

**Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company (Cigna Healthcare)**  
**Cigna Connect Flex Bronze 0 NA/AN Under 300**

Policy Number: COINDEP0052023

## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (WHO PAYS WHAT)**

The following is the Policy benefit schedule, including medical, Prescription Drug and pediatric vision benefits. The Policy sets forth, in more detail, the rights and obligations of all Insured Persons and Cigna Healthcare. It is, therefore, important that all Insured Persons **READ THE ENTIRE POLICY CAREFULLY!**

NOTE: The benefits outlined in the table below show the payment for Covered Expenses. Coinsurance amounts shown below are your responsibility after any applicable Deductible or Copayment has been met, unless otherwise indicated. Copayment amounts shown are also your responsibility.

**Remember, services from Non-Participating (Out-of-Network) Providers are not covered except as stated in the section of the Policy titled "Special Circumstances."**

### **IMPORTANT NOTE ON MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER COVERAGE:**

All Covered Services which are received to diagnose or treat a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder condition will be covered at the Cost Share shown in the sections titled "Mental Health Disorder" and "Substance Use Disorder" within the benefit schedule below. Any age, day, dollar or visit maximums are not applicable to services used to diagnose or treat a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder condition.

## **MEDICAL BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

<b>BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>		<b>PARTICIPATING PROVIDER</b>
<b>Note:</b>		<b>(Based on the Negotiated Rate for Covered Expenses)</b>
<b>Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived</b>		<b>YOU PAY:</b>
<b>Medical Benefits</b>		
<b>Deductible</b>		
Individual		\$0
Family		\$0
<b>Prescription Drug Deductible</b>	This plan has a separate Prescription Drug Deductible that applies only to Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies. This Prescription Drug Deductible does accumulate toward your Out-of-Pocket Maximum. PLEASE SEE THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS SECTION OF THIS SCHEDULE FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DEDUCTIBLE	
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b>		
Individual		\$0
Family		\$0



<b>BENEFIT INFORMATION</b> <b>Note:</b> <b>Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived</b>		<b>PARTICIPATING PROVIDER</b> <b>(Based on the Negotiated Rate for Covered Expenses)</b>  <b>YOU PAY:</b>
<b>Physician Services</b>  <b>Office Visit or House Call</b> Primary Care Physician (PCP)  Specialist Physician (including consultant and second opinion services)		0%  0%
<b>Other Physician Services</b>  Surgery in Physician's office  Outpatient Professional Fees (including surgery, anesthesia, diagnostic procedures, dialysis, radiation therapy)  Inpatient Surgery, Anesthesia, Radiation Therapy, Chemotherapy  In-Hospital visits  Allergy testing and treatment/injections		0%  0%  0%  0%  0%
<b>Virtual Care</b>  <b>Dedicated Virtual Urgent Care</b> for minor acute medical conditions  <b>Dedicated Virtual Primary Care</b> for routine medical conditions  <b>Virtual Care Service from Participating Physicians other than Dedicated Virtual Care Physicians</b> (This benefit excludes any services that are delivered via telephone only.)  Note: Any Prescription issued during a virtual visit is subject to all Prescription Drug Benefits, limitations and exclusions.		\$0 Copayment per visit  PCP Office Visit benefit applies  Same benefit as when service provided in person
<b>Indian Health Program / Tribal Health Program Services*</b>  Any Covered Services provided by an Indian Health Program or Tribal Health Program  Note: these benefits apply only to an Insured Person who is either a member of a federally-recognized Native American tribe or an Alaska Native and who is enrolled in a plan purchased through the Marketplace.  * See the Definitions section in the Policy for additional information on "Indian Health Program" and the "Tribal Health Program."		0%

BENEFIT INFORMATION		PARTICIPATING PROVIDER (Based on the Negotiated Rate for Covered Expenses)	
Note: Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived		YOU PAY:	
Hospital Services			
Inpatient Hospital Services			
Facility Charges		0%	
Professional Charges		0%	
Emergency Admissions			
Facility Charges		Benefits are shown in the Emergency Services schedule	
Professional Charges			
Inpatient Treatment in a Multidisciplinary Rehabilitation Program		0%	
Maximum of 60 days per condition per Calendar Year			
Women’s Contraceptive Services, Family Planning and Sterilization		0%	
Male Sterilization		Copayment or Coinsurance applies for specific benefit provided	
Maternity (Pregnancy and Delivery)/Complications of Pregnancy			
Initial visit to confirm pregnancy and subsequent prenatal visits billed separately from the global fee		PCP or Specialist Office Visit benefit applies	
Prenatal services, Postnatal and Delivery billed as global fee		0%	
Hospital Delivery		Inpatient Hospital Services benefit applies	
Prenatal testing or treatment billed separately from global fee		Copayment or Coinsurance applies for specific service provided	
Postnatal visit or treatment billed separately from global fee		Copayment or Coinsurance applies for specific service provided	
Outpatient Facility Services Including diagnostic facilities, outpatient Hospital facilities and Free-Standing Outpatient Surgical Facilities		0%	
Advanced Radiological Imaging (including MRIs, MRAs, CAT scans, PET scans and Nuclear Medicine) Facility and interpretation Charges		0%	

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<b>All Other Laboratory and Radiology Services</b> Facility and interpretation Charges  <b>Physician's Office</b>  Lab X-ray  <b>Free-standing</b>  Independent Lab X-ray Facility  <b>Outpatient hospital</b>  Lab X-ray		0%  0%    0%  0%   0%  0%
<b>Rehabilitative Services</b>  Maximums for Habilitative Services do not reduce maximums for rehabilitative services.  <b>Physical Therapy</b> Maximum of unlimited visits per Insured Person, per Calendar Year  <b>Occupational Therapy</b> Maximum of unlimited visits per Insured Person, per Calendar Year  <b>Speech Therapy</b> Maximum of 20 visits per Insured Person, per Calendar Year		PCP Office Visit benefit applies   PCP Office Visit benefit applies   0%
<b>Rehabilitative therapies for Insured Persons with congenital defects and birth abnormalities Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy</b>  Maximum of 20 visits for each therapy per Insured Person, per Calendar Year		0%

<b>BENEFIT INFORMATION</b> <b>Note:</b> <b>Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived</b>		<b>PARTICIPATING PROVIDER</b> <b>(Based on the Negotiated Rate for Covered Expenses)</b>  <b>YOU PAY:</b>
<b>Habilitative Services</b>  Maximums for rehabilitative services do not reduce maximums for Habilitative Services.  <b>Physical Therapy</b>  <b>Occupational Therapy</b>  <b>Speech Therapy</b>  Maximum of 20 visits for each therapy per Insured Person, per Calendar Year		0%  0%  0%
<b>Acupuncture</b> <b>Office Visit and Acupuncture services</b>  Maximum of unlimited visits per Insured Person, per Calendar Year		PCP Office Visit benefit applies
<b>Hearing Services</b>  Hearing exams and testing Hearing services and supplies Hearing aids (limit of 1 pair per child up to 18 years of age every 3 Years)		0%
<b>Dental Care (other than Pediatric)</b>  Limited to treatment for accidental Injury to natural teeth, within 6 months of the accidental Injury  Anesthesia for dental procedures		0%  0%
<b>Cardiac &amp; Pulmonary Rehabilitation</b>		0%
<b>Chiropractic Treatment</b>  Maximum of unlimited visits per Insured Person, per Calendar Year		PCP Office Visit benefit applies
<b>Treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ/TMD)</b>		0%
<b>Medical Foods to treat inherited metabolic disorders</b>		0%
<b>Amino Acid Based formula to treat Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorder</b>		0%

<b>BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>		<b>PARTICIPATING PROVIDER</b> <b>(Based on the Negotiated Rate for Covered Expenses)</b>
<b>Note:</b> <b>Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived</b>		<b>YOU PAY:</b>
<b>Autism Spectrum Disorders</b>		
<b>Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder</b>		
<b>Office Visit</b>		Mental Health Disorder Office Visit benefit applies
<b>Diagnostic Testing</b>		0%
<b>Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder</b> (See “ <b>Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)</b> ” section for specific information about what services are covered)		Copayment or Coinsurance applies for specific benefit provided
<b>Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities</b> Including Skilled Nursing, Rehabilitation Hospital and Sub-Acute Facilities Maximum of 100 days per Insured Person, per Calendar Year for Skilled Nursing Facility.		0%
<b>Home Health Care Services</b> Maximum of 28 hours per week		0%
<b>Durable Medical Equipment</b>		0%
<b>Orthotic Devices</b>		0%
<b>Breast Feeding Equipment and Supplies</b> Note: Includes the rental of one breast pump per birth as ordered or prescribed by a physician. Includes related supplies.		0%
<b>External Prosthetic Devices</b>		0%
<b>Orthopedic Appliances</b>		0%
<b>Hospice</b>		
<b>Routine Home Care</b>		0%
<b>Inpatient</b>		0%
<b>Outpatient</b>		0%

<b>BENEFIT INFORMATION</b> <b>Note:</b> <b>Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived</b>		<b>PARTICIPATING PROVIDER</b> <b>(Based on the Negotiated Rate for Covered Expenses)</b>  <b>YOU PAY:</b>
<b>Dialysis</b>  <b>Inpatient</b>  <b>Outpatient</b>		Inpatient Hospital Services benefit applies  0%
<b>Mental Health Disorder (including Behavioral Mental Health Disorders)</b>  <b>Inpatient</b> (includes acute and residential treatment)  <b>Outpatient</b> (includes individual, group, intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization)  Office Visit  Telehealth/Virtual Therapy  All other outpatient services		Inpatient Hospital Services benefit applies  0%  Same benefit as when service provided in person  0%
<b>Substance Use Disorder</b>  <b>Inpatient Rehabilitation</b> (includes acute and residential treatment)  <b>Inpatient Detoxification</b>  <b>Outpatient</b> (includes individual, group, intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization)  Office visit  All other outpatient services		Inpatient Hospital Services benefit applies  Inpatient Hospital Services benefit applies  0%  0%



<b>BENEFIT INFORMATION</b> <b>Note:</b> <b>Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived</b>		<b>PARTICIPATING PROVIDER</b> <b>(Based on the Negotiated Rate for Covered Expenses)</b>  <b>YOU PAY:</b>
<b>Organ and Tissue Transplants</b>  <b>Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility</b>  <b>Travel expenses</b> (only available through Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility)  Travel expenses are \$10,000 per Insured Person, per transplant.  <b>All other participating or non-participating facilities not identified as Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility</b>		0%          Not Covered
<b>Ventricular Assist Device Services</b>  <b>Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility</b>  <b>All other participating or non-participating facilities not identified as Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility</b>		0%    Not Covered
<b>Infertility</b> (see “ <b>Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)</b> ” section for specific information about what services are covered and benefit limits which may apply)  Inpatient  Outpatient		Inpatient Hospital Services benefit applies   0%
<b>Bariatric Surgery</b> (Subject to medical necessity)  Inpatient  Outpatient		Inpatient Hospital Services benefit applies   0%
<b>Infusion and Injectable Medications and related services or supplies</b> Administered by a medical professional in an office or outpatient facility		0%
<b>Specified Diabetic Services and Supplies</b>		0%

**BENEFIT INFORMATION****Note:**

**Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived**

**PARTICIPATING PROVIDER**  
**(Based on the Negotiated Rate for Covered Expenses)**

**YOU PAY:****BENEFIT INFORMATION****Note:**

**Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived.**

**What You Pay**  
**For Participating Providers**  
 based on the Negotiated Rate  
 for Covered Expenses

**What You Pay**  
**For Non-Participating Providers**  
 based on the Allowed Expense  
 for Covered Expenses

**Please note:** In addition to the cost-sharing amounts described below, you may be responsible for additional Charges including, but not limited to Charges for non-Covered Services.

<b>Urgent Care Center Facility</b>		
<b>Urgent Health Problem</b>	0%	In-Network Cost Share applies
<b>Non-Urgent Health Problem</b>	0%	Not Covered (You pay 100% of Charges)

<b>BENEFIT INFORMATION</b> <b>Emergency Services</b>	<b>What You Pay</b> <b>For Participating Providers</b> <b>based on the Negotiated Rate</b> <b>for Covered Expenses</b>	<b>What You Pay</b> <b>For Non-Participating</b> <b>Providers based on the</b> <b>Allowed Expense for</b> <b>Covered Expenses</b>
<p><b>This Policy covers Emergency Services from Participating and Non-Participating Providers; Covered Services are subject to applicable Deductible unless specifically waived.</b></p>	<p><b>Please note:</b> With respect to the Cost Sharing amounts shown below, You will be responsible for only the amount of Non-Participating Provider Covered Expenses that You would have incurred if You received the services from an In-Network Provider. We will ensure that You are held harmless for any amounts beyond the Copayment, Deductible and Coinsurance You would have paid had You received the services from a Participating Provider, and as such benefits will be provided to you at no greater cost than if you received them from a Participating Provider. You are also responsible for all Charges that are not Covered Expenses under this Policy.</p>	
<p><b>Hospital Emergency Room</b></p> <p>Emergency Medical Condition</p> <p>Non-Emergency Medical Condition</p> <p><b>Ambulance Services</b>  <b>Note:</b> coverage for Medically Necessary transport to the nearest facility capable of handling the Emergency Medical Condition</p>	<p>0%</p> <p>Not Covered (You pay 100% of Charges)</p> <p>0%</p>	<p>In-Network Cost Share applies</p> <p>Not Covered (You pay 100% of Charges)</p> <p>In-Network Cost Share applies</p>
<p><b>Inpatient Hospital Services (for emergency admission to an acute care Hospital)</b></p> <p><b>Hospital Facility Charges</b>  (Emergency Services from a Non-Participating Provider are covered at the In-Network benefit level until the patient is transferrable to a Participating facility. Non-Participating facility benefits are not covered once the patient can be transferred, whether or not the transfer takes place.)</p> <p><b>Professional Services</b></p>	<p>0%</p> <p>0%</p>	<p>In-Network Cost Share applies until transferable to an In-Network Hospital, if not transferred then Not Covered (You pay 100% of Charges)</p> <p>In-Network Cost Share applies until transferable to an In-Network Hospital, if not transferred then Not Covered (You pay 100% of Charges)</p>

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT SCHEDULE

BENEFIT INFORMATION		RETAIL PHARMACY YOU PAY		EXPRESS SCRIPTS PHARMACY, Cigna's Healthcare's HOME DELIVERY PHARMACY YOU PAY	
AMOUNTS SHOWN BELOW ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AFTER ANY APPLICABLE DEDUCTIBLE HAS BEEN SATISFIED					
Prescription Drugs Benefits					
<p><b>Note:</b> You can obtain a 30-day supply of any covered Prescription Drug or Related Supply at any retail Participating Pharmacy.</p> <p>For tiers 1 through 4, you can obtain up to a 90-day supply of any covered Prescription Drug or Related Supply at either a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy or through the Express Scripts Pharmacy, Cigna Healthcare's home delivery Pharmacy.</p> <p>In the event that you request a Brand Name Drug that has a Generic equivalent, you will be financially responsible for the amount by which the cost of the Brand Name Drug exceeds the cost of the Generic Drug, plus the Brand Copayment or Coinsurance indicated in this benefit schedule.</p> <p>For all insulin drugs covered by this Policy your Cost Share amount will be capped so that the amount you are required to pay for a covered prescription insulin drug will not exceed \$100 per 30-day supply. Deductible will be waived.</p>					
<u>Prescription Drug Deductible</u>		\$0 Individual \$0 Family per Calendar Year			
	<b>Cigna Healthcare Retail Pharmacy Drug Program YOU PAY PER PRESCRIPTION OR REFILL:</b>	<b>Express Scripts Pharmacy, Cigna Healthcare's Home Delivery Pharmacy YOU PAY PER PRESCRIPTION OR REFILL:</b>			
<b>Tier 1:</b> This tier includes preventive prescription medications (both Generic and Brand name) and over-the-counter (OTC) products, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>women's contraceptives that are prescribed by a Physician and are Generic or Brand name with no Generic alternative available</li><li>smoking cessation products limited to a maximum of 2 90-day treatment regimens</li><li>HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Medication</li></ul>	0% per Prescription or refill  30-day supply at any Participating Pharmacy or Up to a 90-day supply at a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy	0% per Prescription or refill  Up to a 90-day maximum supply			

BENEFIT INFORMATION	RETAIL PHARMACY YOU PAY	EXPRESS SCRIPTS PHARMACY, Cigna's Healthcare's HOME DELIVERY PHARMACY YOU PAY
AMOUNTS SHOWN BELOW ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AFTER ANY APPLICABLE DEDUCTIBLE HAS BEEN SATISFIED		
<b>Tier 2:</b> This tier typically includes most Generic Drugs and some low cost Brand Name Drugs. Generic Drugs have the same strength and active ingredients as Brand Name Drugs, but often cost much less.	0% per Prescription or refill  30-day supply at any Participating Pharmacy or Up to a 90-day supply at a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy	0% per Prescription or refill  Up to a 90-day maximum supply
<b>Tier 3:</b> This tier typically includes preferred Brand Name Drugs and some high cost Generic Drugs.	0% per Prescription or refill  30-day supply at any Participating Pharmacy or Up to a 90-day supply at a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy	0% per Prescription or refill  Up to a 90-day maximum supply
<b>Tier 4:</b> This tier typically includes non-preferred Brand Name Drugs and some high cost Generic Drugs.	0% per Prescription or refill  30-day supply at any Participating Pharmacy or Up to a 90-day supply at a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy	0% per Prescription or refill  Up to a 90-day maximum supply
<b>Tier 5:</b> This tier typically includes Specialty Medications and high cost Generic and Brand Name Drugs.	0% per Prescription or refill  30-day supply at any Participating Pharmacy or Up to a 30-day supply at a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy	0% per Prescription or refill  Up to a 30-day maximum supply

## TITLE PAGE (COVER PAGE)

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Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company may change the Premiums of this Policy after 60 days' written notice to the Insured Person. However, We will not change the Premium schedule for this Policy on an individual basis, but only for all Insured Persons in the same class and covered under the same plan as You.

### **Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company (Cigna Healthcare) Cigna Connect Flex Bronze 0 NA/AN Under 300**

#### **If You Wish To Cancel Or If You Have Questions**

If You are not satisfied, for any reason, with the terms of this Policy You may return it to Us within 10 days of receipt. We will then cancel Your coverage as of the original Effective Date and promptly refund any Premium You have paid. This Policy will then be null and void. If You wish to correspond with Us for this or any other reason, write:

**Cigna Healthcare  
Individual Services  
PO Box 30028  
Tampa FL 33630-3028**

Include Your Cigna Healthcare identification number with any correspondence. This number can be found on Your Cigna Healthcare identification card. You can also call the number on the back of Your ID card for information.

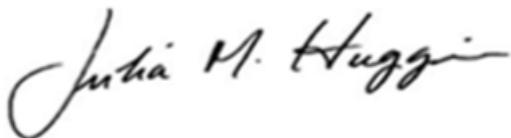
**THIS POLICY MAY NOT APPLY WHEN YOU HAVE A CLAIM! PLEASE READ!** This Policy was issued to You by Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company (referred to herein as Cigna Healthcare) based on the information You provided in Your application. If You know of any misstatement in Your application You should advise the Company immediately regarding the incorrect information; otherwise, Your Policy may not be a valid contract.

#### **THIS IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY AND WILL NOT DUPLICATE MEDICARE BENEFITS.**

##### **Guaranteed Renewable**

**This Policy is monthly medical coverage subject to continual payment by the Insured Person. Cigna Healthcare will renew this Policy except for the specific events stated in the Policy.** Coverage under this Policy is effective at 12:01 a.m. **Eastern time** on the Effective Date shown on the Policy's specification page.

Signed for Cigna Healthcare by:



**Julia M. Huggins, President**



**Jill Stadelman, Corporate Secretary**

## CONTACT US

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You can contact Cigna Healthcare at the phone number shown on your ID card, or at 1-800-Cigna24.

You can also contact Cigna Healthcare at:

**Cigna Healthcare  
Individual Services  
PO Box 30028  
Tampa FL 33630-3028**

You can also get information at [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com), including:

- Find participating Providers in Your area
- View balances for Your Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximums
- Print an ID card
- View Your claim history

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### **Direct Access to Obstetricians and Gynecologists**

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

### **Selection of a Primary Care Physician**

This plan may require or allow the designation of a Primary Care Physician. You have the right to designate any Primary Care Physician who participates in the network and who is available to accept You or Your family members. If your plan requires the designation of a Primary Care Physician, Cigna Healthcare may designate one for you until you make this designation. For information on how to select a Primary Care Physician, and for a list of the participating Primary Care Physicians, visit [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) or contact Customer Service at the phone number listed on the back of your ID card.

For children, You may designate a pediatrician as the Primary Care Physician.



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# ELIGIBILITY

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## Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible for coverage under this Policy if, at the time of application:

- You are a citizen or national of the United States, or a non-citizen who is lawfully present in the United States, and are reasonably expected to be a citizen, national, or a non-citizen who is lawfully present for the entire period for which enrollment is sought; and
- You are a resident of the state of CO; and
- You live in the Service Area in which You are applying, and intend to continue living there for the entire period for which enrollment is sought; and
- You are not incarcerated other than incarceration pending the disposition of charges; and
- You do not reside in an Institution; and
- You have submitted a completed and signed application for coverage and have been accepted in writing by Us.

The Policyholder must notify Us of all changes that may affect any Insured Person's eligibility under this Policy.

Other Insured Persons may include the following Family Member(s):

- Your lawful spouse, including a partner in a civil union, who lives in the Service Area.
- Your children until the end of the plan Year in which the child reaches age 26.
- Your stepchildren until the end of the plan Year in which the child reaches age 26.
- Your own, or Your spouse's unmarried children, regardless of age, enrolled prior to age 26, who are incapable of self-support due to medically certified, continuing intellectual or physical disability and are chiefly dependent upon the Insured Person for support and maintenance. Cigna Healthcare may require written proof of such disability and dependency within 31 days prior to the end of the Year in which the child reaches age 26.
- Your own, or Your spouse's Newborn children are automatically covered for the first 31 days of life. To continue coverage past that time, You must enroll the child as a Family Member by applying for his or her enrollment as a Family Member within 60 days of the date of birth, and pay any additional Premium. Coverage for a Newborn dependent child enrolled within 60 days of birth will be retroactive to the date of the child's birth.
- An adopted child, including a child who is placed with You for adoption, is automatically covered for 31 days from the date of the adopted child's placement for adoption or initiation of a suit of adoption. To continue coverage past that time, You must enroll the child as a Family Member by applying for his or her enrollment as a Family Member within 60 days of the date of adoption, and pay any additional Premium. Coverage for an adopted dependent child enrolled within 60 days of adoption will be retroactive to the date of the child's placement for adoption, initiation of a suit of adoption or after the date the child is placed with you for adoption, and paying any additional premium.
- A child who is placed with You for foster care, is automatically covered for 31 days from the date of placement with you for foster care. To continue coverage past that time, You must enroll the child as a Family Member by applying for his or her enrollment as a Family Member within 60 days of the date of placement with You for foster care, and pay any additional Premium. Coverage for a foster child enrolled within 60 days of being placed with You for foster care will be retroactive to the date of the child's initial placement with You in foster care and paying any additional premium.
- If a court has ordered a Policyholder to provide coverage for an eligible child (as defined above) coverage will be automatic for the first 31 days following the date on which the court order is issued. To continue coverage past that time, You must enroll the child as a Family Member by applying for his or her enrollment as a Family Member within 60 days of the court order date, and pay any additional Premium. Court-ordered coverage for a dependent child enrolled within 60 days of the court order will be retroactive to the date of the court order.

NOTE: A child enrolled as a Family Member under this Policy is entitled to receive, while outside the Service Area, only Emergency Services for Emergency Medical Conditions.

## When Can I Apply?

### Application to Enroll or Change Coverage

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA) specifies that an eligible person must enroll for coverage or change plans during the Annual Open Enrollment Period. Persons who fail to enroll or change plans during the Annual Open Enrollment Period must wait until the next Annual Open Enrollment Period to enroll in a plan or to change plans. However, if a person experiences a triggering event as described below, the triggering event starts a special enrollment period during which an eligible person can enroll and an Insured Person can add dependents and change coverage.

The Annual Open Enrollment Period and special enrollment period are explained below.

### Annual Open Enrollment Period

The Annual Open Enrollment Period is a specified period of time, specified under federal and Colorado law, each Year during which Individuals who are eligible as described above can apply to enroll for coverage or change coverage from one plan to another.

To be enrolled for coverage under this Policy. You must submit a completed and signed application for coverage under this Policy for Yourself and any eligible dependents, and We must receive that application during the Annual Open Enrollment Period.

Your coverage under this Policy will then become effective upon the earliest day allowable under federal rules for that Year's Annual Open Enrollment Period. **Note: If You do not apply to obtain or change coverage during the Annual Open Enrollment Period, You will not be able to apply again until the following Year's Annual Open Enrollment Period** unless You qualify for a special enrollment period as described below.

### Colorado Annual Market Stabilization Special Enrollment Period

The annual market stabilization special enrollment period begins each year on December 16th and extends through January 15th. Individual health benefit plans purchased during the annual market stabilization special enrollment period are to be effective no later than February 1st. This is to ensure that individuals have sufficient opportunity to enroll in a health benefit plan after the end of the annual open enrollment period and to ensure the continued health and stability of the Colorado health insurance market. The special enrollment period eligibility verification and prior coverage requirements do not apply to the annual market stabilization special enrollment period.

### Special Enrollment Periods

A special enrollment period occurs when a person experiences a triggering event.

Following a triggering event, a special enrollment period of no less than sixty (60) days will be provided, except for individuals who become ineligible under the CO Medical Assistance Act (C.R.S. 25.5-4-101, et seq.) or a dependent who becomes ineligible under the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) due to the provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Pub L. No. 117-164, who will have a special enrollment period of up to sixteen (16) months, beginning on April 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

When a non-qualified individual is notified or becomes aware of a triggering event that will occur in the future, he or she may apply for enrollment in a new health benefit plan during the 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the triggering event, with coverage beginning no earlier than the day the triggering event occurs to avoid a gap in coverage.

When a qualified individual is notified or becomes aware of a triggering event that will occur in the future, he or she may apply for enrollment in a new health benefit plan during the 60 calendar days prior to the date of the triggering event, with coverage beginning no earlier than the day the triggering event occurs to avoid a gap in coverage. A

“qualified individual” means an individual who has been determined eligible to enroll through the Marketplace in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) in the individual market.

If You experience one of the triggering events listed below, You can enroll for coverage and enroll Your eligible dependent(s) during a special enrollment period instead of waiting for the next Annual Open Enrollment Period.

Triggering events for a special enrollment period are:

- An individual or his or her dependent involuntarily losing existing creditable coverage for any reason other than fraud, misrepresentation, or failure to pay a premium may apply for enrollment in a new health benefit plan during the 60 calendar days prior to the effective date of the loss of coverage; or
- An individual or his or her dependent loses pregnancy-related Medicaid coverage. The date of the loss of coverage is the last day the consumer would have pregnancy-related coverage; or
- When a Marketplace enrollee loses a dependent or is no longer considered a dependent through divorce or legal separation as defined by State law in the State in which the divorce or legal separation occurs, or if the Marketplace enrollee, or his or her dependent dies; or
- An individual or his or her dependent losing medically needy coverage as described under Section 1902(a)(10)(C) of the Social Security Act may apply, once during a Calendar Year, for enrollment in a new health benefit plan during the 60 calendar days prior to the effective date of the loss of coverage; or
- Gaining a dependent or becoming a dependent through marriage (NOTE: special enrollment for marriage only applies if at least one spouse was enrolled in an exchange plan at least 1 day in the 60 days before marriage; or lived abroad for 1 or more days in the 60 days before marriage; or is an American Indian or Alaska Native), civil union, birth, adoption, placement for adoption, placement in foster care, through a child support order or other court order, or by entering into a designated beneficiary agreement if the carrier offers coverage to designated beneficiaries; or
- An individual's enrollment or non-enrollment in a health benefit plan that is unintentional, inadvertent or erroneous and is the result of an error, misrepresentation, or inaction of the carrier, producer, or the Marketplace; or
- Demonstrating to the Commissioner that the health benefit plan in which the individual is enrolled has substantially violated a material provision of its contract in relation to the individual; or
- A qualified individual who becomes:
  1. newly eligible or ineligible for the federal advance payment tax credit or has a change in eligibility for cost-sharing reductions available through the Exchange;
  2. Has a dependent enrolled in the same qualified health plan who is determined newly eligible or ineligible for the federal advance payment tax credit or has a change in eligibility for cost-sharing reductions available through the Exchange;
  3. Becomes newly eligible, or his or her dependent becomes newly eligible, for enrollment in a QHP through the Exchange because they have been released from incarceration;
  4. Was previously ineligible for federal premium tax credit solely because of a household income below one hundred percent (100%) of the Federal Poverty Level and who, during the same timeframe, was ineligible for Medicaid because he or she were living in a non-Medicaid expansion state, who either experiences a change in household income or moves to a different state resulting in the qualified individual becoming newly eligible for advance payments of the federal premium tax credit; or
  5. Is enrolled, or has a dependent enrolled, in an eligible employer-sponsored plan and is determined newly eligible for the federal advance payment tax credit based in part on a finding that such individual is ineligible for coverage in an eligible employer-sponsored plan that provides minimum creditable coverage, including as a result of his or her employer discontinuing or changing coverage within the next 60 days, provided the enrollee is able to terminate his or her existing coverage. This enrollee may apply for enrollment in a new health benefit plan during the 60 calendar days prior to the effective date of the loss of coverage.
  6. Is found eligible for financial assistance for health coverage by Connect for Health Colorado, having indicated by the tax deadline on a Colorado Individual Income Tax Form that they are interested in learning more about free or reduced health coverage.
  7. Did not receive timely notice of an event that triggers eligibility for a special enrollment period, and otherwise was reasonably unaware that a triggering event occurred, the exchange must allow the individual, or their dependent, to select a new plan within sixty (60) days of the date that they knew, or reasonably should have known, of the occurrence of the triggering event; or
  8. Becomes eligible, or their dependent becomes eligible for the federal advance premium tax credit and whose household income is expected to be no greater than 150 percent of the federal poverty

level, may enroll in a QHP or change from one QHP to another one time per month during periods of time when the applicable individual's applicable percentage for purposes of calculating the premium assistance amount is set at zero.

