

# Health Certificate of Coverage

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## Anthem Bronze Pathway HMO 5000



### **This Plan is a Health Maintenance Organization product.**

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Guaranteed Renewable: Renewability of coverage under this Certificate is at the sole option of the Member. The Member may renew this Certificate by payment of the renewal Premium by the Premium due date. The Plan may refuse renewal only under certain conditions, as explained in the "When Membership Ends (Termination)" section.

This Certificate is not a Medicare Supplement Certificate. If You are eligible for Medicare, review the "Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare" available from Anthem.

**NOTICE: IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE PLAN, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COLLECT BENEFITS FROM BOTH PLANS. EACH PLAN MAY REQUIRE YOU TO FOLLOW ITS RULES OR USE SPECIFIC PROVIDERS AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH BOTH PLANS AT THE SAME TIME. READ ALL OF THE RULES VERY CAREFULLY, INCLUDING THE "IF YOU ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE PLAN" SECTION, AND COMPARE THEM WITH THE RULES OF ANY OTHER PLAN THAT COVERS YOU OR YOUR FAMILY.**

### **RIGHT TO EXAMINE**

**RIGHT TO EXAMINE THIS CERTIFICATE:** If this Certificate is provided to You as a new Subscriber, You have 10 days to examine this Certificate. If You are not satisfied with this Certificate, You may return it to Us or the agent who sold it to You within 10 days after You receive it, or have access to it electronically, whichever is earlier. Your Premium will be refunded and this Certificate will be void from its start.

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# Welcome to Anthem!

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We are pleased that You have become a Member of Our health Plan, where it's Our mission to improve the health of the people We serve. We've designed this Certificate to give a clear description of Your benefits, as well as Our rules and procedures.

This Certificate explains many of the rights and duties between You and Us. It also describes how to get health care, what services are covered, and what part of the costs You will need to pay. Many parts of this Certificate are related. Therefore, reading just one or two sections may not give You a full understanding of Your coverage. You should read the whole Certificate to know the terms of Your coverage.

The coverage described in this Certificate is subject in every respect to the provisions of the Group Contract. The Group Contract and this Certificate and any amendments or riders attached to the same, shall constitute the Group Contract under which Covered Services are provided by Us.

This Certificate supersedes and replaces any Certificate previously issued to You under the provisions of the Group Contract.

Many words used in the Certificate have special meanings (e.g., Covered Services, and Medical Necessity). These words are capitalized and are defined in the "Definitions" section. See these definitions for the best understanding of what is being stated. Throughout this Certificate You will also see references to "We," "Us," "Our," "You," and "Your." The words "We," "Us," and "Our" mean Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The words "You" and "Your" mean the Member, Subscriber and each covered Dependent.

If You have any questions about Your Plan, please be sure to call Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card. Also be sure to check Our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for details on how to find a Provider, get answers to questions, and access valuable health and wellness tips. Thank You again for enrolling in the Plan!



**Steve Martenet, President**

## How to Obtain Language Assistance

Anthem is committed to communicating with Our Members about their health Plan, no matter what their language is. Anthem employs a language line interpretation service for use by all of Our Member Services call centers. Simply call the Member Services phone number on the back of Your Identification Card and a representative will be able to help You. Translation of written materials about Your benefits can also be asked for by contacting Member Services. Teletypewriter/Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY/TDD) services are also available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with Us to help with Your needs.

Si necesita ayuda en español para entender este documento, puede solicitarla sin costo adicional, llamando al número de servicio al cliente.

(If You need Spanish-language assistance to understand this document, You may request it at no additional cost by calling the Member Services number.)

## **Identity Protection Services**

Identity protection services are available with Our Anthem health Plans. To learn more about these services, please visit <https://anthemcares.allclearid.com/>.

## **Contact Us**

Member Services is available to explain policies and procedures, and answer questions regarding the availability of benefits.

For information and assistance, a Member may call or write Anthem.

