefits, risks and limitations of Genetic Testing to help you make informed decisions about Genetic Testing; and
- Interpretation of the Genetic Testing results in order to guide health decisions.

Certified genetic counselors, medical geneticists and physicians with a professional society's certification that they have completed advanced training in genetics are considered qualified clinicians when Covered Health Services for Genetic Testing require Genetic Counseling.

**Genetic Testing** - exam of blood or other tissue for changes in genes (DNA or RNA) that may indicate an increased risk for developing a specific disease or disorder, or provide information to guide the selection of treatment of certain diseases, including cancer.

**Gestational Carrier** - a Gestational Carrier is a female who becomes pregnant by having a fertilized egg (embryo) implanted in her uterus for the purpose of carrying the fetus to term for another person. The carrier does not provide the egg and is therefore not biologically (genetically) related to the child.

**Health Statement(s)** - a single, integrated statement that summarizes EOB information by providing detailed content on account balances and claim activity.

**Home Health Agency** - a program or organization authorized by law to provide health care services in the home.

**Hospital** - an institution, operated as required by law and that meets both of the following:

- It is primarily engaged in providing health services, on an inpatient basis, for the acute care and treatment of sick or injured individuals. Care is provided through medical, mental health, substance-related and addictive disorders, diagnostic and surgical facilities, by or under the supervision of a staff of Physicians.
- It has 24-hour nursing services.



A Hospital is not primarily a place for rest, Custodial Care or care of the aged and is not a nursing home, convalescent home or similar institution.

**Iatrogenic Infertility** - an impairment of fertility by surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, or other medical treatment affecting reproductive organs or processes.

**Independent Freestanding Emergency Department** – a health care facility that:

- Is geographically separate and distinct and licensed separately from a Hospital under applicable law; and
- Provides Emergency Health Services.

**Infertility** - A disease (an interruption, cessation, or disorder of body functions, systems, or organs) of the reproductive tract which prevents the conception of a child or the ability to carry a pregnancy to delivery.

**Injury** - bodily damage other than Sickness, including all related conditions and recurrent symptoms.

**Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility** - a long term acute rehabilitation center, a Hospital (or a special unit of a Hospital designated as an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility) that provides rehabilitation services (including physical therapy, occupational therapy and/or speech therapy) on an inpatient basis, as authorized by law.

**Inpatient Stay** - an uninterrupted confinement, following formal admission to a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility.

**Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT)** – outpatient behavioral/educational services that aim to reinforce adaptive behaviors, reduce maladaptive behaviors and improve the mastery of functional age appropriate skills in people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Examples include *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)*, *The Denver Model*, and *Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)*.

**Intensive Outpatient Treatment** - a structured outpatient treatment program.

- For Mental Health Services, the program may be freestanding or Hospital-based and provides services for at least three hours per day, two or more days per week.
- For Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services, the program provides nine to nineteen hours per week of structured programming for adults and six to nineteen hours for adolescents, consisting primarily of counseling and education about addiction related and mental health problems.

**Intermittent Care** - skilled nursing care that is provided or needed either:

- Fewer than seven days each week.
- Fewer than eight hours each day for periods of 21 days or less.

Exceptions may be made in special circumstances when the need for additional care is finite and predictable.

**Kidney Resource Services (KRS)** - a program administered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates made available to you by City of Columbus. The KRS program provides:

- Specialized consulting services to Participants and enrolled Dependents with ESRD or chronic kidney disease.
- Access to dialysis centers with expertise in treating kidney disease.
- Guidance for the patient on the prescribed plan of care.

**Manipulative Treatment** - the therapeutic application of chiropractic and/or osteopathic manipulative treatment with or without ancillary physiologic treatment and/or rehabilitative methods rendered to restore/improve motion, reduce pain and improve function in the management of an identifiable neuromusculoskeletal condition.

**Medically Necessary** – health care services that are all of the following as determined by the Claims Administrator or its designee, within the Claims Administrator’s sole discretion. The services must be:

- In accordance with Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice.
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, service site and duration, and considered effective for your Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders disease or its symptoms.
- Not mainly for your convenience or that of your doctor or other health care provider.
- Not more costly than an alternative drug, service(s), service site or supply that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of your Sickness, Injury, disease or symptoms.

*Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* are standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, relying primarily on controlled clinical trials, or, if not available, observational studies from more than one institution that suggest a causal relationship between the service or treatment and health outcomes.

If no credible scientific evidence is available, then standards that are based on Physician specialty society recommendations or professional standards of care may be considered. The Claims Administrator reserves the right to consult expert opinion in determining whether health care services are Medically Necessary. The decision to apply Physician specialty society recommendations, the choice of expert and the determination of when to use any such expert opinion, shall be within the Claims Administrator’s sole discretion.

The Claims Administrator develops and maintains clinical policies that describe the *Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* scientific evidence, prevailing medical standards and clinical guidelines supporting its determinations regarding specific services. These clinical policies (as developed by the Claims Administrator and revised from time to time), are

available to Covered Persons on **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card, and to Physicians and other health care professionals on **www.UHCprovider.com**.

**Medicaid** - a federal program administered and operated individually by participating state and territorial governments that provides medical benefits to eligible low-income people needing health care. The federal and state governments share the program's costs.

**Medicare** - Parts A, B, C and D of the insurance program established by Title XVIII, *United States Social Security Act*, as amended by 42 U.S.C. Sections 1394, et seq. and as later amended.

**Mental Health Services** - services for the diagnosis and treatment of those mental health or psychiatric categories that are listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a condition is listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment for the condition is a Covered Health Service.

**Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Administrator** - the organization or individual designated by City of Columbus who provides or arranges Mental Health and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services under the Plan.

**Mental Illness** – those mental health or psychiatric diagnostic categories listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a condition is listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment for the condition is a Covered Health Service.

**Network** - when used to describe a provider of health care services, this means a provider that has a participation agreement in effect (either directly or indirectly) with the Claims Administrator or with its affiliate to participate in the Network; however, this does not include those providers who have agreed to discount their charges for Covered Health Services by way of their participation in the Shared Savings Program. The Claims Administrator's affiliates are those entities affiliated with the Claims Administrator through common ownership or control with the Claims Administrator or with the Claims Administrator's ultimate corporate parent, including direct and indirect subsidiaries.

A provider may enter into an agreement to provide only certain Covered Health Services, but not all Covered Health Services, or to be a Network provider for only some products. In this case, the provider will be a Network provider for the Covered Health Services and products included in the participation agreement, and a non-Network provider for other Covered Health Services and products. The participation status of providers will change from time to time.

**Network Benefits** - for Benefit Plans that have a Network Benefit level, this is the description of how Benefits are paid for Covered Health Services provided by Network providers. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights* to determine whether or not your Benefit plan

offers Network Benefits and Section 3, *How the Plan Works*, for details about how Network Benefits apply.

**New Pharmaceutical Product** - a Pharmaceutical Product or new dosage form of a previously approved Pharmaceutical Product. It applies to the period of time starting on the date the Pharmaceutical Product or new dosage form is approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* and ends on the earlier of the following dates.

- The date it is reviewed.
- December 31st of the following calendar year.

**Non-Medical 24-Hour Withdrawal Management** - An organized residential service, including those defined in *American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)*, providing 24-hour supervision, observation, and support for patients who are intoxicated or experiencing withdrawal, using peer and social support rather than medical and nursing care.

**Non-Network Benefits** - for Benefit Plans that have a Non-Network Benefit level, this is the description of how Benefits are paid for Covered Health Services provided by non-Network providers. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights* to determine whether or not your Benefit plan offers Non-Network Benefits and Section 3, *How the Plan Works*, for details about how Non-Network Benefits apply.

**Open Enrollment** - the period of time, determined by City of Columbus, during which eligible Participants may enroll themselves and their Dependents under the Plan. City of Columbus determines the period of time that is the Open Enrollment period.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum** - for Benefit plans that have an Out-of-Pocket Maximum, this is the maximum amount you pay every plan year. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights* for the Out-of-Pocket Maximum amount. See Section 3, *How the Plan Works* for a description of how the Out-of-Pocket Maximum works.

**Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment** - a structured ambulatory program that may be a free-standing or Hospital-based program and that provides services for at least 20 hours per week.

**Participant** - a full-time Participant of the Employer who meets the eligibility requirements specified in the Plan, as described under *Eligibility* in Section 2, *Introduction*. A Participant must live and/or work in the United States.

**Personal Health Support** - programs provided by the Claims Administrator that focus on prevention, education, and closing the gaps in care designed to encourage an efficient system of care for you and your covered Dependents.

**Personal Health Support Nurse** - the primary nurse that UnitedHealthcare may assign to you if you have a chronic or complex health condition. If a Personal Health Support Nurse is assigned to you, this nurse will call you to assess your progress and provide you with information and education.

**Pharmaceutical Product(s)** - U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved prescription medications or products administered in connection with a Covered Health Service by a Physician.

**Physician** - any *Doctor of Medicine* or *Doctor of Osteopathy* who is properly licensed and qualified by law.

Please note: Any podiatrist, dentist, psychologist, chiropractor, optometrist or other provider who acts within the scope of his or her license will be considered on the same basis as a Physician. The fact that a provider is described as a Physician does not mean that Benefits for services from that provider are available to you under the Plan.