9. Beginning April 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, becomes ineligible under the Colorado Medical Assistance Act (C.R.S. § 25.5-4-101, et seq., C.R.S.) or a dependent becomes ineligible under the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) due to the provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Pub. L. No. 117-164.
  - Gaining access to other creditable coverage as a result of a permanent change in residence; or
  - A parent or legal guardian dis-enrolling a dependent, or a dependent becoming ineligible for the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+); or
  - An individual becoming ineligible under the Colorado Medical Assistance Act; or
  - An individual, who was not previously a citizen, a national, or a lawfully present individual, gains such status; or
  - An Indian or an Alaska Native, as defined by Section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act or their dependent on the same application, may enroll in a qualified health plan or change from one qualified health plan to another one time per month; or
  - An individual or his or her dependent currently enrolled in an individual or group non-Calendar Year health benefit plan may apply for enrollment in a new health benefit plan during the 60 calendar days prior to the effective date of the loss of coverage, which is the last day of the plan or policy year; or
  - An individual who is a victim of domestic abuse or spousal abandonment, as defined by 26 CFR § 1.36B-2T, including a dependent or unmarried victim within a household, who is enrolled in creditable coverage and seeks to enroll in coverage separate from the perpetrator of the abuse or abandonment; or
  - An individual who is a dependent of a victim of domestic abuse or spousal abandonment, on the same application as the victim, may enroll in coverage at the same time as the victim; or
  - An individual or his or her dependent who applies for coverage during the annual open enrollment period or due to triggering event, and is assessed as potentially eligible for Medicaid or the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), and is determined ineligible for Medicaid or CHP+ either after open enrollment has ended or more than 60 days after the triggering or qualifying event, or applies for coverage through the State Medicaid or CHP+ agency during the annual open enrollment period, and is determined ineligible for Medicaid or CHP+ after open enrollment has ended; or
  - An individual, or his or her dependent, who has purchased an off-Marketplace plan, adequately demonstrates to the Commissioner that a material error related to plan benefits, Service Area, or premium influenced the qualified individual's or enrollee's decision to purchase a QHP including adequate demonstration by other individuals for the benefit of the individual or their dependent; or
  - An individual, or his or her dependent, who has purchased an on-Marketplace plan, adequately demonstrates to the Exchange that a material error related to plan benefits, Service Area, or premium influenced the qualified individual's or enrollee's decision to purchase a QHP including adequate demonstration by other individuals for the benefit of the individual or their dependent; or
  - An individual, or his or her dependent, adequately demonstrates to the Exchange, in accordance with federal guidelines, that the individual meets other exceptional circumstances as the Exchange may provide; or
  - An individual who has purchased a short-term limited duration health insurance policy experiences an involuntary loss of coverage at the end of the term of his/her policy if there is no ability to purchase another short-term policy due to the short-term policy carrier ceasing its sales of all short-term policies in Colorado on or after April 1, 2019. Such individuals may apply for enrollment in a new individual health benefit plan in accordance with what is noted under (1) and (2) above, or during the sixty (60) calendar days after 9/1/2019; or
  - In the event, an individual, or their dependent, is enrolled in COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) continuation coverage for which an employer is paying all or part of the premiums, or for which a government entity is providing subsidies, and the employer completely ceases its contributions to the qualified individual's or dependent's COBRA continuation coverage or government subsidies completely cease. The triggering event is the last day of the period for which COBRA continuation coverage is paid for or subsidized, in whole or in part, by an employer or government entity.
  - Beginning January 1, 2024, an individual who receives written certification from a provider they are pregnant and does not have existing creditable coverage. Any person or entity enrolling an individual in coverage must provide a notice, developed by the CO DOI through a stakeholder process, to the individual regarding the individual's option to begin coverage either prospectively or retroactively and the financial and tax implications of those options. The notice must be in, at a minimum, English and Spanish.

Triggering events **do not** include loss of coverage due to failure to make Premium payments on a timely basis, including COBRA Premiums prior to expiration of COBRA coverage; and situations allowing for a rescission as specified in 45 CFR 147.128.

The special enrollment period begins on the date the triggering event occurs, and ends on the 61st day following the triggering event.

Persons who enroll during a special enrollment period will have coverage Effective Dates determined as follows:

- In the case of birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care, the effective date will be the date of the event or the first day of the month following the birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care, if requested by the Policyholder; or
- In the case of marriage, civil union, or in the case where a qualified individual loses minimum essential coverage, coverage is effective the first day of the following month; or
- In the case of an involuntary loss of existing creditable coverage, coverage shall become effective either: on the first day of the month following the triggering event if plan selection is made on or before the day of the triggering event; or at the option of the Marketplace, on the first day of the month following plan selection when plan selection is made after a triggering event; or if coverage is purchased between the 1st and 15th day of the month, coverage is effective no later than the first day of the following month, if coverage is purchased between the 16th and the last day of the month, coverage is effective not later than the first day of the second following month; or
- In the case of gaining a dependent or becoming a dependent through a court order, coverage shall become effective either: on the date the court order is effective; or at the election of the primary individual policyholder regarding the first and 15th of the month or 16th and last day of the month as noted below; or
- Beginning January 1, 2024, the Effective Date of coverage for individuals who are pregnant is the first day of the month in which the individual receives written certification of the pregnancy, unless the individual elects to have coverage effective on the first day of the month following the date that the individual makes a plan selection;
- Beginning April 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, the Effective Date of coverage for individuals who qualify due to becoming ineligible under the CO Medical Assistance Act or a dependent becomes ineligible under the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) due to the provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, is no later than the first day of the month following plan selection.

For all other triggering events the Effective Dates are:

- For an application made between the first and the 15th day of any month, the Effective Date of coverage will be no later than the first day of the following month; or
- For an application made between the 16th and the last day of the month, the Effective Date of coverage will be no later than the first day of the second following month.

# HOW TO ACCESS YOUR SERVICES AND OBTAIN APPROVAL OF BENEFITS

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## About This Policy

Your medical coverage is provided under a Policy issued by Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company (Cigna Healthcare). This Policy is a legal contract between You and Us.

Under this Policy, “We,” “Us,” and “Our” mean Cigna Healthcare. “You” or “Your” refers to the Policyholder whose application has been accepted by Us under the Policy issued. When We use the term “Insured Person” in this Policy, We mean You and any eligible Family Member(s) who are enrolled for coverage under this Policy. You and all Family Member(s) covered under this Policy are listed on the Policy specification page.

The benefits of this Policy are provided only for those services that are Medically Necessary as defined in this Policy and for which the Insured Person has benefits. The fact that a Physician prescribes or orders a service does not, in itself, mean that the service is Medically Necessary or that the service is a Covered Service. Consult this Policy or phone Us at the number shown on your Cigna Healthcare identification card if you have any questions regarding whether services are covered.

This Policy contains many important terms (such as “Medically Necessary” and “Covered Service”) that are defined in the section entitled “Definitions.” Before reading through this Policy, be sure that You understand the meanings of these words as they pertain to this Policy.

We provide coverage to You under this Policy based upon the answers submitted by You and Your Family Member (s) on Your signed individual application. In consideration for the payment of the Premiums stated in this Policy, We will provide the services and benefits listed in this Policy to You and Your Family Member(s) covered under the Policy.

IF, WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE POLICY, WE DISCOVER ANY FRAUD OR MATERIAL FACTS THAT WERE INTENTIONALLY MISREPRESENTED OR THAT YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER(S) KNEW, BUT DID NOT DISCLOSE IN YOUR APPLICATION, WE MAY RESCIND THIS COVERAGE AS OF THE ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE. ADDITIONALLY, IF WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER ADDING ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER(S) (EXCLUDING NEWBORN CHILDREN ADDED WITHIN 31 DAYS AFTER BIRTH), WE DISCOVER ANY FRAUD OR MATERIAL FACTS THAT WERE INTENTIONALLY MISREPRESENTED IN YOUR APPLICATION, WE MAY RESCIND COVERAGE FOR THE ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER (S) AS OF THE DATE HE OR SHE ORIGINALLY BECAME EFFECTIVE. IF WE RESCIND YOUR COVERAGE, WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH 60 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE AND WE WILL REFUND ALL PREMIUMS YOU PAID FOR YOUR POLICY LESS THE AMOUNT OF ANY CLAIMS PAID BY CIGNA HEALTHCARE. RESCISSION OF YOUR COVERAGE WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF ALL PENDING CLAIMS AND, IF CLAIM PAYMENTS EXCEED TOTAL PREMIUMS PAID, THEN CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID BY CIGNA HEALTHCARE WILL BE RETROACTIVELY DENIED, OBLIGATING YOU TO PAY THE PROVIDER IN FULL FOR SERVICES RENDERED AT THE PROVIDER’S REGULAR BILLED RATE, NOT AT THE CIGNA HEALTHCARE NEGOTIATED RATE.

**Choice of Hospital and Physician:** Nothing contained in this Policy restricts or interferes with an Insured Person’s right to select the Hospital or Physician of their choice. However, non-Emergency Services from a Non-Participating Provider are not covered by this Policy except as shown in the section titled “Special Circumstances.”

## THIS IS AN EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER POLICY

That means this Policy does not provide benefits for any services you receive from an Out-of-Network Provider except:

- Services for Stabilization and initial treatment of an Emergency Medical Condition, or
- Medically Necessary services that are not available through an In-Network Provider.

In-Network Providers include Physicians, Hospitals, and Other Health Care Facilities. Check the Provider directory, available at [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com), or call the number on Your ID card to determine if a Provider is In-Network.

## **Choosing a Primary Care Physician**

A Primary Care Physician may serve an important role in meeting health care needs by providing or arranging for medical care for each Insured Person. For this reason, when you enroll as an Insured Person, you will be asked to select a Primary Care Physician (PCP). Your PCP will provide your regular medical care and assist in coordinating your care. You may select your PCP by calling the customer service phone number on your ID card or by visiting Our website at [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com). The Primary Care Physician You select for Yourself may be different from the Primary Care Physician You select for each of Your Family Member(s). You have the right to designate any Primary Care Physician who participates in Our network for this plan and is available to accept You or Your Family Members.

## **If You Need a Specialist**

Your PCP is important to the coordination of your care. While this Policy does not require referrals to visit specialists, if you need specialty care you are encouraged to work with your PCP, who can coordinate your care and assist you in selecting a specialist appropriate for your care.

The referral system can be used to keep your PCP involved in and apprised of all of your health care needs. If you receive Covered Services from a specialist in the Policy's network without a referral, you will not be subject to a penalty, and the claims for those Covered Services will be processed according to the applicable level of benefits.

## **Changing Primary Care Physicians**

You may voluntarily change Your PCP, but not more than once in any calendar month. We reserve the right to determine the number of times during a plan Year that you will be allowed to change your PCP. You may request a change from one Primary Care Physician to another by going to [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) under your name, click on "My Health Team," click "Change," and follow the directions displayed, or by contacting Us at the customer service number on your ID card.

In addition, if at any time a Primary Care Physician ceases to be a Participating Provider, We will notify you 30 days in advance, for the purpose of selecting a new Primary Care Physician.

## **If Your Physician Leaves the Network**

If your PCP or specialist ceases to be a Participating Provider, We will notify you in writing of his or her impending termination at least 30 days in advance of the date the PCP leaves the network and provide assistance in selecting a new PCP or identifying a new specialist to continue providing Covered Services. If you are receiving treatment from a Participating Provider at the time his or her Participating Provider agreement is terminated, for reasons other than medical incompetence or professional misconduct, you may be eligible for continued care with that Provider.

## **Continuity of Care**

If your PCP, specialist or facility ceases to be a Participating Provider, We will notify you. Under certain medical circumstances, We may continue to reimburse Covered Expenses from your facility, PCP or a specialist you've been seeing at the Participating Provider benefit level even though they are no longer affiliated with Cigna Healthcare's network. If you are undergoing a course of treatment for a Serious and Complex Condition; or undergoing a course of institutional or inpatient care; or scheduled to undergo non-elective surgery, including receipt of postoperative care with respect to such a surgery; or determined to be terminally ill and are receiving treatment for such illness, and continued treatment is Medically Necessary, you may be eligible to receive continuing care from the Non-Participating Provider for a specified time, subject to the treating Provider's agreement. You may also be eligible to receive continuing care if you are pregnant and undergoing a course of treatment for the pregnancy, in which case, continued care may be extended through your delivery and include a period of postpartum care.

Such continuity of care must be approved in advance by Cigna Healthcare, and your Provider must agree to accept Our reimbursement rate and to abide by Cigna Healthcare's policies and procedures and quality assurance requirements. There may be additional circumstances where continued care by a Provider who ceases to be a Participating Provider will not be available, such as when the Provider loses his/her license to practice or retires.



You may request continuity of care from Cigna Healthcare after your Participating Provider's termination from Cigna Healthcare's network; start by calling the toll-free number on your ID card. Continuity of care must be Medically Necessary and approved in advance by Us. Continuity of care will cease upon the earlier of:

- Successful transition of your care to a Participating Provider, or
- Completion of your treatment; or
- The next Annual Open Enrollment Period; or
- The length of time approved for continuity of care ends.

## **Confined to a Hospital**

If you are confined in a Hospital on the Effective Date of your coverage, you must notify Us of such a hospitalization within two (2) days, or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter. When you are enrolled as an Insured Person, you agree to permit Cigna Healthcare to assume direct coordination of your health care. We reserve the right to transfer you to the care of a Participating Provider and/or Participating Hospital if Cigna Healthcare, in consultation with your attending Physician, determines that it is medically safe to do so.

If you are hospitalized on the Effective Date of coverage and you fail to notify Us of this hospitalization, refuse to permit Us to coordinate your care, or refuse to be transferred to the care of a Participating Provider or Participating Hospital, We will not be obligated to pay for any medical or Hospital expenses that are related to your hospitalization following the first two (2) days after your coverage begins.

## **Note Regarding Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)**

Cigna Healthcare offers some plans that are intended to qualify as "high deductible health plans" (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 223(c)(2)). Plans that qualify as high deductible health plans may allow You, if You are an "eligible individual" (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 223(c)(1)), to take advantage of the income tax benefits available when You establish an HSA and use the money You deposit into the HSA to pay for qualified medical expenses as allowed under federal tax law.

Cigna Healthcare does not provide tax advice. It is Your responsibility to consult with Your tax advisor or attorney about whether a plan qualifies as a high deductible health plan and whether You are eligible to take advantage of HSA tax benefits.

## **Prior Authorization Program**

Cigna Healthcare provides You with a comprehensive personal health solution medical management program which focuses on improving quality outcomes and maximizes value for You.

### **Prior Authorization for Inpatient Services**

**Prior Authorization is required for all non-emergency inpatient admissions, and certain other admissions, in order to be eligible for benefits. FAILURE TO OBTAIN PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PRIOR TO AN ELECTIVE ADMISSION to a Hospital or certain other facility MAY RESULT IN A PENALTY OR DENIAL OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED.**

**Prior Authorization can be obtained by You, your Family Member(s) or the Provider by calling the number on the back of your ID card.**

**To verify Prior Authorization requirements for inpatient services, including which other types of facility admissions require Prior Authorization, you can:**

- call Cigna Healthcare at the number on the back of your ID card, or
- check [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com), under "Coverage" then select "Medical."

**Please note that emergency admissions will be reviewed post admission.**

Inpatient Prior Authorization reviews both the necessity for the admission and the need for continued stay in the Hospital.

### **Prior Authorization for Outpatient Services**

**Prior Authorization is also required for certain outpatient procedures and services in order to be eligible for benefits. FAILURE TO OBTAIN PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PRIOR TO CERTAIN ELECTIVE OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES AND SERVICES MAY RESULT IN A PENALTY OR DENIAL OF PAYMENT FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED.**

**Prior Authorization can be obtained by You, Your Family Member(s) or the Provider by calling the number on the back of your ID card.** Outpatient Prior Authorization should only be requested for non-emergency procedures or services, at least four working days (Monday through Friday) prior to having the procedure performed or the service rendered.

**To verify Prior Authorization requirements for outpatient procedures and services, including which procedures and services require Prior Authorization, you can:**

- call Cigna Healthcare at the number on the back of your ID card, or
- check [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com), under "Coverage" then select "Medical."

**PRIOR AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT.** Prior Authorization does not guarantee payment of benefits. Coverage is always subject to other requirements of this Policy, such as limitations and exclusions, payment of Premium, and eligibility at the time care and services are provided.

### **Retrospective Review**

If Prior Authorization was not performed Cigna Healthcare will use retrospective review to determine if a scheduled admission was Medically Necessary. Cigna Healthcare will also use retrospective review to determine if an emergency admission was Medically Necessary. In the event the services are determined to be Medically Necessary, benefits will be provided as described in this Policy. If it is determined that a service was not Medically Necessary, Cigna Healthcare will not cover any Charges for that service.

## **Authorization, Exception and Appeal Process for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies**

Authorization from Cigna Healthcare is required for certain Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, meaning that your Physician must obtain authorization from Cigna Healthcare before the Prescription Drug or Related Supply will be covered.

### **Prior Authorization**

When your Physician prescribes certain Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies, including high cost and Specialty Medications, Cigna Healthcare requires your Physician to obtain authorization before the Prescription or supply can be filled. To obtain Prior Authorization, your Physician must follow the Prescription Drug and Related Supply Authorization and Exception Request Process as described below. Prior Authorization is not required before a pharmacist may prescribe and dispense an HIV infection prevention drug.

### **Step Therapy**

Step Therapy is a type of Prior Authorization. Cigna Healthcare may require an Insured Person to follow certain steps before covering some Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, including, without limitation, some higher-cost and Specialty Medications. If a Prescription Drug or Related Supply is subject to a Step Therapy requirement, then you must try one or more similar Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies before the Policy will cover the requested Prescription Drug or Related Supply, except if the Prescription Drug is an HIV infection prevention drug, a covered Prescription Drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or other recognized body for the treatment of stage four advanced metastatic cancer or a covered atypical opioid medication that has been approved by the FDA for the treatment of acute or chronic pain.

We will not require Step Therapy for a Prescription Drug or Related Supply if:

- the Prescription Drug is on Cigna Healthcare's Prescription Drug List;
- the Insured Person has tried the Step Therapy required Prescription Drugs while under his/her current or previous health benefit plan; and
- the Prescription Drugs were discontinued due to lack of efficacy or effectiveness, diminished effect, or an adverse event.

The Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies that require Step Therapy can be identified on the Prescription Drug List at [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com). To obtain Step Therapy Authorization, your Physician must follow the Prescription Drug and Related Supply Authorization and Exception Request Process as described below.

### **Exceptions for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies Not on the Prescription Drug List**

If your Physician prescribes a Prescription Drug or Related Supply that is not on Cigna Healthcare's Prescription Drug List, he or she can request that Cigna Healthcare make an exception and agree to cover that drug or supply for your condition. To obtain an exception for a Prescription Drug or Related Supply your Physician must follow the Prescription Drug and Related Supply Authorization and Exception Request Process as described below.

### **Prescription Drug and Related Supply Authorization and Exception Request Process**

To obtain an exception, your Physician may call Cigna Healthcare, or complete the appropriate form and fax it to Cigna Healthcare to request an exception. Your Physician can certify in writing that you have previously used a Prescription Drug or Related Supply that is on Cigna Healthcare's Prescription Drug List or in a Step Therapy Protocol, and the Prescription Drug or Related Supply has been detrimental to your health or has been ineffective in treating your condition and, in the opinion of your Physician, is likely to again be detrimental to your health or ineffective in treating the condition. The exception request will be reviewed and completed by Cigna Healthcare within 72 hours of receipt.

### **Expedited Review of a Prior Authorization, Step Therapy or Prescription Drug Exception Request**

An expedited review may be requested by your Physician when you are suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function or when you are undergoing a current course of treatment using a Prescription Drug or Related Supply not on Cigna Healthcare's Prescription Drug List. The expedited review will be reviewed and completed by Cigna Healthcare within 24 hours of receipt.

If the request is approved, your Physician will receive confirmation. The Authorization/Exception will be processed in Cigna Healthcare's pharmacy claim system to allow you to have coverage for those Prescription Drugs or Related

Supplies. The length of the Authorization will be granted until you no longer use the Prescription Drug or Related Supply for which the Authorization or Exception was approved. When Your Physician advises you that coverage for the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies has been approved, you should contact the Pharmacy to fill the Prescription(s).

If the request is denied, you and your Physician will be notified that coverage for the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies was not authorized.

### **Appeal of a Prior Authorization, Step Therapy or Prescription Drug Exception Denial**

If you, a person acting on your behalf or the prescribing Physician or other prescriber disagree with a coverage decision, you, a person acting on your behalf or the prescribing Physician or other prescriber may appeal that decision in accordance with the provisions of this Policy, by submitting a written request stating why the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies should be covered. Please see the section of this Policy entitled "When You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" which describes the process for the external independent review.

If you have questions about specific Prescription Drug List exceptions, Prior Authorization or a Step Therapy request, call Customer Service at the toll-free number on the back of your ID card.

### **To verify Prior Authorization requirements for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, including which Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies require authorization, you can:**

- call Cigna Healthcare at the number on the back of your ID card, or
- log on to [www.cigna.com/ifp-drug-lists](http://www.cigna.com/ifp-drug-lists).

### **NOTE REGARDING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF INPATIENT SERVICES, OUTPATIENT SERVICES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

Some services or therapies may require you to use particular Providers approved by Cigna Healthcare for the particular service or therapy, and will not be covered if you receive them from any other Provider regardless of participation status.

### **Coverage of New Drugs**

All new FDA approved Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies (or new FDA-approved indications) are designated as non-Prescription Drug List Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies until the Cigna Health Plan Value Assessment Committee (HVAC) makes a placement decision on the new Prescription Drug or Related Supply (or new indication), which decision shall be based in part on the P&T Committee's clinical review of the drug. The P&T Committee makes a reasonable effort to review all new FDA-approved Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies (or new FDA-approved indications) within 90 days of its release to the market. The Health Plan Value Assessment Committee (HVAC) must make a decision on each new FDA-approved drug product (or new FDA-approved indication) within 180 days of its release onto the market, or a clinical justification must be documented if this timeframe is not met.

## How the Plan Works

### Deductibles

Deductibles are prescribed amounts of Covered Expenses the Insured Person must pay before this Policy will pay your claims. Deductibles apply to all Covered Expenses as described in the “Definitions” section of this Policy, unless expressly stated otherwise in the benefit schedule. Deductibles do not include any amounts in excess of the Allowed Expense, any penalties, or expenses incurred in addition to Covered Expenses.

Deductibles will be applied in the order in which an Insured Person’s claims are received and processed by Us, not necessarily in the order in which the Insured Person received the service or supply.

### Deductible

The Deductible is stated in the benefit schedule. The Deductible is the amount of Covered Expenses you must pay for **any** Covered Services (except as specifically stated otherwise in the benefit schedule) incurred from Participating Providers each Year before this Policy will pay your claims. There are two ways an Insured Person can meet his or her Deductible:

- When an Insured Person meets his or her Individual Deductible, that Insured Person’s benefits will be paid accordingly, whether any applicable Family Deductible is satisfied or not.
- If one or more Family Members are enrolled for coverage under this Policy, the Family Deductible will apply. Each Insured Person can contribute up to the Individual Deductible amount toward the Family Deductible. Once this Family Deductible is satisfied, no further Individual or Family Deductible is required for the remainder of that Year.

### Prescription Drug Deductible

A Prescription Drug Deductible, separate from the Deductible shown on the first page of the benefit schedule, may apply each Year only to Prescription Drugs and Specialty Medications covered by this Policy. Please refer to the definitions of “Individual Prescription Drug Deductible” and “Family Prescription Drug Deductible.” The Prescription Drug Deductible is shown in the Prescription Drug Benefits section of the benefit schedule.

### Out-of-Pocket Maximum

The Out-of-Pocket Maximum is the maximum amount of Coinsurance, Deductible, and Copayment, each Family Member incurs for Covered Expenses in a Year.

- The Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum is an accumulation of Covered Expenses. It includes Deductibles, Copayments and Coinsurance for medical and Prescription Drug Covered Services. Once the Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum has been met for the Year, for In-Network Covered Services, you will no longer have to pay any Coinsurance or Copayment for medical or Pharmacy services for Covered Expenses incurred In-Network during the remainder of that Year. Non-compliance penalty charges do not apply to the Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum and will always be paid by You. The amount of the Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum is described in the benefit schedule section of this Policy.
- The Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum applies if You have a family plan and You and one or more of Your Family Member(s) are enrolled for coverage under this Policy. It is an accumulation of the Individual Covered Expenses, including Deductibles, Copayments and Coinsurance for medical and Prescription Drug Covered Services, paid by each Family Member for Covered Expenses during a Year. If You cover other Family Member(s), each Insured Person’s Covered Services accumulate toward the Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum. Each Insured Person can contribute up to the Individual Out-of-Pocket amount toward the Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum. Once the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for In-Network Covered Services has been met, the Family Members will no longer have to pay any Deductible, Coinsurance or Copayments for Covered Expenses incurred In-Network during the remainder of that Year. The amounts of the Individual and the Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum are described in the benefit schedule section of this Policy.

## **Special Limits**

There may be limits applied to certain Covered Services in the form of an Annual maximum on the number of visits, days or events the Policy will cover for a specific type of service. The expenses you incur which exceed specific maximums described in this Policy will be your responsibility. Any special limits applicable to benefits in this Policy are described in the benefit schedule.

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## **Penalties**

A penalty is an amount of Covered Expenses that is:

- Not counted toward any Deductible;
- Not counted toward the Out of Pocket Maximum; and
- Not eligible for benefit payment once the Deductible is satisfied.

The following services require Prior Authorization. Penalties may be assessed against your Provider if your Provider fails to obtain Prior Authorization.:

- Inpatient Hospital admissions and all other facility admissions,
- Free Standing Outpatient Surgical Facility Services,
- Certain outpatient surgeries and diagnostic procedures.

**Penalties are applied before this Policy pays claims.**

## **BENEFITS/COVERAGE (WHAT IS COVERED)**

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### **Medical Benefits (listed in alphabetical order)**

*Please refer to the benefit schedule for additional benefit provisions which may apply to the information below.*

To be eligible for benefits under this Policy, the Provider must be appropriately licensed according to state and local laws and accredited to provide services within the scope of the Provider's license and accreditation.

Before this Policy pays for any benefits, You and Your Family Members must satisfy any Deductibles that may apply. After you satisfy the appropriate Deductibles, We will begin paying for Covered Services as described in this section.

No Insured Person will be denied coverage for medical/surgical or behavioral, mental, or substance use disorder care as a result of self-harm or suicide attempt or completion.

The benefits described in this section will be paid for Covered Expenses incurred on the date You and Your Family Members receive the service or supply for which the Charge is made. These benefits are subject to all terms, conditions, Deductibles, penalties, exclusions, and limitations of this Policy. All services will be paid at the percentages indicated in the benefit schedule and subject to limits outlined in the section entitled "How to Access your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits."

Following is a general description of the supplies and services for which the Policy will pay benefits if such services and supplies are Medically Necessary and for which you are otherwise eligible as described in this Policy.

**Note:** Services from an Out-of-Network (Non-Participating) Provider are not covered except for Emergency Services and as shown in the section titled "Special Circumstances."