The telephone number for Member Services is printed on the Member's Identification Card. The address is:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Member Services  
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### **Visit Us on-line**

[www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com)

### **Home Office Address**

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### **Hours of operation**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time

## **Conformity with Law**

The laws of the State which issued the Certificate of Authority to the Plan, shall be applied to the interpretations of this Certificate. Where applicable, the interpretation of this Certificate shall be guided by the pre-paid nature of the Plan's operations as opposed to a fee-for-service indemnity basis.

Any provision of this Plan which is in conflict with the laws of the State in which the Group Contract is issued, or with federal law, is hereby automatically amended to conform with the minimum requirement of such laws.

## **Acknowledgement of Understanding**

Subscriber hereby expressly acknowledges their understanding that this Certificate constitutes a contract solely between the Group and Community Insurance Company (Anthem), and that Anthem is an independent corporation operating under a license from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, (the "Association") permitting Anthem to use the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Service Marks in the State of Ohio, and that Anthem is not contracting as the agent of the Association. Subscriber further acknowledges and agrees that it has not entered into this contract based upon representations by any person other than Community Insurance Company (Anthem) and that no person, entity, or organization other than Community Insurance Company (Anthem) shall be held accountable or liable to Subscriber for any of Community Insurance Company's (Anthem's) obligations to Subscriber created under this Certificate. This paragraph shall not create any additional obligations whatsoever on the part of Anthem other than those obligations created under other provisions of this agreement.

## **Delivery of Documents**

We will provide an Identification Card and Certificate for each Subscriber.

## **Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Notices**

### **Choice of Primary Care Physician**

We allow the designation of a Primary Care Physician (PCP). You have the right to designate any PCP who participates in Our network and who is available to accept You or Your family members. For information on how to select a PCP, and for a list of PCPs, contact the telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card or refer to Our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). For children, You may designate a pediatrician as the PCP.

### **Access to Obstetrical and Gynecological (OB/GYN) Care**

You do not need prior authorization from Us or from any other person (including a PCP) 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, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card or refer to Our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

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## SCHEDULE OF COST SHARE AND BENEFITS

This chart is an overview of Your benefits for Covered Services, which are listed in detail in the “What is Covered” section. A list of services that are not covered can be found in the “What is Not Covered (Exclusions)” section.

Services will only be Covered Services if rendered by Network Providers unless:

- The services are for Emergency Care or ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital; or
- The services are approved in advance by Anthem.

**IMPORTANT: You are responsible for confirming that the Provider You are seeing or have been referred to see is a Network Provider for this Plan. It is important to understand that Anthem has many contracting Providers who may not be part of the network of Providers that applies to this Plan.**

**Anthem can help You find a Network Provider specific to Your Plan by calling the number on the back of Your Identification Card.**

### What will I pay?

Reimbursement for Covered Services is based on the Maximum Allowed Amount, which is the most Your Certificate will allow for a Covered Service.

**The Deductible applies to all Covered Services with a Copayment and/or Coinsurance, including 0% Coinsurance, except for:**

- Network Preventive Care Services required by law
- Pediatric Vision Services
- Services, listed in the chart below, that specifically indicate that the Deductible does not apply

For a detailed explanation of how Your Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Limits are calculated, see the “How Your Claims Are Paid” section. When You receive Covered Services from a Non-Network Provider, You may also be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Provider’s actual charges.