**Plan** - The City of Columbus Medical Plan.

**Plan Administrator** - City of Columbus or its designee.

**Plan Sponsor** - City of Columbus.

**Pregnancy** - includes all of the following:

- Prenatal care.
- Postnatal care.
- Childbirth.
- Any complications associated with the above.

**Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT)** - A test performed to analyze the DNA from oocytes or embryos for human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing or for determining genetic abnormalities. These include:

- PGT-M - for monogenic disorder (formerly single-gene PGD).
- PGT-SR - for structural rearrangements (formerly chromosomal PGD).

**Presumptive Drug Test** - test to determine the presence or absence of drugs or a drug class in which the results are indicated as negative or positive result.

**Primary Physician** - a Physician who has a majority of his or her practice in general pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, family practice or general medicine.

**Private Duty Nursing** - nursing care that is provided to a patient on a one-to-one basis by licensed nurses in an inpatient or a home setting when any of the following are true:

- Services exceed the scope of Intermittent Care in the home.
- The service is provided to a Covered Person by an independent nurse who is hired directly by the Covered Person or his/her family. This includes nursing services provided on an inpatient or home-care basis, whether the service is skilled or non-skilled independent nursing.

- Skilled nursing resources are available in the facility.
- The Skilled Care can be provided by a Home Health Agency on a per visit basis for a specific purpose.

**Recognized Amount** – the amount which Copayment, Coinsurance and applicable deductible, is based on for the below Covered Health Services when provided by non-Network providers.

- Non-Network Emergency Health Services.
- Non-Emergency Covered Health Services received at certain Network facilities by non-Network Physicians, when such services are either Ancillary Services, or non-Ancillary Services that have not satisfied the notice and consent criteria of section 2799B-2(d) of the *Public Health Service Act*. For the purpose of this provision, "certain Network facilities" are limited to a hospital (as defined in 1861(e) of the *Social Security Act*), a hospital outpatient department, a critical access hospital (as defined in 1861(mm)(1) of the *Social Security Act*), an ambulatory surgical center as described in section 1833(i)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

The amount is based on either:

- 1) An *All Payer Model Agreement* if adopted,
- 2) State law, or
- 3) The lesser of the qualifying payment amount as determined under applicable law or the amount billed by the provider or facility.

The Recognized Amount for Air Ambulance services provided by a non-Network provider will be calculated based on the lesser of the qualifying payment amount as determined under applicable law or the amount billed by the Air Ambulance service provider.

Note: Covered Health Services that use the Recognized Amount to determine your cost sharing may be higher or lower than if cost sharing for these Covered Health Services were determined based upon an Eligible Expense.

**Reconstructive Procedure** - a procedure performed to address a physical impairment where the expected outcome is restored or improved function. The primary purpose of a Reconstructive Procedure is either to treat a medical condition or to improve or restore physiologic function. Reconstructive Procedures include surgery or other procedures which are associated with an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly. The primary result of the procedure is not changed or improved physical appearance. The fact that a person may suffer psychologically as a result of the impairment does not classify surgery or any other procedure done to relieve the impairment as a Reconstructive Procedure.

**Remote Physiologic Monitoring** - the automatic collection and electronic transmission of patient physiologic data that are analyzed and used by a licensed Physician or other qualified health care professional to develop and manage a plan of treatment related to a chronic and/or acute health illness or condition. The plan of treatment will provide milestones for which progress will be tracked by one or more Remote Physiologic Monitoring devices.

Remote Physiologic Monitoring must be ordered by a licensed Physician or other qualified health professional who has examined the patient and with whom the patient has an established, documented, and ongoing relationship. Remote Physiologic Monitoring may not be used while the patient is inpatient at a Hospital or other facility. Use of multiple devices must be coordinated by one Physician.

**Residential Treatment** – treatment in a facility which provides Mental Health Services or Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services treatment. The facility meets all of the following requirements:

- It is established and operated in accordance with applicable state law for Residential Treatment programs.
- It provides a program of treatment approved by the Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services Administrator under the active participation and direction of a Physician and approved by the Mental Health/Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services Administrator.
- Offers organized treatment services that feature a planned and structured regimen of care in a 24-hour setting and provides at least the following basic services;
  - Room and board.
  - Evaluation and diagnosis.
  - Counseling.
  - Referral and orientation to specialized community resources.

A Residential Treatment facility that qualifies as a Hospital is considered a Hospital.

**Secretary** – as that term is applied in the *No Surprises Act* of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act* (P.L. 116-260).

**Semi-private Room** - a room with two or more beds. When an Inpatient Stay in a Semi-private Room is a Covered Health Service, the difference in cost between a Semi-private Room and a private room is a benefit only when a private room is necessary in terms of generally accepted medical practice, or when a Semi-private Room is not available.

**Shared Savings Program** - a program in which UnitedHealthcare may obtain a discount to a non-Network provider's billed charges. This discount is usually based on a schedule previously agreed to by the non-Network provider and a third party vendor. When this program applies, the non-Network provider's billed charges will be discounted. Plan coinsurance and any applicable deductible would still apply to the reduced charge. Sometimes Plan provisions or administrative practices supersede the scheduled rate, and a different rate is determined by UnitedHealthcare.

This means, when contractually permitted, the Plan may pay the lesser of the Shared Savings Program discount or an amount determined by UnitedHealthcare, such as:

- A percentage of the published rates allowed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the same or similar service within the geographic market.

- An amount determined based on available data resources of competitive fees in that geographic area.
- A fee schedule established by a third party vendor.
- A negotiated rate with the provider.

In this case the non-Network provider may bill you for the difference between the billed amount and the rate determined by UnitedHealthcare. If this happens you should call the number on your ID Card. Shared Savings Program providers are not Network providers and are not credentialed by UnitedHealthcare.

**Sickness** - physical illness, disease or Pregnancy. The term Sickness as used in this SPD includes Mental Illness or substance-related and addictive disorders, regardless of the cause or origin of the Mental Illness or substance-related and addictive disorder.

**Skilled Care** - skilled nursing, teaching, and rehabilitation services when:

- They are delivered or supervised by licensed technical or professional medical personnel in order to obtain the specified medical outcome and provide for the safety of the patient.
- A Physician orders them.
- They are not delivered for the purpose of assisting with activities of daily living, including dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair.
- They require clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively.
- They are not Custodial Care, as defined in this section.

**Skilled Nursing Facility** - a Hospital or nursing facility that is licensed and operated as required by law. A Skilled Nursing Facility that is part of a Hospital is considered a Skilled Nursing Facility for purposes of the Plan.

**Specialist Physician** - a Physician who has a majority of his or her practice in areas other than general pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, family practice or general medicine.

**Specialty Pharmaceutical Product** - Pharmaceutical Products that are generally high cost biotechnology drugs used to treat patients with certain illnesses.

**Spouse** - an individual to whom you are legally married or a Domestic Partner as defined in this section.

**Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services** - services for the diagnosis and treatment of alcoholism and substance-related and addictive disorders that are listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a disorder is listed in the edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and*



*Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment of the disorder is a Covered Health Service.

**Surrogate** - a female who becomes pregnant usually by artificial insemination or transfer of a fertilized egg (embryo) for the purpose of carrying the fetus for another person. When the surrogate provides the egg the surrogate is biologically (genetically) related to the child.

**Telehealth/Telemedicine** - live, interactive audio with visual transmissions of a Physician-patient encounter from one site to another using telecommunications technology. The site may be a CMS defined originating facility or another location such as a Covered Person's home or place of work. Telehealth/Telemedicine does not include virtual care services provided by a Designated Virtual Network Provider.

**Therapeutic Donor Insemination (TDI)** - Insemination with a donor sperm sample for the purpose of conceiving a child.

**Total Disability or Totally Disabled** - a Participant's inability to perform all of the substantial and material duties of his or her regular employment or occupation; and a Dependent's inability to perform the normal activities of a person of like age and gender.

**Transitional Living** - Mental Health Services and Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services that are provided through facilities, group homes and supervised apartments that provide 24-hour supervision, including those defined in *American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)* criteria, that are either:

- Sober living arrangements such as drug-free housing or alcohol/drug halfway houses. These are transitional, supervised living arrangements that provide stable and safe housing, an alcohol/drug-free environment and support for recovery. A sober living arrangement may be utilized as an adjunct to ambulatory treatment when treatment doesn't offer the intensity and structure needed to assist the Covered Person with recovery.
- Supervised living arrangements which are residences such as facilities, group homes and supervised apartments that provide stable and safe housing and the opportunity to learn how to manage activities of daily living. Supervised living arrangements may be utilized as an adjunct to treatment when treatment doesn't offer the intensity and structure needed to assist the Covered Person with recovery.

**Unproven Services** – health services, including medications and devices, regardless of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval, that are not determined to be effective for treatment of the medical condition or not determined to have a beneficial effect on health outcomes due to insufficient and inadequate clinical evidence from well-conducted randomized controlled trials or cohort studies in the prevailing published peer-reviewed medical literature.

- Well-conducted randomized controlled trials. (Two or more treatments are compared to each other, and the patient is not allowed to choose which treatment is received.)