If you are inpatient in a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility, on the day your coverage begins, We will pay benefits for Covered Services that you receive on or after your first day of coverage related to that inpatient stay as long as you receive Covered Services in accordance with the terms of this Policy. These benefits are subject to any prior carrier's obligations under state law or contract.

### **Acupuncture**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for Acupuncture when provided by a Physician licensed to perform such services. Please refer to the benefit schedule for specific benefit information. This coverage does not include herbs or nutritional supplements.

### **Ambulance Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Medically Necessary Covered Expenses incurred for the following ambulance services:

- Base Charge, mileage and non-reusable supplies of a licensed ambulance company for transportation to and from a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility.
- Monitoring, electrocardiograms (EKG's or ECG's), cardiac defibrillation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and administration of oxygen and intravenous (IV) solutions in connection with ambulance service. An appropriate licensed person must render the services.

Ambulance transportation is covered only for emergency situations if the condition requires the use of medical services that only a licensed ambulance can provide.

This coverage includes Medically Necessary transport by air and/or water ambulance when:

- The point of pickup is not accessible by ground ambulance;
- Ground ambulance transport is not feasible due to the distance to the nearest Hospital capable of handling the patient's Illness or Injury or other obstacles to ground transport; or
- The time required for ground ambulance transport would impede timely and appropriate medical care.

### **Anesthesia for Dental Procedures**

Charges for general anesthesia and for associated Hospital or facility charges for dental care for Insured Persons, are covered if the following apply: (a) the Insured Person has a physical, mental or medically compromising condition; (b) local anesthesia is ineffective for the Insured Person because of acute infection, anatomic variations or allergy; (c) the Insured Person is extremely uncooperative, unmanageable, anxious or uncommunicative with dental demands, and it is deemed sufficiently important that dental care cannot be deferred; or (d) the Insured Person has sustained extensive orofacial and dental trauma.

### **Autism Spectrum Disorders**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for Insured Persons for Charges made for:

- diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders; and
- treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorders shall include the following care prescribed, provided, or ordered for an individual diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder by

- 1) a Physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or
- 2) a certified, registered, or licensed health care professional with expertise in treating effects of Autism Spectrum Disorders when the care is determined to be Medically Necessary and ordered by a Physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches.

Except for inpatient services, upon request from Cigna Healthcare and not more than once every 12 months, a Provider of treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorders shall furnish medical records, clinical notes, or other necessary data that substantiate that initial or continued medical treatment is Medically Necessary and is resulting in improved clinical status. When treatment is anticipated to require continued services to achieve demonstrable progress, Cigna Healthcare may request a treatment plan consisting of diagnosis, proposed treatment by type, frequency, anticipated duration of treatment, the anticipated outcomes stated as goals, and the frequency by which the treatment plan will be updated.

Covered Services include:

- Psychiatric care, meaning direct, consultative, or diagnostic services provided by a licensed psychiatrist.
- Psychological care, meaning direct or consultative services provided by a licensed psychologist.
- Habilitative or rehabilitative care, meaning professional, counseling, and guidance services and treatment programs, including Applied Behavior Analysis, that are intended to develop, maintain, and restore the functioning of an individual.
- Therapeutic care, including behavioral, speech, occupational, and physical therapies that provide treatment in the following areas:
  - a) self-care and feeding,
  - b) pragmatic, receptive, and expressive language,
  - c) cognitive functioning,
  - d) Applied Behavior Analysis, intervention, and modification,
  - e) motor planning, and
  - f) sensory processing.

### **Bariatric Surgery**

Coverage is provided for Medically Necessary bariatric surgery, subject to all Plan referral and Authorization requirements.



### **Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for pulmonary rehabilitation, and for Phase II cardiac rehabilitation provided on an outpatient basis following diagnosis of a qualifying cardiac condition when Medically Necessary. Phase II is a Hospital-based outpatient program following an inpatient Hospital discharge. The Phase II program must be Physician directed with active treatment and EKG monitoring.

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

### **Cleft Lip-Cleft Palate**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for or in connection with cleft lip/cleft palate for newborns and where appropriate, to older children and adults when considered Medically Necessary. Benefits will include: (a) oral and facial surgery, surgical management, and follow-up care by plastic and oral surgeons; (b) prosthetic treatments such as obturators, speech appliances, and feeding appliances; (c) medically necessary orthodontic treatment; (d) medically necessary prosthodontic treatment; (e) habilitative speech therapy; (f) otolaryngology treatment; and (g) audiological assessments and treatments.

### **Clinical Trials**

Benefits are payable for all routine patient care costs related to an approved clinical trial provided by a Participating Provider, including phases I through IV, for cancer, disabling, progressive or life-threatening conditions for an Insured who meets the following requirements:

- (1) is eligible to participate in an approved clinical trial according to the trial protocol with respect to the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition and
- (2) Either—
  - (A) the referring health care professional is a participating health care Provider and has concluded that the individual's participation in such trial would be appropriate based upon the individual meeting the conditions described in paragraph (1); or
  - (B) the insured provides medical and scientific information establishing that the insured's participation in such trial would be appropriate based upon the individual meeting the conditions described in paragraph (1).

For purposes of clinical trials, the term "life-threatening disease or condition" means any disease or condition from which the likelihood of death is probable unless the course of the disease or condition is interrupted.

The clinical trial must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Be approved or funded by any of the agencies or entities authorized by federal law to conduct clinical trials;
  - i. An institute or center of the National Institutes of Health,
  - ii. The Food and Drug Administration,
  - iii. The Department of Veterans' Affairs,
  - iv. The Department of Defense,
  - v. The Department of Energy,
  - vi. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
  - vii. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality,
  - viii. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services,
  - ix. cooperative group or center of any of the entities described in clauses (i) through (vi) or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs, or
  - x. A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants.

2. Be conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration; or
3. Involve a drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application.

Routine patient care costs are costs associated with the provision of health care items and services including drugs, items, devices and services typically covered by Cigna Healthcare for an Insured Person who is not enrolled in a clinical trial, including the following:

- Services typically provided absent a clinical trial.
- Services required solely for the provision of the investigational drug, item, device or service.
- Services required for the clinically appropriate monitoring of the investigational drug, device, item or service.
- Services provided for the prevention of complications arising from the provision of the investigational drug, device, item or service.
- Reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of the investigational drug, device, item or service, including the diagnosis or treatment of complications.

For clinical trials, routine patient costs do not include—

1. The Investigational item, device, or service, itself;
2. Items and services that are provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient;
3. Costs for the management of research relating to the clinical trial or study;
4. Any portion of the clinical trial or study that is paid for by a government or a bio-technical, pharmaceutical, or medical industry;
5. Coverage for any drug or device that is paid for by the manufacturer, distributor, or Provider of the drug or device;
6. Extraneous expenses related to participation in the clinical trial; or study including, but not limited to, travel, housing, and other expenses that a participant or person accompanying a participant may incur.

### **Contraception Coverage**

We cover all eighteen (18) forms of emergency and preventative contraception approved by the FDA at no-cost to the Insured Person and included in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Women's Preventive Services Guidelines. These include, tubal ligation, various intrauterine devices (IUDs), implants, shots, oral contraceptives (sometimes known as "the pill"), patches, vaginal rings, diaphragms, sponges, cervical caps, female condoms, spermicide, and emergency contraceptives (sometimes known as "Plan B"). The no-cost coverage also includes contraceptive counseling, initiation of contraceptive use, and follow-up care (e.g., office visits, management, evaluation, associated laboratory testing, as well as changes to and removal or discontinuation of the contraceptive method).

We cover twelve (12) months of a prescription contraceptive at one time.

While We may utilize certain medical management techniques to prioritize coverage of one medication or item in the same category, it does not use the following techniques, as they create unreasonable delay: Denial of coverage for all or particular brand name contraceptives, fail-first or step therapy requirements, and age limitations on coverage.

If you require a different type of contraception, We will cover, without cost to the Insured Person, any necessary contraceptive service or item, and the Company will defer to your Provider's determination. We have an exceptions process to request a different type of contraception that is easily accessible, transparent, sufficiently expedient, and not unduly burdensome on you or your Provider. More information about the exceptions process can be found here: [co-pharmacy-formulary-exception.pdf \(cigna.com\)](https://www.cigna.com/exception-process).

### **COVID – 19**

This Policy provides benefits for testing and treatment of COVID-19, as required under any applicable Federal or Colorado bulletins, laws or regulations.

## Dental Care

This Policy provides benefits for dental care for an accidental Injury to natural teeth, subject to the following:

- services must be received during the 6 months following the date of Injury;
- no benefits are available to replace or repair existing Dental Prostheses even if damaged in an eligible accidental Injury; and
- damage to natural teeth due to chewing or biting is not considered an accidental Injury under this Policy.

## Diabetes

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses including outpatient Diabetic Self-Management Training and education, Diabetic Equipment and Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies for the treatment of Type 1 Diabetes, Type 2 Diabetes, and Gestational Diabetes Mellitus.

## Durable Medical Equipment

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for purchase or rental of Durable Medical Equipment that is ordered and prescribed by a Physician, and provided by a vendor approved by Cigna Healthcare for use outside a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility.

For the purposes of this benefit, Durable Medical Equipment means items which are designed for and able to withstand use by more than one person, customarily serve a medical purpose, generally are not useful in the absence of Injury or Illness, are appropriate for use in the home, and are not disposable.

Durable Medical Equipment includes, but is not limited to:

- Bed related items: bed trays, over-bed tables, bed wedges, pillows, custom bedroom equipment, and mattresses;
- Bath related items: bath lifts, bathtub rails, toilet rails, raised toilet seats, bath benches, bath stools, handheld showers, and bath mats;
- Chairs, lifts and standing devices: computerized or gyroscopic mobility systems, roll about chairs, geriatric chairs, hip chairs, seat lifts (mechanical or motorized), patient lifts (mechanical or motorized – manual hydraulic lifts are covered if patient requires two-person transfer), and auto tilt chairs;
- Fixtures to real property: ceiling lifts and wheelchair ramps;
- Car/van modifications;
- Blood/injection related items: blood pressure cuffs, nova pens and needleless injections;
- Other equipment: heat lamps, cryotherapy machines, electronic-controlled therapy units, ultraviolet cabinets, sheepskin pads and boots, postural drainage board, enuresis alarms, magnetic equipment scales (baby and adult), and stair gliders.
- Rental or purchase of medical equipment and/or supplies that meet all of the following requirements:
  - Ordered by a Physician;
  - Serve a medical purpose and is expected to be of no further use when medical need ends;
  - Not primarily for comfort or hygiene;
  - Not for environmental control;
  - Not for exercise;
  - And manufactured specifically for medical use.

**Note:** Medical equipment and supplies must meet **all** of the above requirements in order to be eligible for benefits under this Policy. The fact that a Physician prescribes or orders equipment or supplies does not necessarily qualify the equipment or supply for payment. Coverage for Durable Medical Equipment is limited to the most cost-effective alternative.

Cigna Healthcare determines whether the item meets these conditions and whether the equipment falls under a rental or purchase category.

Rental Charges that exceed the reasonable purchase price of the equipment are not covered, unless the equipment has previously been determined by Cigna Healthcare to fall into a continuous rental category and requires frequent maintenance and servicing.

Coverage for repair, replacement or duplicate equipment is provided only when approved as Medically Necessary. All maintenance and repairs that result from a person's misuse are the person's responsibility.

### **Early Intervention Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for Medically Necessary Early Intervention Services delivered by a Qualified Early Intervention Service Provider to an eligible individual. Early intervention services specified in an IFSP shall qualify as meeting the standard for Medically Necessary health care services as used by private health insurance plans. The individual must reside within Colorado to be eligible for this program.

An "IFSP" means a written Individualized Family Service Plan that authorizes early intervention services to an eligible individual and the individual's family. A "Qualified Early intervention Service Provider" or "Qualified Provider" means a person or agency that provides early intervention services and is listed on the Registry of Early Intervention Services.

Coverage shall be available annually to an eligible individual who has significant delays in development or has a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in significant delays in development.

Early Intervention Services do NOT include:

- Non-emergency medical transportation;
- Respite care;
- Service coordination other than case management services; and
- Assistive technology. However, assistive technology may be covered by the policy's durable medical equipment benefit provisions.

The coverage will not be subject to Deductibles or Copayments.

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

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses made or ordered by a Physician for the initial purchase and fitting of external Prosthetic Appliances and Devices available only by prescription which are Medically Necessary for the alleviation or correction of Illness, Injury, or congenital defect.

External Prosthetic Appliances and Devices shall include Prostheses/Prosthetic Appliances and Devices, Orthoses and Orthotic Devices; Braces; and Splints.

Coverage for external Prosthetic Appliances and Devices is limited to the most appropriate and cost effective alternative. This includes coverage for repair, maintenance or replacement of a covered Prosthetic Appliance or Device, unless replacement is required because of misuse or loss of the Prosthetic on the part of the Insured Person.

Coverage is provided for custom foot Orthoses and other Orthoses as follows:

- Only the following non-foot Orthoses are covered, when Medically Necessary:
  - a. Rigid and semi-rigid custom fabricated Orthoses;
  - b. Semi-rigid pre-fabricated and flexible Orthoses; and
  - c. Rigid pre-fabricated Orthoses, including preparation, fitting and basic additions, such as bars and joints.
- Custom foot Orthotics are only covered when Medically Necessary, as follows:
  - a. For Insured Persons with impaired peripheral sensation and/or altered peripheral circulation (e.g. diabetic neuropathy and peripheral vascular disease);
  - b. When the foot Orthosis is an integral part of a leg Brace, and it is necessary for the proper functioning of the Brace;

- c. When the foot Orthosis is for use as a replacement or substitute for missing parts of the foot (e.g. amputation) and is necessary for the alleviation or correction of illness, injury, or congenital defect; and
- d. For Insured Persons with a neurologic or neuromuscular condition (e.g. cerebral palsy, hemiplegia, spina bifida) producing spasticity, malalignment, or pathological positioning of the foot, and there is reasonable expectation of improvement.

Coverage for replacement of external Prosthetic Appliances and devices is limited to the following:

- Replacement due to regular wear. Replacement for damage due to abuse or misuse by the Insured Person will not be covered; and
- Replacement will be provided when anatomic change has rendered the external Prosthetic Appliance or Device ineffective. Anatomic change includes significant weight gain or loss, atrophy and/or growth.

### **Foreign Country Providers**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for services and supplies received from Foreign Country Providers are covered for Medical Emergencies and other urgent situations where treatment could not have been reasonably delayed until the Insured Person was able to return to the United States.

Cigna Healthcare does not accept assignment of benefits from Foreign Country Providers. You and Your Family Members can file a claim with Cigna Healthcare for services and supplies from a Foreign Country Provider but any payment will be sent to the Insured Person. The Insured Person is responsible for paying the Foreign Country Provider. The Insured Person at their expense is responsible for obtaining an English language translation of Foreign Country Provider claims and any medical records that may be required. Benefits are subject to all terms, conditions, limitations, penalties and exclusions of this Policy and will not be more than would be paid if the service or supply had been received in the United States.

### **Gender Affirming Health Services**

This Policy Provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for Medically Necessary treatment for an Insured Person with gender dysphoria which may include ANY of the following services when such services meet applicable coverage requirements:

- Behavioral health services, including but not limited to, counseling for gender dysphoria and related psychiatric conditions (e.g., anxiety, depression);
- Hormonal therapy, including but not limited to androgens, anti-androgens, GnRH analogues\*, estrogens, and progestins (Prior authorization requirements may apply);  
**\*Note:** If used for adolescents, the Insured Person should have reached Tanner stage 2 of puberty prior to receiving GnRH agonist therapy.
- Laboratory testing to monitor prescribed hormonal therapy;
- Age-related, gender-specific services, including but not limited to preventive health, as appropriate to the Insured Person's biological anatomy (e.g., cancer screening, such as cervical, breast, prostate; treatment of a prostate medical condition);
- Medically Necessary gender affirming health services, related surgery and pre-surgical and post-surgical care including:
  - Hormone therapy
  - Male to Female Genital Surgery including penectomy; orchiectomy; vaginoplasty; dilator (medical equipment); clitoroplasty; vulvoplasty; labiaplasty; prostatectomy; urethroplasty and vagina/perineum reconstruction
  - Female to Male Genital Surgery including hysterectomy; ovariectomy/oophorectomy; salpingectomy; metoidioplasty; phalloplasty; vaginectomy; vulvectomy; scrotoplasty; urethroplasty; trachelectomy; penis/perineum reconstruction; implantation of erection and/or testicular prosthesis
  - Male to Female Breast/Chest Surgery including augmentation mammoplasty; implants/lipofillings; breast/chest augmentation, reduction, construction

- Female to Male Breast/Chest Surgery including subcutaneous mastectomy (for creation of male chest); simple/total mastectomy; partial mastectomy; breast reduction (reduction mammoplasty); breast/chest augmentation, reduction, construction; nipple reconstruction following mastectomy
- Male to Female Non-Breast/Chest Surgical Interventions including facial feminization surgery; blepharoplasty (eye and lid modification); face/forehead and/or neck tightening; facial bone remodeling for facial feminization; genioplasty (chin width reduction); rhytidectomy (cheek, chin, and neck); cheek, chin, and nose implants; lip lift/augmentation; mandibular angle augmentation/creation/reduction (jaw); orbital recontouring; rhinoplasty (nose reshaping)
- Electrolysis for donor site for phalloplasty, and vaginoplasty
- Laser hair removal

**Gender affirming health services exclusions:**

- Male to Female Non-Breast/Chest Surgical Interventions: liposuction; lipofilling; voice surgery; thyroid cartilage reduction/reduction thyrochondroplasty; gluteal augmentation (implants/lipofilling); hair reconstruction
- Female to Male Breast/Chest Surgery: modified radical mastectomy and radical mastectomy
- Female to Male Non-Genital, Non-Breast/Chest Surgical Interventions: voice surgery; liposuction; lipofilling; pectoral implants; calf implants; voice therapy lessons

You pay the applicable Copayment, Coinsurance, and/or Deductible shown in the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)." For example, see "Inpatient Hospital Services" in the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for the Copayment, Coinsurance, and/or Deductible that apply to inpatient hospital services.

Cigna Healthcare will not deny, exclude, or otherwise limit coverage for Medically Necessary services, in accordance with generally accepted professional standards of care, based upon an Insured Person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

### **Habilitative Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for services that help a person retain, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living that are offered in parity with, and in addition to, any rehabilitative services offered in Colorado's EHB benchmark plan. Parity in this context means of like type and substantially equivalent in scope, amount, and duration." Defining habilitative benefits in this manner provides habilitative benefits on par with those currently offered in rehabilitation and reflects current utilization in the rehabilitative arena. Services are payable as stated in the benefit schedule.

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for the following Habilitative Services:

- Therapeutic use of heat, cold, exercise, electricity or ultraviolet light;
- Manipulation of the spine;
- Massage, to improve circulation, strengthen muscles, encourage return on range of motion, as part of treatment for an Illness or Injury;
- Services for the necessary care and treatment of loss or impairment of speech; and
- Services designed to assist a child to develop a physical, speech or mental function which has not developed normally or has been delayed significantly from the normal developmental time frame.

Benefits are provided up to any maximum number of visits shown in the Benefit Schedule. For the purposes of this benefit, the term "visit" includes any outpatient visit to a Physician during which one or more Covered Services are provided.

All supplies and additional fees charged in conjunction with these services will be included in the payment of benefits for the visit and will not be reimbursed in addition to the visit.

## **Hearing Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for hearing services as follows:

- Hearing testing and related examination to determine the need for hearing correction for all ages.
- Hearing aids and audiological services for children up to eighteen (18) years of age who have a hearing loss that has been verified by a licensed Physician and by a licensed audiologist.
- Benefits will be paid the same as any other medical condition. Benefits are subject to Prior Authorization and are covered benefits only if deemed Medically Necessary.

Hearing aids for children up to eighteen (18) years of age shall be medically appropriate to meet the needs of the Insured Person according to accepted professional standards.

Coverage shall include the purchase of the following:

- Initial one pair of hearing aids and one pair of replacement hearing aids not more frequently than every 3 years;
- A new hearing aid when alterations to the existing hearing aid cannot adequately meet the needs of the child;
- Services and supplies including, but not limited to, the initial assessment, fitting, adjustments, and auditory training that is provided according to accepted professional standards.

Coverage does NOT include:

- Tests to determine an appropriate hearing aid model
- Hearing aids and tests to determine their usefulness

## **Home Health Care**

Benefits are provided when Home Health Services are necessary as an alternative to hospitalization or in place of hospitalization (prior hospitalization is not required). The Home Health Services must be rendered pursuant to the written order of the Physician treating the Illness or Injury that necessitates Home Health Services and under a plan of care established by the Physician in collaboration with a Home Health services Provider. Services must be clinically indicated; may not exceed 28 hours per week combined over any number of days per week; and must be for less than 8 hours per day. Additional time up to 35 hours per week but less than 8 hours per day may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

### **The following services are covered:**

- Professional nursing services of a registered nurse.
- Certified nurse aide services under the supervision of a Registered Nurse or a qualified therapist.
- Services of a licensed therapist for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and audiology, or respiratory and inhalation therapy.
- Nutrition counseling by a nutritionist or dietitian.
- Medical social services.
- Necessary medical supplies provided by the Home Health Agency
- Prosthesis and orthopedic appliances.
- Rental or purchase of durable medical equipment supplied by the Home Health Agency.
- Drugs, medicines or insulin supplied by the Home Health Agency.

### **Exclusions and Limitations:**

The following items are not covered expenses:

- Services or supplies for personal comfort or convenience, including Homemaker Services.
- Services related to well-baby care.
- Food services or meals with the exception of dietary counseling or tube feedings.

**Special Services Program:**

If an Insured Person is diagnosed with a terminal illness with a life expectancy of 1 year or less, but is not ready to elect hospice care, the Insured Person is eligible for the Special Services Program, which allows receipt of up to 15 home health care visits per lifetime. The Insured Person is covered under the Special Services Program until he or she elects hospice care coverage. The Insured Person may or may not be homebound or have skilled nursing care needs; or may only require spiritual or emotional care. Services are provided by professionals with specific training in end-of-life issues.

**Hospice Services**

Benefits for Hospice services will be provided when such services are provided under the active management of a Hospice which is responsible for coordinating all Hospice Care services, regardless of the location or facility in which such services are furnished. Benefits are provided only for Insured Persons who are terminally ill and have a life expectancy of six months or less; however, should the patient exceed the six month prognosis for life expectancy, benefits will continue at the same rate for one additional Benefit Period, as defined in the Policy. After the exhaustion of three Benefit Periods, Our case management staff will work with the patient's attending Physician and the Hospice's medical director to determine the appropriateness of continuing Hospice Care.

A Physician must provide a written certification of the Insured Person's illness, including a prognosis for life expectancy and the appropriateness for Hospice Care. We may also require a copy of the Insured Person's plan of care and any changes made to the Hospice Level of Care or to the plan of care. Services and charges incurred in connection with an unrelated illness or injury will be processed in accordance with Policy provisions applicable to all other illnesses and injuries.

**Routine Home Care Hospice Services:**

Benefits will be provided for charges for the following Routine Home Care Hospice services under the Hospice plan of care:

- Intermittent and 24-hour on-call professional nursing services provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
- Intermittent and 24-hour on-call social/counseling services.
- Certified nurse aide services or nursing services delegated to other persons pursuant to section 12-38-132, C.R.S.

**All Other Hospice Services:**

Benefits will be provided as any other medical condition for the following additional Hospice Services:

- Short-term General Inpatient (acute) Hospice care or Continuous Home Care that may be required during a period of crisis, for pain control or symptom management. Prior Authorization is required except for emergencies, weekends or holidays or when the transfer to the higher level of care was necessary during Our non-business hours, provided the Hospice obtains authorization on the first business day thereafter.
- Medical supplies.
- Drugs and biologicals.
- Prosthesis and orthopedic appliances.
- Oxygen and respiratory supplies.
- Diagnostic testing.
- Rental or purchase of durable equipment.
- Transportation.
- Physician services.
- Therapies including physical, occupational, speech and respiratory.
- Nutritional counseling by a nutritionist or dietitian.
- Bereavement support services for the family of the deceased person during the 12-month period following death



- Palliative drugs in accord with the drug formulary guidelines
- Services of volunteers

### **Infertility Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for the following Services, including X-ray and laboratory procedures:

- Services for diagnosis and treatment of involuntary infertility; and
- artificial insemination, except for donor semen, donor eggs and Services related to their procurement and storage.

### **Inpatient Services and Supplies at a Hospital or Free-Standing Outpatient Surgical Facility**

For any eligible condition, this Policy provides indicated benefits on Covered Expenses for:

- Inpatient services and supplies provided by the Hospital except private room Charges above the prevailing two-bed room rate of the facility.
- Private duty nursing as part of inpatient hospital care, covered only if determined to be Medically Necessary.
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy is covered as part of inpatient hospital care if, in the judgment of a physician, significant improvement is achievable within a 2 month period.
- Outpatient services and supplies including those in connection with Emergency Services, outpatient surgery and outpatient surgery performed at a Free-Standing Outpatient Surgical Facility.
- Diagnostic/therapeutic lab and x-rays.
- Anesthesia and inhalation therapy.

Payments of Inpatient Covered Expenses are subject to these conditions:

- Services must be those which are regularly provided and billed by the Hospital or Free-Standing Outpatient Surgical Facility.
- Services are provided only for the number of days required to treat the Insured Person's Illness or Injury.

**Note:** No benefits will be provided for personal items, such as TV, radio, guest trays, etc.

### **Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities**

For any eligible condition, this Policy provides indicated benefits for Covered Expenses for inpatient services and supplies provided by an Other Health Care Facility, except private room Charges above the prevailing two-bed room rate of the facility. Physical, occupational and speech therapy is covered as part of skilled nursing care if, in the judgment of a physician, significant improvement is achievable within a 2 month period.

Payment of benefits for Other Health Care Facility services is subject to all of the following conditions:

- The Insured Person must be referred to the Other Health Care Facility by a Physician.
- Services must be those which are regularly provided and billed by an Other Health Care Facility.
- The services must be consistent with the Illness, Injury, degree of disability and medical needs. Benefits are provided only for the number of days required to treat the Illness or Injury, subject to any maximum number of covered days per Year shown in the benefit schedule.
- Services covered under this benefit cannot be provided in a less intense setting, such as outpatient services provided at home.
- The Insured Person must remain under the active medical supervision of a Physician treating the Illness or Injury for which he or she is confined in the Other Health Care Facility.

**Note:** No benefits will be provided for personal items, such as TV, radio, guest trays, etc.

## **Mastectomy and Related Procedures**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for Hospital and professional services under this Policy for mastectomy and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and for the treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas, whether or not the mastectomy occurred while the Insured Person was covered under this Policy. Benefits will be provided for Covered Expenses for inpatient Hospital care for a minimum of 48 hours following a mastectomy and a minimum of 24 hours following a lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer.

If the Insured Person elects breast reconstruction in connection with such mastectomy, benefits will also be provided for Covered Expenses for the following:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses.

Coverage for reconstructive breast surgery will not be denied or reduced on the grounds that it is cosmetic in nature or that it otherwise does not meet the Policy definition of "Medically Necessary." Benefits will be payable on the same basis as any other Illness or Injury under the Policy.

## **Medical Foods**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for Medical Foods to treat inherited enzymatic disorders, caused by single gene defects involved in the metabolism of amino, organic, fatty acids and severe protein allergic conditions in newborns, including, but not limited to, the following diagnosed conditions: Phenylketonuria; maternal Phenylketonuria; maple syrup urine disease; tyrosinemia; homocystinuria; histidinemia; urea cycle disorders; hyperlysinemia; glutaric acidemias; methylmalonic acidemia; propionic acidemia; immunoglobulin E and Nonimmunoglobulin E-mediated allergies to multiple food proteins; severe food protein induced enterocolitis syndrome; eosinophilic disorders as evidenced by the results of a biopsy; and impaired absorption of nutrients caused by disorders affecting the absorptive surface, function, length, and motility of the gastrointestinal tract. "Medical Foods" means prescription metabolic formulas and their modular counterparts, obtained through a pharmacy that are specifically designated and manufactured for the treatment of inherited enzymatic disorders, not including cystic fibrosis or lactose-intolerant or soy-intolerant disorders. Coverage will be the same for Medical Foods purchased in-network or out-of-network.

## **Medical and Surgical Supplies**

The Policy includes coverage for medical and surgical supplies that are Medically Necessary, serve only a medical purpose, are used once, and are purchased (not rented). Covered supplies include syringes, needles, surgical dressings, Splints, and other similar items that serve only a medical purpose. Covered Services do not include items often stocked in the home for general use like Band-Aids, thermometers, and petroleum jelly, creams or lotions.

## **Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Services as indicated below for inpatient and outpatient evaluation and treatment of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services that are not covered by this Policy are listed in the "LIMITATIONS/EXCLUSIONS (WHAT IS NOT COVERED)" section.