### Plan Features

Deductible	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
Individual	\$5,000	Not Covered
Family	\$10,000	Not Covered
<p>The individual Deductible applies to each covered family Member. No one person can contribute more than the individual Deductible amount.</p> <p>Once two or more covered family Members’ Deductibles combine to equal the family Deductible amount, the Deductible will be satisfied for the family for that Calendar Year.</p>		



<b>Coinsurance</b>	<b>Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Non-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Coinsurance Percentage</b> Unless specified otherwise below	40% Coinsurance	Not Covered

<b>Out-of-Pocket Limit</b>	<b>Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Non-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Individual</b>	\$8,550	Not Covered
<b>Family</b>	\$17,100	Not Covered
<p>The individual Out-of-Pocket Limit applies to each covered family Member. Once two or more covered family Members' Out-of-Pocket Limits combine to equal the family Out-of-Pocket Limit amount, the Out-of-Pocket Limit will be satisfied for the family for that Calendar Year.</p> <p>No one person can contribute more than the individual Out-of-Pocket Limit amount.</p>		

### Medical Services

<b>Medical Services</b>	<b>Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Non-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Ambulance Services</b>		
<b>Emergency</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance
<b>Nonemergency</b> Must be Preauthorized by Us	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered

Medical Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
<b>Autism and Habilitative Services</b> Mental/Behavioral Health Outpatient Services performed by a licensed Psychologist, psychiatrist, or doctor  Autism is covered for ages 0 – 21 years as Habilitative Services with the following limits:  Speech therapy: limited to 20 visits per Calendar Year  Occupational therapy: limited to 20 visits per Calendar Year  Speech and Occupational Therapy limits for treatment of Autism are not combined with the limits listed later in this section under Therapy Services	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	Not Covered
<b>Dental Services</b>  When provided for accidental injury, or for certain Members requiring general anesthesia  Limited to a maximum of \$3,000 per Member, per dental accident	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	
<b>Diabetes Services</b>  Includes Outpatient self-management training, supplies, equipment and education	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	
<b>Diagnostic Services; Outpatient</b>  <b>Diagnostic Laboratory and Pathology Services</b>  <b>Diagnostic Imaging Services and Electronic Diagnostic Tests</b>  <b>Advanced Imaging Services</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance  \$400 Copayment 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered  Not Covered  Not Covered
<b>Doctor (Physician) Visits</b>  <b>Office Visits with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Care Physician (PCP)</li> <li>Retail Health Clinic,</li> </ul>	First 3 visits per Member per Calendar Year:  Deductible does not apply; \$50 Copayment	Not Covered

Medical Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
<p>includes all Covered Services received at a Retail Health Clinic</p> <p><b>PCP Online Visits</b> The office visit Copayment limit is combined for the visits with Providers/services listed above</p> <p><b>Specialty Care Physician (SCP) Office and Online Visits</b></p> <p><b>Other Office Services</b></p>	<p>0% Coinsurance All subsequent visits: \$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance</p> <p>First 3 visits per Member per Calendar Year: Deductible does not apply; \$50 Copayment 0% Coinsurance All subsequent visits: \$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance</p> <p>\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance</p> <p>\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance</p>	<p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p>
<p><b>Emergency Facility Visits</b></p> <p><b>Emergency Care Services</b> Additional Cost Share determined based on service received. Non-Network Emergency Services are covered at the Network level.</p>	<p>\$500 Copayment per Emergency Room Visit; waived if admitted 40% Coinsurance</p>	<p>\$500 Copayment per Emergency Room Visit; waived if admitted 40% Coinsurance</p>
<p><b>Home Care Services</b> Limited to a maximum of 100 visits per Member, per Calendar Year Private Duty Nursing care provided in the home setting is limited to a maximum of 90 visits per Member, per Calendar Year</p>	<p>\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance</p>	<p>Not Covered</p>
<p><b>Hospice Care</b></p>	<p>\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance</p>	<p>Not Covered</p>
<p><b>Hospital Services</b> <b>Inpatient Facility</b></p>	<p>\$500 Copayment per admission 50% Coinsurance</p>	<p>Not Covered</p>