- Well-conducted cohort studies from more than one institution. (Patients who receive study treatment are compared to a group of patients who receive standard therapy. The comparison group must be nearly identical to the study treatment group.)
- The Claims Administrator has a process by which it compiles and reviews clinical evidence with respect to certain health services. From time to time, the Claims Administrator issues medical and drug policies that describe the clinical evidence available with respect to specific health care services. These medical and drug policies are subject to change without prior notice. You can view these policies at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com).

Please note:

- If you have a life-threatening Sickness or condition (one that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment) the Claims Administrator may, at its discretion, consider an otherwise Unproven Service to be a Covered Health Care Service for that Sickness or condition. Prior to such a consideration, the Claims Administrator must first establish that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that, even though unproven, the service has significant potential as an effective treatment for that Sickness or condition.

**Urgent Care** – care that requires prompt attention to avoid adverse consequences, but does not pose an immediate threat to a person’s life. Urgent care is usually delivered in a walk-in setting and without an appointment. Urgent care facilities are a location, distinct from a hospital emergency department, an office or a clinic. The purpose is to diagnose and treat illness or injury for unscheduled, ambulatory patients seeking immediate medical attention.

**Urgent Care Center** – a facility that provides Covered Health Services that are required to prevent serious deterioration of your health, and that are required as a result of an unforeseen Sickness, Injury, or the onset of acute or severe symptoms.

## SECTION 16 - OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

### What this section includes:

- Benefits available for Prescription Drug Products.
- How to utilize the retail and mail order service for obtaining Prescription Drug Products.
- Any Benefit limitations and exclusions that exist for Prescription Drug Products.
- Definitions of terms used throughout this section related to the Prescription Drug Product Plan.

### Benefits for Prescription Drug Products

Benefits are available for Prescription Drug Products at either a Network Pharmacy or a non-Network Pharmacy and are subject to Copayments and/or Coinsurance or other payments that vary depending on which of the tiers of the Prescription Drug List (PDL) the Prescription Drug Product is listed. Refer to the Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits for applicable Copayments and/or Coinsurance requirements.

Benefits for Prescription Drug Products are available when the Prescription Drug Product meets the definition of a Covered Health Service or is prescribed to prevent conception.

### What You Must Pay

Benefits for Preventive Care Medications are not subject to payment of the Annual Deductible.

You are responsible for paying the applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance described in the *Payment Information - Outpatient Prescription Drugs* table or *Schedule of Benefits - Outpatient Prescription Drugs*. You are not responsible for paying a Copayment and/or Coinsurance for Preventive Care Medications.

The amount you pay for any of the following under this section will not be included in calculating any Out-of-Pocket Maximum stated in your SPD:

- Coinsurance for Prescription Drug Products.
- Certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers. You may access information on which coupons or offers are not permitted through the Internet at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.
- The difference between the Out-of-Network Reimbursement Rate and a non-Network Pharmacy's Usual and Customary Charge for a Prescription Drug Product.
- Any non-covered drug product. You are responsible for paying 100% of the cost (the amount the pharmacy charges you) for any non-covered drug product and UnitedHealthcare contracted rates (Prescription Drug Charge) will not be available to you.

- Any amount you pay for Prescription Drug Products for Infertility that exceeds the Infertility Maximum Plan Benefit.

## **Payment Terms and Features - Outpatient Prescription Drugs**

### ***Prescription Drug Product Coverage Highlights***

The table below provides an overview of the Plan's Prescription Drug Product coverage. It includes Copay amounts that apply when you have a prescription filled at a Pharmacy. For detailed descriptions of your Benefits, refer to *Retail* and *Mail Order* in this section. There is a separate Out-of-Pocket maximum for *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*. For individuals, the Out-of-Pocket maximum is \$2,000 and for families, it is \$4,000.

### ***If a Brand-name Drug Becomes Available as a Generic***

If a Brand-name Prescription Drug Product becomes available as a Generic drug, the tier placement of the Brand-name Prescription Drug Product may change. As a result, your Copay may change. You will pay the Copay applicable for the tier to which the Prescription Drug Product is assigned.

### ***Prior Authorization Requirements***

Before certain Prescription Drug Products are dispensed to you, it is the responsibility of your Physician, your pharmacist or you to obtain prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare or its designee. The reason for obtaining prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare or its designee is to determine if the Prescription Drug Product, in accordance with UnitedHealthcare's approved guidelines, is each of the following:

- It meets the definition of a Covered Health Service as defined by the Plan.
- It is not an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.

The Plan may also require you to obtain prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare or its designee so UnitedHealthcare can determine whether the Prescription Drug Product, in accordance with UnitedHealthcare's approved guidelines, was prescribed by a Specialist Physician.

### ***Network Pharmacy Prior Authorization***

When Prescription Drug Products are dispensed at a Network Pharmacy, the prescribing provider, the pharmacist, or you are responsible for obtaining prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare.

### ***Non-Network Pharmacy Prior Authorization***

When Prescription Drug Products are dispensed at a non-Network Pharmacy, you or your Physician, are responsible for obtaining prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare as required.

If you do not obtain prior authorization before the Prescription Drug Product is dispensed, you may pay more for that Prescription Drug Product order or refill. You will be required to pay for the Prescription Drug Product at the time of purchase. The Prescription Drug

Products requiring prior authorization are subject to UnitedHealthcare's periodic review and modification. You may determine whether a particular Prescription Drug Product requires prior authorization through the Internet at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.

If you do not obtain prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare before the Prescription Drug Product is dispensed, you can ask UnitedHealthcare to consider reimbursement after you receive the Prescription Drug Product. You will be required to pay for the Prescription Drug Product at the pharmacy. UnitedHealthcare contracted pharmacy reimbursement rates (UnitedHealthcare's Prescription Drug Charge) will not be available to you at a non-Network Pharmacy. You may seek reimbursement from the Plan as described in Section 9, *Claims Procedures*.

When you submit a claim on this basis, you may pay more because you did not obtain prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare before the Prescription Drug Product was dispensed. The amount you are reimbursed will be based on the Prescription Drug Charge (for Prescription Drug Products from a Network Pharmacy) or the Out-of-Network Reimbursement Rate (for Prescription Drug Products from a non-Network Pharmacy), less the required Copayment and/or Coinsurance and any deductible that applies.

To determine if a Prescription Drug Product requires prior authorization, either visit **www.myuhc.com** or call the number on your ID card. The Prescription Drug Products requiring prior authorization are subject to UnitedHealthcare's periodic review and modification.

Benefits may not be available for the Prescription Drug Product after UnitedHealthcare reviews the documentation provided and determines that the Prescription Drug Product is not a Covered Health Service or it is an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service.

UnitedHealthcare may also require prior authorization for certain programs which may have specific requirements for participation and/or activation of an enhanced level of Benefits associated with such programs. You may access information on available programs and any applicable prior authorization, participation or activation requirements associated with such programs through the Internet at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card.

**Schedule of Benefits - Outpatient Prescription Drugs**

*Benefit Information for Prescription Drug Products at either a Network Pharmacy or a non-Network Pharmacy*

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of Prescription Drug Charge Payable by the Plan (Per Prescription Order or Refill):	Percentage of Out-of-Network Reimbursement Rate Payable by the Plan (Per Prescription Order or Refill):
	Network	Non-Network
<b>Retail</b> - up to a 31-day supply <sup>2</sup> When a Prescription Drug Product is packaged or designed to deliver in a manner that provides more than a consecutive 31-day supply, the Copayment and/or Coinsurance that applies will reflect the number of days dispensed or days the drug will be delivered.	100% after you pay a:	
■ Tier-1	\$5 Copay	\$5 Copay
■ Tier-2	\$15 Copay	\$15 Copay
■ Tier-3	\$30 Copay	\$30 Copay

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of Prescription Drug Charge Payable by the Plan (Per Prescription Order or Refill):	Percentage of Out-of-Network Reimbursement Rate Payable by the Plan (Per Prescription Order or Refill):
	Network	Non-Network
<p><b>Specialty Prescription Drug Products</b> - up to a 90-day supply</p> <p>The following supply limits apply:</p> <p>As written by the provider, up to a consecutive 90-day supply of a Specialty Prescription Drug Product, unless adjusted based on the drug manufacturer's packaging size, or based on supply limits.</p> <p>When a Specialty Prescription Drug Product is packaged or designed to deliver in a manner that provides more than a consecutive 31-day supply, the Copayment and/or Coinsurance that applies will reflect the number of days dispensed or days the drug will be delivered.</p> <p>Supply limits apply to Specialty Prescription Drug Products obtained at a Network Pharmacy, a mail order Network Pharmacy or a Designated Pharmacy.</p>	100% after you pay a:	
■ Tier-1	\$5 Copay or \$12.50 Copay for 90 day supply	\$5 Copay or \$12.50 Copay for 90 day supply
■ Tier-2	\$15 Copay or	\$15 Copay or

Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of Prescription Drug Charge Payable by the Plan (Per Prescription Order or Refill):	Percentage of Out-of-Network Reimbursement Rate Payable by the Plan (Per Prescription Order or Refill):
	Network	Non-Network
	\$25 Copay for 90 day supply	\$25 Copay for 90 day supply
■ Tier-3	\$30 Copay or \$60 Copay for 90 day supply	\$30 Copay or \$60 Copay for 90 day supply
<b>Mail Order Network Pharmacy</b> - up to a 90-day supply <sup>2</sup>	100% after you pay a:	Not Covered
■ Tier-1	\$12.50 Copay	Not Covered
■ Tier-2	\$25 Copay	Not Covered
■ Tier-3	\$60 Copay	Not Covered

<sup>1</sup>Please obtain prior authorization from UnitedHealthcare before receiving Prescription Drug Products, as described in *Payment Terms and Features*, under *Prior Authorization Requirements* in this section.