### **Inpatient Services**

Benefits include Covered Services provided by a Hospital for the evaluation and treatment of Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder during an inpatient admission for acute care for conditions such as:

- a patient who presents a danger to self or others;
- a patient who is unable to function in the community;
- a patient who is critically unstable;
- a patient who requires acute care during detoxification; and
- the diagnosis, evaluation and acute treatment of addiction to alcohol and/or drugs.

Benefits also include Covered Services provided by a Mental Health or a Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center for an Insured Person who is confined in a Hospital or a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Treatment Residential Treatment Center as a registered bed patient, upon the recommendation of a Physician. Covered Services

include hospitalization and residential treatment services provided by a Hospital or a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Facility for the evaluation and treatment of psychological and social disturbances resulting from a subacute Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder condition that prevents an Insured Person from participating in treatment within the community and/or requires rehabilitation.

### **Outpatient Services**

Benefits include Covered Services by Participating Providers who are qualified to treat Mental Health or Substance Use Disorders, when treatment is provided on an outpatient basis for treatment of conditions such as: anxiety or depression which interfere with daily functioning; emotional adjustment or concerns related to chronic conditions, such as psychosis or depression; emotional reactions associated with marital problems or divorce; child/adolescent problems of conduct or poor impulse control; affective disorders; suicidal or homicidal thinking; eating disorders; or acute exacerbation of chronic Mental Health conditions (crisis intervention and relapse prevention), outpatient testing, and assessment, Applied Behavior Analysis and medication management when provided in conjunction with a consultation. Covered Services include:

- Treatment of mental health conditions in an individual, family, group, partial hospitalization or intensive outpatient therapy setting. Includes Telehealth/virtual therapy.
- Treatment of abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs including outpatient rehabilitation in an individual, family, group, partial hospitalization or intensive outpatient therapy setting.
- Intensive outpatient structured therapy programs consist of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder program. Intensive outpatient structured therapy programs provide a combination of individual, family and/or group therapy totaling 9 or more hours in a week.
- Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder partial hospitalization services are rendered not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period by a certified/licensed Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder program in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

### **Multidisciplinary Rehabilitation Services Facilities Services and Supplies**

We will cover treatment for up to two (2) months per condition, per year, in an organized, multidisciplinary rehabilitation services program in a designated facility or a Skilled Nursing Facility. We cover multidisciplinary rehabilitation services while you are an inpatient in a designated facility.

- Diagnostic/Therapeutic Lab and X-rays.
- Anesthesia and Inhalation Therapy.

Payments of Inpatient Covered Expenses are subject to these conditions:

- Services must be those which are regularly provided and billed by the Hospital or Multidisciplinary Rehabilitation Facility.
- Services are provided only for the number of days required to treat the Insured Person's Illness or Injury.

**Note:** No benefits will be provided for personal items, such as TV, radio, guest trays, etc.

### **Organ and Tissue Transplants and Related Specialty Care**

Coverage is provided for human organ and tissue transplant services at any Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility throughout the United States. This coverage is subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Coverage is provided for both the recipient and donor of a covered transplant under the recipient's plan.

Coverage will be provided for:

- Inpatient and Outpatient Covered Services related to the transplant surgery. Transplant services include the recipient's medical, surgical and Hospital services; inpatient immunosuppressive medications; and costs for organ or bone marrow/stem cell procurement. Transplant services are covered only if they are required to perform any of the following human to human organ or tissue transplants: allogeneic bone marrow/stem cell, autologous bone

marrow/stem cell, cornea, heart, heart/lung, kidney, kidney/pancreas, liver, lung, pancreas or intestinal, including small bowel/liver or multivisceral.

- Cornea transplants are not covered by the LifeSOURCE Provider contracts, but are covered when received from a Participating Provider facility.
- The evaluation, preparation and delivery of the donor organ.
- The removal of the organ from the donor. Coverage for organ procurement costs are limited to costs directly related to the procurement of an organ, from a cadaver or a live donor. Organ procurement costs shall consist of surgery necessary for organ removal, organ transportation and the transportation, hospitalization and surgery of a live donor. Compatibility testing undertaken prior to procurement is covered if Medically Necessary. Costs related to the search and identification of a bone marrow or stem cell donor for an allogeneic transplant are also covered.

**NOTE: Most In-Network Provider facilities are NOT contracted to provide transplant services or NOT identified as a Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility. If You elect to have transplant services at an in-network facility that is not identified as Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility, those services would not be covered. For more information on whether an in-network facility is contracted with Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility to provide transplant services, contact Your LifeSOURCE case manager or call 1-800-287-0539.**

### **Transplant Travel Services**

Coverage is provided for transportation and lodging expenses incurred by You in connection with a pre-approved organ/tissue transplant that if reimbursed by Cigna Healthcare would be characterized by the Internal Revenue Service as non-taxable income pursuant to Publication 502, and subject to the following conditions and limitations. Benefits for transportation and lodging are available to You only if You are the recipient of a pre-approved organ/tissue transplant from a Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Network® Facility. The term "recipient" includes an Insured Person receiving authorized transplant-related services during any of the following: (a) evaluation, (b) candidacy, (c) transplant event, or (d) post-transplant care. Travel expenses for the Insured Person receiving the transplant will include Charges for:

- transportation to and from the transplant site (including Charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the transplant facility); and
- lodging while at, or traveling to and from the transplant site.

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

Travel expenses that are NOT covered include, but are not limited to the following:

- travel costs incurred due to travel within less than sixty (60) miles of Your home;
- food and meals;
- laundry bills;
- telephone bills;
- alcohol or tobacco products; and
- charges for airline transportation that exceed coach class rates.

**Note:** Transplant travel benefits are not available for corneal transplants.

Transplant travel services are only available when the Insured Person is the recipient of an organ/tissue transplant. Travel expenses for the designated live donor for a covered recipient are covered subject to the same conditions and limitations noted above. Charges for the expenses of a donor companion are not covered. No benefits are available where the Insured Person is a donor.

Travel expenses for organ and tissue transplants are limited to any maximum shown in the benefit schedule.

### **Orthopedic Appliances**

An orthopedic appliance is a rigid or semi-rigid device used to support, align, prevent or helps to increase the use of a malfunctioning body part or extremity, which limits or stops motion of a weak or poorly functioning body part. An example of an orthopedic appliance is a knee brace. Benefits are provided for the purchase and fitting as needed for orthopedic appliances. Coverage also includes adjustments and repairs provided the adjustments or repairs are not the result of misuse or loss. Covered benefits are limited to the most appropriate model that adequately meets the medical needs of the member.

### **Pregnancy and Maternity Care**

Your Policy provides pregnancy and post-delivery care benefits for You and Your Family Members. This includes services provided by a licensed/certified nurse midwife acting within the scope of license or certification under the applicable state law.

All comprehensive benefits described in this Policy are available for maternity services. Comprehensive Hospital benefits for routine nursery care of a Newborn child are available so long as the child qualifies as an eligible dependent as defined in the section of this Policy titled "Eligibility."

The mother and her Newborn child shall be entitled to inpatient Hospital coverage for a period of 48 hours following an uncomplicated vaginal delivery, if 48 hours following delivery falls after 8 p.m., coverage shall continue until 8 a.m. the following morning; and 96 hours following an uncomplicated delivery by cesarean section, if 96 hours following the cesarean section falls after 8 p.m., coverage shall continue until 8 a.m. the following morning. We will 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 cesarean section; or require that a Provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay that does not exceed the above periods. Any decision to shorten the period of inpatient care for the mother or the Newborn must be made by the attending Physician in consultation with the mother. If a decision is made between a mother and doctor to discharge a mother or Newborn child from inpatient care before the 48 or 96 hour time period, coverage for timely post-delivery care is available, including one Newborn home visit during the first week of life if the Newborn is released from the Hospital less than 48 hours after delivery.

This Policy provides benefits for complications of pregnancy. Benefits are available for other pregnancy and maternity care as indicated above under "Pregnancy and Maternity Care."

### **Preventive Care Services**

The Policy provides benefits for routine preventive care services. Payment will be provided for Covered Expenses for preventive care services including the following:

- Routine physical exams, including: guidance and counseling regarding Substance Use Disorder, alcohol misuse, tobacco use, obesity, exercise and healthy diet/nutritional counseling;
- Tobacco cessation services, including screenings, intervention services, behavioral interventions and Prescription Drugs. Note: A maximum of two Smoking Cessation Attempts are covered, see the definition in the 'Definitions' Section of this Policy.
  - Four tobacco cessation counseling sessions per attempt of at least 10 minutes each (including telephone counseling, group counseling and individual counseling);
  - Two Smoking Cessation Attempts (maximum of 4 counseling sessions per attempt); Prescription Drugs for smoking cessation treatment are covered under the Prescription Drug benefit;
  - Prescription drugs smoking cessation products limited to a maximum of 2 90-day treatment regimens; including prescription medications and over-the-counter medications with a Physician's prescription; please see the No Cost Preventive Care Drug List on myCigna.com for details.
  - Pharmaceuticals to aid smoking cessation in accordance with "A" or "B" recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

FDA approved tobacco cessation medications covered at \$0:

- bupropion hcl 150mg er tablet (generic Zyban)
- nicotine gum (OTC)
- nicotine lozenge (OTC)

- nicotine patch (OTC)

If medical necessity requested and customer is unable to use generic prescription or OTC smoking cessation products then covered at \$0:

- Chantix
- Nicotrol Inhaler
- Nicotrol Nasal Spray

Note: Colorado residents 15 years and older who are ready to quit smoking can also call the Colorado QuitLine at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669).

- An annual breast cancer screening with mammography, annual Pap test, annual prostate cancer screening, including a prostate –specific antigen (PSA) blood test and full cost of cervical cancer vaccine;
- Colorectal screening for all high risk Insured Persons, including those who have a family medical history of colorectal cancer; a prior occurrence of cancer or precursor neoplastic polyps; a prior occurrence of a chronic digestive disease condition such as inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, or ulcerative colitis; or other predisposing factors as determined by the Provider;
- Influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations;
- Items or services that have an A or B rating in current recommendations of the U. S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF);
- Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- For infants, children, and adolescents, evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and
- For women, such additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- Mental Health wellness exam: One 45-60-minute visit per plan Year, with a qualified mental health care Provider. This visit can include services such as behavioral health screening, education and consultation about healthy lifestyle changes, referrals to ongoing mental health treatment, and the discussion of potential medication option.
- Prediabetes education program recognized by the National (CDC) Diabetes Prevention Program as part of diabetes prevention when recommended by a provider.
- We will cover federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved HIV PrEP medication prescriptions without Copayment or cost-sharing if your Provider or pharmacist determines that you are indicated for PrEP. Coverage will include baseline and monitoring services consistent with USPSTF recommendations without Copayment or cost-sharing. Prior Authorization for HIV PrEP medication from a non-pharmacist Provider will be processed on an urgent basis within 24 hours of receipt.

Detailed information is available at: [www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits](http://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits)

Note: Covered Services do not include routine examinations, care, screening or immunization for travel (medications used for travel prophylaxis, except anti-malarial drugs), employment, school or sports.

### **Professional and Other Services**

The Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for:

- Services of a Physician;
- Virtual Care Services
- Services of an anesthesiologist or an anesthetist;
- Consultations with clinical pharmacists
- Medical social services
- Outpatient diagnostic radiology and laboratory services;
- Radiation therapy, chemotherapy and hemodialysis treatment;

- Surgical implants, except for cosmetic and dental;
- Surgical procedures for sterilization;
- Blood transfusions, including blood processing and the cost of un-replaced blood and blood products;
- Internal Prosthetic Appliances and Devices /medical appliances that provide permanent or temporary internal functional supports for nonfunctional body parts are covered. Medically Necessary repair, maintenance or replacement of a covered appliance is also covered.

### **Rehabilitative Therapy Services for Insured Persons with Congenital Defects and Birth Abnormalities**

Benefits are payable for the care and treatment of congenital defects and birth abnormalities. Medically Necessary physical, occupational, and speech therapy will be covered for Insured Persons with congenital defects and birth abnormalities. Therapy will be provided without regard to whether a condition is acute or chronic, and without regard to whether the purpose of the therapy is to maintain or to improve functional capacity.

### **Rehabilitative Therapy Services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy)**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for the following rehabilitative services:

- Therapeutic use of heat, cold, exercise, electricity or ultraviolet light; or
- Manipulation of the spine; or
- Massage to improve circulation, strengthen muscles, encourage return on range of motion, as part of treatment for an Illness or Injury; and
- Services for the necessary care and treatment of loss or impairment of speech.

Benefits are provided up to any maximum number of visits shown in the benefit schedule. For the purposes of this benefit, the term "visit" includes any outpatient visit to a Physician during which one or more Covered Services are provided.

All supplies and additional fees charged in conjunction with these services will be included in the payment of benefits for the visit and will not be reimbursed in addition to the visit.

### **Telehealth/Telemedicine**

Benefits are payable as any other medical condition for telemedicine.

Telemedicine, includes the delivery of medical services and any diagnosis, consultation, or treatment using interactive audio and video communication. Please refer the "Definitions" section of this Policy for a complete description of the services.

Note: this benefit does not include services provided by Dedicated Virtual Care Physicians.

### **Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ) Treatment**

Medical services for TMJ are covered on the same basis as any other medical condition. Dental services (i.e. dentures, bridges, crowns, caps or other Dental Prostheses, extraction of teeth or treatment to the teeth or gums), or orthodontic services (i.e. braces and other orthodontic appliances) are not covered by this Policy for any diagnosis, including TMJ.

## Prescription Drug Benefits

### Covered Expenses

If an Insured Person, while covered under this Policy, incurs expenses for charges made by a Pharmacy, for Medically Necessary Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies ordered by a Physician, Cigna Healthcare will provide coverage for those expenses as shown in the benefit schedule. Coverage also includes Medically Necessary Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies dispensed for a Prescription issued to You or Your Family Members by a licensed dentist for the prevention of infection or pain in conjunction with a dental procedure.

When You or Your Family Members are issued a Prescription for Medically Necessary Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies as part of the rendering of Emergency Services and that Prescription cannot reasonably be filled by a Participating Pharmacy, the Prescription will be covered by Cigna Healthcare, as if filled by a Participating Pharmacy.

### Patient Assurance Program

Your Policy offers additional discounts for certain covered Prescription Drugs that are dispensed by a Pharmacy included in what is known as the "Patient Assurance Program." As may be described elsewhere in this Policy, from time to time Cigna Healthcare may directly or indirectly enter into arrangements with pharmaceutical manufacturers for discounts that result in a reduction of your out of pocket expenses for certain covered Prescription Drugs for which Cigna Healthcare directly or indirectly earns the discounts. Specifically, some or all of the Patient Assurance Program discount earned by Cigna Healthcare for certain covered Prescription Drugs included in the Patient Assurance Program is applied or credited to a portion of your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any. The Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, otherwise applicable to those certain covered Prescription Drugs as set forth in the benefit schedule may be reduced in order for Patient Assurance Program discounts or other payments earned by Cigna Healthcare to be applied or credited to the Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, as described above.

For example, certain insulin drugs covered under the Prescription Drug benefit for which Cigna Healthcare directly or indirectly earns a discount in connection with the Patient Assurance Program may result in a credit toward some or all of your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, which, as noted, may be reduced from the amount set forth in the benefit schedule, for the insulin drugs. In addition, the covered insulin drugs eligible for Patient Assurance Program discounts may not be subject to any applicable Deductible, if any.

Any Patient Assurance Program discount that is used to satisfy your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, for covered Prescription Drugs under the Patient Assurance Program applies toward your Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

Please note that the Patient Assurance Program discounts that Cigna Healthcare may earn for Prescription Drugs, and may apply or credit to your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, in connection with the Patient Assurance Program are unrelated to any rebates or other payments that Cigna Healthcare may earn from a pharmaceutical manufacturer for the same or other Prescription Drugs. Except as may be noted elsewhere in this Policy, you are not entitled to the benefit of those rebates or other payments earned by Cigna Healthcare because they are unrelated to the Patient Assurance Program. Additionally, the availability of the Patient Assurance Program, as well as the Prescription Drugs included in the Patient Assurance Program and/or your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any for those eligible Prescription Drugs, may change from time to time depending on factors including, but not limited to, the continued availability of the Patient Assurance Program discount(s) to Cigna Healthcare in connection with the Patient Assurance Program. More information about the Patient Assurance Program, including the Prescription Drugs included in the program, is available at the website shown on your ID card or by calling Customer Service at the telephone number on your ID card.

### What Is Covered

- Outpatient drugs and medications that federal and/or applicable state of Colorado laws restrict to sale by Prescription only, except for insulin which does not require a Prescription.
- Pharmaceuticals to aid smoking cessation in accordance with "A" or "B" recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.
- A 5-day supply, without Prior Authorization, for at least 1 of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved drugs for the treatment of opioid dependence, limited to once per 12-month period;



- Insulin (no Prescription required); syringes; injection aids, blood glucose monitors, blood glucose monitors for the legally blind; glucose test strips; visual reading ketone strips; urine test strips; lancets; insulin pumps, infusion devices and accessories, oral hypoglycemic agents; Glucagon Emergency Kits and alcohol swabs.
- Orally administered anti-cancer medications prescribed in connection with cancer chemotherapy treatments will not exceed the Copayment or Coinsurance amount that would be applied to an intravenously administered or an injected cancer medication prescribed for the same purpose.
- Off-label use of cancer medication if a) the drug is recognized for the treatment of that cancer in authoritative reference compendia as identified by the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and b) the treatment is for a covered condition.
- Prescription eye drops will be allowed to be refilled early if, the renewal is requested by the insured at least;
  - (1) 21 days for a 30 day supply of eye drops,
  - (2) 42 days for a 60 day supply of eye drops,
  - (3) 63 days for a 90 day supply of eye drops,
 from the last date the prescription was filled or refilled. The original prescription should state that an additional quantity is needed.  
 We will allow an additional bottle if needed by the insured for use in a day care center, school, or adult day program. The additional bottle is limited to one (1) bottle every three (3) months. The prescription eye drop benefits are subject to the same Annual Plan Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance established for all other Prescription Drugs.
- All non-infused compound Prescription Drugs that contain at least one covered FDA-approved Prescription ingredient compounded from an FDA-approved finished pharmaceutical product and are otherwise covered under the Pharmacy benefits, **excluding** any bulk powders included in the compound.
- Specialty Medications
- Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, when available for administration at a Pharmacy.

### Conditions of Service

The drug or medicine must be all of the following:

- Prescribed in writing, except for insulin, by a Physician and dispensed within one year of being prescribed, subject to federal or state laws.
- Approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration.
- For the direct care and treatment of the Insured Person's Illness, Injury or condition; however, dietary supplements, health aids or drugs for cosmetic purposes are not covered, even if prescribed by a Physician for the care and treatment of an Insured Person's Illness.
- Purchased from a licensed retail Pharmacy or ordered by mail through the Express Scripts Pharmacy, Cigna Healthcare's home delivery Pharmacy.
- The drug or medicine must not be used while the Insured Person is an inpatient in any facility.
- The Prescription must not exceed the days' supply indicated in the "Limitations" section below.
- Infusion and Injectable Medications and Specialty Medications may require Prior Authorization or Step Therapy.

## Pediatric Vision Care

Please be aware that the pediatric vision network is different from the network of Your medical benefits.

Covered pediatric vision benefits are subject to any applicable Coinsurance shown in the benefit schedule, where applicable.

### **Benefits will apply until the end of the month in which the limiting age is reached**

**Note:** Routine vision screening performed by a PCP or pediatrician is covered under the preventive services benefit

### **What Is Covered**

Covered Services for an Insured Person through the end of the month in which the Insured Person turns 19 years of age, include:

- Examinations – One vision and eye health evaluation per Year by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist including but not limited to eye health examination, dilation, refraction and prescription for glasses.
- Eyeglass lenses – all prescriptions including prism, choice of polycarbonate, glass or plastic standard single vision, lined bifocal, lined trifocal, lenticular and standard progressive lenses, including these additional lens add-ons:
  - Scratch-coating
  - Ultra-violet (UV) coating
  - Oversize lenses
  - All Solid and gradient tints
  - Minimum 20% savings\* on all additional lens enhancements you choose for your lenses, including but not limited to: anti-reflective coatings; photochromic (glass or plastic); polarized; high-index and lens styles such as blended segment, intermediate and premium progressive lenses.

\* Provider participation is 100% voluntary. Please check with your eye care professional for any offered discounts.

- Frames – One frame for prescription lenses per two Years from pediatric frame collection. Only frames in the pediatric frame collection are covered at 100%; there is a one-year manufacturer warranty for standard frames. The Cost Share for non-covered frames is up to 80% of retail.
- Elective contact lenses – One pair or a single purchase of a supply of contact lenses every two Years in lieu of lenses and frame benefit (may not receive contact lenses and frames in same benefit Year), including the professional services.
- Therapeutic contact lenses are covered every two Years, for a one Year supply, regardless of the contact lens type, including professional services, in lieu of frame and lenses. Coverage for therapeutic contact lenses will be provided when visual acuity cannot be corrected to 20/70 in the better eye with eyeglasses and the fitting of the contact lenses would obtain this level of visual acuity; and in certain cases of anisometropia, keratoconus, or aphakia; as determined and documented by your vision Provider. Contact lenses fitted for other therapeutic purposes or the narrowing of visual fields due to high minus or plus correction are not covered.

Some Cigna vision network eye care professionals may not offer these services. Please check with your eye care professional first before scheduling an appointment.

### **Cigna Vision Providers**

To find a Cigna Vision Provider, or to get a claim form, the Insured Person should visit [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) and use the link on the vision coverage page, or if You or Your Family Member(s) have any questions about the pediatric vision benefit, call the toll-free customer service number on the back of your ID card.

## LIMITATIONS/EXCLUSIONS (WHAT IS NOT COVERED)

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### Excluded Services

In addition to any other exclusions and limitations described in this Policy, there are no benefits provided for the following:

- Services obtained from a Non-Participating/Out-of-Network Provider, except for treatment of an Emergency Medical Condition.
- Any amounts in excess of maximum benefit limitations of Covered Expenses stated in this Policy.
- Services not specifically listed as Covered Services in this Policy.
- Services or supplies that are not Medically Necessary.
- Services or supplies that are considered to be for Experimental Procedures or Investigational Procedures or Unproven Procedures.
- Services received before the Effective Date of coverage.
- Services received after coverage under this Policy ends.
- Services for which you have no legal obligation to pay or for which no charge would be made if you did not have health plan or insurance coverage.
- Any condition for which benefits are recovered or can be recovered, either by adjudication, settlement or otherwise, under any workers' compensation, employer's liability law or occupational disease law, even if the Insured Person does not claim those benefits.
- Conditions caused by: (a) an act of war (declared or un-declared); (b) the inadvertent release of nuclear energy when government funds are available for treatment of Illness or Injury arising from such release of nuclear energy; (c) an Insured Person participating in the military service of any country; (d) an Insured Person participating in an insurrection, rebellion, or riot, unless it occurred during a community protest; (e) services received as a direct result of an Insured Person's commission of, or attempt to commit a felony (whether or not charged) or as a direct result of the Insured Person being engaged in an illegal occupation.
- Any services provided by a local, state or federal government agency, except when payment under this Policy is expressly required by federal or state law.
- Any services required by state or federal law to be supplied by a public school system or school district.
- Any services for which payment may be obtained from any local, state or federal government agency (except Medicaid or medical assistance benefits under the Colorado Medical Assistance Act, Title 25.5, Articles 4, 5, and 6, C.R.S.). Veterans Administration Hospitals and military treatment facilities will be considered for payment according to current legislation.
- If the Insured Person is enrolled in Medicare part A, B, C or D, Cigna Healthcare will provide claim payment according to this Policy minus any amount paid by Medicare, not to exceed the amount Cigna Healthcare would have paid if it were the sole insurance carrier.
- Court-ordered treatment or hospitalization, unless such treatment is medically necessary and listed as covered in this Policy.
- Professional services or supplies received or purchased from Yourself or a facility or health care professional that provides remuneration to You, directly or indirectly, or to an organization from which You receive, directly or indirectly, remuneration.
- Services of a Hospital emergency room for any condition that is not an Emergency Medical Condition as defined in this Policy.
- Custodial Care, including but not limited to rest cures; infant, child or adult day care, including geriatric day care.
- Private duty nursing except when provided as part of the Home Health Care Services or Hospice Care Services benefit in this Policy or as specifically stated in the section of this Policy titled "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)."

- Inpatient room and board charges in connection with a Hospital stay primarily for environmental change or Physical Therapy.
- Services received during an inpatient stay when the stay is primarily related to behavioral, social maladjustment, lack of discipline or other antisocial actions which are not specifically the result of Mental Health Disorder.
- Complementary and alternative medicine services, including but not limited to: massage therapy; animal therapy, including but not limited to equine therapy or canine therapy; art therapy; meditation; visualization; acupressure; acupuncture point injection therapy; reflexology; rolfing; light therapy; aromatherapy; music or sound therapy; dance therapy; sleep therapy; hypnosis; energy-balancing; breathing exercises; movement and/or exercise therapy including but not limited to yoga, pilates, tai-chi, walking, hiking, swimming, golf; and any other alternative treatment as defined by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) of the National Institutes of Health. Services specifically listed as covered under "Rehabilitative Therapy" and "Habilitative Therapy" are not subject to this exclusion.
- Any services or supplies provided by or at a place for the aged, a nursing home, or any facility a significant portion of the activities of which include rest, recreation, leisure, or any other services that are not Covered Services.
- Assistance in activities of daily living, including but not limited to: bathing, eating, dressing, or other Custodial Care, self-care activities or Homemaker Services, and services primarily for rest, domiciliary or convalescent care.
- Services performed by unlicensed practitioners or services which do not require licensure to perform, for example mediation, breathing exercises, guided visualization.
- Inpatient room and board charges in connection with a Hospital stay primarily for diagnostic tests which could have been performed safely on an outpatient basis.
- Services which 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, or
  - Is not actively involved in Your medical care after the service is received.

This exclusion does not apply to mammography.

- Dental services, dentures, bridges, crowns, caps or other Dental Prostheses, extraction of teeth or treatment to the teeth or gums, except as specifically provided in this Policy.
- Orthodontic services, braces and other orthodontic appliances including orthodontic services for Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction , except for treatment for medically necessary orthodontia for a person born with a cleft lip or cleft palate.
- Dental implants: dental materials implanted into or on bone or soft tissue or any associated procedure as part of the implantation or removal of dental implants, excludes medically necessary treatment of cleft lip, cleft palate.
- Any services covered under both this medical plan and an accompanying exchange-certified pediatric dental plan and reimbursed under the dental plan will not be reimbursed under this plan.
- Hearing aids, except as specifically stated in this Policy, including but not limited to semi-implantable hearing devices, audiant bone conductors and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs), limited to the least expensive professionally adequate device. A hearing aid is any device that amplifies sound.
- Routine hearing tests except as specifically provided in this Policy under "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)."
- Genetic screening or pre-implantation genetic screening: general population-based genetic screening is a testing method performed in the absence of any symptoms or any significant, proven risk factors for genetically linked inheritable disease.
- Gene Therapy including, but not limited to, the cost of the Gene Therapy product, and any medical, surgical, professional and facility services directly related to the administration of the Gene Therapy product.
- Optometric services, eye exercises including orthoptics, eyeglasses, contact lenses, routine eye exams, and routine eye refractions, except as specifically stated in this Policy under Pediatric Vision Care.