<b>Medical Services</b>	<b>Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Non-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Outpatient Facility</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Inpatient and Outpatient Professional Services</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Infertility Services</b>	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	
<b>Maternity and Reproductive Health Services</b>	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	
<b>Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances</b>  <b>Prosthetics</b> Prosthetic devices, their repair, fitting, replacement and components  <b>Surgical Bras</b> Limited to four per Member, per Benefit Period  <b>Wigs</b> Limited to one wig per Member, per Benefit Period after cancer treatment	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services</b>	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	
<b>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation</b>  <b>Inpatient Facility</b>  <b>Outpatient Facility</b>  <b>Inpatient and Outpatient Professional Services</b>  Limited to a maximum of 60 days per Member, per Calendar Year.	\$500 Copayment per admission 50% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered  Not Covered  Not Covered

Medical Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
<b>Preventive Care Services</b> Network services required by law are not subject to Deductible	Deductible does not apply; \$0 Copayment 0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility</b> Limited to a maximum of 90 days per Member, per Calendar Year	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Surgery</b> <b>Ambulatory Surgical Center</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Temporomandibular and Craniomandibular Joint Treatment</b>	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	
<b>Therapy Services – Outpatient</b> Includes coverage for Chemotherapy, Occupational, Physical, Radiation, Respiratory and Speech Therapies Outpatient Habilitative and Rehabilitative Therapy Services (limits on Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy services listed below are not combined but separate based on determination of Habilitative Service or Rehabilitative Service) <b>Cardiac Rehabilitation</b> Limited to a maximum of 36 visits per Member, per Calendar Year. When rendered in the home, Home Health Care limits apply <b>Manipulation Therapy</b> Limited to a maximum of 12 visits per Member, per Calendar Year <b>Occupational Therapy</b> Limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year <b>Physical Therapy</b> Limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance  \$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered  Not Covered  Not Covered  Not Covered

Medical Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
<b>Pulmonary Rehabilitation</b> Limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year. When rendered in the home, Home Health Care limits apply. If part of physical therapy, the Physical Therapy limit will apply instead of the limit listed here.	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Speech Therapy</b> Limited to a maximum of 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Transplant Human Organ and Bone Marrow/Stem Cell/Cord Blood</b> <b>Transplant Transportation and Lodging</b> Network only \$10,000 maximum benefit limit per transplant <b>Unrelated Donor Search</b> Limited to a maximum of \$30,000 per transplant	Cost Share determined by place of service and the Covered Service received	
<b>Urgent Care Center</b> Services received from a BlueCard® Provider will be covered at the Network level Additional Cost Share determined based on service received	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered

## Prescription Drugs

Your Plan has two levels of coverage. To get the lowest out-of-pocket cost, You must get Covered Services from a Level 1 Network Pharmacy. If You get Covered Services from any other Network Pharmacy, benefits will be covered at Level 2 and You may pay more in Deductible, Copayments, and Coinsurance.

**Level 1** Network Pharmacies. When You go to Level 1 Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Core Pharmacies), You pay a lower Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when You go to other Network Providers.

**Level 2** Network Pharmacies. When You go to Level 2 Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Wrap Pharmacies), You pay a higher Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when You go to a Level 1 Network Pharmacy.

Retail Pharmacy Prescription Drugs	Network Member Pays		Non-Network Member Pays
	Level 1 Pharmacy	Level 2 Pharmacy	
<b>Tier 1</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 2</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 3</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 4</b>	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	\$0 Copayment 50% Coinsurance	Not Covered

### Notes:

Retail Pharmacy is limited to a 30-day supply per Prescription.

Specialty Drugs must be purchased from the Pharmacy Benefits Manager's Specialty Pharmacy. The Pharmacy Benefits Manager's Specialty Pharmacy Cost Share is the same as a Level 1 Network Pharmacy.

Coverage is limited to those drugs listed on Our Prescription Drug List (formulary).