**Note:** The Coordination of Benefits provision described in Section 11, *Coordination of Benefits (COB)* applies to covered Prescription Drug Products as described in this section. Benefits for Prescription Drug Products will be coordinated with those of any other health plan in the same manner as Benefits for Covered Health Services described in this SPD.

### Identification Card (ID Card) - Network Pharmacy

You must either show your ID card at the time you obtain your Prescription Drug Product at a Network Pharmacy or you must provide the Network Pharmacy with identifying information that can be verified by UnitedHealthcare during regular business hours.

If you don't show your ID card or provide verifiable information at a Network Pharmacy, you will be required to pay the Usual and Customary Charge for the Prescription Drug at the pharmacy.



You may seek reimbursement from the Plan as described in Section 9, *Claims Procedures*, under the heading, *If Your Provider Does Not File Your Claim*. When you submit a claim on this basis, you may pay more because you failed to verify your eligibility when the Prescription Drug Product was dispensed. The amount you are reimbursed will be based on the Prescription Drug Charge, less the required Copayment and/or Coinsurance, and any deductible that applies.

Submit your claim to:

Optum Rx  
PO Box 29077  
Hot Spring, AR 71903

## **Benefit Levels**

Benefits are available for outpatient Prescription Drug Products that are considered Covered Health Services.

The Plan pays Benefits at different levels for tier-1, tier-2 and tier-3 Prescription Drug Products.

All Prescription Drug Products covered by the Plan are categorized into these three tiers on the Prescription Drug List (PDL). The tier status of a Prescription Drug Product can change periodically, generally quarterly but no more than six times per calendar year, based on the Prescription Drug List (PDL) Management Committee's periodic tiering decisions. When that occurs, you may pay more or less for a Prescription Drug Product, depending on its tier assignment. Since the PDL may change periodically, you can visit **[www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)** or call UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card for the most current information.

Each tier is assigned a Copay, which is the amount you pay when you visit the pharmacy or order your medications through mail order. Your Copay will also depend on whether or not you visit the pharmacy or use the mail order service - see the table shown at the beginning of this section for further details. Here's how the tier system works:

- Tier-1 is your lowest Copay option. For the lowest out-of-pocket expense, you should consider tier-1 drugs if you and your Physician decide they are appropriate for your treatment.
- Tier-2 is your middle Copay option. Consider a tier-2 drug if no tier-1 drug is available to treat your condition.
- Tier-3 is your highest Copay option. The drugs in tier-3 are usually more costly. Sometimes there are alternatives available in tier-1 or tier-2.

For Prescription Drug Products at a retail Network Pharmacy, you are responsible for paying the lowest of:

- The applicable Copay.

- The Network Pharmacy's Usual and Customary Charge for the Prescription Drug Product.
- The Prescription Drug Charge for that Prescription Drug Product.

For Prescription Drug Products from a mail order Network Pharmacy, you are responsible for paying the lower of:

- The applicable Copay.
- The Prescription Drug Charge for that particular Prescription Drug.

## Retail

Benefits are provided for Prescription Drug Products dispensed by a retail Network Pharmacy. The Plan has a Network of participating retail pharmacies, which includes many large drug store chains. You can obtain information about Network Pharmacies by contacting UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card or by logging onto [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com).

Benefits are provided for Prescription Drug Products dispensed by a retail non-Network Pharmacy. If the Prescription Drug Product is dispensed by a retail non-Network Pharmacy, you must pay for the Prescription Drug Product at the time it is dispensed and then file a claim for reimbursement with UnitedHealthcare, as described in your SPD, *Section 9, Claims Procedures*. The Plan will not reimburse you for the difference between the Out-of-Network Reimbursement Rate and the non-Network Pharmacy's Usual and Customary Charge for that Prescription Drug Product. The Plan will not reimburse you for any non-covered drug product.

In most cases, you will pay more if you obtain Prescription Drug Products from a non-Network Pharmacy.

To obtain your prescription from a retail pharmacy, simply present your ID card and pay the Copay. The following supply limits apply:

- As written by the provider, up to a consecutive 31-day supply of a Prescription Drug Product, unless adjusted based on the drug manufacturer's packaging size or based on supply limits.
- A one-cycle supply of an oral contraceptive. You may obtain up to three cycles at one time if you pay the Copay for each cycle supplied.

When a Prescription Drug Product is packaged or designed to deliver in a manner that provides more than a consecutive 31-day supply, the Copay that applies will reflect the number of days dispensed or days the drug will be delivered.

**Note:** Pharmacy Benefits apply only if your prescription is for a Covered Health Service, and not for Experimental or Investigational, or Unproven Services. Otherwise, you are responsible for paying 100% of the cost.

## Mail Order

Benefits are provided for certain Prescription Drug Products dispensed by a mail order Network Pharmacy. The mail order service may allow you to purchase up to a 90-day supply of a covered Prescription Drug Product through the mail.

To use the mail order service, all you need to do is complete a patient profile and enclose your Prescription Order or Refill. Your medication, plus instructions for obtaining refills, will arrive by mail about 14 days after your order is received. If you need a patient profile form, or if you have any questions, you can reach UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card.

The following supply limits apply: As written by the provider, up to a consecutive 90-day supply, unless adjusted based on the drug manufacturer's packaging size or based on supply limits.

Specialty Prescription Drug Products from a Mail Order Network Pharmacy are subject to the supply limits stated below under the heading *Specialty Prescription Drug Products*.

You may be required to fill an initial Prescription Drug Product order and obtain one refill through a retail pharmacy prior to using a mail order Network Pharmacy.

**Note:** To maximize your Benefit, ask your Physician to write your Prescription Order or Refill for a 90-day supply, with refills when appropriate. You will be charged a mail order Copay for any Prescription Order or Refill if you use the mail order service, regardless of the number of days' supply that is written on the order or refill. Be sure your Physician writes your mail order or refill for a 90-day supply, not a 30-day supply with three refills.

## Benefits for Preventive Care Medications

Benefits under the Prescription Drug Plan include those for Preventive Care Medications as defined, in this section, under *Glossary - Prescription Drug Products*. You may determine whether a drug is a Preventive Care Medication through the internet at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card.

## Designated Pharmacies

If you require certain Prescription Drug Products, including, but not limited to, Specialty Prescription Drug Products, UnitedHealthcare may direct you to a Designated Pharmacy with whom it has 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 will be subject to the Non-Network Benefit for that Prescription Drug Product.

## Specialty Prescription Drug Products

Benefits are provided for Specialty Prescription Drug Products.

If you require Specialty Prescription Drug Products, UnitedHealthcare may direct you to a Designated Pharmacy with whom UnitedHealthcare has an arrangement to provide those Specialty Prescription Drug Products.

If you are directed to a Designated Pharmacy and you choose not to obtain your Specialty Prescription Drug Product from a Designated Pharmacy, you will be subject to the non-Network Benefit for that Specialty Prescription Drug Product.

Please see *Glossary - Outpatient Prescription Drugs*, for a full description of Specialty Prescription Drug Product and Designated Pharmacy.

Refer to the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits* for details on Specialty Prescription Drug Product supply limits.

Please see *Glossary - Outpatient Prescription Drugs*, in this section for definitions of Specialty Prescription Drug Product and Designated Pharmacy.

**Want to lower your out-of-pocket Prescription Drug Product costs?**

Consider tier-1 Prescription Drug Products, if you and your Physician decide they are appropriate.

### **Assigning Prescription Drug Products to the Prescription Drug List (PDL)**

UnitedHealthcare's Prescription Drug List (PDL) Management Committee is authorized to make tier placement changes on UnitedHealthcare's behalf. The PDL Management Committee makes the final classification of an FDA-approved Prescription Drug Product to a certain tier by considering a number of factors including, but not limited to clinical and economic factors. Clinical factors may include, but are not limited to, evaluations of the place in therapy, relative safety or relative efficacy of the Prescription Drug Product, as well as whether certain supply limits or prior authorization requirements should apply. Economic factors may include, but are not limited to, the Prescription Drug Product's acquisition cost including, but not limited to, available rebates and assessments on the cost effectiveness of the Prescription Drug Product.

Some Prescription Drug Products are most cost effective for specific indications as compared to others, therefore, a Prescription Drug Product may be listed on multiple tiers according to the indication for which the Prescription Drug Product was prescribed, or according to whether it was prescribed by a Specialist Physician.

The PDL Management Committee may periodically change the placement of a Prescription Drug Product among the tiers. These changes generally will occur quarterly, but no more than six times per calendar year. These changes may occur without prior notice to you.

When considering a Prescription Drug Product for tier placement, the PDL Management Committee reviews clinical and economic factors regarding Covered Persons as a general population. Whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is appropriate for an individual Covered Person is a determination that is made by the Covered Person and the prescribing Physician.

**Note:** The tier status of a Prescription Drug Product may change periodically based on the process described above. As a result of such changes, you may be required to pay more or less for that Prescription Drug Product. Please access [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) through the Internet or call the number on your ID card for the most up-to-date tier status.