- An eye surgery solely for the purpose of correcting refractive defects of the eye, such as near-sightedness (myopia), astigmatism and/or farsightedness (presbyopia).
- Cosmetic surgery, therapy or other services for beautification, to improve or alter appearance or self-esteem or to treat psychological or psychosocial complaints regarding one's appearance. This exclusion does not apply to Reconstructive Surgery to restore a bodily function or to correct a deformity caused by Injury, medically necessary surgery or congenital defect of a Newborn child, or to treat congenital hemangioma (port wine stains) on the face and neck of an insured person 18 years and younger, or for Medically Necessary Reconstructive Surgery performed to restore symmetry incident to a mastectomy or lumpectomy, or Medically Necessary gender affirming care.
- Aids or devices that assist with nonverbal communication, including but not limited to communication boards, prerecorded speech devices, laptop computers, desktop computers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), braille typewriters, visual alert systems for the deaf and memory books.
- Non-medical counseling or ancillary services, including but not limited to: education, training, vocational rehabilitation, behavioral training, biofeedback, neurofeedback, hypnosis, sleep therapy, employment counseling, back school, return to work services, work hardening programs, driving safety, and services, training, educational therapy or other nonmedical ancillary services for learning disabilities and developmental delays, except as specifically stated in this Policy. This exclusion does not apply to health education services for chronic diseases and self-care on topics such as stress management and nutrition.
- Services and procedures for redundant skin surgery including abdominoplasty/panniculectomy, removal of skin tags, craniosacral/cranial therapy, applied kinesiology, prolotherapy and extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) for musculoskeletal and orthopedic conditions, macromastia or gynecomastia; varicose veins; rhinoplasty and blepharoplasty, except as specifically stated in this Policy.
- Any treatment, Prescription Drug, service or supply to treat sexual dysfunction, enhance sexual performance or increase sexual desire
- The following services related to the treatment of fertility and/or Infertility, sterilization reversals; donor semen and donor eggs; ovum transplants; in vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT), zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT), except as specifically stated in this Policy.
- Cryopreservation of sperm or eggs, or storage of sperm for artificial insemination (including donor fees).
- Fees associated with the collection or donation of blood or blood products, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services where in the utilization review Physician's opinion the likelihood of excess blood loss is such that transfusion is an expected adjunct to surgery.
- Blood administration for the purpose of general improvement in physical condition
- Orthopedic shoes (except when joined to Braces), shoe inserts, foot Orthotic Devices (except for treatment as a result of diabetes).
- External and internal power enhancements or power controls for Prosthetic limbs and terminal devices.
- Myoelectric Prostheses peripheral nerve stimulators.
- Electronic Prosthetic limbs or appliances unless Medically Necessary, when a less-costly alternative is not sufficient.
- Prefabricated foot Orthoses.
- Cranial banding/cranial Orthoses/other similar devices, except when used postoperatively for synostotic plagiocephaly.
- Orthosis shoes, shoe additions, procedures for foot orthopedic shoes, shoe modifications and transfers.
- Orthoses primarily used for cosmetic rather than functional reasons.
- Non-foot Orthoses, except only the following non-foot Orthoses are covered when Medically Necessary:
  - Rigid and semi-rigid custom fabricated Orthoses;
  - Semi-rigid pre-fabricated and flexible Orthoses; and
  - Rigid pre-fabricated Orthoses, including preparation, fitting and basic additions, such as bars and joints.

- Services primarily for weight reduction or treatment of obesity including morbid obesity, or any care which involves weight reduction as a main method for treatment. This includes any morbid obesity surgery, even if the Insured Person has other health conditions that might be helped by a reduction of obesity or weight, or any program, product or medical treatment for weight reduction or any expenses of any kind to treat obesity, weight control or weight reduction, except as otherwise stated in this Policy under "Bariatric Surgery."
- Routine physical exams or tests that do not directly treat an actual Illness, Injury or condition. This includes reports, evaluations, or hospitalization not required for health reasons; physical exams required for or by an employer or for school, or sports physicals, or for insurance or government authority, and court ordered, forensic, or custodial evaluations, except as otherwise specifically stated in this Policy.
- Therapy or treatment intended primarily to improve or maintain general physical condition or for the purpose of enhancing job, school, athletic or recreational performance, including but not limited to routine, long term, or maintenance care which is provided after the resolution of the acute medical problem and when significant therapeutic improvement is not expected.
- Educational services except for Diabetes Self-Management Training Program, and as specifically provided or arranged by Cigna Healthcare.
- Nutritional counseling or food supplements, except as stated in this Policy.
- Exercise equipment, comfort items and other medical supplies and equipment not specifically listed as Covered Services in the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section of this Policy. Excluded medical equipment includes, but is not limited to: air purifiers, air conditioners, humidifiers treadmills; spas; elevators; supplies for comfort, hygiene or beautification; wigs, disposable sheaths and supplies; correction appliances or support appliances and supplies such as stockings, and consumable medical supplies other than ostomy supplies and urinary catheters, including, but not limited to, bandages and other disposable medical supplies, skin preparations and test strips except as otherwise stated in this Policy.
- Physical, and/or Occupational Therapy/Medicine except when provided during an inpatient Hospital confinement or as specifically stated in the benefit schedule and under "Rehabilitative Therapy Services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy)" in the section of this Policy titled "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)."
- Foreign Country Provider charges except as specifically stated under "Foreign Country Providers" in the section of this Policy titled "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)."
- Routine foot care including the cutting or removal of corns or calluses; the trimming of nails, routine hygienic care and any service rendered in the absence of localized Illness, a systemic condition, Injury or symptoms involving the feet, except as otherwise stated in this Policy.
- Charges for which We are unable to determine Our liability because the Insured Person failed, within 60 days, or as soon as reasonably possible to: (a) authorize Us to receive all the medical records and information We requested; or (b) provide Us with information We requested regarding the circumstances of the claim or other insurance coverage.
- Charges for the services of a standby Physician.
- Charges for animal to human organ transplants.
- Claims received by Cigna Healthcare after 15 months from the date service was rendered, except in the event of a legal incapacity.
- Services obtained from a Dedicated Virtual Care Physician that are not Dedicated Virtual Urgent Care or Dedicated Virtual Primary Care services.
- Abortions, except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is endangered.

## Prescription Drug Benefit Exclusions

The following are not covered under this Policy. No payment will be made for the following expenses:

- Drugs not approved by the Food and Drug Administration;
- Any drugs that are not on the Prescription Drug List and not otherwise approved for coverage through the non-Prescription Drug List exception process.
- Drugs, devices and/or supplies available over the counter that do not require a Prescription by federal or state law, except as otherwise stated in this Policy, or specifically designated as No Cost Preventive Care and required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA);
- Drugs that do not require a federal legend (a federal designation for drugs requiring supervision of a Physician), other than insulin;
- Any drug that is a pharmaceutical alternative to an over-the-counter drug other than insulin;
- A drug class in which at least one of the drugs is available over the counter and the drugs in the class are deemed to be therapeutically equivalent as determined by the P&T Committee;
- Injectable infertility drugs and any injectable drugs that require Physician supervision and are not typically considered self-administered drugs are covered under the medical benefits of this Policy and require Prior Authorization. The following are examples of Physician supervised drugs: Injectables used to treat hemophilia and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), chemotherapy injectables and endocrine and metabolic agents;
- Infused immunization agents, biological products for allergy immunization, biological sera, blood, blood plasma and other blood products or fractions are covered under the medical benefits of this Policy;
- Any drugs used for the treatment of sexual dysfunction, including, but not limited to erectile dysfunction, delayed ejaculation, anorgasmia, and decreased libido and/or sexual desire;
- Any drugs used for weight loss, weight management, metabolic syndrome, and antiobesity agents;
- Any drugs that are Experimental or Investigational or Unproven as described in this Policy; except as specifically stated in the sections of this Policy titled "Clinical Trials," and any benefit language concerning "Off Label Drugs";
- Food and Drug Administration FDA-approved drugs used for purposes other than those approved by the FDA unless the drug is recognized for the treatment of the particular indication in one of the standard reference compendia (the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information or AHFS) or in medical literature. Medical literature means scientific studies published in a peer-reviewed English-language biomedical journals ;
- Implantable contraceptive products inserted by the Physician are covered under the Policy's medical benefits
- Prescription and nonprescription supplies (such as ostomy supplies), devices, and appliances other than Related Supplies except for those pertaining to Diabetic Supplies and Equipment;
- Prescription vitamins other than prenatal vitamins, dietary supplements, herbal supplements and fluoride other than supplements specifically designated as preventive under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA);
- Drugs used for cosmetic purposes that have no medically acceptable use, such as drugs used to reduce wrinkles, drugs to promote hair growth, drugs used to control perspiration and fade cream products;
- Medications used for travel prophylaxis, except anti-malarial drugs
- Drugs obtained outside the United States;
- Any fill or refill of Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies to replace those lost, stolen, spilled, spoiled or damaged before the next refill date;
- Drugs used to enhance athletic performance;
- Drugs which are to be taken by or administered to the Insured Person while a patient in a licensed Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, rest home or similar Institution which operates on its premises or allows to be operated on its premises a facility for dispensing pharmaceuticals;
- Any Drugs, medications, or other substances dispensed or administered in any outpatient setting. This includes, but is not limited to, items dispensed by a Physician.
- Drug convenience kits;

- Prescriptions more than one year from the original date of issue;
- Any costs related to the mailing, sending or delivery of Prescription Drugs;
- Any intentional misuse of this benefit, including Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies purchased for consumption by someone other than the Insured Person.

## **Prescription Drug Benefit Limitations**

Each Prescription Order or refill, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging, shall be limited as follows:

- Up to a 30-day supply, at a retail Participating Pharmacy for drug tiers 1 through 4 and up to a 30-day supply of tier 5 drugs, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging (for detailed information about drug tiers please refer to the benefit schedule);or
- Up to a 90-day supply, at a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy for drug tiers 1 through 4 and up to a 30-day supply of tier 5 drugs, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging. To locate a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy You can call the customer service number on Your ID card or go to [www.cigna.com/ifp-providers](http://www.cigna.com/ifp-providers) (for detailed information about drug tiers please refer to the benefit schedule).
- Up to a 90-day supply at Express Scripts Pharmacy, Cigna Healthcare's home delivery Pharmacy for drugs tiers 1 through 4 and Up to a 30-day supply of tier 5 drugs, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging (for detailed information about drug tiers please refer to the benefit schedule).
- Tobacco cessation medications that are included on Cigna Healthcare's Prescription Drug List are limited to two 90-day supplies per Year.
- Managed drug limits (MDL) may apply to dose and/or number of days' supply of certain drugs; managed drug limits are based on recommendations of the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the drug manufacturer.
- To a dosage and/or dispensing limit as determined by the P&T Committee.

## **Supplemental Drug Discount Program**

You are responsible for paying 100% of the cost for any Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies excluded by this plan. However, the Supplemental Drug Discount Program allows Participating Pharmacies to charge You and Your Family Member(s) the discounted cost of non-covered Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies. This means you will pay 100% of the discounted cost, rather than the full cost, of Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies the plan does not cover. Please note: the out-of-pocket costs that You and Your Family Member(s) pay for any Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies the plan does not cover will not be applied to the Insured Person's Deductible or Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

## **Pediatric Vision Care Exclusions**

- Services not provided by a Cigna Vision In-Network Provider
- Orthoptic or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
- Any eye examination, or any corrective eyewear, required by an employer as a condition of employment.
- Any Injury or Illness when paid or payable by Workers' Compensation or similar law, or which is work related.
- Charges in excess of the U&C charge for the service or material.
- Charges incurred after the Policy ends or your coverage under the Policy ends or the Insured's coverage under the Policy ends, except as stated in the Policy.
- Experimental or Investigational or Unproven non-conventional treatment or device.
- Magnification or low vision services and aids not otherwise listed in "What Is Covered" within the Pediatric Vision Care section, above.
- Any non-prescription eyeglasses, lenses, or contact lenses.

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- Spectacle lens treatments, “add-ons”, or lens coatings not otherwise listed in “What Is Covered.” within the “Pediatric Vision Care” section above.
- Two pairs of glasses, in lieu of bifocals or trifocals.
- Safety glasses or lenses required for employment.
- VDT (video display terminal)/computer eyeglass benefit.
- For or in connection with Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Procedures or treatment methods not approved by the American Medical Association or the appropriate vision specialty society.
- Claims submitted and received in-excess of twelve-(12) months from the original date of service.
- Services provided out-of-network without Cigna Vison’s prior approval are not covered

## MEMBER PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY

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### Benefit Schedule

Coinsurance amounts shown in the benefit schedule are Your responsibility after any applicable Deductible or Copayment has been met, unless otherwise indicated. Copayment amounts shown in the benefit schedule are also Your responsibility.

The benefit schedule shows the Individual and Family Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximums and the maximum Covered Expense for each type of benefit.

No benefits are payable unless the Insured Person's coverage is in force at the time services are rendered, and the payment of benefits is subject to all the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions of this Policy.

In addition, no benefits are payable unless the Insured Person receives services from a Participating Provider, except as indicated below under "Special Circumstances."

### Participating Hospitals, Participating Physicians and Other Participating Providers

Covered Expenses for services provided by Participating Providers are based on Our Negotiated Rate. Participating Providers have agreed **NOT** to charge more than the Cigna Healthcare Negotiated Rates for Covered Services. Participating Providers may charge the Insured Person for services that are not Covered Services under the Policy. In addition, Participating Providers will file claims with Us for the Insured Person, and will request Prior Authorization when it is required.

**Be sure to check with the Provider prior to an appointment to verify that the Provider is currently contracted with Cigna Healthcare.**

### Special Circumstances

This policy does not cover Charges incurred for services provided by Non-Participating Providers except in the limited situations described below. Your cost-sharing for Covered Expenses incurred for the services of a Non-Participating Provider in these special circumstances is indicated in the benefit schedule.

- **Emergency Services**

Covered Expenses incurred for the treatment of an Emergency Medical Condition provided in the emergency department of a Non-Participating Hospital or of an independent freestanding emergency facility are paid as described in the benefits schedule. This includes coverage for additional out-of-network post-stabilization Covered Services as required by applicable federal law. Any expenses incurred for services of a Non-Participating Provider after the patient is Stabilized and his/her condition permits transfer to a Participating Hospital and/or to the care of a Participating Provider are not covered, except as stated in the Other Circumstances section below.

- **Other Circumstances**

Covered Expenses for Medically Necessary services of a Non-Participating Provider will be paid according to the Participating Provider Cost Share shown in the benefit schedule in the following cases:

- Emergency Services.
- Non-Emergency services provided to an Insured Person at a participating facility if the non-Emergency Services involve surgical or ancillary services provided by a Non-Participating Provider.
- Services for an Urgent Health Problem in an office, Urgent Care facility, or another outpatient facility and the Physician and other related Provider services.
- Medically Necessary services that are not available from a Participating Provider.

**Note:** if you are using a Non-Participating Provider for any of the reasons above, except for Emergency Services, please be aware that it is your responsibility to obtain any Prior Authorization required for services the Provider performs.

## Surprise Billing

You are responsible for applicable In-Network cost-sharing amounts, including Copayments, Deductibles and/or Coinsurance. If you receive services from a Non-Participating Provider or use services in a Non-Participating Hospital or other type of Non-Participating facility, you may have to pay additional costs associated with that care.

Non-Participating Hospitals, facilities or Providers often bill you the difference between what Cigna Healthcare decides is the eligible charge and what the Non-Participating Provider bills as the total charge. This is called 'surprise' or 'balance' billing.

### When you CANNOT be balance-billed:

#### Emergency Services

When you receive services for emergency medical care, usually the most you can be billed for Emergency Services is your plan's In-Network cost-sharing amounts, which are Copayments, Deductibles and/or Coinsurance. You cannot be balance-billed for any other amount. This includes both the emergency facility and any Providers you may see for emergency care.

#### Non-Emergency Services at a Participating or Non-Participating Facility

The Hospital or facility must tell you if you are at a Non-Participating location or at a Participating location that is using Non-Participating Providers. It must also tell you what types of services may be provided by any Non-Participating Provider.

**You have the right** to request that Participating Providers perform all covered medical services. However, you may have to receive medical services from a Non-Participating Provider if a Participating Provider is not available. When this happens, the most you can be billed for **Covered Services** is your In-Network cost-sharing amount (Copayments, Deductibles and/or Coinsurance). These providers cannot balance bill you.

***If you receive services from a Non-Participating Provider, Hospital or facility in any OTHER situation, you may still be balance billed, or you may be responsible for the entire bill. If you intentionally receive non-Emergency Services from a Non-Participating Provider or facility, you may also be balance billed.***

If you do receive a bill for amounts other than your Copayments, Deductible and/or Coinsurance, please contact us at the number on your ID card.

## General Provisions

- When the amount paid by Cigna Healthcare exceeds the amount for which We are liable under this Policy, We have the right to recover the excess amount from the Insured Person unless prohibited by law.
- In order for an Insured Person to be entitled to benefits under this Policy, coverage under this Policy must be in effect on the date the expense giving rise to a claim for benefits is incurred. Under this Policy, an expense is incurred on the date the Insured Person(s) receives a service or supply for which the Charge is made.
- We will pay all benefits of this Policy directly to Participating Hospitals, Participating Physicians, and all other Participating Providers, whether the Insured Person has authorized assignment of benefits or not, unless the Insured Person has paid the claim in full, in which case We will reimburse the Insured Person. In addition, We may pay any covered Provider of services directly when the Insured Person assigns benefits in writing no later than the time of filing proof of loss (claim), except for Foreign Country Provider claims. However, We may, at Our option, make payment to You for the cost of any Covered Expenses from a Non-Participating Provider even if benefits have been assigned. When benefits are paid to You or Your Family Member(s), You or Your Family Member(s) are responsible for reimbursing the Provider and Our payment to You will be considered fulfillment of Our obligation.

## Pharmacy Payments

For definitions associated with Prescription Drug benefits, refer to the “Definitions” section of this Policy. Prescription Drug benefits are subject to the provisions within this section, and all other Policy provisions.

Covered Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies purchased at a Pharmacy are subject to the separate Prescription Drug Deductible shown in the benefit schedule, and once that Deductible is satisfied, subject to the Copayment and/or Coinsurance shown in the benefit schedule. For additional information on the separate Prescription Drug Deductible, please refer to the “Definitions” section of the Policy.

**Cigna Healthcare’s Prescription Drug List is available upon request by calling the customer service number on your ID card or at [www.cigna.com/ifp-drug-lists](http://www.cigna.com/ifp-drug-lists).**

In the event that you request a Brand Name Drug that has a Generic equivalent, you will be financially responsible for the amount by which the cost of the Brand Name Drug exceeds the cost of the Generic Drug, plus the Brand Copayment or Coinsurance shown in the benefit schedule.

Your responsibility for covered Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies will always be the lowest of:

- the Copayment or Coinsurance for the Prescription Drug, or
- Cigna Healthcare’s discounted rate for the Prescription Drug; or
- the Pharmacy’s Usual and Customary (U&C) charge for the Prescription Drug.

Usual & Customary (U&C) means the established Pharmacy retail cash price, less all applicable customer discounts that Pharmacy usually applies to its customers, regardless of the customer’s payment source.

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

If any reimbursements, discounts or payments are made on your behalf toward any portion of your Copayment, Prescription Drug Deductible, and/or Coinsurance, from a Pharmacy, pharmaceutical manufacturer or other third party for a Prescription Drug or Related Supply covered under this Policy, your Prescription Drug benefits may not apply.

If such reimbursements, discounts or payments are received without Cigna Healthcare’s consent, We may deny payment or reduce the payment of the claims in proportion to the amount of the Copayment, Prescription Drug Deductible, and/or Coinsurance amounts received, regardless of whether the Pharmacy, pharmaceutical manufacturer or other third party has indicated that you are responsible for any amounts that your plan does not cover. Cigna Healthcare also has the right to require you to provide proof sufficient to Cigna Healthcare that you have made your required Cost Share payment(s) prior to the payment of any benefits by your plan.

For example, if you use a coupon provided by a pharmaceutical manufacturer or other third party that discounts the cost of a Prescription Drug, Cigna Healthcare may reduce the benefits provided under your plan in proportion to the amount of the Copayment, Prescription Drug Deductible, and/or Coinsurance amounts to which the value of the coupon has been applied by the Pharmacy or other third party, and/or exclude from accumulation toward your plans Prescription Drug Deductible, or Out-of-Pocket Maximum the value of any coupon applied to any Copayment, Prescription Drug Deductible, and/or Coinsurance you are required to pay.

### **Cigna Healthcare's Specialty Pharmacy**

Accredo, Cigna Healthcare's specialty Pharmacy, is available to fill and ship Specialty Medications used to treat complex conditions. Accredo's team of specialty-trained pharmacists and nurses provide personalized care and support to manage your therapy.

When you use Cigna Healthcare's specialty Pharmacy for your Specialty Medications, you receive personalized care and support such as: 24/7 access to pharmacists and nurses with experience and training in complex conditions, counseling, help managing side effects and one-on-one guidance from a clinician on how to administer your Specialty Medication. Some Specialty Medications may be eligible for copay assistance programs for which a dedicated team can assist you. The specialty Pharmacy also allows you several choices on how you want to connect with them – by text, phone and/or online resources

The specialty Pharmacy makes it convenient for you to get your Specialty Medications by working with your Physician to obtain Prior Authorization, if required. They also schedule and ship your Specialty Medications quickly and with special handling, such as refrigeration. All necessary supplies, such as syringes or a sharps container, are also included at no extra cost.

To make sure you don't miss any doses of your Specialty Medication they will send you refill reminders and real-time updates once your medication has shipped.

You or your Physician can call Accredo, Cigna Healthcare's specialty Pharmacy, at 877-826-7657 to talk with a representative.

### **Prescription Drugs Covered under the Medical Benefits**

When Prescription Drugs on Cigna Healthcare's Prescription Drug List or on the Cigna Pathwell Specialty Medication Drug List are administered in a health care setting by a Physician or Other Health Care Professional, and are billed with the office or facility charges, they will be covered under the medical benefits of this Policy. These medications may still be subject to Prior Authorization or Step Therapy requirements.

#### **Limited Distribution Drugs**

For certain Limited Distribution Drugs covered under the medical benefits of this Policy, the Provider who administers the drug must obtain the drug directly from Accredo, Cigna Healthcare's preferred specialty Pharmacy or if not available through Accredo then through a network specialty Pharmacy, in order for that drug to be covered. If you have questions about where your Provider obtained the drugs being administered to you, please consult your Provider.

#### **Specialty Medications that require administration through the Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network**

Certain Specialty Medications often used for the treatment of complex conditions that are high cost, require special handling and administration, Provider coordination, or patient education may be subject to additional coverage criteria or require administration by a Participating Provider in the Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network. Cigna Healthcare determines which injections, infusions, and implantable drugs are subject to these criteria and requirements.

A complete list of these Specialty Medications subject to additional coverage criteria or that require administration by a Participating Provider in the Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network is available at [www.cigna.com/pathwellspecialty](http://www.cigna.com/pathwellspecialty).

The following are not covered, unless a medical necessity coverage exception is obtained:

- Specialty Medication regimens that have a therapeutic equivalent or therapeutic alternative to another covered Prescription Drug(s);
- Specialty Medications newly approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) up to the first 180 days following its market launch;
- Specialty Medication regimens for which there is an appropriate lower cost alternative for treatment.

Cigna Healthcare may consider certain Specialty Medication regimens as preferred when they are clinically superior to alternative treatments and more cost effective. Preferred regimens may be required for coverage, except when the Insured Person is not a candidate for the regimen and a medical necessity coverage exception is obtained.

Certain Specialty Medications may be covered only under the Prescription Drug benefits of this Policy when one or more of the following criteria is met:

- Cost of the medication is lower under Pharmacy sources than medical sources in the Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network;
- Provider accepts the medication from the Pharmacy source;

The Insured Person is able to self-administer the medication procured from a Pharmacy.

## **Self-Administered Injectable Medication and Infusion and Injectable Medication Benefits**

### **Drugs Covered under the Prescription Drug Benefits**

Self-administered Injectable Medications, and syringes for the self-administration of those drugs, on Cigna Healthcare's Prescription Drug List are covered under the Prescription Drug benefits of this Policy. To determine if a drug prescribed for you is covered, you can:

- log onto your [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) account and
- view the Cigna Healthcare Prescription Drug List at [www.cigna.com/ifp-drug-lists](http://www.cigna.com/ifp-drug-lists), and
- then choose the Cigna Healthcare Prescription Drug List for your state.

Note: the drugs may be subject to Prescription Drug Prior Authorization or Step Therapy requirements.

### **Medications Covered under the Medical Benefits**

Infusion and Injectable Medications on Cigna Healthcare's Prescription Drug List are covered under the medical benefits of this Policy when they are administered in a healthcare setting by a Physician or Other Health Care Professional, and are billed with the office or facility charges.

You or your Physician can view the Cigna Healthcare Prescription Drug List by:

- accessing [www.cigna.com/ifp-drug-lists](http://www.cigna.com/ifp-drug-lists), and
- choose your state.

Note: the drugs may be subject to Prescription Drug Prior Authorization or Step Therapy requirements.

### **Split Fill Dispensing Program**

This program applies for the first 30 days when you start a new therapy on certain Limited Distribution Drugs and Specialty Medications. The split fill dispensing program is designed to prevent wasted Prescription Drugs if your Prescription Drug or dose changes. The Prescription Drugs that are included under this program have been identified as requiring more frequent follow up to monitor response to treatment and reactions. You will initially get up to a 15-day supply of your Prescription Order for certain drugs filled at Accredo or Express Scripts, Our home delivery Pharmacy instead of the full Prescription Order. You pay half the 30-day Cost Share for this initial 15-day supply, and would be responsible for the other half of the 30-day Cost Share if an additional 15-day supply is provided. The therapeutic classes of Prescription Drugs that are included in this program are determined by Cigna Healthcare and will be managed for continuation in this program as new clinical guidelines and dispensing experience dictates.

## **Prescription Drug List Management**

The Prescription Drug List is managed by the Health Plan Value Assessment Committee (HVAC), which makes, subject to the P&T Committee's review and approval of the Prescription Drug List, coverage tier placement decisions of Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies and/or applies utilization management requirements to certain Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies. Your Policy's coverage tiers may contain Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies that are Generic Drugs, Brand Name Drugs or Specialty Medications. Placement of any Prescription Drug or Related Supplies in a specific tier, and application of utilization management requirements to a Prescription Drug, depends on a number of clinical and economic factors. Clinical factors include, without limitation, the P&T Committee's evaluations of the place in therapy, or relative safety or relative efficacy of the Prescription Drug or Related Supplies, and economic factors include, without limitation, the cost and/or available rebates for Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies. Whether a particular Prescription Drug or Related Supply is appropriate for You or any of Your Family Member(s), regardless of its eligibility coverage under Your Policy, is a determination that is made by You (or Your Family Member) and the prescribing Physician.

The coverage status of a Prescription Drug or Related Supply may change periodically during the Year for various reasons. For example, a Prescription Drug or Related Supply may be removed from the market, a new Prescription Drug in the same therapeutic class may become available, or the cost of a Prescription Drug or Related Supply may increase.

As a result of coverage changes, you may be required to pay more or less for that Prescription Drug or Related Supply, or try another covered Prescription Drug or Related Supply. Please access [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) through the Internet or call Customer Service at the telephone number on your ID card for the most up-to-date coverage tier status, utilization management, or other coverage limitations for Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies.

# CLAIMS PROCEDURE (HOW TO FILE A CLAIM)

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## Medical Claims

### How to File a Claim for Benefits

#### Notice of Claim:

There is no paperwork for claims for services from Participating Providers. You will need to show your ID card and pay any applicable Copayment; your Participating Provider will submit a claim to Us for reimbursement. Claims for Emergency Services from Non-Participating Providers can be submitted by the Provider if the Provider is able and willing to file on your behalf. If a Non-Participating Provider is not submitting on your behalf, You must send Your completed claim form and itemized bills to the claims address listed on your ID card.

**Claim Forms:** When We receive the notice of claim, We will send the claimant forms for filing proof of loss. If these forms are not given to the claimant within 15 days after the giving of such notice, the claimant shall meet the proof of loss requirements by giving Us a written statement of the nature and extent of the loss within the time limit stated in the Proof of Loss section. You may also get the required claim forms from [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) under Health Care Providers, Coverage and Claims, or by calling Customer Service using the toll-free number on Your identification card.

#### Claim Reminders:

- **BE SURE TO USE YOUR MEMBER ID AND ACCOUNT NUMBER WHEN YOU FILE CLAIM FORMS, OR WHEN YOU CALL YOUR Cigna Healthcare CLAIM OFFICE.**
  - YOUR MEMBER ID IS SHOWN ON YOUR ID CARD.
  - YOUR GROUP NUMBER IS THE 8-DIGIT NUMBER SHOWN ON YOUR ID CARD.
- **BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE CLAIM FORM CAREFULLY WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM.**

**Proof of Loss:** You must give Us written proof of loss within 15 months after the date of the loss, except in absence of legal capacity. Proof of loss is a claim form or letter as described above. Canceled checks or receipts are not acceptable. Cigna Healthcare will not be liable for benefits if it does not receive written proof of loss within this time period.

#### Assignment of Claim Payments:

Medical benefits are assignable to the Provider; when you assign benefits to a Provider, you have assigned the entire amount of the benefits due on that claim. If the Provider is overpaid because of accepting a patient's payment on the Charge, it is the Provider's responsibility to reimburse the patient. Because of Cigna Healthcare's contracts with Providers, all claims from contracted Providers should be assigned.

We may, at Our option, make payment to You for the cost of any Covered Expenses from a Non-Participating Provider even if benefits have been assigned. When benefits are paid to You or Your Family Member(s), You or Your Family Member(s) are responsible for paying the Non-Participating Provider and Our payment to You will be considered fulfillment of Our obligation.

We will recognize and consider any assignment made under the Policy, only if:

1. it is duly executed on a form acceptable to Us;
2. a copy is on file with Us; and
3. it is made to a Provider licensed and practicing within the United States.

