Important Disclosure Information

Aetna Affordable Health Choices[SM] Indemnity Plans

Plan of Benefits

Your plan of benefits will be determined by your plan sponsor and underwritten by the Aetna Life Insurance Company, 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, 06156. The benefits and main points of the Group Policy for persons covered under your plan of benefits will be set forth in the Booklet-Certificate which will be provided to you at a later date.

Cost Sharing

You are responsible for any copayments, coinsurance and deductibles for covered services. These obligations are paid directly to the provider or facility at the time the service is rendered. Copayment, coinsurance and deductible amounts are listed in your benefits summary and plan documents.

Advance Directives

An advance directive is a legal document that states your wishes for medical care. It can help doctors and family members determine your medical treatment if, for some reason, you can't make decisions about it yourself.

There are three types of advance directives:

- Living will - spells out the type and extent of care you want to receive.
- Durable power of attorney - appoints someone you trust to make medical decisions for you.
- Do-not-resuscitate order - states that you don't want to be given CPR if your heart stops or if you stop breathing.

You can create an advance directive in several ways:

- Get an advance medical directive form from a health care professional. Certain laws require health care facilities that receive Medicare and Medicaid funds to ask all patients at the time they are admitted if they have an advance directive. You don't need an advance directive to receive care. But we are required by law to give you the chance to create one.
- Ask for an advance directive form at state or local offices on aging, bar associations, legal service programs, or your local health department.
- Work with a lawyer to write an advance directive.
- Create an advance directive using computer software designed for this purpose.

Advanced Directives and Do Not Resuscitate Orders. American Academy of Family Physicians, March 2005. (Available at **http://familydoctor.org/003.xml?printxml**)

After-Hours Care

You may call your doctor's office 24 hours a day, 7 days a week if you have medical questions or concerns. You may also consider visiting participating Urgent Care facilities.

Behavioral Health Provider Safety Data Available

For information regarding our Behavioral Health provider network safety data, please go to Aetna.com and review the quality and patient safety links posted: **www.aetna.com/docfind/quality.html#jcaho**. You may select the quality checks link for details regarding our providers' safety reports.

Claims Payment for Nonparticipating Providers and Use of Claims Software

If your plan includes coverage for out-of-network services, and you obtain coverage under this portion of your plan, you should be aware that Aetna generally determines payment for an out-of-network provider by referring to (i) commercially available data reflecting the customary amount paid to most providers for a given service in that geographic area or (ii) by accessing other contractual arrangements. If such data is not commercially available, our determination may be based upon our own data or other sources. Aetna may also use computer software (including ClaimCheck®) and other tools to take into account factors such as the complexity, amount of time needed and manner of billing. You may be responsible for any charges Aetna determines are not covered under your plan.

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Technology Review

Aetna reviews new medical technologies, behavioral health procedures, pharmaceuticals and devices to determine which one should be covered by our plans. And we even look at new uses for existing technologies to see if they have potential. To review these innovations, we may:

- Study medical research and scientific evidence on the safety and effectiveness of medical technologies.
- Consider position statements and clinical practice guidelines from medical and government groups, including the federal Agency for Health care Research and Quality.
- Seek input from relevant specialists and experts in the technology.
- Determine whether the technologies are experimental or investigational.

You can find out more on new tests and treatments in our Clinical Policy Bulletins. You can find the bulletins at **www.aetna.com**, under the "Members and Consumers" menu.

Medically Necessary

"Medically necessary" means that the service or supply is provided by a physician or other health care provider exercising prudent clinical judgment for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury or disease or its symptoms, and that provision of the service or supply is:

- In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
- Clinically appropriate in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration , and considered effective for the illness, injury or disease;
- Not primarily for the convenience of you, or for the physician or other health care provider; and
- Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of the illness, injury or disease.

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

Clinical Policy Bulletins

Aetna's CPBs describe Aetna's policy determinations of whether certain services or supplies are medically necessary or experimental or investigational, based upon a review of currently available clinical information.

Clinical determinations in connection with individual coverage decisions are made on a case-by case basis consistent with applicable policies.

Aetna's CPBs do not constitute medical advice. Treating providers are solely responsible for medical advice and for your treatment. You should discuss any CPB related to your coverage or condition with your treating provider.

While Aetna's CPBs are developed to assist in administering plan benefits, they do not constitute a description of plan benefits. Each benefit plan defines which services are covered, which are excluded, and which are subject to dollar caps or other limits. You and your providers will need to consult the benefit plan to determine if there are any exclusions or other benefit limitations applicable to this service or supply.

CPBs are regularly updated and are therefore subject to change. Aetna's CPBs are available online at **www.aetna.com**.

Filing a Complaint or Appeal

Aetna is committed to addressing your coverage issues, complaints and problems. If you have a coverage issue or other problem, call Member Services at the toll free number on your ID card If Member Services is unable to resolve your issue to your satisfaction, it will be forwarded to the appropriate department for handling.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your initial contact, you may file an appeal. Your appeal will be decided in accordance with the procedures applicable to your plan and applicable state law. Refer to your plan documents for further details regarding your plan's appeal procedure.

About Coverage Decisions

Sometimes we receive claims for services that may not be covered by your health benefits plan or that aren't in line with the terms of your plan. It can be confusing - even to your doctors. Our job is to make coverage decisions based on your specific benefits plan.