Prescription Drug Product, Prescription Drug List (PDL), and Prescription Drug List (PDL) Management Committee are defined at the end of this section.

#### **Prescription Drug List (PDL)**

The Prescription Drug List (PDL) is a tool that helps guide you and your Physician in choosing the medications that allow the most effective and affordable use of your Prescription Drug Benefit.

### **Prescription Drug Benefit Claims**

For Prescription Drug Product claims procedures, please refer to Section 9, *Claims Procedures*.

### **Limitation on Selection of Pharmacies**

If UnitedHealthcare determines that you may be using Prescription Drug Products in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your selection of Network Pharmacies may be limited. If this happens, UnitedHealthcare may require you to select a single Network Pharmacy that will provide and coordinate all future pharmacy services. Benefits will be paid only if you use the designated single Network Pharmacy. If you don't make a selection within 31 days of the date the Plan Administrator notifies you, UnitedHealthcare will select a single Network Pharmacy for you.

### **Supply Limits**

Benefits for Prescription Drug Products are subject to supply limits that are stated in the table under the heading *Prescription Drug Product Coverage Highlights*. For a single Copayment and/or Coinsurance, you may receive a Prescription Drug Product up to the stated supply limit. Whether or not a Prescription Drug Product has a supply limit is subject to UnitedHealthcare's periodic review and modification.

**Note:** Some products are subject to additional supply limits based on criteria that the Plan Administrator and UnitedHealthcare have developed, 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 supply limit for dispensing, through the Internet at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.

### **Special Programs**

City of Columbus and UnitedHealthcare may have certain programs in which you may receive an enhanced or reduced Benefit based on your actions such as adherence/compliance to medication or treatment regimens and/or participation in health

management programs. You may access information on these programs through the Internet at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling the number on your ID card.

### **Prescription Drug Products Prescribed by a Specialist Physician**

You may receive an enhanced or reduced Benefit, or no Benefit, based on whether the Prescription Drug Product was prescribed by a Specialist Physician. You may access information on which Prescription Drug Products are subject to Benefit enhancement, reduction or no Benefit through the Internet at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.

### **Step Therapy**

Certain Prescription Drug Products for which Benefits are described in this section are subject to step therapy requirements. In order to receive Benefits for such Prescription Drug Products you must use a different Prescription Drug Product(s) first.

You may determine whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is subject to step therapy requirements by visiting [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling the number on your ID card.

### **Rebates and Other Discounts**

UnitedHealthcare and City of Columbus may, at times, receive rebates for certain drugs on the PDL. UnitedHealthcare does not pass these rebates on to you, nor are they taken into account in determining your Copays and/or Coinsurance.

UnitedHealthcare and a number of its affiliated entities, conduct business with various pharmaceutical manufacturers separate and apart from this *Outpatient Prescription Drug* section. 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 *Outpatient Prescription Drug* section. UnitedHealthcare is not required to pass on to you, and does not pass on to you, such amounts.

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

At various times, UnitedHealthcare may send mailings or provide other communications to you, your Physician, or your pharmacy that communicate a variety of messages, including information about Prescription and non-prescription Drug Products. These communications may include offers that enable you, at your discretion, to purchase the described product at a discount. In some instances, non-UnitedHealthcare entities may support and/or provide content for these communications and offers. Only you and your Physician can determine whether a change in your Prescription and/or non-prescription Drug regimen is appropriate for your medical condition.

### **Exclusions - What the Prescription Drug Plan Will Not Cover**

Exclusions from coverage listed in Section 8, *Exclusions and Limitations* also apply to this section. In addition, the exclusions listed below apply.

When an exclusion applies to only certain Prescription Drug Products, you can access **www.myuhc.com** through the Internet or by calling the number on your ID card for information on which Prescription Drug Products are excluded.

1. For any condition, Injury, Sickness or Mental Illness arising out of, or in the course of, employment for which benefits are available under any workers' compensation law or other similar laws, whether or not a claim for such benefits is made or payment or benefits are received.
2. Any Prescription Drug Product for which payment or benefits are provided or available from the local, state or federal government (for example Medicare) whether or not payment or benefits are received, except as otherwise provided by law.
3. Pharmaceutical Products for which Benefits are provided in the medical (not in Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*) portion of the Plan.  
  
This includes certain forms of vaccines/immunizations. This exclusion does not apply to Depo Provera and other injectable drugs used for contraception.
4. Compounded drugs that contain certain bulk chemicals. (Compounded drugs that contain at least one ingredient that requires a Prescription Order or Refill are assigned to Tier 3.) Compounded drugs that are available as a similar commercially available Prescription Drug Product.
5. Prescription Drug Products dispensed outside of the United States, except in an Emergency.
6. Durable medical equipment, for which Benefits are provided in this *SPD*. Prescribed and non-prescribed outpatient supplies. This does not apply to diabetic supplies, including certain insulin pumps and related supplies for the management and treatment of diabetes, and inhaler spacers specifically stated as covered.
7. Certain Prescription Drug Products for tobacco cessation.
8. Growth hormone for children with familial short stature (short stature based upon heredity and not caused by a diagnosed medical condition).
9. The amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which exceeds the supply limit.
10. The amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which is less than the minimum supply limit.
11. Certain Prescription Drug Products that have not been prescribed by a Specialist Physician.
12. Certain New Prescription Drug Products until they are reviewed and assigned to a tier by the PDL Management Committee.
13. Prescribed, dispensed or intended for use during an Inpatient Stay.
14. Prescribed, dispensed for appetite suppression, and other weight loss products.
15. Certain unit dose packaging or repackagers of Prescription Drug Products.
16. Used for conditions and/or at dosages determined to be Experimental or Investigational, or Unproven, unless UnitedHealthcare and City of Columbus have

agreed to cover an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven treatment, as defined in Section 15, *Glossary*.

17. Used for cosmetic or convenience purposes.
18. Prescription Drug Products as a replacement for a previously dispensed Prescription Drug Product that was lost, stolen, broken or destroyed.
19. General vitamins, except for the following which require a Prescription Order or Refill:
  - Prenatal vitamins.
  - Vitamins with fluoride.
  - Single entity vitamins.
20. Any product for which the primary use is a source of nutrition, nutritional supplements, or dietary management of disease, and prescription medical food products, even when used for the treatment of Sickness or Injury.
21. A Prescription Drug Product that contains marijuana, including medical marijuana.
22. Diagnostic kits and products including associated services.
23. Publicly available software applications and/or monitors that may be available with or without a Prescription Order or Refill.
24. Health services and supplies that do not meet the definition of a Covered Health Service as defined in this Section, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*, under *Glossary – Outpatient Prescription Drugs*. Covered Health Services are those health services including services, supplies, Prescription Drug Products, which UnitedHealthcare determines to be all of the following:
  - Medically Necessary as defined in this Section, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*, under *Glossary – Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.
  - Described as a Covered Health Service in this SPD under the Schedule of Benefits Prescription Drug Coverage Highlights in this Section, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.
  - Not otherwise excluded in this SPD.
26. Any amount you pay for Prescription Drug Products for Infertility that exceeds the Infertility Maximum Plan Benefit of \$30,000.

### **Glossary - Outpatient Prescription Drugs**

**Brand-name** - a Prescription Drug Product: (1) which is manufactured and marketed under a trademark or name by a specific drug manufacturer; or (2) that UnitedHealthcare identifies as a Brand-name product, based on available data resources including, but not limited to, Medi-Span or First DataBank, that classify drugs as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. You should know that all products identified as a "brand name" by the manufacturer, pharmacy, or your Physician may not be classified as Brand-name by UnitedHealthcare.

**Chemically Equivalent** - when Prescription Drug Products contain the same active ingredient.



**Covered Health Services** – those health services, including services, supplies or Pharmaceutical Products, which the Claims Administrator determines to be:

- Medically Necessary.
- Described as a Covered Health Service under the *Schedule of Benefits* in this Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs*.
- Provided to a Covered Person who meets the Plan's eligibility requirements, as described in this SPD under *Eligibility* in Section 2, *Introduction*.

Not otherwise excluded in this Section 16, *Outpatient Prescription Drugs* or under Section 8, *Exclusions and Limitations* of this SPD.

**Designated Pharmacy** - a pharmacy that has entered into an agreement with UnitedHealthcare or with an organization contracting on its behalf, to provide specific Prescription Drug Products including, but not limited to, Specialty Prescription Drug Products. The fact that a pharmacy is a Network Pharmacy does not mean that it is a Designated Pharmacy.

**Generic** - a Prescription Drug Product: (1) that is Chemically Equivalent to a Brand-name drug; or (2) that UnitedHealthcare identifies as a Generic product based on available data resources including, but not limited to, Medi-Span or First DataBank, that classify drugs as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. You should know that all products identified as a "generic" by the manufacturer, pharmacy or your Physician may not be classified as a Generic by UnitedHealthcare.

**Infertility** - A disease (an interruption, cessation, or disorder of body functions, systems, or organs) of the reproductive tract which prevents the conception of a child or the ability to carry a pregnancy to delivery. It is defined by the failure to achieve a successful pregnancy after 12 months or more of appropriate, timed unprotected intercourse or Therapeutic Donor Insemination. Earlier evaluation and treatment may be justified based on medical history and physical findings and is warranted after 6 months for women age 35 years or older.