We assume no responsibility for the validity or effect of an assignment. You may revoke the assignment by providing a written revocation to Us and to the Provider. Revocation will be effective only as to charges incurred after receipt by Us and the Provider.

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**Claims of Dependent Children:** Claims of a covered Dependent child may be filed by either parent or by the state department of social services in the case of an assignment under section 26-13-106, CRS, who submits valid copies of medical bills. A claim submitted by a custodial parent who is not an Insured Person under this policy shall be deemed a valid assignment of benefits for payment to the health care Provider.

**Timely Payment of Claims:** Benefits will be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof of loss, subject to the section below on "The Claims Process."

**Payment of Claims:** Any benefits payable under this Policy for Covered Services provided by a Participating Provider will be paid directly to that Participating Provider unless you direct otherwise, in writing, by the time proofs of loss are filed. Any benefits payable under this Policy for Covered Services provided by a Non-Participating Provider will be paid directly to you unless you direct otherwise, in writing, by the time proofs of loss are filed. In the event of your death, We will issue any benefits payable to you to the beneficiary of your estate as determined by applicable law.

1. **The Claims Process:** Within 30 days after You receive Covered Services, or as soon as reasonably possible, You or someone on Your behalf, must notify Us in writing of Your claim.
2. We will pay, deny or settle clean claims within 30 days after We receive Your written notice of an electronic claim or 45 days after We receive Your written notice of a non-electronic claim,
3. If We receive a claim that requires additional information We will, within 30 calendar days after receipt of the claim, give the Provider, Policyholder, Insured Person, or patient, as appropriate, a full explanation in writing of what additional information is needed to resolve the claim, including any additional medical or other information related to the claim.
  - The person receiving a request for such additional information shall submit all additional information requested by US within 30 calendar days after receipt of such request.
  - Notwithstanding any provision of an indemnity policy to the contrary, We may deny a claim if a Provider receives a request for additional information and fails to timely submit additional information requested, subject to resubmittal of the claim or the appeals process. If such person has provided all such additional information necessary to resolve the claim, the claim shall be paid, denied, or settled by the carrier within the applicable time period set forth in #4 below.
4. Absent fraud, all claims other than clean claims referenced in #2 above must be paid, denied or settled within 90 calendar days after We receive it.

### **Claim Determination Procedures Under Federal Law (Provisions of the laws of Colorado may supersede.)**

Colorado law defines "Utilization Review" as 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. Techniques include ambulatory review, prospective review, second opinion, certification, concurrent review, case management, discharge planning, or retrospective review. Utilization Review also includes reviews for the purpose of determining coverage based on whether or not a procedure or treatment is considered experimental or investigational in a given circumstance, and reviews of a covered person's medical circumstances when necessary to determine if an exclusion applies in a given situation. The following information provides further detail on utilization review procedures.

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

In general, health services and benefits must be Medically Necessary to be covered under the Policy. The procedures for determining medical necessity vary, according to the type of service or benefit requested, and the type of health plan. Medical necessity determinations are made on either a pre-service, concurrent, or post-service basis, as described below.

Certain services require Prior Authorization in order to be covered. This prior authorization is called a "pre-service medical necessity determination." The Policy describes who is responsible for obtaining this review. The Insured

Person or their authorized representative (typically, their health care Provider) must request medical necessity determinations according to the procedures described below, in the Policy, and in the Insured Person's Provider's network participation documents as applicable.

When services or benefits are determined to be not Medically Necessary, the Insured Person or their representative will receive a written description of the adverse determination, and may appeal the determination. Appeal procedures are described in the Policy, in the Insured Person's Provider's network participation documents, and in the determination notices.

### **Pre-service Medical Necessity Determinations**

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

If the determination periods above would (a) seriously jeopardize the Insured Person's life or health, their ability to regain maximum function, or (b) in the opinion of a Physician with knowledge of the Insured Person's health condition, cause them severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services, Cigna Healthcare will make the pre-service determination on an expedited basis. Cigna Healthcare's Physician reviewer, in consultation with the treating Physician will decide if an expedited determination is necessary. Cigna Healthcare will notify the Insured Person or their representative of an expedited determination within 72 hours after receiving the request.

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

If the Insured Person or their representative fails to follow Cigna Healthcare's procedures for requesting a required pre-service medical necessity determination, Cigna Healthcare will notify them of the failure and describe the proper procedures for filing within 5 days (or 24 hours, if an expedited determination is required, as described above) after receiving the request. This notice may be provided orally, unless the Insured Person or their representative requests written notification.

### **Concurrent Medical Necessity Determinations**

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

### **Post-service Medical Necessity Determinations**

When an Insured Person or their representative requests a medical necessity determination after services have been rendered, Cigna Healthcare will notify them of the determination within 30 days after receiving the request. However, if more time is needed to make a determination due to matters beyond Our control, We will notify the Insured Person or their representative within 30 days after receiving the request. This notice will include the reason for the requested extensions and the date a determination can be expected, which will be no more than 45 days after receipt of the request.

If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what information is needed, and the Insured Person or their representative must provide the specified information to Us

within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on the date Cigna Healthcare sends such a notice of missing information, and the determination period will resume on the date the Insured Person or their representative responds to the notice.

### **Post-service Claim Determinations**

When an Insured Person or their representative requests payment for services which have been rendered, Cigna Healthcare will notify them of the claim payment determination within 30 days after receiving the request. However, if more time is needed to make a determination due to matters beyond Our control, We will notify the Insured Person or their representative within 30 days after receiving the request. This notice will include the date a determination can be expected, which will be no more than 45 days after receipt of the request. If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what information is needed, and the Insured Person or their representative must provide the specified information within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on the date Cigna Healthcare sends such a notice of missing information, and resume on the date the Insured Person or their representative responds to the notice.

### **Notice of Adverse Determination**

Every notice of an adverse benefit determination will be provided in writing or electronically, and will include all of the following that pertain to the determination: (1) information sufficient to identify the claim; (2) the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; (3) reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; (4) a description of any additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; (5) upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding Your claim, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a medical necessity, Experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit; (6) information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist You with the appeal process; and (7) in the case of a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

## **Prescription Drug Claims**

### **Reimbursement/Filing a Claim**

When an Insured Person purchases Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies through a retail Participating Pharmacy they pay any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible shown in the benefit schedule at the time of purchase. The Insured Person does not need to file a claim form.

To purchase Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies from Express Scripts Pharmacy, Cigna Healthcare's home delivery Pharmacy, see the home delivery drug brochure at [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com), or call the toll-free customer service number on the back of your ID card.

### **Claims and Customer Service**

Drug claim forms are available upon written request to:

For retail Pharmacy claims:  
**Cigna Healthcare Pharmacy Service Center**  
**PO Box 188053**  
**Chattanooga TN 37422-8053**

For home delivery Pharmacy claims:  
**Express Scripts Pharmacy**  
**PO Box 66301**  
**St. Louis MO 66301-6301**  
**1-800-835-3784**

**Forms are also available online at [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com).**

The address to which you must mail paper claim forms is subject to change. Please check [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) or call the toll-free customer service number on the back of our ID card to confirm the appropriate mailing address for any claim form you wish to send. If You or Your Family Members have any questions about the Prescription Drug benefit, call the toll-free customer service number on the back of your ID card.

## **Pediatric Vision Claims**

### **Reimbursement/Filing a Claim**

When an Insured Person(s) has an exam or purchases Materials from a Cigna Vision Provider they pay any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible shown in the Schedule at the time of purchase. The Insured Person does not need to file a claim form.

### **Assignment of Pediatric Vision Claim Payments:**

Pediatric Vision Benefits are assignable to the Provider; when you assign benefits to a Provider, you have assigned the entire amount of the benefits due on that claim. If the Provider is overpaid because of accepting a patient's payment on the charge, it is the Provider's responsibility to reimburse the patient. Because of Cigna Healthcare's contracts with Providers, all claims from contracted Providers should be assigned.

If You or Your Family Member(s) have any questions about the Pediatric Vision benefit, call the toll-free customer service number on the back of Your ID card.

## GENERAL POLICY PROVISIONS

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### Third Party Liability

You agree to advise Us, in writing, within a reasonable time of your claim against the third party and to take such action, provide such information and assistance, and execute such documents as We may reasonably require to facilitate enforcement of the claim. You also agree to take no action that may prejudice the rights or interests of Us under this Policy. Failure to provide notice of a claim or to cooperate with Us, or actions that prejudice our rights or interests, may be considered to be a material breach by Us and may subject you to legal action.

We may have a right to a lien, to the extent of benefits advanced, upon any recovery that you receive from the third party, the third party's insurer, or the third party's guarantor. Recovery may be by settlement, judgment or otherwise. The lien will be in the amount of benefits paid by Us under this Policy for the treatment of the Illness, disease, Injury or condition for which the third party is liable. We will be entitled to collect on our lien even if the amount recovered by or for the Insured Person (or his or her estate, parent or legal guardian) from or for the account of such third party as compensation for the Injury, Illness or condition is less than the actual loss suffered by the Insured Person. Note: The coverage under this Policy is secondary to any automobile no-fault or similar coverage.

Our right to a lien on Your recovery is limited only to that amount in excess of Your full compensation for all damages arising out of the claim.

In addition, if an Insured Person incurs expenses for Illness or Injury that occurred due to the negligence of a third party:

- We have the right to reimbursement for all benefits We paid from any and all damages collected from the third party for those same expenses whether by action at law, settlement, or compromise, by the Insured Person, Insured Person's parents, if the Insured Person is a minor, or Insured Person's legal representative as a result of that Illness or Injury; and
- We are assigned the right to recover from the third party, or his or her insurer, to the extent of the benefits We paid for that Illness or Injury.
- We shall have the right to first reimbursement out of all funds the Insured Person, the Insured Person's parents, if the Insured Person is a minor, or the Insured Person's legal representative, is or was able to obtain for the same expenses We have paid as a result of that Illness or Injury.

You are required to furnish any information or assistance or provide any documents that we may reasonably require in order to obtain Our rights under this provision. This provision applies whether or not the third party admits liability.

### Alternate Cost Containment Provision

We may, in certain situations, approve services under an alternate treatment plan. An alternate treatment plan may include services or supplies otherwise limited or excluded by the Policy. The alternate treatment plan must be mutually agreed to by Us, the Insured Person, and the Physician, Provider, or other healthcare practitioner. Our offering an alternate treatment plan in a particular case in no way commits Us to do so in another case, nor does it prevent Us from strictly applying the express benefits, limitations, and exclusions of the Policy at any other time or for the Insured Person.

## Coordination of Benefits

This section describes what this Policy will pay for Covered Expenses that are also covered under one or more other plans. You should file all claims with each plan.

## Definitions

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

### Plan

Any of the following that provides benefits in the form of payment or services for:

- An insurance plan issued to an individual/non-group or a group; or a self-insured group health plan providing benefits in the form of reimbursement or services for medical care or treatment/items.
- Governmental benefits as permitted by law, except for Medicaid, Medicare and Medicare supplement policies.
- Medical benefits coverage under any form of group or individual automobile insurance.

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

### Primary Plan

The plan that pays first as determined by the Order of Benefit Determination Rules below.

### Secondary Plan

The plan that pays after the Primary Plan as determined by the Order of Benefit Determination Rules below. The benefits under the Secondary Plan are reduced based on the benefits under the Primary Plan.

### Allowable Expense

The portion of a Covered Expense used in determining the benefits this plan pays when it is the Secondary Plan. The Allowable Expense is the lesser of:

- the charge used by the Primary Plan in determining the benefits it pays;
- the charge that would be used by this plan in determining the benefits it would pay if it were the Primary Plan, and
- the amount of the Covered Expense.

If the benefits for a Covered Expense under Your Primary Plan are reduced because You did not comply with the Primary Plan's requirements (for example, getting pre-certification of Hospital admission or a second surgical opinion), the amount of the Allowable Expense is reduced by the amount of the reduction.

### Claim Determination Period

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

### Order of Benefit Determination Rules

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

- The plan that covers you as an enrollee or an employee shall be the Primary Plan and the plan that covers you as a dependent shall be the Secondary Plan.
- If you are a dependent child whose parents are not divorced or legally separated, the Primary Plan shall be the plan which covers the parent whose birthday falls first in the Calendar Year as an enrollee or employee.

- If you are the dependent of divorced or separated parents, benefits for the dependent shall be determined in the following order:
  - first, if a court decree states that one parent is responsible for the child's healthcare expenses or health coverage and the plan for that parent has actual knowledge of the terms of the order, but only from the time of actual knowledge;
  - then, the plan of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the plan of the parent not having custody of the child; and
  - finally, the plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child.
- The plan that covers you as an active employee (or as that employee's dependent) shall be the Primary Plan and the plan that covers you as a laid-off or retired employee (or as that employee's dependent) shall be the Secondary Plan. If the other plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
- The plan that covers you under a right of continuation which is provided by federal or state law shall be the Secondary Plan and the plan that covers you as an active employee or retiree (or as that employee's dependent) shall be the Primary Plan. If the other plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
- If one of the plans that covers you is issued out of the state whose laws govern this plan, and determines the order of benefits based upon the gender of a parent, and as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefit determination, the plan with the gender rules shall determine the order of benefits.

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

### **Effect on the Benefits Payable**

- If this plan is the Primary Plan, the amount this plan pays for Covered Expenses will be determined without regard for the benefits payable under any other plan.
- If this plan is the Secondary Plan, the amount this plan pays for Covered Expenses is the Allowable Expense less the amount paid by the Primary Plan during a Claim Determination Period.

If while covered under this Policy, you are also covered by another Cigna Healthcare individual or group plan, you will be entitled to the benefits of only one plan. You may choose this Policy or the plan under which you will be covered. Cigna Healthcare will then refund any Premium received under the other plan covering the time period both policies were in effect. However, any claim payments made by Cigna Healthcare under the plan you elected to cancel will be deducted from any such refund of Premium.

### **Recovery of Excess Benefits**

If this Policy is the Secondary Plan and Cigna Healthcare pays for Covered Expenses that should have been paid by the Primary Plan, or if Cigna Healthcare pays any amount in excess of what it is obligated to pay, Cigna Healthcare will have the right to recover the actual overpayment made. Cigna Healthcare will have sole discretion to seek such recovery from any person to, or for whom, or with respect to whom, such services were provided or such payments made by any insurance company, healthcare plan or other organization. If We request, You must execute and deliver to Us such instruments and documents as We determine are necessary to secure the right of recovery.

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

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

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## Other Insurance with This Insurer

If while covered under this Policy, the Insured Person(s) is also covered by another Cigna Healthcare individual or group policy, the Insured Person(s) will be entitled to the benefits of only one policy. Insured Person(s) may choose this Policy or the policy under which Insured Person(s) will be covered. Cigna Healthcare will then refund any Premium received under the other policy covering the time period both policies were in effect.

However, any claims payments made by Us under the policy You elect to cancel will be deducted from any such refund of Premium.

## Medicare Enrollment

If an Insured Person is enrolled in Medicare, Cigna Healthcare will calculate the claim payment for Covered Services according to the benefit levels of this Policy based on the allowed amount defined below, and pay this amount minus any amount paid by Medicare. A person is considered enrolled in Medicare on the earliest date any coverage under Medicare becomes effective for him/her. In no event will the amount paid exceed the amount that Cigna Healthcare would have paid if it were the sole insurance carrier.

Under this scenario, the allowed amount will be the lesser of:

- The amount Medicare allowed; or
- Cigna Healthcare's Negotiated Rate for a Participating Provider; or
- Cigna Healthcare's Allowed Expense for a Non-Participating Provider.

## Terms of the Policy

**Entire Contract:** This Policy, including the specification page, application, and the attached papers, if any, constitutes the entire contract of insurance. No change in this Policy shall be valid unless approved by an officer of Cigna Healthcare and attached to this Policy. No agent has authority to change this Policy or to waive any of its provisions.

**Time Limit on Certain Defenses:** After two years from the date coverage is effective under this Policy no misstatements, except fraudulent misstatements, made by the applicant in the application for such Policy shall be used to void the Policy or to deny a claim for loss incurred after the expiration of such two-year period.

**Circumstances Beyond Our Control:** To the extent that a natural disaster, war, riot, civil insurrection, epidemic, or any other emergency or similar event not within Our control results in Our facilities, personnel, or financial resources being unavailable to provide or arrange for Covered Services, We will make a good faith effort to provide or arrange for the provision of the Covered Service taking into account the impact of the event.

### Grace Period:

You must remit the amounts specified by Cigna Healthcare, to Cigna Healthcare pursuant to this Policy, for the applicable period of coverage on or before the first day of each such period of coverage.

If You did not purchase Your Policy from a Marketplace, or You purchased Your Policy from a Marketplace but did not elect to receive advanced premium tax credit (APTC), there is a grace period of 31 days during which Premiums may be paid without loss of coverage of any Premium due after the first Premium. Coverage will continue during the grace period. If We do not receive Your Premium due in full before the end of the grace period, Your coverage will be terminated as of the last day of the grace period.

If You purchased Your Policy from a Marketplace and You have elected to receive advanced premium tax credit (APTC), there is a grace period of 3 consecutive months during which the Premiums may be paid without loss of coverage.



Coverage will continue during the grace period. However, if We do not receive Your Premium within the grace period, Your coverage will be terminated as of the last day of the first month during the grace period, if APTC's are received.

We will continue to pay all appropriate claims for Covered Services rendered to the Insured Person during the first month of the grace period, and may pend claims for Covered Services rendered to the Insured Person in the second and third month of the grace period. We will notify Health and Human Services (HHS) of the non-payment of Premiums, the Insured Person, as well as Providers of the possibility of denied claims when the Insured Person is in the second and third month of the grace period. We will continue to collect APTC on behalf of the Insured Person from the Department of the Treasury, and will return the APTC on behalf of the Insured Person for the second and third month of the grace period if the Insured Person exhausts their grace period as described above. An Insured Person is not eligible to re-enroll once terminated, unless the Insured Person has a special enrollment period or during the Annual Open Enrollment period.

Please see the provisions titled "Cancellation" and "Reinstatement" for further information regarding cancellation and reinstatement. In no event shall Cigna Healthcare have any obligation to provide a reminder notice for Premiums which are not received prior to the expiration of the grace period. Only Insured Persons for whom the payments are actually received by Cigna Healthcare shall be entitled to health care services hereunder, and then only for the period for which payment is received.

**Additional Programs:** We may, from time to time, offer or arrange for various entities to offer discounts, benefits, or other consideration to You and Your Family Members for the purpose of promoting the general health and well-being of You and Your Family Members. We may also arrange for the reimbursement of all or a portion of the cost of services provided by other parties to the Insured Person. Contact Us for details regarding any such arrangements.

**Reinstatement:** If this Policy cancels because You did not pay Your Premium within the time granted You for payment, then We may, upon Your request and at Our discretion, agree to reinstate coverage under this Policy.

If this Policy is reinstated, You and Cigna Healthcare shall have the same rights as existed under the Policy immediately before the due date of the defaulted Premium.

Any Premiums accepted in connection with a reinstatement will be applied to a period for which You have not previously paid Premium, but not to exceed sixty days prior to the date of reinstatement.

Exception for Insured Persons deployed by or called to Active Duty in the United States military: Upon application for reinstatement, We will provide the Policyholder deployed by or called to active duty in the military the same benefits in effect before the policy lapsed. Premium will not be increased unless rate increases are applicable to all Policyholders.

**Renewal:** This Policy renews on a Calendar Year basis.

**Fraud:** If the Insured Person has committed, or allowed someone else to commit, any fraud or intentional misrepresentation of a material fact in connection with this Policy, then any and all coverage under this Policy shall be void and of no legal force or effect. For purposes of this provision, fraud and/or deception includes, in addition to other intentional misrepresentation, the concealment or misrepresentation of the direct or indirect source of Your Premium or other cost-sharing obligations under this Policy.

**Misstatement of Age:** In the event the age of any Insured Person has been misstated in the application for coverage, Cigna Healthcare shall determine Premium rates for that Insured Person according to the correct age and there shall be an equitable adjustment of Premium rate made so that We will be paid the Premium rate appropriate for the true age of the Insured Person.

**Certificate of Creditable Coverage:** If coverage under this Policy terminates for any Insured Person, We will furnish to that person a Certificate of Creditable Coverage containing the information required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191. An Insured Person may also request a Certificate of Creditable Coverage, without charge, at any time while enrolled in the Policy and for 24 months following termination of coverage. To obtain a certificate call the toll-free customer service number on the back of Your ID card. Such a certificate may help the Insured Person to obtain future coverage. However, Cigna Healthcare is responsible only for the accuracy of the information contained in any certificate We prepare. We have no responsibility for the determinations made by any other health insurance issuer with respect to any coverage it provides, including whether or not, or to what extent, the information contained in the certificate is relevant to the other health insurance issuer's actions.

**Legal Actions:** No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on this policy prior to the expiration of sixty days after written proof of loss has been furnished in accordance with the requirements of this policy. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of three years after the time written proof of loss is required to be furnished.

**Arbitration:** Except as provided by C.R.S. § 10-16-202(12), and to the extent permitted by law, the parties may agree to submit a controversy arising out of, connected with and/or relating in any way to this Policy to arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") upon written notice. Such arbitration shall be governed by the AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules then in effect, to the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section. A single arbitrator (the "Arbitrator") shall decide the arbitration. The arbitration including, without limitation, the existence, nature, resolution and/or outcome, shall be held and conducted in strict confidence. The arbitration hearing shall be held within 30 days following appointment of the Arbitrator, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. The Arbitrator shall render his/her final decision within 30 days after the conclusion of the arbitration hearing. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction. In the case of an arbitration, the Arbitrator shall not have authority to conduct an action in respect of any purported class, collective, representative, multiple plaintiff or similar proceeding, combine or aggregate similar claims of an entity or person not a party to this agreement, or make an award to any person or entity not a party to this agreement.

**Conformity with State and Federal Statutes:** If any provision of this Policy which, on its Effective Date, is in conflict with the statutes of the state in which the Insured Person resides on such date or a federal statute, it is amended to conform to the minimum requirements of those statutes.

**Provision in Event of Partial Invalidity:** If any provision or any word, term, clause, or part of any provision of this Policy shall be invalid for any reason, the same shall be ineffective, but the remainder of this Policy and of the provision shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

**The Insured Person(s) are the only persons entitled to receive benefits under this Policy.** FRAUDULENT USE OF SUCH BENEFITS WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THIS POLICY AND APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

**The Effective Date of this Policy** is printed on the Cigna Healthcare identification card and on the Policy specification page.

**Identification cards** issued by Cigna Healthcare to Insured Persons are for identification only. Possession of the card does not guarantee coverage. To be entitled to coverage, the Insured Person must be enrolled and eligible at the time of service.

**The relationship between Cigna Healthcare and Participating Providers** who are not employees of Cigna Healthcare are independent contractor relationships. Such Participating Providers are not agents or employees of Cigna Healthcare; and Cigna Healthcare and its employees are not agents or employees of such Participating Providers. Cigna Healthcare is not responsible for any claim for damages or Injuries suffered by an Insured Person while receiving care from any Participating or Non-Participating Provider.

**Cigna Healthcare will meet any notice requirements by** mailing the notice to the Insured Person at the billing address listed in Our records. It is the Insured Person's responsibility to notify Us of any address changes. The Insured Person will meet any notice requirements by mailing the notice to:

**Cigna Healthcare  
Individual Services  
PO Box 30028  
Tampa FL 33630-3028**

**When the amount paid by Cigna Healthcare exceeds the amount for which We are liable under this Policy,** We have the right to recover the excess amount from the Insured Person unless prohibited by law.

**The Covered Services for which benefits are provided under this Policy are limited to** the most cost effective, and clinically appropriate treatment, supply, or service as defined by Cigna Healthcare.

**In order for an Insured Person to be entitled to benefits under this Policy**, coverage under this Policy must be in effect on the date the expense giving rise to a claim for benefits is incurred. Under this Policy, an expense is incurred on the date the Insured Person(s) receives a service or supply for which the Charge is made.

**We will pay all benefits of this Policy directly to Participating Hospitals, Participating Physicians, and all other Participating Providers**, whether the Insured Person has authorized assignment of benefits or not, unless the Insured Person has paid the claim in full, in which case We will reimburse the Insured Person. In addition, We may pay any covered Provider of services directly when the Insured Person assigns benefits in writing no later than the time of filing proof of loss (claim), except for Foreign Country Provider claims. However, We may, at Our option, make payment to You for the cost of any Covered Expenses from a Non-Participating Provider even if benefits have been assigned. When benefits are paid to You or Your Family Member(s), You or Your Family Member(s) are responsible for reimbursing the Provider and Our payment to You will be considered fulfillment of Our obligation.

**If We receive a claim from a Foreign Country Provider for an Emergency Medical Condition**, any eligible payment will be sent to the Insured Person. The Insured Person is responsible for paying the Foreign Country Provider. These payments fulfill Our obligation to the Insured Person for those services.

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

**Cigna Healthcare will provide written notice to You** within a reasonable period of time of any Participating Provider's termination or breach of, or inability to perform under, any Provider contract, if Cigna Healthcare determines that You or Your Insured Family Members may be materially and adversely affected.

**Continuation of Care after Termination of a Provider whose participation has terminated:**

Cigna Healthcare will provide benefits to You or Your Insured Family Members at the Participating Provider level for Covered Services of a terminated Provider for the following special circumstances:

- Ongoing treatment of an Insured Person up to the 90th day from the date of the Provider's termination date.
- Ongoing treatment of an Insured Person who at the time of termination has been diagnosed with a Terminal Illness, but in no event beyond 9 months from the date of the Provider's termination date.

**We will provide the Insured Person with an updated list of local Participating Providers when requested.** If the Insured Person would like a more extensive directory, or needs a new Provider listing for any other reason, please call Cigna Healthcare at the number on the ID card and We will provide the Insured Person with one, or visit Our website, [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com).

**Failure by Cigna Healthcare to enforce or require compliance with any provision herein** will not waive, modify or render such provision unenforceable at any other time, whether the circumstances are or are not the same.

**If Insured Person(s) were covered by a prior individual Cigna Healthcare policy that is replaced by this Policy with no lapse of coverage**, benefits used under the prior policy will be charged against the benefits payable under this Policy.

**Cigna Healthcare reserves the right to:** (i) change the rates chargeable under the policy and (ii) amend the terms of this policy to eliminate, alter, or modify provisions required only by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) in the event of either (a) entry of a final judgment by a court declaring all or part of the law invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise ineffective or (b) amendments to the law by legislation.

**Physical Examination and Autopsy:** Cigna Healthcare, at its own expense, shall have the right and the opportunity to examine any Insured Person for whom a claim is made, when and so often as We may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim under this Policy. In the case of death of an Insured Person, Cigna Healthcare shall have the right and opportunity to make an autopsy where it is not prohibited by law.

## TERMINATION/NON-RENEWAL/CONTINUATION

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### Specific Causes for Ineligibility:

Except as described in the Continuation section, an Insured Person will become ineligible for coverage under the Policy:

- When Premiums are not paid according to the due dates and grace periods described in the Premium section.
- For the spouse - when the spouse is no longer married to the Policyholder.
- For You and Your Family Member (s) - when you no longer meets the requirements listed in the Eligibility Requirements section.
- The date the Policy terminates.
- When the Insured Person no longer lives in the Service Area.

Remember, it is Your responsibility to notify Cigna Healthcare immediately of any changes affecting You or any of Your Family Member(s) eligibility for benefits under this Policy.

### Cancellation

We may cancel this Policy only in the event of any of the following:

1. You fail to pay Your Premiums as they become due or by the end of the last day of the 31 day grace period for plans not purchased from the Marketplace or the 3 consecutive month grace period for plans purchased from a Marketplace.
2. On the first of the month following Our receipt of Your written notice to cancel. If You purchased Your plan on a state exchange, We will cancel this Policy in accordance with Your written notice to cancel provided You provide notice at least fourteen days before the requested effective date of termination. If You provide Your written notice to cancel less than fourteen days before the requested date of termination, the effective date of termination will be no later than fourteen days after You provided the written notice to cancel.
3. When You become ineligible for this coverage.
4. If You have committed, or allowed someone else to commit, any fraud or deception, or intentional misrepresentation of material fact in connection with this Policy or coverage.
5. When We cease to offer policies of this type to all individuals in Your class. In this event, Colorado law requires that We do the following: (1) provide written notice to each Insured Person of the discontinuation before the 90<sup>th</sup> day preceding the date of the discontinuation of the coverage; (2) offer to each Insured Person on a guaranteed issue basis the option to purchase any other individual hospital medical or surgical insurance coverage offered by Us at the time of discontinuation; and (3) act uniformly without regard to any health status related factors of an Insured Person.
6. When We cease offering any plans in the individual market in Colorado, We will notify You of the impending termination of Your coverage at least 180 days prior to Your cancellation. Your coverage will be continued through Your first renewal period but not for more than 12 months after We send You the notice.
7. When the Policyholder no longer lives in the Service Area.
8. In the event of entry of a final judgment by a court declaring all or part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise ineffective, and the state not providing alternative and sufficient means of funding advanced-premium tax credits, this Policy shall be subject to cancellation consistent with applicable federal and state law.