For more information on drug tier placement, please go to [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). After login, under Benefits, go to Pharmacy and You can view Our Prescription Drug List, to include Specialty Drugs and Network information. If You have any questions, You may call the Pharmacy Member Services phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

Home Delivery Prescription Drugs	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
<b>Tier 1</b> (90-day supply)	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered

Home Delivery Prescription Drugs	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Member Pays
<b>Tier 2</b> (90-day supply)	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 3</b> (90-day supply)	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Tier 4</b> (30-day supply)	\$0 Copayment 40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>Specialty Drugs must be purchased from the Pharmacy Benefits Manager's Specialty Pharmacy and are limited to a 30-day supply.</p> <p>Coverage is limited to those drugs listed on Our Prescription Drug List (formulary).</p> <p><b>Orally-Administered Cancer Chemotherapy</b> Orally-administered cancer drugs. As required by Ohio law, You will not have to pay a Cost Share (i.e., Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance) for the drugs You get at a Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacy that is higher than the Cost Share You pay for chemotherapy covered under the medical benefit.</p>		



## Pediatric Dental Services

The following pediatric dental services are covered for Members until the end of the month in which they turn 19.

Covered Dental Services, unless otherwise stated below, are subject to the same Calendar Year Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Limit as medical and amounts can be found on the first page of this Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits.

Please see Pediatric Dental Care in the “What is Covered” section for more information on pediatric dental services.

<b>Pediatric Dental Care</b>	<b>Network Member Pays</b>	<b>Non-Network Member Pays</b>
<b>Diagnostic and Preventive Services</b>	0% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Basic Restorative Services</b>	40% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Oral Surgery Services</b>	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Endodontic Services</b>	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Periodontal Services</b>	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Major Restorative Services</b>	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Prosthodontic Services</b>	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered
<b>Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care Services</b>	50% Coinsurance	Not Covered

## Pediatric Vision Services

The following vision care services are covered for Members until the end of the month in which they turn 19.

Please see Pediatric Vision Care in the “What is Covered” section for more information on pediatric vision services.

Covered vision services are **not** subject to the Calendar Year Deductible.

Covered Vision Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Reimbursement
<b>Routine Eye Exam</b> Covered once per Calendar Year per Member	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Standard Plastic or Glass Lenses</b> One set of lenses covered per Calendar Year per Member.		
<b>Single Vision</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Bifocal</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Trifocal</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Progressive</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Lenticular</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Additional Lens Options</b> Covered lenses include the following lens options at no additional cost when received at the Network level: factory scratch coating, UV coating, standard polycarbonate, standard photochromic or photosensitive, blended segment, intermediate vision, polarized, anti-reflective coating, hi-index lenses, fashion and gradient tinting, oversized and glass-grey #3 prescription sunglasses.		
<b>Frames (formulary)</b> One frame covered per Calendar Year per Member.	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Contact Lenses (formulary)</b> Elective or non-elective contact lenses are covered once per Calendar Year per Member.		
<b>Elective</b> (conventional and disposable)	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Non-Elective</b>	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Standard Contact Lens Fitting and Evaluation</b> Covered once per Calendar Year.	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered

Covered Vision Services	Network Member Pays	Non-Network Reimbursement
<b>Important Note:</b> Benefits for contact lenses are in lieu of Your eyeglass lens benefit. If You receive contact lenses, no benefit will be available for eyeglass lenses until the next Calendar Year.		
<b>Low Vision</b>		
<b>Comprehensive Low Vision Exam</b> Covered once per Calendar Year per Member	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered
<b>Optical/Non-optical Aids and Supplemental Testing</b> Limited to one occurrence of either optical/non-optical aids or supplemental testing per Calendar Year per Member.	\$0 Copayment	Not Covered

## HOW YOUR COVERAGE WORKS

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The purpose of this section is to help You understand how to receive the highest level of benefits available under this Plan. It provides details about Network Providers who have entered into an agreement with Anthem and Non-Network Providers who have not. You will also find information about how to access a list of Network Providers in Your Service Area and the importance of choosing a Primary Care Physician.

Your Plan is an HMO Plan. To get benefits for Covered Services, You must use Network Providers, unless We have approved an Authorized Service or if Your care involves Emergency Care or ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital.