**Infertility Maximum Plan Benefit** - the maximum amount the Plan will pay for covered Prescription Drug Products for Infertility during the entire period of time you are enrolled for coverage under the Plan. Refer to the *Benefit Information* table for details about how the Infertility Maximum Plan Benefit applies.

**Medically Necessary** – health care services that are all of the following as determined by the Claims Administrator or its designee, within the Claims Administrator's sole discretion. The services must be:

- In accordance with Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice.
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, service site and duration, and considered effective for your Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorder, disease or its symptoms.
- Not mainly for your convenience or that of your doctor or other health care provider.

- Not more costly than an alternative drug, service(s), service site or supply that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of your Sickness, Injury, disease or symptoms.

*Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* are standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, relying primarily on controlled clinical trials, or, if not available, observational studies from more than one institution that suggest a causal relationship between the service or treatment and health outcomes.

If no credible scientific evidence is available, then standards that are based on Physician specialty society recommendations or professional standards of care may be considered. The Claims Administrator reserves the right to consult expert opinion in determining whether health care services are Medically Necessary. The decision to apply Physician specialty society recommendations, the choice of expert and the determination of when to use any such expert opinion, shall be within the Claims Administrator's sole discretion.

The Claims Administrator develops and maintains clinical policies that describe the *Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* scientific evidence, prevailing medical standards and clinical guidelines supporting its determinations regarding specific services. These clinical policies (as developed by the Claims Administrator and revised from time to time), are available to Covered Persons on **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card, and to Physicians and other health care professionals on **www.UHCprovider.com**.

**Network Pharmacy** - a pharmacy that has:

- Entered into an agreement with UnitedHealthcare or an organization contracting on its behalf to provide Prescription Drug Products to Covered Persons.
- Agreed to accept specified reimbursement rates for dispensing Prescription Drug Products.
- Been designated by UnitedHealthcare as a Network Pharmacy.

**New Prescription Drug Product** - a Prescription Drug Product or new dosage form of a previously approved Prescription Drug Product, for the period of time starting on the date the Prescription Drug Product or new dosage form is approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

- The date it is assigned to a tier by UnitedHealthcare's Prescription Drug List (PDL) Management Committee.
- December 31st of the following calendar year.

**Out-of-Network Reimbursement Rate** – the amount the Plan will pay to reimburse you for a Prescription Drug Product that is dispensed at a non-Network Pharmacy. The Out-of-Network Reimbursement Rate for a particular Prescription Drug Product dispensed at a non-Network Pharmacy includes a dispensing fee and any applicable sales tax.

**Out-of-Pocket Drug Maximum** - the maximum amount you are required to pay for covered Prescription Drug Products in a single year. Refer to the Outpatient Prescription Drug Benefit Information table for details about how the Out-of-Pocket Drug Maximum applies.

**Prescription Drug Charge** - the rate the Plan has agreed to pay UnitedHealthcare on behalf of its Network Pharmacies, including the applicable dispensing fee and any applicable sales tax, for a Prescription Drug Product dispensed at a Network Pharmacy.

**Prescription Drug List (PDL)** - a list that categorizes into tiers medications or products that have been approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration*. This list is subject to UnitedHealthcare's periodic review and modification (generally quarterly, but no more than six times per calendar year). You may determine to which tier a particular Prescription Drug Product has been assigned by contacting UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card or by logging onto [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com).

**Prescription Drug List (PDL) Management Committee** - the committee that UnitedHealthcare designates for, among other responsibilities, classifying Prescription Drug Products into specific tiers.

**Prescription Drug Product** - a medication, or product that has been approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* and that can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only according to a Prescription Order or Refill. A Prescription Drug Product includes a medication that, due to its characteristics, is generally appropriate for self-administration or administration by a non-skilled caregiver. For purposes of Benefits under this Plan, this definition includes:

- Inhalers (with spacers).
- Insulin.
- Certain injectable medications administered in a Network Pharmacy.
- The following diabetic supplies:
  - Standard insulin syringes with needles.
  - Blood-testing strips - glucose.
  - Urine-testing strips - glucose.
  - Ketone-testing strips and tablets.
  - Lancets and lancet devices.
  - Glucose meters including continuous glucose monitors.
- Certain vaccines/immunizations administered in a Network Pharmacy.

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

**Preventive Care Medications (PPACA Zero Cost Share)** - the medications that are obtained at a Network Pharmacy and that are payable at 100% of the cost (without application of any Copayment, Coinsurance, Annual Deductible, Annual Drug Deductible or

Specialty Prescription Drug Product Annual Deductible) 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*.

You may determine whether a drug is a Preventive Care Medication through the internet at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card.

For the purposes of this definition PPACA means Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

**Specialist Physician** - a Physician who has a majority of his or her practice in areas other than general pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, family practice or general medicine.

**Specialty Prescription Drug Product** - Prescription Drug Products that are generally high cost, self-administered biotechnology drugs used to treat patients with certain illnesses. Specialty Prescription Drug Products include certain drugs for Infertility. Specialty Prescription Drug Products include certain drugs for fertility preservation and Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) for which Benefits are described in the SPD under Fertility Preservation for Iatrogenic Infertility and Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT) and Related Services in Section 6: *Additional Coverage Details*. You may access a complete list of Specialty Prescription Drug Products through the Internet at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card.

**Therapeutically Equivalent** - when Prescription Drug Products have essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile.

**Usual and Customary Charge** - the usual fee that a pharmacy charges individuals for a Prescription Drug Product without reference to reimbursement to the pharmacy by third parties. The Usual and Customary Charge includes a dispensing fee and any applicable sales tax.

### **Your Right to Request an Exclusion Exception**

When a Prescription Drug Product is excluded from coverage, you or your representative may request an exception to gain access to the excluded Prescription Drug Product. To make a request, contact UnitedHealthcare in writing or call the toll-free number on your ID card. UnitedHealthcare will notify you of its determination within 72 hours.

Please note if your request for an exception is approved by UnitedHealthcare, you may be responsible for paying the applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance based on the

Prescription Drug Product tier placement, or at the highest tier as described in the *Benefit Information* table in the *Outpatient Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits*, in addition to any applicable Ancillary Charge.

**Urgent Requests**

If your request requires immediate action and a delay could significantly increase the risk to your health, or the ability to regain maximum function, call UnitedHealthcare as soon as possible. UnitedHealthcare will provide a written or electronic determination within 24 hours.

**External Review**

If you are not satisfied with UnitedHealthcare's determination of your exclusion exception request, you may be entitled to request an external review. You or your representative may request an external review by sending a written request to UnitedHealthcare to the address set out in the determination letter or by calling the toll-free number on your ID card. The *Independent Review Organization (IRO)* will notify you of its determination within 72 hours.

**Expedited External Review**

If you are not satisfied with UnitedHealthcare's determination of your exclusion exception request and it involves an urgent situation, you or your representative may request an expedited external review by calling the toll-free number on your ID card or by sending a written request to the address set out in the determination letter. The *IRO* will notify you of its determination within 24 hours.

**Your Right to Request an Exception for Contraceptives**

In accordance with PPACA requirements, an exception process may apply to certain Prescription Drug Products prescribed for contraception if your Physician determines that a Prescription Drug Product alternative to a PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medication is Medically Necessary for you.

An expedited medication exception request may be available if the time needed to complete a standard exception request could significantly increase the risk to your health or ability to regain maximum function.

If a request for an exception is approved by the Claims Administrator, Benefits provided for the Prescription Drug Product will be treated the same as a PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medication.

For more information, please visit [www.uhcprovider.com](http://www.uhcprovider.com) under the following path: *Resources\_Drug Lists and Pharmacy Additional Resources Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act \$0 Cost-Share Preventive Medications Exemption Requests (Commercial Members)*.

## SECTION 17 - IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**What this section includes:**

- Plan administrative information.

This section includes information on the administration of the medical Plan. While you may not need this information for your day-to-day participation, it is information you may find important.

***Additional Plan Description***

**Claims Administrator:** The company which provides certain administrative services for the Plan Benefits described in this Summary Plan Description.

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The Claims Administrator shall not be deemed or construed as an employer for any purpose with respect to the administration or provision of Benefits under the Plan Sponsor's Plan. The Claims Administrator shall not be responsible for fulfilling any duties or obligations of an employer with respect to the Plan Sponsor's Plan.

**Type of Administration of the Plan:** The Plan Sponsor provides certain administrative services in connection with its Plan. The Plan Sponsor may, from time to time in its sole discretion, contract with outside parties to arrange for the provision of other administrative services including arrangement of access to a Network Provider; claims processing services, including coordination of Benefits and subrogation; utilization management and complaint resolution assistance. This external administrator is referred to as the Claims Administrator. For Benefits as described in this Summary Plan Description, the Plan Sponsor also has selected a provider network established by UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company. The named fiduciary of Plan is the City of Columbus, the Plan Sponsor.

The Plan Sponsor retains all fiduciary responsibilities with respect to the Plan except to the extent the Plan Sponsor has delegated or allocated to other persons or entities one or more fiduciary responsibility with respect to the Plan.