Any cancellation shall be without prejudice for any claim for Covered Expenses incurred before cancellation. Except for fraud or intentional misrepresentation, We will provide You notice of the cancellation at least 30 days in advance of the cancellation of the Policy, unless a longer notice period is required by law.

## Continuation

If an Insured Person's eligibility under this Policy would terminate due to the Policyholder's death, divorce or other reason for the Insured's ineligibility stated in the Policy or if other Family Member(s) would become ineligible due to age or no longer qualify as dependents for coverage under this Policy, except for the Policyholder's failure to pay Premium, the Family Member has the right to continuation of his or her insurance. Coverage will be continued if the Family Member exercising the continuation right notifies Cigna Healthcare and pays the appropriate monthly premium within 60 days following the date this Policy would otherwise terminate. In such a case, coverage will continue without evidence of insurability. Also, if an Insured Person's eligibility under this Policy would terminate due to the Insured's death, divorce or other reason for the Insured's ineligibility stated in the Policy, except for the Insured's failure to pay premium, such termination would be considered a triggering event and the Insured Person could enroll during a special enrollment period if the Insured Person did not exercise their continuation right. The special enrollment period begins on the date the triggering event occurs, and ends on the 61st day following the triggering event. Persons who enroll during a special enrollment period will have coverage Effective Dates determined as follows: for an application made between the first and the 15th day of any month, the Effective Date of coverage will be the first day of the following month; for an application made between the 16th and the last day of the month, the Effective Date of coverage will be the first day of the second following month. Please see "Eligibility" for further information regarding special enrollment periods.

# APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

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## When You Have a Complaint or an Adverse Determination Appeal

### Complaint and Appeal Process

For the purposes of this section, any reference to Insured Person also refers to a representative or Provider designated by the Insured Person to act on the Insured Person's behalf, unless otherwise noted.

Cigna Healthcare wants the Insured Person to be completely satisfied with the coverage received. That is why Cigna Healthcare established a process for addressing the Insured Person's concerns and resolving problems.

### Start with Customer Service

Cigna Healthcare is here to listen and help. If the Insured Person has a concern regarding a person, a service, the quality of care, contractual benefits, an initial eligibility denial or a rescission of coverage, the Insured Person can call Our toll-free number and explain the concern to one of Our Customer Service representatives. Please call Cigna Healthcare at the Customer Service Toll-Free Number that appears on the Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

Cigna Healthcare will do their best to resolve the matter on the Insured Person's initial contact. If Cigna Healthcare needs more time to review or investigate the concern, Cigna Healthcare will get back to the Insured Person as soon as possible, but in any case within 30 days.

If the Insured Person is not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, the Insured Person can start the appeals procedure.

### Appeals Procedure

To initiate an appeal, the Insured Person must submit a request for an appeal in writing within 365 days of receipt of a denial notice to the following address:

Cigna Healthcare  
National Appeals Organization (NAO)  
PO Box 188011  
Chattanooga, TN 37422

The Insured Person should state the reason why the Insured Person feels the appeal should be approved and include any information supporting the appeal. If the Insured Person is unable or chooses not to write, the Insured Person may ask to register the appeal by telephone. The Insured Person may call Cigna Healthcare at the toll-free number on their Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form. The Insured Person may also register the appeal by an arranged appointment or walk-in interview.

Colorado law provides one level of appeals for internal appeals of an adverse determination. Adverse determination means:

- A denial of a preauthorization for a covered benefit;
- A denial of a request for benefits for an individual on the ground that the treatment or covered benefit is not medically necessary, appropriate, effective, or efficient or is not provided in or at the appropriate health care setting or level of care;
- A rescission or cancellation of coverage under a health coverage plan that is not attributable to failure to pay premiums and that is applied retroactively;
- A denial of a request for benefits on the ground that the treatment or service is experimental or investigational; or
- A denial of coverage to an individual based on an initial eligibility determination.

Requests for appeal regarding an adverse determination of the Insured Person's issue will be conducted by a Committee, if the Insured Person chooses, which consists of one or more people not previously involved in the prior decision. The Committee will consult with at least one Physician in the same or similar specialty as the care under

consideration, as determined by Cigna Healthcare's Physician reviewer. For all other coverage plan-related appeals, a review will be conducted by someone who was a) not involved in any previous decision related to the Insured Person's appeal, and b) not a subordinate of previous decision makers.

The Insured Person has the following rights: (1) to attend the Committee review in person, or via teleconference or video conference; (2) to present their situation to the Committee in person or in writing; (3) to submit supporting material both before and at the Committee review; (4) to ask questions of any Cigna Healthcare representative prior to the review; and (5) to question any reviewer at the review; and (6) to be assisted or represented by a person of their choice.

For required medical necessity pre-service and concurrent care coverage determinations and post-service claims, the review will be completed within 30 calendar days. For administrative pre-service and concurrent care coverage determinations, the review will be completed within 30 calendar days. For administrative post-service claims the review will be completed within 60 calendar days. If more time or information is needed to make the determination, Cigna Healthcare will notify the Insured Person in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review. In the event any new or additional information (evidence) is considered, relied upon or generated by Cigna Healthcare in connection with the appeal, Cigna Healthcare will provide this information to the Insured Person as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the decision, so that the Insured Person will have an opportunity to respond. Also, if any new or additional rationale is considered by Cigna Healthcare, Cigna Healthcare will provide the rationale to the Insured Person as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the decision so that the Insured Person will have an opportunity to respond.

The Insured Person will be notified in writing of the decision within the following timeframes:

Medical Necessity reviews:

Pre-Service & Post-Service requests – the earlier of (a) 7 calendar days of the decision or (b) 30 calendar days of receipt of the pre-service request.

Administrative reviews:

Pre-Service – the earlier of (a) 7 calendar days of the decision or (b) 30 calendar days of receipt of the pre-service request.

Post-Service – the earlier of (a) 7 calendar days of the decision or (b) 60 calendar days of the receipt of the post-service request.

The Insured Person may request that the appeal process be expedited if the time frames under this process: (a) would seriously jeopardize the Insured Person's life, health or ability to regain maximum function or, in the opinion of your Physician would cause severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services; or (b) the appeal involves non-authorization of an admission or continuing inpatient Hospital stay. If the Insured Person requests that the appeal be expedited based on (a) above, the Insured Person may also ask for an expedited external Independent Review at the same time, if the time to complete an expedited internal appeal would be detrimental to the Insured Person's medical condition.

A Cigna Healthcare Professional will determine if the appeal meets the criteria for processing as an expedited/urgent appeal. Cigna Healthcare's Physician reviewer will have the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration to make a decision. When an appeal is expedited, Cigna Healthcare will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

## **Standard External Review Process for Medical Necessity Adverse Decisions**

If the Insured Person remains dissatisfied with an adverse determination decision of Cigna Healthcare and has completed the internal appeal review, the Insured Person may submit a written request for External Independent Review (EIR). Cigna Healthcare will pay the cost of the EIR and there is no restriction on the minimum dollar amount of a claim for it to be eligible for external review. The Insured Person has four months after the date of receipt of Cigna Healthcare's final adverse determination to submit a written request for EIR. All requests for external review must be in writing to Cigna Healthcare and must include a completed external review request form. All requests must also include a signed consent, authorizing Cigna Healthcare to disclose protected health information, including medical records, pertinent to the external review. Whenever Cigna Healthcare receives an incomplete standard request for external review that fails to meet Cigna Healthcare's filing procedures, Cigna Healthcare shall notify the Insured Person of this failure as soon as possible, but in no event later than five days following the date the incomplete request was received.

Within two working days of receipt of the Insured Person's request for EIR, Cigna Healthcare will deliver a copy of the request to the Commissioner. If Cigna Healthcare decides to reverse the final adverse determination before sending the Insured Person's request to the Commissioner, The Insured Person will be informed within one working day of Cigna Healthcare's decision by facsimile, telephone or other electronic means, followed up in writing.

Within two working days of receiving the Insured Person's request for EIR from Cigna Healthcare, the Commissioner will assign an independent external review entity to conduct the external review. Upon assignment, the Commissioner will notify Cigna Healthcare, electronically, by facsimile, or by telephone, followed up in writing, of the name and address of the independent external review entity to which the appeal should be sent. Within one working day of receiving the notice from the Commissioner, Cigna Healthcare will provide the Insured Person either electronically, by facsimile, or by telephone, followed up in writing, with a description of the independent external review entity and how to provide the Commissioner with documentation regarding any potential conflict of interest with the independent external review entity. Within two working days of receipt of notice from Cigna Healthcare concerning the independent external review entity, The Insured Person may provide the Commissioner with documentation regarding a potential conflict of interest of the independent external review entity, electronically, by facsimile, or by telephone, followed up in writing. If the Commissioner determines that the independent external review entity presents a conflict of interest, the Commissioner shall assign, within one working day, another independent external review entity to conduct the external review. Upon this reassignment, the Commissioner will notify Cigna Healthcare, electronically, by facsimile, or by telephone, followed up in writing, of the name and address of the new independent external review entity to which the appeal should be sent. The Commissioner will also notify the Insured Person in writing of the Commissioner's determination regarding the potential conflict of interest and the name and address of the new independent external review entity. Within five business days of receipt of notice from Cigna Healthcare concerning the independent external review entity, the Insured Person may submit information directly to the EIR and the EIR will provide a copy of the information to Cigna Healthcare within one business day after receipt of the information.

Within five working days from the date Cigna Healthcare receives notice from the Commissioner regarding the selection of the independent external review entity, Cigna Healthcare will deliver the following to the assigned independent external review entity: (1) all relevant medical records; (2) a copy of any and all denial letters; (3) a copy of the signed consent form; (4) all documentation provided to Cigna Healthcare by the Insured Person and/or a health care professional in support of the request for coverage; (5) criteria used and clinical reasons for the adverse decision; and (6) an index of all submitted documents. Within two working days of receipt of the material from Cigna Healthcare, the independent external review entity will deliver to the Insured Person the index of all materials that Cigna Healthcare has submitted to the independent external review entity. Cigna Healthcare will provide the Insured Person, upon request, all relevant information supplied to the independent external review entity that is not confidential or privileged under state or federal law.

The independent external review entity will notify, the Insured Person, or their health care professional and Cigna Healthcare of any additional medical information required to conduct the review. Within five working days of such a request, the Insured Person or their health care professional will submit the additional information, or an explanation of why the additional information is not being submitted to the independent external review entity and Cigna Healthcare. If the Insured Person or their health care professional fail to provide the additional information or the explanation of why additional information is not being submitted within five working days, the independent external review entity will make a decision based on the information submitted by Cigna Healthcare. If Cigna Healthcare fails to provide the required documents and information within five working days, the independent external review entity may terminate the external review and make a decision to reverse Cigna Healthcare's final adverse determination. Immediately upon the reversal, the independent external review entity will notify the Insured Person, Cigna Healthcare and the Commissioner.

Upon receipt of any new information from you, Cigna Healthcare may reconsider its final adverse determination that is the subject of the external review. The external review may only be terminated if Cigna Healthcare decides to reverse its final adverse determination and provide coverage or payment for the health care service that was denied. Within one working day of Cigna Healthcare making the decision to reverse its final adverse determination, Cigna Healthcare will notify you, the independent external review, and the Commissioner of its decision, electronically, by facsimile, or by telephone, followed up in writing. The independent external review entity will terminate the external review upon receipt of the notice from Cigna Healthcare.

Within 45 calendar days after the date of receipt of the request of the external review by Cigna Healthcare, the independent external review entity will provide written notice of its decision to uphold or reverse Cigna Healthcare's



final adverse determination to the Insured Person, if applicable, to their designated representative, to Cigna Healthcare, to their Physician and to the Commissioner.

Upon our receipt of the independent external review entity's notice of the decision reversing our final adverse determination, Cigna Healthcare will approve the coverage that was the subject of the final adverse determination. For pre-service and concurrent care reviews, Cigna Healthcare will approve the coverage within one working day. For post service review, Cigna Healthcare will approve the coverage, within five working days. Cigna Healthcare will provide written notice of the approval to the Insured Person within one working day of our approval of coverage. The coverage will be provided subject to the terms and conditions applicable to benefits under the plan.

## **Expedited External Review Process for Medical Necessity Adverse Decisions**

The Insured Person or the Insured Person's designated representative may make a request with Cigna Healthcare for an expedited external review if the Insured Person has a medical condition and if the time frame for completion of a standard external review would seriously jeopardize the Insured Person's life or health or ability to regain maximum function or, in the case of an Insured Person with a physical or mental disability, create an imminent and substantial limitation of the Insured Person's existing ability to live independently. The request for an expedited review must include a Physician certification that the Insured Person's medical condition meets the expedited review criteria.

Whenever Cigna Healthcare receives an incomplete expedited request for external review that fails to meet Cigna Healthcare's filing procedures, Cigna Healthcare shall notify the Insured Person of this failure as soon as possible, but in no even later than twenty four hours after the incomplete request was received. Upon receipt of the Insured Person's request for an expedited external review, Cigna Healthcare will notify and send a copy of the request to the Commissioner within one working day either electronically, by telephone, by facsimile or any other available expeditious method. Within one working day of receiving the request from Cigna Healthcare, the Commissioner will assign an independent external review entity to conduct the review. Upon assignment, the Commissioner will inform Cigna Healthcare of the name and address of the independent external review entity. Within one working day of receiving the notice from the Commissioner, Cigna Healthcare will notify the Insured Person, electronically, by facsimile, or by telephone, followed up in writing. The notice will include a written description of the independent external review entity that the Commissioner has selected.

Immediately after receiving the request for an expedited external review, Cigna Healthcare will provide all necessary documents and information considered in making the final adverse determination to the independent external review entity either electronically, by telephone, by facsimile or by any other available expeditious method. Cigna Healthcare will provide to the Insured Person, upon request, all information submitted to the independent external review entity that is not confidential or privileged under state or federal law.

As soon as possible but no more than 72 hours after the date of receipt of the request for external review by Cigna Healthcare, the independent external review entity will make a decision to uphold or reverse Cigna Healthcare's final adverse determination and notify the Insured Person, the Insured Person's Physician, Cigna Healthcare, and the Commissioner of the decision.

If the notice of the decision is not made in writing, the EIR must provide written confirmation of the decision within 48 hours after the date the notice of the decision is transmitted to the Insured Person, Insured Person's Physician, Cigna Healthcare and the Commissioner.

Upon Our receipt of the independent external review entity's decision, Cigna Healthcare will approve the coverage that was subject to the review immediately and will provide written notice of the approval to the Insured Person of the independent external review entity's notice. The coverage will be provided subject to the terms and conditions applicable to benefits under the plan. An expedited external review may not be provided for post service adverse determinations.

An external review decision is binding on Cigna Healthcare and you, except to the extent Cigna Healthcare and you have other remedies available under federal or state law. You may not file a subsequent request for external review involving the same plan's final adverse determination for which you have already received an external review decision.

## **Appeal to the State of Colorado**

The Insured Person has the right to contact the Colorado Division of Insurance for assistance at any time. The Colorado Division of Insurance may be contacted at the following address and telephone number:

Colorado Division of Insurance  
Department of Regulatory Affairs  
1560 Broadway, Suite 850  
Denver, CO 80202  
1-800-930-3745

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

Every notice of a determination on appeal will be provided in writing or electronically and, if an adverse determination, will include: (1) information sufficient to identify the claim; (2) the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; (3) reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; (4) a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other Relevant Information as defined; (5) upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your appeal, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, Experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit and (6) information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist you in the appeal process. All written denials of requests for covered benefits on the ground that such benefits are not medically necessary, appropriate, effective, or efficient must be signed by a licensed physician/dentist familiar with standards of care in Colorado. A nurse or processor cannot sign a physician's/dentist's name 'on behalf of', a physician or dentist must sign, however an electronic signature is permitted. A final notice of adverse determination will include a discussion of the decision.

There may be other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options such as Mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact the local U.S. Department of Labor office and the State insurance regulatory agency, or contact the Plan Administrator.

## **Relevant Information**

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

## INFORMATION ON POLICY AND RATE CHANGES

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### Premiums

The monthly Premium amount is listed on the Policy specification page which was sent with this Policy.

You will be responsible for an additional \$45 charge for any check or electronic funds transfer that is returned to Us unpaid. This additional charge is part of Your Premium obligation. You will not be considered to have paid Your Premium until Your Premium amount and any additional charges incurred by You are received by Cigna Healthcare.

Your Premium may change due to (but not limited to):

- a. Deletion or addition of a new eligible Insured Person(s)
- b. A change in age of any Insured Person which results in a higher Premium
- c. A change in residence
- d. Application of any additional charges as a result of a late or returned payment

You are required to pay Premiums for each Insured Person through the date that You notify Us that the Insured Person is no longer eligible or covered, except that if a Dependent is no longer covered because the Dependent becomes enrolled in the children's basic health plan, established pursuant to Article 8, Title 25.5, CRS, You must notify Us of the change in coverage at least 30 days prior to the date the Dependent will no longer be covered by Us

These changes will be effective on the first of the month following the change, unless as otherwise stated on Your Premium notice.

Cigna Healthcare also reserves the right to change the Premium on 60 days' prior written notice to You. However, We will not modify the Premium schedule on an individual basis, but only for all Insured Persons in the same class and covered under the same Policy as You. The change will become effective on the date shown on the notice, and payment of the new Premiums will indicate acceptance of the change.

Premiums are to be paid by You to Us.

Cigna Healthcare will not accept the direct or indirect payment of Premiums by any person or entity other than You, Your family members or an Acceptable Third Party Payor, except as expressly permitted by Cigna Healthcare in writing. Cigna Healthcare may request and upon request, You shall provide, a certified statement from You that You are not receiving payment or other remuneration from anyone other than an Acceptable Third-Party Payor as defined above for the partial or full payment of Your Premium or other cost-sharing obligations under this Policy.

## DEFINITIONS

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The following definitions contain the meanings of key terms used in this Policy. Throughout this Policy, the terms defined appear with the first letter of each word in capital letters.

**90 Day Retail Pharmacy** is a retail Participating Pharmacy that provides all the Covered Services of any other retail Participating Pharmacy, and also, through an agreement with Cigna Healthcare, or with an organization contracting on Cigna Healthcare's behalf, dispenses up to a 90-day supply of Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies. Please note: not every Participating Pharmacy is a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy; however, every Participating Pharmacy can provide a 30-day supply of Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies.

**Acceptable Third Party Payor** means one or more of the following:

1. the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program established under Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act;
2. an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or urban Indian organization;
3. a local, state or federal government program, including a grantee directed by a government program to make payments on its behalf; or
4. an independent private entity that (i) is organized as a not-for-profit organization under state law, (ii) has received a determination from the Internal Revenue Service that the entity qualifies for an exemption from federal income tax under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), and (iii) makes payments on Your behalf solely on the basis of publically available criteria and does not in any way consider the health status of any Insured Person in determining whether to make such payments on Your behalf.

**Acupuncture** means a service where the Physician applies acupuncture therapy by inserting one or more fine needles, which are twirled or manipulated by hand, into the patient as dictated by acupuncture meridians for the relief of symptoms.

**Allowed Expense** is the amount that Cigna Healthcare may cover for services rendered by a Non-Participating Provider consistent with applicable law:

- **For Covered Expenses for Emergency Services delivered in the emergency department of a Non-Participating Hospital or facility when the facility is operated by the Denver Health and Hospital Authority**, the amount agreed to by the Non-Participating Provider or Hospital and Cigna Healthcare, or if no amount is agreed to, **the greatest of**: (i) Cigna Healthcare's Participating/In-Network median rate for the same service provided in a similar facility or setting in the same geographic area; (ii) 250% of the Medicare rate for the same service provided in a similar facility or setting in the same geographic area; or (iii) the median Participating/In-Network rate for the same service provided in a similar facility or setting in the same geographic area for the prior year based on claims data from the Colorado all payer health claim database (APCD).
- **For Covered Expenses for Emergency Services delivered in the emergency department of a Non-Participating Hospital or facility when the facility is not operated by the Denver Health and Hospital Authority**, the amount agreed to by the facility and Cigna Healthcare, or if no amount is agreed to, **the greatest of**: (i) 105% of Cigna Healthcare's Participating/In-Network median rate for the same service provided in a similar facility or setting in the same geographic area; or (ii) the median Participating/In-Network rate for the same service provided in a similar facility or setting in the same geographic area for the prior year based on claims data from the Colorado all payer health claim database (APCD).
- **For Covered Expenses for Emergency Services, and non-Emergency Services, performed by a Non-Participating Provider in the emergency department of a Participating Hospital**, the amount agreed to by the Non-Participating Provider and Cigna Healthcare, or if no amount is agreed to, **the greatest of**: (i) 110% of Cigna Healthcare's Participating/In-Network median rate for the same service provided in the same geographic area; or (ii) the 60th percentile of the Participating/In-Network rate for the same service in the same geographic area for the prior year based on claims data from the Colorado all payer health claim database (APCD).

If the Non-Participating Provider does not agree that the Allowed Expense is sufficient for the complexity and circumstances of the services provided, the Provider may request arbitration pursuant to Colorado law. The Provider may not attempt to collect from you any amount in excess of applicable cost-sharing amounts based upon the Allowed Expense.

- **For Covered Expenses for non-Emergency Services, other than noted above, the lesser of:**
  1. The Provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or
  2. A percentage of a fee schedule developed by Cigna Healthcare that is based upon a methodology similar to a methodology utilized by Medicare to determine the allowable fee for the same or similar service within the geographic market.

**Annual, Calendar Year, Year** is a 12-month period beginning each January 1 at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time.

**Annual Open Enrollment Period** means the designated period of time during each Calendar Year, when individuals can apply for coverage under this Policy for the following Year. The Annual Open Enrollment Period is set by the federal government, and the beginning and ending dates are subject to change each Year.

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

**Autism Spectrum Disorders** means pervasive developmental disorders as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, including autism, Asperger's disorder, and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified.

**Behavioral Mental Health Disorder** means schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar affective disorder, major depressive disorder, specific obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, drug and alcohol disorders, (i.e., all substance abuse) dysthymia, cyclothymia, social phobia, agoraphobia with panic disorder, general anxiety disorder, and anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa.

**Benefit Period for Hospice Care services** is a period of three months, during which services are provided on a regular basis.

**Bereavement** means that period of time during which survivors mourn a death and experience grief. Bereavement services mean support services to be offered during the bereavement period.

**Brace** is an Orthosis or orthopedic appliance that supports or holds in correct position any movable part of the body and that allows for motion of that part.

**Brand Name Drug** (Brand Name) means a Prescription Drug that Cigna Healthcare identifies as a Brand Drug across its book-of-business, principally based on available data resources, including, but not limited to, First DataBank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source, that classify drugs or biologics as either Brand or Generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a "Brand Name" by the manufacturer, Pharmacy, or your Physician may be classified as a Brand Drug under the Policy.

**Charges** means the actual billed Charges, except when the Provider has contracted with Cigna Healthcare for a different amount, including where Cigna Healthcare has contracted with an entity to arrange for the provision of Covered Services through contracts with Providers of such services and/or supplies.

**Cigna Healthcare** We, Our, and Us mean Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company, or an affiliate. Cigna Healthcare is a licensed and regulated insurance company operating throughout the United States.

**Cigna LifeSOURCE Designated Transplant Facility** is a facility with a transplant program that is included in the Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network®.

**Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network** is a network that includes, but is not limited to, contracted Physician offices, ambulatory infusion centers, home and outpatient hospital infusion centers, and contracted specialty pharmacies. When the Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network cannot meet the clinical needs of the customer as determined by Cigna Healthcare, exceptions are considered and approved when appropriate.

**Cigna Vision** is a designated product administered by Us that provides vision services performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist for Pediatric Vision Care under this plan.

**Coinsurance** means the percentage of Covered Expenses the Insured Person is responsible for paying after applicable Deductibles are satisfied). **Coinsurance does not include Copayments. Coinsurance also does not include Charges for services that are not Covered Services or Charges in excess of Covered Expenses, or Charges which are not Covered Expenses under this Policy.**

**Copayment** means a set dollar amount of Covered Expenses the Insured Person is responsible for paying. Copayment does not include Charges for services that are not Covered Services or Charges in excess of Covered Expenses. Copayments are calculated separately from Coinsurance.

**Cosmetic Surgery** is performed to change the appearance of otherwise normal looking characteristics or features of the patient's body. A physical feature or characteristic is normal looking when the average person would consider that feature or characteristic to be within the range of usual variations of normal human appearance.

**Cost Share** is the Deductible, Copayment and Coinsurance amounts you are responsible to pay under the Policy.

**Covered Expenses** are the expenses incurred for Covered Services under this Policy which Cigna Healthcare will consider for payment under this Policy. Covered Expenses are:

- The Negotiated Rate for Covered Services from Participating Providers.
- The Allowed Expense.

As determined by Cigna Healthcare, Covered Expenses will include all charges made by an entity that has contracted with Cigna Healthcare to arrange, through contracts with Providers, for the provision of any Covered Services.

Covered Expenses may be limited by other specific maximums described in this Policy. Covered Expenses are subject to applicable Deductibles and other benefit limits. **An expense is incurred on the date the Insured Person receives the service or supply.** Covered Expenses may be less than the amount that is actually billed.

**Covered Services** are Medically Necessary services or supplies that:

- a. are listed in the benefit sections of this Policy, and
- b. are not specifically excluded by the Policy, and
- c. are provided by a Provider that is:
  - (i) licensed in accordance with any applicable federal and state laws,
  - (ii) a Hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or by another appropriately licensed organization, and
  - (iii) acting within the scope of the Provider's license and (if applicable) accreditation.

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

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

**Dedicated Virtual Urgent Care** means a Virtual Care Service provided by a Dedicated Virtual Care Physician for minor acute medical conditions such as a cold, flu, sore throat, rash or headache.

**Dedicated Virtual Care Physician** means a Physician who is part of a designated network from one or more organizations contracted with Cigna Healthcare to provide Virtual Care Services.

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**Dedicated Virtual Primary Care** means a Virtual Care Service provided by a Dedicated Virtual Care Physician for routine primary care needs for conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol, asthma, or other non-urgent issues.

**Deductible** means the amount of Covered Expenses that must be paid for Covered Services each year before benefits are available under this Policy. The Deductible applies to all Covered Expenses, except for those covered under the Prescription Drugs section of this Policy; there is a separate Prescription Drug Deductible that applies only to those benefits.

**Dental Prostheses** are dentures, crowns, caps, bridges, clasps, habit appliances, and partials.

**Diabetic Equipment** includes blood glucose monitors, monitors designed to be used by blind persons; insulin pumps and associated appurtenances; insulin infusion devices, batteries, skin preparation items, adhesive supplies, infusion sets, insulin cartridges, durable and disposable devices in the injection of insulin and any other required disposable supplies; podiatric appliances for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes. Diabetic Equipment also includes the repair or maintenance of insulin pumps not covered under a manufacturer's warranty and rental fees for pumps during the repair and necessary maintenance of insulin pumps, neither of which shall exceed the purchase price of a similar replacement pump.

**Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies** include visual reading and urine test strips; ketones and protein strips; blood glucose monitors, therapeutic continuous glucose monitors and the associated supply items on Cigna Healthcare's Prescription Drug List; lancets and lancing devices; insulin and insulin analogs, injection aids; including devices used to assist with insulin injection and needleless systems; syringes and hypodermic needles, prescriptive oral agents for controlling blood sugar levels; and glucagon emergency kits.

**Diabetes Self-Management Training** is instruction, including medical nutrition therapy, in an outpatient setting which enables a diabetic patient to understand the diabetic management process and daily management of diabetic therapy as means of avoiding frequent hospitalization and complications.

**Durable Medical Equipment** is defined as items which:

- are designed for and able to withstand repeated use by more than one person;
- customarily serve a therapeutic purpose with respect to a particular Illness or Injury, as certified in writing by the attending medical Provider;
- generally are not useful in the absence of Illness or Injury;
- are appropriate for use in the home;
- are of a truly durable nature; and
- are not disposable.

Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, crutches, Hospital beds, wheel chairs, respirators, and dialysis machines.

**Effective Date** is the date on which coverage under this Policy begins for You and any of Your Family Member(s).

**Emergency Medical Condition** means a medical condition, including a Mental Health Disorder or Substance Use Disorder manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in:

- placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy;
- serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

**Emergency Services** means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition:

- a medical screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate the Emergency Medical Condition; and
- such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital or of an independent freestanding emergency facility, to Stabilize the patient.