Benefits are paid when You obtain Covered Services from Your Primary Care Physician (PCP) or from another Network Provider. Services You obtain from a Non-Network Provider which are not an Authorized Service are not covered, except for Emergency Care or ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital. Contact Your PCP or another Network Provider or Us to be sure that Prior Authorization and/or Precertification has been obtained.

### Restrictions on Choice of Providers

Except for Emergency Care or an Authorized Service, Your medical care is not covered if services are obtained from a Non-Network Provider.

### Services Not Available Within the Service Area

If a Member needs treatment that is not available from a Network Provider within the Service Area, the Plan may cover that treatment from a Non-Network Provider, if Prior Authorization is obtained from Us. The same Copayments that apply for Network Providers will apply in this case. You will not pay more for medical services than if the services had been received from a Network Provider within the Service Area.

### Network Services

If Your care is rendered by a Primary Care Physician (PCP), Specialty Care Physician (SCP), or another Network Provider, benefits will be paid at the Network level. Regardless of Medical Necessity, no benefits will be paid for care that is not a Covered Service even if performed by a PCP, SCP, or another Network Provider. All medical care must be under the direction of doctors. We have final authority to determine the Medical Necessity of the service.

We may inform You that it is not Medically Necessary for You to receive services or remain in a Hospital or other Facility. This decision is made upon review of Your condition and treatment. You have the right to file a grievance as outlined in the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section of this Certificate.

- Network Providers - include PCPs, SCPs, other professional Providers, Hospitals, and other Facility Providers who contract with Us to perform services for You. PCPs include general practitioners, internists, family practitioners, pediatricians, obstetricians and gynecologists, geriatricians or other Network Providers as allowed by Us. The PCP is the doctor who may provide, coordinate, and arrange Your health care services. SCPs are Network doctors who provide specialty medical services not normally provided by a PCP.

For services rendered by Network Providers:

- You will not be required to file any claims for services You obtain directly from Network Providers. Network Providers will seek compensation for Covered Services rendered from Us and not from You except for approved Deductibles, Coinsurance, and/or Copayments. You may be billed by Your Network Provider(s) for any non-Covered Services You receive or when You have not acted in accordance with this Certificate.
- When required, prior approval of benefits is the responsibility of the Network Provider. See the "Requesting Approval for Benefits" section.

If there is no Network Provider who is qualified to perform the treatment You require, contact Us prior to receiving the service or treatment, and We may approve a Non-Network Provider for that service as an Authorized Service.

## Non-Network Services

Covered Services which are not obtained from a PCP, SCP or another Network Provider, or that are not an Authorized Service will be considered a Non-Network service. The only exceptions are Emergency Care or ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital. In addition, certain services are not covered unless obtained from a Network Provider; see the “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits.”

For services rendered by a Non-Network Provider, You are responsible for:

- Filing claims;
- Non-Covered Services;
- Services that are not Medically Necessary.

## How to Find a Provider in the Network

There are three ways You can find out if a Provider or Facility is in the Network for this Plan. You can also find out where they are located and details about their license or training.

- See Your Plan’s directory of Network Providers at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com), which lists the doctors, Providers, and Facilities that participate in this Plan’s Network.
- Call Member Services to ask for a list of doctors and Providers that participate in this Plan’s Network based on specialty and geographic area.
- Check with Your doctor or Provider.

If You need details about a Provider’s license or training or help choosing a doctor who is right for You, call the Member Services number on the back of Your Member Identification Card. TTY/TDD services also are available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with Us to help with Your needs.

You do not need a Referral to see a Specialty Care Physician. You can visit any Network Specialist including a behavioral health Provider without a referral from a Primary Care Physician.