## ATTACHMENT I - HEALTH CARE REFORM NOTICES

### Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA")

#### *Grandfathered Health Plan Notice*

This group health plan believes this Plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act)*. As permitted by the *Affordable Care Act*, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your Plan may not include certain consumer protections of the *Affordable Care Act* that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the *Affordable Care Act*, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on Benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the Plan Administrator at (614) 645-8978. You may also contact the *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services* at [www.healthreform.gov](http://www.healthreform.gov).

## ATTACHMENT II - LEGAL NOTICES

### Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

As required by the *Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998*, the Plan provides Benefits under the Plan for mastectomy, including reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy (including lymphedema).

If you are receiving Benefits in connection with a mastectomy, Benefits are also provided for the following Covered Health Services, as you determine appropriate with your attending Physician:

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

The amount you must pay for such Covered Health Services (including Copayments and any Annual Deductible) are the same as are required for any other Covered Health Service. Limitations on Benefits are the same as for any other Covered Health Service.

### Statement of Rights under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

Under Federal law, group health Plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage generally may not 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 delivery by cesarean section. However, the Plan or issuer may pay for a shorter stay if the attending provider (e.g., your physician, nurse midwife, or physician assistant), after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

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

In addition, a plan or issuer may not, under Federal law, require that a physician or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, to use certain providers or facilities, or to reduce your out-of-pocket costs, you may be required to obtain prior authorization or notify the Claims Administrator. For information on notification or prior authorization, contact your issuer.



## ATTACHMENT III – NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

When the Plan uses the words "Claims Administrator" in this Attachment, it is a reference to United HealthCare Services, Inc., on behalf of itself and its affiliated companies.

The Claims Administrator on behalf of itself and its affiliated companies complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. UnitedHealthcare does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

The Claims Administrator 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, please call the toll-free member number on your health plan ID card, TTY 711 or the Plan Sponsor.

If you believe that the Claims Administrator 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 in writing by mail or email with the Civil Rights Coordinator identified below. A grievance must be sent within 60 calendar days of the date that you become aware of the discriminatory action and contain the name and address of the person filing it along with the problem and the requested remedy.

A written decision will be sent to you within 30 calendar days. If you disagree with the decision, you may file an appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving the decision.

<b>Claims Administrator Civil Rights Coordinator</b>
<b>United HealthCare Services, Inc. Civil Rights Coordinator</b> UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance P.O. Box 30608 Salt Lake City, UT 84130 The toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, TTY 711 UHC_Civil_Rights@UHC.com

If you need help filing a grievance, the Civil Rights Coordinator identified above is available to help you.

You can also file a complaint directly with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human services online, by phone or mail:

Online <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

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

Phone: Toll-free 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Mail: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201

This letter is also available in other formats like large print. To request the document in another format, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, press 0. TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Language	Translated Taglines
1. Albanian	Ju keni të drejtë të merrni ndihmë dhe informacion falas në gjuhën tuaj. Për të kërkuar një përkthyes, telefononi në numrin që gjendet në kartën e planit tuaj shëndetësor, shtypni 0. TTY 711.
2. Amharic	ያለ ምንም ክፍያ በቋንቋዎ እርዳታና መረጃ የማግኘት መብት አላችሁ። አስተርጓሚ እንዲቀርብልዎ ከፈለጉ በጤና ፕላን መታወቂያዎት ላይ ባለው በተጻ መስመር ስልክ ቁጥር ይደውሉና 0ን ይጫኑ። TTY 711
3. Arabic	لك الحق في الحصول على المساعدة والمعلومات بلغتك دون تحمل أي تكلفة. لطلب مترجم فوري، اتصل برقم الهاتف المجاني الخاص بالأعضاء المدرج ببطاقة مُعرّف العضوية الخاصة بخطتك الصحية، واضغط على 0. الهاتف النصي (TTY) 711
4. Armenian	Թարգմանիչ պահանջելու համար, գանգահարե՛ք Ձեր առողջապահական ծրագրի ինքնության (ID) տոմսի վրա նշված անվճար Անդամների հեռախոսահամարով, սեղմե՛ք 0: TTY 711
5. Bantu-Kirundi	Urafise uburenganzira bwo kuronka ubufasha n’amakuru mu rurimi rwawe ku buntu. Kugira usabe umusemuzi, hamagara inomero ya telephone y’ubuntu yagenewe abanywanyi iri ku rutonde ku karangamuntu k’umugambi wawe w’ubuzima, fyonda 0. TTY 711
6. Bisayan-Visayan (Cebuano)	Aduna kay katungod nga mangayo og tabang ug impormasyon sa imong lengguwahe nga walay bayad. Aron mohangyo og tighubad, tawag sa toll-free nga numero sa telepono sa miyembro nga nakalista sa imong ID kard sa plano sa panglawas, pindota ang 0. TTY 711
7. Bengali-Bangala	অনুবাদের অনুরোধ থাকলে, আপনার স্বাস্থ্য পরিকল্পনার আই ডি কার্ড এ তালিকাভুক্ত ও কর দিতে হবে না এমন টেলিফোন নম্বরে ফোন করুন। (০) শূণ্য চাপুন। TTY 711
8. Burmese	ကုန်ကျစရိတ်ပေးရန်မလိုဘဲ မိမိဘာသာစကားဖြင့် အကူအညီနှင့် သတင်းအချက်အလက်များ ကိုရယူနိုင်ခြင်း သည်သင်၏အခွင့်အရေးဖြစ်သည်။ စကားပြန်တစ်ဦးတောင်းဆိုရန်သင်၏ကျန်းမာရေးအစီအစဉ် လက်မှတ်ပေါ်ရှိအသင်းဝင်များအတွက်အခမဲ့ဖုန်းလိုင်းသို့ခေါ်ဆိုပြီး ၀ ကိုနှိပ်ပါ။ TTY 711
9. Cambodian-Mon-Khmer	អ្នកមានសិទ្ធិទទួលជំនួយ និងព័ត៌មាន ជាភាសារបស់អ្នក ដោយមិនគិតថ្លៃ។ ដើម្បីស្នើសុំអ្នកបកប្រែ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅលេខឥតចេញថ្លៃ សំរាប់សមាជិក ដែលមានកត់នៅក្នុងប័ណ្ណ ID គំរោងសុខភាពរបស់អ្នក ឬចុចលើលេខ ០។ TTY 711
10. Cherokee	Θ D4ω ϯP ACZP A J4ωA hAXW it GVP VJ ϩ R AJAV A ACωV A IΘhωAT, ω†0ωω 0. TTY 711

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11. Chinese	您有權利免費以您的母語得到幫助和訊息。洽詢一位翻譯員，請撥打您健保計劃會員卡上的免付費會員電話號碼，再按 0。聽力語言殘障服務專線 711
12. Choctaw	Chim anumpa ya, apela micha nana aiimma yvt nan aivlli keyu ho ish isha hinla kvt chim aiivlhpesa. Tosholi ya asilhha chi hokmvt chi achukmaka holisso kallo iskitini ya tvli aianumpuli holhtena ya ibai achvffa yvt peh pila ho ish i paya cha 0 ombetipa. TTY 711
13. Cushite-Oromo	Kaffaltii male afaan keessaniin odeeffannoofi deeggarsa argachuuf mirga ni qabdu. Turjumaana gaafachuufis sarara bilbilaa kan bilisaa waraqaa eenyummaa karoora fayyaa keerratti tarreefame bilbiluun, 0 tuqi. TTY 711
14. Dutch	U heeft het recht om hulp en informatie in uw taal te krijgen zonder kosten. Om een tolk aan te vragen, bel ons gratis nummer die u op uw ziekteverzekeringskaart treft, druk op 0. TTY 711
15. French	Vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement de l'aide et des renseignements dans votre langue. Pour demander à parler à un interprète, appelez le numéro de téléphone sans frais figurant sur votre carte d'affilié du régime de soins de santé et appuyez sur la touche 0. ATS 711.
16. French Creole-Haitian Creole	Ou gen dwa pou jwenn èd ak enfòmasyon nan lang natifnatal ou gratis. Pou mande yon entèprèt, rele nimewo gratis manm lan ki endike sou kat ID plan sante ou, peze 0. TTY 711
17. German	Sie haben das Recht, kostenlose Hilfe und Informationen in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Um einen Dolmetscher anzufordern, rufen Sie die gebührenfreie Nummer auf Ihrer Krankenversicherungskarte an und drücken Sie die 0. TTY 711
18. Greek	Έχετε το δικαίωμα να λάβετε βοήθεια και πληροφορίες στη γλώσσα σας χωρίς χρέωση. Για να ζητήσετε διερμηνέα, καλέστε το δωρεάν αριθμό τηλεφώνου που βρίσκεται στην κάρτα μέλους ασφάλισης, πατήστε 0. TTY 711
19. Gujarati	તમને વિના મૂલ્યે મદદ અને તમારી ભાષામાં માહિતી મેળવવાનો અધિકાર છે. દુભાષિયા માટે વિનંતી કરવા, તમારા હેલ્થ પ્લાન ID કાર્ડ પરની સૂચીમાં આપેલ ટોલ-ફ્રી મેમ્બર ફોન નંબર ઉપર કોલ કરો, 0 દબાવો. TTY 711
20. Hawaiian	He pono ke kōkua ‘ana aku iā ‘oe ma ka maopopo ‘ana o kēia ‘ike ma loko o kāu ‘ōlelo pono ‘ī me ka uku ‘ole ‘ana. E kama‘ilio ‘oe me kekahi kanaka unuhi, e kāhea i ka helu kelepona kāki ‘ole ma kou kāleka olakino, a e kaomi i ka helu 0. TTY 711.
21. Hindi	आप के पास अपनी भाषा में सहायता एवं जानकारी निःशुल्क प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। दुभाषिए के लिए अनुरोध करने के