**Essential Health Benefits:** To the extent covered under this Policy, expenses incurred with respect to Covered Services, in at least the following categories: ambulatory patient services, Emergency Services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services, including behavioral health treatment, Prescription Drugs, rehabilitative and Habilitative Services and devices, laboratory services, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management, and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

**Experimental / Investigational / Unproven Procedures:** a drug, device or medical treatment or procedure is considered Experimental or Investigational or Unproven if;

- it has not been demonstrated through existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based scientific literature to be safe and effective for treating or evaluating the condition or Illness for which it is proposed; or
- it has not been given approval for marketing by the United States Food and Drug Administration at the time it is furnished and such approval is required by law; or
- it is the subject of an on-going clinical trial, except as provided in the “Clinical Trials” section of this plan; or
- reliable evidence shows it is the subject of ongoing phase I, II or III clinical trial or under study to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its efficacy or its efficacy as compared with the current standard of treatment or diagnosis; or
- reliable evidence shows that the consensus of opinion among experts is that further studies or clinical trials are necessary to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its efficacy or its efficacy as compared with the standard means of treatment of diagnosis.

Reliable evidence means only; the published reports and articles in authoritative, peer-reviewed medical and scientific literature; written protocol or protocols by the treating facility or other facilities studying substantially the same drug, device or medical treatment or procedure; or the medical informed consent used by the treating facility or other facilities studying substantially the same drug, device or medical treatment or procedure.

**Family Deductible** applies if You and one or more of Your Family Member(s) are enrolled for coverage under this Policy. It is an accumulation of the Individual Deductible paid by each Family Member during a Year. Each Insured Person can contribute up to the Individual Deductible amount toward the Family Deductible. Once the Family Deductible amount is satisfied in a Year, any remaining Individual Deductibles will be waived for the remainder of the Year. The Family Deductible applies to all Covered Expenses, except for those covered under the Prescription Drug section of this Policy; there is a separate Prescription Drug Deductible that applies only to those benefits. The amount of the Family Deductible is described in the benefit schedule section of this Policy

**Family Member** means Your spouse, children or other persons enrolled for coverage under this Policy. Family Members who may be eligible for coverage under this Policy are described further in the section of the Policy titled “Eligibility”

**Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum** applies if You and one or more of Your Family Member(s) are enrolled for coverage under this Policy. It is an accumulation of the Deductible, Coinsurance and Copayments each Family Member has accrued during a Year. Each Insured Person can contribute up to his or her Individual Out-of-Pocket amount toward the Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum. Once the Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum has been met in a Year, You and your Family Member(s) will no longer be responsible to pay Coinsurance or Copayments for medical or Pharmacy services for Covered Expenses incurred during the remainder of that Year from Participating Providers. The amount of the Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum is described in the benefit schedule section of this Policy.



**Family Prescription Drug Deductible** applies if You and one or more of Your Family Member(s) are enrolled for coverage under this Policy. It is an accumulation of the Individual Prescription Drug Deductible paid by each Family Member during a Year. Each Insured Person can contribute up to the Individual Prescription Drug Deductible amount toward the Family Prescription Drug Deductible. Once the Family Prescription Drug Deductible amount is satisfied in a Year, any remaining Individual Prescription Drug Deductibles will be waived for the remainder of the Year. The amount of the Family Prescription Drug Deductible is described in the Prescription Drug section of the benefit schedule.

**Foreign Country Provider** is any institutional or professional Provider of medical or psychiatric treatment or care who practices in a country outside the United States of America.

**Free-Standing Outpatient Surgical Facility** means an Institution which meets all of the following requirements:

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

**Gene Therapy** is a category of pharmaceutical products approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat or cure a disease by:

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

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

**Generic Drug** (Generic) means a Prescription Drug that Cigna Healthcare identifies as a Generic Drug at a book-of-business level principally based on available data resources, including, but not limited to, First Databank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source, that classify drugs or biologics (including biosimilars) as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a "Generic" by the manufacturer, Pharmacy or your Physician may be classified as a Generic Drug under the Policy.

**Habilitative Services** are services that help a person retain, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living that are offered in parity with, and in addition to, any rehabilitative services offered in Colorado's EHB benchmark plan. Parity in this context means of like type and substantially equivalent in scope, amount, and duration." Defining habilitative benefits in this manner provides habilitative benefits on par with those currently offered in rehabilitation and reflects current utilization in the rehabilitative arena.

**Health Plan Value Assessment Committee (HVAC)** is a committee comprised of voting and non-voting representatives across various business units of Cigna Healthcare or its affiliates that is duly authorized by Cigna Healthcare to make recommendations regarding coverage treatment of Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies based on clinical findings provided by the P&T Committee, including, but not limited to, decisions regarding tier placement and application of utilization management to Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies.

**Home Care Hospice Services** are Hospice services, which are provided in the place the Patient designates as his/her primary residence, which may be a private residence, retirement community, or assisted living, nursing or Alzheimer facility.

**Home Health Agency** means an agency which has been certified by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as meeting the provisions of Title XVIII of the Federal Social Security Act, as amended, for home health agencies and which is engaged in arranging and providing nursing services, home health aide services and other therapeutic and related services.

**Home Health Services** mean the following services provided by a certified home health agency under a plan of care to eligible persons in their place of residence:

- Professional nursing services.
- Certified and licensed nurse aide services, as defined in section 12-38.1-102(3), C.R.S.
- Medical supplies, equipment and appliances suitable for use in the home.
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy or speech and language therapy services.
- Social Work Practice services, as defined in § 12-43-403, C.R.S., by a licensed social worker, as provided in § 12-43-201(5.5).

**Homemaker Services** means services provided to the patient which include: general household activities including the preparation of meals and routine household care; and teaching, demonstrating and providing Patient/Family with household management techniques that promote self-care, independent living and good nutrition.

**Hospice** means a facility or service licensed by the Department of Public Health and Environment under a centrally administrated program of Palliative, supportive and Interdisciplinary Team Services providing physical, psychological, spiritual, and Bereavement care for terminally ill individuals and their families within a continuum of inpatient and Home Care Hospice Service available 24 hours, 7 days a week. Hospice services shall be provided in the home, a licensed Hospice, and/or other licensed health facility. Hospice services include, but are not be limited to the following: nursing services, Physician services, certified nurse aide services, nursing services delegated to other assistants, Homemaker Services, physical therapy, pastoral counseling, trained volunteer services, core services, personal services, hospice day care services and medical social services.

**Hospice Care** means an alternative way of caring for terminally ill individuals which stresses Palliative care as opposed to curative or restorative care. Hospice care focuses upon the Patient/Family as the unit of care. Supportive services are offered to the family before and after the death of the Patient. Hospice care is not limited to medical intervention, but addresses physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs of the Patient. Hospice care is planned, implemented and evaluated by an Interdisciplinary Team of professionals and volunteers. The emphasis of the Hospice program is keeping the Hospice Patient at home among family and friends as much as possible.

**Hospice Levels of Care** means:

- Routine Home Care: the level of care a Patient/Family receives according to the interdisciplinary team's plan of care each day the patient is at home and not receiving Continuous Home Care.
- Continuous Home Care: the level of care received by the patient during a period of medical crisis to achieve palliation and management of acute medical symptoms. The preponderance of care must be nursing care (at least half) and care must be provided for a period of at least eight hours in one calendar day. Home health aide and Homemaker Services, or both, may be provided to supplement nursing care.
- Inpatient Hospice Respite Care: the level of care received when the patient is in a licensed facility to provide the caregiver a period of relief. Inpatient respite care may be provided only on an intermittent, non-routine, short-term basis, limited to periods of five days or less.
- Short-term General Inpatient (acute) Hospice Care: the level of care the patient receives when short-term Inpatient Care for pain control or acute symptom management cannot be achieved in the home. This level of care must be provided in a licensed facility with the approval of the Physician and the Hospice.

**Hospital** means:

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

The term Hospital will not include any Institution or facility in which a significant portion of the activities include rest, recreation, leisure, or any other services that do not consist exclusively of Covered Services.

**Illness** is a sickness, disease, or condition of an Insured Person.

**Indian Health Program** is only applicable to an Insured Person who is a Native American or Alaska Native, and is defined as follows:

The term “Indian Health Program” means—

- any health program administered directly by the Indian Health Service;
- any Tribal Health Program; and
- any Indian tribe or tribal organization to which the Secretary provides funding pursuant to section 47 of US Title 25, Chapter 2.

**Individual Deductible** means the amount of Covered Expenses each Insured Person must pay for Covered Services each Year before benefits are available under this Policy. The amount of the Individual Deductible is described in the Benefit Schedule section of this Policy. The Individual Deductible applies to all Covered Expenses, except for those covered under the Prescription Drugs section of this Policy; there is a separate Prescription Drug Deductible that applies only to those benefits.

**Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum** is an accumulation of Covered Expenses. It includes Deductibles, Copayments and Coinsurance for medical and Prescription Drug Covered Services. Once the Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum has been met for the Year, for Covered Expenses received from Participating Providers, you will no longer have to pay any Coinsurance or Copayment for medical or Pharmacy services for Covered Expenses incurred during the remainder of that Year from Participating Providers. Non-compliance penalty charges do not apply to the Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum and will always be paid by You. The amount of the Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum is described in the benefit schedule section of this Policy.

**Individual Prescription Drug Deductible** means the amount of Covered Expenses each Insured Person must pay for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies each Year before benefits are available for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies under this Policy. The amount of the Individual Prescription Drug Deductible is described in the benefit schedule section of this Policy, in the Prescription Drug Benefits.

**Infertility** is the condition of an otherwise presumably healthy individual who is unable to conceive or produce conception during a period of one Year of unprotected sexual intercourse or the inability to sustain a successful pregnancy.

**Infusion and Injectable Medications** are medications ordered or prescribed by a Physician and administered under the supervision of a healthcare professional. Such Specialty Medications may require Prior Authorization or Step Therapy. Refer to the “Prior Authorization Program” section of this Policy for Prior Authorization and Step Therapy information.

**Injury** means an accidental bodily injury.

**Institution** means an establishment that furnishes food, shelter, and some treatment or services to four or more persons unrelated to the proprietor.

**Insured Person** means both You, the Policyholder, and all other Family Member(s) who are covered under this Policy.

**Interdisciplinary Team** means a group of qualified individuals, which shall include, but is not limited to, Physicians, registered nurses, clergy/counselors, volunteer director and/or trained volunteers, and appropriate staff who collectively have expertise in meeting the special needs of Hospice Patient/Families.

**Limited Distribution Drugs (LDDs)** are drugs with special requirements used to treat conditions affecting only a small percentage of the population. Because of this, the manufacturer may choose to limit the distribution of the drug to only a few pharmacies, or as recommended by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the drug as a condition of its approval of the drug. This type of restricted distribution helps the manufacturer to monitor the inventory of the drug, educate the dispensing pharmacists about the required necessary monitoring, and ensure that any associated risks are minimized.

**Marketplace** means a state-based Marketplace, a state partnership Marketplace, or a federally-facilitated Marketplace, as the case may be.

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

**Medically Necessary or Dentally Necessary** services or supplies are those that are determined by Cigna Healthcare to be **all** of the following:

- Appropriate and necessary for the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the medical or dental condition.
- Clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration.
- Provided for the diagnosis or direct care and treatment of the medical or dental condition.
- Within generally accepted standards of good medical practice within the community of qualified professionals.
- Not primarily for the convenience of any Insured Person, Physician, or another Provider.
- Rendered in the least intensive setting that is appropriate for the delivery of the services and supplies. Where applicable, Cigna Healthcare may compare the cost-effectiveness of alternative services, settings or supplies when determining least intensive setting.
- The most appropriate procedure, supply, equipment or service which can be safely provided and that satisfies the following requirements:
  - i) Must have been proven by scientific studies published in peer-reviewed medical literature to be associated with beneficial health outcomes, demonstrating that the expected health benefits are clinically significant and produce a greater likelihood of benefits, without a disproportionately greater risk of harm or complications, for the patient with the particular medical condition being treated than other possible alternatives; and
  - ii) Generally accepted forms of treatment that are less invasive have been tried and found to be ineffective or are otherwise unsuitable; and
  - iii) For Hospital stays, acute care as an inpatient is necessary due to the kind of services the patient is receiving or the severity of the medical condition, and that safe and adequate care cannot be received as an outpatient or in a less intensified medical setting.

The fact that a Provider prescribed, ordered, recommended or approved a service, supply, treatment or Confinement does not in and of itself make it Medically Necessary or Dentally Necessary or a Medical or Dental Necessity.

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

**Mental Health Disorder** is defined as a condition that impairs the behavior, emotional reaction or thought processes; these include, but are not limited to: depression, psychosis, mania or other psychological symptoms.

**Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center** means an Institution which:

- specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder conditions;
- provides a subacute, structured, psychotherapeutic treatment program, under the supervision of Physicians, Other Healthcare Professionals under the direct supervision of a Physician, or a healthcare professional independently licensed by a state to provide such services and working within the scope of his/her license (physician assistant, nurse practitioner);
- provides 24-hour care, in which a person lives in an open setting; and
- is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency as a residential treatment center.

**Negotiated Rate** is the lesser of billed Charges or the rate of payment that has been negotiated with a Participating Provider for Covered Services.

**Newborn** is an infant within 31 days of birth.

**Non-Participating Pharmacy/Out-of-Network Pharmacy** is a retail or home delivery Pharmacy which Cigna Healthcare has NOT contracted with to provide Prescription Drug services to Insured Persons.

**Non-Participating Provider/Out-of-Network Provider** is a Provider who does not have a Participating Provider agreement in effect with Cigna Healthcare for this Policy at the time services are rendered.

**Office Visit** means a visit by the Insured Person, who is the patient, to the office of a Physician during which one or more of only the following specific services are provided:

- History (gathering of information on an Illness or Injury)
- Examination
- Medical decision making (the Physician's diagnosis and Policy of treatment)

This does not include other services (e.g. x-rays or lab services) even if performed on the same day.

**Orthoses and Orthotic Devices** are orthopedic appliances or apparatuses used to support, align, prevent or correct deformities

**Other Health Care Facility** means a facility other than a Hospital or hospice facility which is operated by or has an agreement with Cigna Healthcare to render services to Insured Persons. Examples of Other Health Care Facilities include, but are not limited to, licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities, rehabilitation Hospitals and sub-acute facilities. Other Health Care Facilities do NOT include long-term care facilities, residential facilities, care homes, rest homes, or assisted living facilities.

**Other Health Care Professional** means an individual other than a Physician who is licensed or otherwise authorized under the applicable state law to deliver medical services and who has an agreement with Cigna Healthcare to render services to Insured Persons. Other Health Care Professionals include, but are not limited to, physical therapists, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum** is the maximum amount of Deductible, Copayment and Coinsurance each individual or family incurs in Covered Expenses in a Year.

**Palliative Services** mean those services and/or interventions which are not curative, but which produce the greatest degree of relief from pain and other symptoms of the Terminal Illness.

**Participating Pharmacy/In-Network Pharmacy** is a retail Pharmacy which Cigna Healthcare has contracted with to provide Prescription Drug services to Insured Persons or Cigna Healthcare's designated home delivery Pharmacy which Cigna Healthcare has contracted with to provide home delivery Prescription Drug services to Insured Persons.

**Participating Provider/In-Network Provider** means:

- Hospitals, Physicians, and Other Health Care Facilities or Professionals which are: (i) licensed in accordance with any applicable federal and state laws, (ii) accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or by another organization, if approved by Cigna Healthcare, and (iii) acting within the scope of the practitioner's license and accreditation, and have contracted with Cigna Healthcare to provide services to Insured Persons; or
- For the purposes of reimbursement for Covered Expenses, an entity that has contracted with Cigna Healthcare to arrange, through contracts with Providers for the provision of any services and/or supplies, the Charges for which are Covered Expenses.

**Patient/Family** means one unit of care consisting of those individuals who are closely linked with the patient, including the immediate family, the primary care giver and individuals with significant personal ties.

**Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA)**

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

**Pediatric Vision Care** is examinations and materials (frame and lenses) provided to an Insured Person through the end of the month in which the Insured Person turns 19 years of age. Please refer to the "Pediatric Vision Care" section of this Policy for additional details.

**Pharmacy** is a duly licensed pharmacy that dispenses Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies in a retail setting or via home delivery. A home delivery Pharmacy is a Pharmacy that primarily provides Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies through mail order.

**Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee** is a committee comprised of both voting and non-voting clinicians that represent a range of clinical specialties. Consistent with applicable regulatory requirements, the P&T Committee regularly reviews Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, including new Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, for safety and efficacy; the findings of these clinical reviews enable the Health Plan Value Assessment Committee (HVAC) to make coverage status recommendations. The P&T Committee's review may be based on, for example, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, standard medical reference compendia, or scientific studies published in peer-reviewed English-language biomedical journals.

**Physical and/or Occupational Therapy/Medicine** is the therapeutic use of physical agents other than Prescription Drugs. It comprises the use of physical, chemical and other properties of heat, light, water, electricity, massage, exercise, spinal manipulation and radiation.

**Physician** means a Physician licensed, or otherwise authorized, to practice medicine or any other practitioner who is licensed and recognized as a Provider of health care services in the state in which the Insured Person resides; and provides services covered by the Policy that are within the scope of his or her licensure.

**Policy** is the set of benefits, conditions, exclusions, limitations, and Premiums described in this document, including the Policy specification page, and in the completed and accepted application for coverage.

**Policyholder** means the applicant who has applied for, been accepted for coverage, and who is named as the Policyholder on the specification page.

**Premium** means the sum of money paid periodically to Cigna Healthcare by You in order for You and Your Family Members to receive the services and benefits covered by the Policy.

**Prescription Drug** is a drug, biologic (including a biosimilar), or other Prescription Drug that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), certain Prescription Drugs approved under the Drug Efficacy Study Implementation review, or Prescription Drugs marketed prior to 1938 and not subject to review and that can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only pursuant to a Prescription Order or refill. This definition includes Generic Drugs, Brand Name Drugs, and Specialty Medications.

**Prescription Drug Deductible** means the amount of Covered Expenses that must be paid for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies each Year before benefits for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies are available under this Policy. The Prescription Drug Deductible does accumulate toward satisfying the Out-of-Pocket Maximum(s).

**Prescription Drug List** is a listing of covered Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies. The Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies included in the Prescription Drug List have been approved in accordance with parameters established by the P&T Committee and the Health Plan Value Assessment Committee (HVAC). The Prescription Drug List is regularly reviewed and updated. You can view the drug list at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com).

**Prescription Order (Prescription)** is the lawful authorization for a Prescription Drug or Related Supply by a Physician or other Provider who is duly licensed to make such authorization within the course of such Physician's professional practice or each authorized refill thereof.

**Primary Care Physician (PCP)** is a Physician:

- who is a general practitioner, internist, family practitioner or pediatrician; and
- who has been selected by the Insured Person to provide or arrange for medical care and specialized services for the Insured Person.

**Prior Authorization:** means the approval for certain medical services or Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies that a Participating Provider must request and receive, from Cigna Healthcare for medical services and from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, before the services are rendered, or the Prescription Drugs are prescribed, in order for those medical services or Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies to be eligible for benefits under this Policy. You can identify the Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies that require Prior Authorization on the Prescription Drug List at [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com). HIV infection prevention drugs do not require Prior Authorization.

**Prostheses/Prosthetic Appliances and Devices (Prosthetics)** are artificial devices designed to replace wholly or partly, an arm or leg. Prostheses/Prosthetic Appliances and Devices include, but are not limited to:

- basic limb Prostheses; and
- terminal devices such as hands or hooks

**Provider** means:

- a Hospital, a Physician or an Other Health Care Facility or Professional (i) licensed in accordance with any applicable federal and state laws, (ii) accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or by another organization, if approved by Cigna Healthcare, and (iii) acting within the scope of the practitioner's license and accreditation; or
- an entity that directly or indirectly arranges, through contracts with other Providers, for the provision of any Covered Services.

**Reconstructive Surgery** is surgery to correct the appearance of abnormal looking features or characteristics of the body caused by birth defects, Injury, medically necessary surgery, congenital hemangioma (port wine stains) on the face and neck of an insured person 18 years and younger, tumors, or infection. A feature or characteristic of the body is abnormal looking when an average person would consider it to be outside the range of general variations of normal human appearance. Reconstructive Surgery includes surgery to improve the function of, or to attempt to create a normal appearance of, an abnormal craniofacial structure caused by congenital defects, developmental deformities, trauma, tumors, infections or disease. Reconstructive Surgery also includes, breast reconstruction incident to mastectomy or lumpectomy to restore or achieve breast symmetry. This includes surgical reconstruction of a breast on which mastectomy surgery has been performed and surgical reconstruction of a breast on which mastectomy surgery has not been performed.

**Related Supplies** are diabetic supplies (insulin needles and syringes, lancets and glucose test strips), needles and syringes for self-injectable outpatient Prescription Drugs that are not dispensed in pre-filled syringes, inhalers, inhaler spacers for the management and treatment of pediatric asthma and other conditions, diaphragms, cervical caps, contraceptive rings, contraceptive patches, and oral contraceptives (including emergency contraceptive pills); disposable needles and syringes needed for injecting covered drugs and supplements.

**Self-administered Injectable Medications** are FDA-approved medications which a person may administer to himself/herself by means of intramuscular, intravenous or subcutaneous injection. This does not include insulin prescribed for use by the Insured Person.

**Serious and Complex Condition** means with respect to an Insured Person:

- In the case of an acute illness, a condition that is serious enough to require specialized medical treatment to avoid the reasonable possibility of death or permanent harm; or
- a chronic illness or condition that is :
  - life-threatening, degenerative, potentially disabling, or congenital, and
  - that requires specialized medical care over a prolonged period of time.

**Service Area** is any place that is within the counties, cities and/or zip code areas in the state of Colorado that has been designated by Cigna Healthcare as the area where this Policy is available for enrollment, and the area where Cigna Healthcare has a majority of Our Participating Providers for use by this Policy. To locate a Provider who is participating in the network used by this Policy, call the toll-free number on the back of Your ID card, or check [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) and click on “Find Care and Costs.”

**Skilled Nursing Facility** is an Institution that provides continuous skilled nursing services. It must be:

- be an Institution licensed and operated pursuant to law, and
- be primarily engaged in providing, in addition to room and board accommodations, skilled nursing care under the supervision of a duly licensed Physician, and
- provide continuous 24 hours a day nursing service by or under the supervision of a registered graduate professional nurse (R.N.), and
- maintain a daily medical record on each patient.

This definition excludes any home, facility or part thereof used primarily for rest; a home or facility primarily for the aged or for the care of drug addicts or alcoholics; a home or facility primarily used for the care and treatment of mental diseases or disorders or custodial or educational care.

**Smoking Cessation Attempt** means 4 tobacco cessation counseling sessions per attempt of at least 10 minutes each (including telephone counseling, group counseling and individual counseling); and one 90 day regimen per attempt of certain Food and Drug Administration FDA-approved tobacco cessation medications (including Prescription medications and over-the-counter medications with a Physician's Prescription; please see the No Cost Preventive Care Drug List at [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) for details).

**Specialty Medication** is a pharmaceutical product, including Self-administered Injectable Medications and Infusion and Injectable Medications considered by Cigna Healthcare to be a Specialty Medication based on the following factors, subject to applicable law:

- whether the Prescription Drug or pharmaceutical product is prescribed and used for the treatment of complex, chronic or rare conditions;
- whether the Prescription Drug or pharmaceutical product has a high acquisition cost; and
- whether the Prescription Drug or pharmaceutical product is subject to limited or restricted distribution, requires special handling, and/or requires enhanced patient education, Provider coordination or clinical oversight.

A Specialty Medication may not possess all or most of the above listed characteristics, and the presence of any one such characteristic does not guarantee that a Prescription Drug or medical pharmaceutical will be considered a Specialty Medication.



The fact that a drug is considered a Specialty Medication based on the above criteria does not necessarily determine the tier assignment of the Specialty Medication, or whether the Specialty Medication is covered under the Prescription Drug benefit or medical benefit of this Policy.

**Specified Diabetic Services and Supplies** are particular services and supplies provided or prescribed for the direct treatment of diabetes, including Diabetic Self-Management Training and education, HbA1c, urinalysis, blood kidney function test for nephropathy, metformin, diabetic retinal examination, test strips for blood glucose monitors; visual reading and urine test strips, lancets, syringes and needles. This does not include any other services or supplies not specifically listed here, even if such service or supply is provided or prescribed for the direct treatment of diabetes, nor will these listed services be considered a Specified Diabetic Service or Supply if provided for the treatment of any other diagnosis.

**Splint** is an appliance for preventing movement of joints or for the fixation of displaced or movable parts.

**Stabilize** means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition, to provide medical treatment as necessary to assure that no material deterioration of the condition is likely if the individual is transferred from a facility, or, with respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, to deliver.

**Step Therapy** is a type of Prior Authorization. Cigna Healthcare may require an Insured Person to follow certain steps before covering some Prescription Drugs and Related supplies, including Specialty Medications. We may also require an Insured Person to try similar Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, including Specialty Medications that have been determined to be safe, effective, and more cost effective for most people that have the same condition as the Insured Person. The Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies that require Step Therapy can be identified on the Prescription Drug List at [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com). HIV infection prevention drugs, a covered Prescription Drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or other recognized body for the treatment of stage four advanced metastatic cancer or a covered atypical opioid medication that has been approved by the FDA for the treatment of acute or chronic pain do not require Step Therapy.

**Substance Use Disorder** is defined as the psychological or physical dependence on alcohol or other mind-altering drugs that requires diagnosis, care, and treatment. It causes clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

**Telehealth/Telemedicine Medical Services** is a mode of delivery of health care services through HIPPA-compliant telecommunications systems, including information, electronic, communication technologies, remote monitoring technologies and store-and-forward transfers to facilitate the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, or self-management of a covered person's health care while the covered person is located at an originating site and the Provider is located at a distant site. Communications that are both audio and visual (not just audio or just visual) are considered telehealth.

**Terminal Illness** is an Illness due to which a person becomes terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less to live, as diagnosed by a Physician.

**Tribal Health Program** means, with respect to and Insured Person who is a Native American or an Alaska Native only, an Indian tribe or tribal organization that operates any health program, service, function, activity, or facility funded, in whole or part, by the Indian Health Service through, or provided for in, a contract or compact with the Indian Health Service under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.)

**Urgent Health Problem** means a medical condition that requires prompt attention to avoid adverse consequences, but does not pose an immediate threat to a person's life (i.e., is not an Emergency Medical Condition).

**Virtual Care Service** is a suite of Covered Services delivered through audio, video and secure internet-based technologies.

**We/Us/Our** is Cigna Life and Health Insurance Company, Inc. (Cigna Healthcare).

**You, Your, and Yourself** is the Policyholder who has applied for, and been accepted for coverage and is named as the Policyholder on the specification page.

# Discrimination is against the law.

## Medical coverage

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

### Cigna Healthcare:

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

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



Cigna Healthcare products and services are provided exclusively by or through operating subsidiaries of The Cigna Group, including Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company, Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, Evernorth Behavioral Health, Inc., Evernorth Care Solutions, Inc. and HMO or service company subsidiaries of Cigna Health Corporation, including Cigna HealthCare of Arizona, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of California, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of Colorado, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of Connecticut, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of Florida, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of Georgia, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of Illinois, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of Indiana, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of St. Louis, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of North Carolina, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of New Jersey, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of South Carolina, Inc., Cigna HealthCare of Tennessee, Inc., and Cigna HealthCare of Texas, Inc. ATTENTION: If you speak languages other than English, language assistance services, free of charge are available to you. For current Cigna customers, call the number on the back of your ID card. Otherwise, call 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Dial 711). ATENCION: Si usted habla un idioma que no sea inglés, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Si es un cliente actual de Cigna, llame al número que figura en el reverso de su tarjeta de identificación. Si no lo es, llame al 1.800.244.6224 (los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 711).

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

### Cigna Healthcare

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

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

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, DC 20201  
**1.800.368.1019, 800.537.7697 (TDD)**

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

## Proficiency of Language Assistance Services

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

**Spanish** – ATENCIÓN: Hay servicios de asistencia de idiomas, sin cargo, a su disposición. Si es un cliente actual de Cigna, llame al número que figura en el reverso de su tarjeta de identificación. Si no lo es, llame al 1.800.244.6224 (los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 711).

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

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

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

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

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

**Arabic** – برجاء الانتباه خدمات الترجمة المجانية متاحة لكم. لعملاء Cigna الحاليين برجاء الاتصال بالرقم المدون علي ظهر بطاقتكم الشخصية. او اتصل ب 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: اتصل ب 711).

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

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

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

**Polish** – UWAGA: w celu skorzystania z dostępnej, bezpłatnej pomocy językowej, obecni klienci firmy Cigna mogą dzwonić pod numer podany na odwrocie karty identyfikacyjnej. Wszystkie inne osoby prosimy o skorzystanie z numeru 1 800 244 6224 (TTY: wybierz 711).

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

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

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

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