If a claim is denied, we'll send you a letter to let you know. If you don't agree you can file an appeal. To file an appeal, follow the directions in the letter that explains that your claim was denied. Our appeals decisions will be based on your plan provisions and any state and federal laws or regulations that apply to your plan. You can learn more about the appeal procedures for your plan from your plan documents.

External Review

Aetna established an external review process to give you the opportunity of requesting an objective and timely independent review of certain coverage denials. Once the applicable appeal process has been exhausted, you may request an external review of the decision if the coverage denial, for which you would be financially responsible, involves more than $500, and is based on lack of medical necessity or on the experimental or investigational nature of the proposed service or supply. Standards may vary by state, if a state-mandated external review process exists and applies to your plan.

An Independent Review Organization (IRO) will assign the case to a physician reviewer with appropriate expertise in the area in question. After all necessary information is submitted, an external review generally will be decided within 30 calendar days of the request.

Expedited reviews are available when a your physician certifies that a delay in service would jeopardize your health. Once the review is complete, the plan will abide by the decision of the external reviewer. The cost for the review will be borne by Aetna (except where state law requires you to pay a filing fee as part of the state mandated program).

Certain states mandate external review of additional benefit or service issues; some may require a filing fee. In addition, certain states mandate the use of their own external review process for medical necessity and experimental/ investigational coverage decisions. For further details regarding your plan's appeal process and the availability of an external review process, call the Member Services toll-free number listed on your ID card. You may obtain an external review request form from Member Services. You also may call your state insurance or health department or consult their website for additional information regarding state mandated external review procedures.

Member Rights & Responsibilities

You have the right to receive a copy of our Member Rights and Responsibilities Statement. This information is available to you online at **www.aetna.com/about/MemberRights/**. You can also obtain a print copy by contacting Member Services at the number on your ID card.

Member Services

To request additional information regarding benefits, copayments or other charges, or how to file a claim, complaint or appeal, or if you have any other questions, you can contact member Services at the toll-free number on your ID card.

Interpreter/Hearing Impaired

When you require assistance from an Aetna representative, call us during regular business hours at the number on your ID card. Our representatives can:

- Answer benefits questions
- Find care outside your area
- Advise you on how to file complaints and appeals
- Connect you to behavioral health services (if included in your plan)
- Find specific health information

Multilingual hotline - 1-888-982-3862
(140 languages are available.
You must ask for an interpreter.)
TDD 1-800-628-3323 (hearing impaired only)

Quality Management Programs

Call Aetna to learn about the specific quality efforts we have under way in your local area. Ask Member Services for the phone number of your regional Quality Management office. If you would like information about Aetna Behavioral Health's Quality Management Program, ask Member Services for the phone number of your Care Management Center Quality Management office.

Privacy Notice

Aetna considers personal information to be confidential and has policies and procedures in place to protect it against unlawful use and disclosure. By "personal information," we mean information that relates to your physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to you, or payment for the provision of health care to you. Personal information does not include publicly available information or information that is available or reported in a summarized or aggregate fashion but does not identify you.

When necessary or appropriate for your care or treatment, the operation of our health plans, or other related activities, we use personal information internally, share it with our affiliates, and disclose it to health care providers (doctors, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and other caregivers), payors (health care provider organizations, employers who sponsor self-funded health plans or who share responsibility for the payment of benefits, and others who may be financially responsible for payment for the services or benefits you receive under your plan), other insurers, third party administrators, vendors, consultants, government authorities, and their respective agents. These parties are required to keep personal information confidential as provided by applicable law. Participating network providers are also required to give you access to

your medical records within a reasonable amount of time after you make a request.

Some of the ways in which personal information is used include claims payment; utilization review and management; medical necessity reviews; coordination of care and benefits; preventive health, early detection, and disease and case management; quality assessment and improvement activities; auditing and anti-fraud activities; performance measurement and outcomes assessment; health claims analysis and reporting; health services research; data and information systems management; compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; formulary management; litigation proceedings; transfer of policies or contracts to and from other insurers, HMOs and third party administrators; underwriting activities; and due diligence activities in connection with the purchase or sale of some or all of our business. We consider these activities key for the operation of our health plans. To the extent permitted by law, we use and disclose personal information as provided above without your consent. However, we recognize that you may not want to receive unsolicited marketing materials unrelated to your health benefits. We do not disclose personal information for these marketing purposes unless you consent. We also have policies addressing circumstances in which you are unable to give consent.

To obtain a hard copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, which describes in greater detail our practices concerning use and disclosure of personal information, please write to Strategic Resource Company (SRC) Post Office Box 23759, Columbia, SC 29224. You can also visit our Internet site at **www.aetna.com/docfind/custom/aahc/**. You can link directly to the Notice of Privacy Practices by Plan Type, by selecting the "Privacy Notices" link at the bottom of the page, and selecting the link that corresponds to you specific plan.

Other Disclosures

Louisiana

Aetna will not in any way use the results of genetic testing to discriminate against applicants or enrollees.

Michigan

Intractable Pain Coverage

Aetna provides benefits for the evaluation and treatment of intractable pain when it is determined to be medically necessary and otherwise eligible by Aetna. Intractable pain means "a pain state in which the cause of the pain cannot be removed or otherwise treated and which, in the generally accepted practice of allopathic or osteopathic medicine, no relief of the cause of the pain or cure of the cause of the pain is possible or none has been found after reasonable efforts, including, but not limited to, evaluation by the attending physician and by one or more other physicians specializing in the treatment of the area, system, or organ of the body perceived as the source of the pain."

To obtain this and further information on the health plan, you may call Member Services at 1-888-772-9682.