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Language	Translated Taglines
32. Laotian	ທ່ານມີສິດທິຈະໄດ້ຮັບການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອແລະຂໍ້ມູນຂ່າວສານທີ່ເປັນພາສາຂອງທ່ານບໍ່ມີຄ່າໃຊ້ຈ່າຍ. ເພື່ອຊຸ້ຍຮ້ອງນາຍພາສາ,ໂທຟຣີຫາຫມາຍເລກໂທລະສັບສໍາລັບສະມາຊິກທີ່ໄດ້ລະບຸໄວ້ໃນບັດສະມາຊິກຂອງທ່ານ,ກົດເລກ 0. TTY 711
33. Marathi	आपल्याला आपल्या भाषेत विनामूल्य मदत आणि माहिती मिळण्याचा अधिकार आहे. दूभाषकास विनंती करण्यासाठी आपल्या आरोग्य योजना ओळखपत्रावरील सूचीबद्ध केलेल्या सदस्यास विनामूल्य फोन नंबरवर संपर्क करण्यासाठी दाबा 0. TTY 711
34. Marshallese	Eor aṃ maroñ ñan bok jipañ im mejele ilo kajin eo aṃ ilo ejjelok wōñāān. Ñan kajjitōk ñan juon ri-ukok, kūrlōk nōmba eo eṃōj an jeje ilo kaat in ID in karōk in ājmour eo aṃ, jiped 0. TTY 711
35. Micronesian-Pohnpeian	Komw ahneki manaman unsek komwi en alehdi sawas oh mengihtik ni pein omwi tungoal lokaia ni soh isepe. Pwen peki sawas en soun kawehweh, eker delepwohn nempe ong towehkan me soh isepe me ntingihdi ni pein omwi doaropwe me pid koasoandi en kehl, padik 0. TTY 711.
36. Navajo	T'áá jíík'eh doo báááh 'alínígóó bee baa hane'ígíí t'áá ni nizaád bee níká'e'eyeego bee ná'ahoot'i'. 'Ata' halne'í ła yínikeedgo, ninaaltsoos nit'iz7 'ats'77s bee baa'ahay1 bee n44hozin7g77 bik11' b44sh bee hane'7 t'11 j77k'eh bee hane'7 bik1'7g77 bich'8' hodíilnih dóó 0 bíł 'adidíilchíł. TTY 711
37. Nepali	तपाईंले आफ्नो भाषामा निःशुल्क सहयोग र जानकारी प्राप्त गर्ने अधिकार तपाईंसँग छ। अनुवादक प्राप्त गरीपाउँ भनी अनुरोध गर्न, तपाईंको स्वास्थ्य योजना परिचय कार्डमा सूचीकृत टोल-फ्री सदस्य फोन नम्बरमा सम्पर्क गर्नुहोस्, 0 थिच्नुहोस्। TTY 711
38. Nilotic-Dinka	Yin nɔŋ löŋ bë yi kuony në wërëyic de thöŋ du äbac ke cin wëu tääue ke piny. Äcän bä ran yë kɔc ger thok thiëëc, ke yin cöl namba yene yup abac de ran töŋ ye kɔc wäär thok to në ID kat duön de pänakim yic, thäny 0 yic. TTY 711.
39. Norwegian	<b>Du har rett til å få gratis hjelp og informasjon på ditt eget språk. For å be om en tolk, ring gratisnummeret for medlemmer som er oppført på helsekortet ditt og trykk 0. TTY 711</b>
40. Pennsylvania Dutch	Du hoscht die Recht fer Hilf unn Information in deine Schprooch griege, fer nix. Wann du en Iwwersetzer hawwe willscht, kannscht du die frei Telefon Nummer uff dei Gesundheit Blann ID Kaarde yuuse, dricke 0. <b>TTY 711</b>

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41. Persian-Farsi	شما حق دارید که کمک و اطلاعات به زبان خود را به طور رایگان دریافت نمایید. برای درخواست مترجم شفاهی با شماره تلفن رایگان قید شده در کارت شناسایی برنامه بهداشتی خود تماس حاصل نموده و 0 را فشار دهید. TTY 711
42. Punjabi	ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮੁਫਤ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਦੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਲਈ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਹੈਲਥ ਪਲਾਨ ਆਈਡੀ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਟਾਲ ਫ੍ਰੀ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਟੀਟੀਵਾਈ 711 ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ, 0 ਦੱਬੋ।
43. Polish	Masz prawo do uzyskania bezpłatnej informacji i pomocy we własnym języku. Po usługi tłumacza zadzwoń pod bezpłatny numer umieszczony na karcie identyfikacyjnej planu medycznego i wciśnij 0. TTY 711
44. Portuguese	Você tem o direito de obter ajuda e informação em seu idioma e sem custos. Para solicitar um intérprete, ligue para o número de telefone gratuito que consta no cartão de ID do seu plano de saúde, pressione 0. TTY 711
45. Romanian	Aveți dreptul de a obține gratuit ajutor și informații în limba dumneavoastră. Pentru a cere un interpret, sunați la numărul de telefon gratuit care se găsește pe cardul dumneavoastră de sănătate, apăsăți pe tasta 0. TTY 711
46. Russian	Вы имеете право на бесплатное получение помощи и информации на вашем языке. Чтобы подать запрос переводчика позвоните по бесплатному номеру телефона, указанному на обратной стороне вашей идентификационной карты и нажмите 0. Линия TTY 711
47. Samoan- Fa'asamoa	E iai lou āiā tatau e maua atu ai se fesoasoani ma fa'amatalaga i lau gagana e aunoa ma se totogi. Ina ia fa'atalosagaina se tagata fa'aliliu, vili i le telefoni mo sui e le totogia o loo lisi atu i lau peleni i lau pepa ID mo le soifua maloloina, oomi le 0. TTY 711.
48. Serbo-Croatian	Imate pravo da besplatno dobijete pomoć i informacije na Vašem jeziku. Da biste zatražili prevodioca, nazovite besplatni broj naveden na iskaznici Vašeg zdravstvenog osiguranja i pritisnite 0. TTY 711.
49. Spanish	Tiene derecho a recibir ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo. Para solicitar un intérprete, llame al número de teléfono gratuito para miembros que se encuentra en su tarjeta de identificación del plan de salud y presione 0. TTY 711
50. Sudanic- Fulfulde	Dum hakke maada mballedaa kadin kebaa habaru nder wolde maada naa maa a yobii. To a yidi pirtoowo, noddu limngal mo telefol caahu limtaado nder kaatiwol ID maada ngol njamu, nyo'u 0. TTY 711.





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61. Vietnamese	Quý vị có quyền được giúp đỡ và cấp thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị miễn phí. Để yêu cầu được thông dịch viên giúp đỡ, vui lòng gọi số điện thoại miễn phí dành cho hội viên được nêu trên thẻ ID chương trình bảo hiểm y tế của quý vị, bấm số 0. TTY 711
62. Yiddish	איר האט די רעכט צו באקומען הילף און אינפארמאציע אין אייער שפראך פריי פון אפצאל. צו פארלאנגען א דאלמעטשער, רופט דעם טאל פרייע מעמבער טעלעפאן נומער וואס שטייט אויף אייער העלט פלאן ID קארטל, דרוקט 0. TTY 711
63. Yoruba	O ní ẹ̀tọ̀ lati rí iranwọ̀ àti ifitónilétí gbà ní èdè ẹ̀rẹ̀ láìsanwọ̀. Látí bá ògbuṣọ̀ kan sọ́rọ̀, pè sórí nọmbà ẹ̀rọ̀ ibánisọ́rọ̀ láìsanwọ̀ ibodè tí a tò sórí kádì idánimọ̀ tí ètò ilera ẹ̀rẹ̀, tẹ̀ '0'. TTY 711

## ADDENDUM – REAL APPEAL

This Addendum to the Plan provides Benefits for virtual obesity counseling services for eligible Covered Persons through Real Appeal. There are no deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance you must meet or pay for when receiving these services.

### ***Real Appeal***

The Plan provides a virtual lifestyle intervention for weight-related conditions to eligible Covered Persons 18 years of age or older. Real Appeal is designed to help those at risk from obesity-related diseases.

This intensive, multi-component behavioral intervention provides 52 weeks of support. This support includes one-on-one coaching with a live virtual coach and online group participation with supporting video content. The experience will be personalized for each individual through an introductory online session.

These Covered Health Services will be individualized and may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Virtual support and self-help tools: Personal one-on-one coaching, group support sessions, educational videos, tailored kits, integrated web platform and mobile applications.
- Education and training materials focused on goal setting, problem-solving skills, barriers and strategies to maintain changes.
- Behavioral change counseling by a specially trained coach for clinical weight loss.

If you would like information regarding these Covered Health Services, you may contact the Claims Administrator through **[www.realappeal.com](http://www.realappeal.com)**, or at the number shown on your ID card.