## Primary Care Physician (PCP)

The Primary Care Physician (PCP) is a doctor who can provide initial care, basic medical services and can be responsible for ongoing patient care. PCPs are usually internal medicine doctors, family practice doctors, general practitioners, pediatricians, or obstetricians/gynecologists (OB/GYNs). As Your first point of contact, the PCP gives a wide range of health care services, including initial diagnosis and treatment, health supervision, management of chronic conditions, and preventive care.

### The First Thing To Do – Make an Appointment With Your PCP

Your PCP’s job is to help You stay healthy, not just treat You when You are sick. After You choose a PCP, make an appointment with Your PCP. During this appointment, get to know Your PCP and help Your PCP get to know You. At Your first appointment, talk to Your PCP about:

- Personal health history.
- Family health history.
- Lifestyle.
- Any health concerns You have.

It is important to note, if You have not established a relationship with Your PCP, they may not be able to effectively treat You. To see a doctor, call their office:

- Tell them You are an Anthem Member,

- Have Your Member Identification Card handy. The doctor's office may ask You for Your Member ID number.
- Tell them the reason for Your visit.

When You go to the office, be sure to bring Your Member Identification Card with You.

## Other Network Providers

Network Providers include other professional Providers or Hospitals and other Facilities. We will provide You with access to a consultation with a Network Provider for a second opinion. Obtaining the second opinion shall not cost You more than Your normal Copayment or Coinsurance. The Copayment or Coinsurance You are required to pay if You receive Covered Services under this Plan from a Chiropractor, Optometrist, Osteopath, or Podiatrist **will be no greater than** the Copayment or Coinsurance You are required to pay if the services were received from Your PCP for the same or similar diagnosed condition, even if a different name or term is used to describe the condition or complaint.

**If You have difficulty scheduling an appointment with Your PCP or another Network Provider, You have an obligation to notify Us. We may approve payment as an Authorized Service from a Non-Network Provider when this occurs.**

If You have any questions regarding Covered Services, call Us at the telephone number listed on the back of Your Identification Card. For more information about Member services, please visit Anthem's website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

## Dental Providers

You must select a Network dentist to receive dental benefits. Please call Our Member Services department at 1-800-627-0004 for help in finding a Network dentist or visit Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). Please refer to Your ID Card for the name of the dental program that Network Providers have agreed to service when You are choosing a Network dentist.

## Termination of Providers

You will be notified of the termination of PCP and/or Hospital Provider contracts in Your Service Area within 30 days after the Provider's termination. If You obtain Covered Services from a terminated Provider during the period between the termination of the Provider's contract and five days after the notice of termination has been mailed to You, those services will be covered.

## Continuity of Care

If Your Network Provider leaves Our Network because We have terminated their contract without cause, and You are in active treatment, You may be able to continue seeing that Provider for a limited period of time and still receive Network benefits. "Active treatment" includes:

1. An ongoing course of treatment for a life-threatening condition.
2. An ongoing course of treatment for a serious acute condition, (examples include chemotherapy, radiation therapy and post-operative visits).
3. The second or third trimester of pregnancy and through the postpartum period.
4. An ongoing course of treatment for a health condition for which the doctor or health care Provider attests that discontinuing care by the current doctor or Provider would worsen Your condition or interfere with anticipated outcomes. An "ongoing course of treatment" includes treatments for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders.

In these cases, You may be able to continue seeing that Provider until treatment is complete, or for 90 days, whichever is shorter. If You wish to continue seeing the same Provider, You or Your Doctor should contact Member Services for details. Any decision by Us regarding a request for Continuity of Care is subject to the Appeals process.

## Identification Card

When You receive care, You must show Your Identification Card. Only a Member who has paid the Premiums under this Certificate has the right to services or benefits under this Certificate. If anyone receives services or benefits to which he/she is not entitled to under the terms of this Certificate, he/she is responsible for the actual cost of the services or benefits.

## After Hours Care

If You need care after normal business hours, Your doctor may have several options for You. You should call Your doctor's office for instructions if You need care in the evenings, on weekends, or during the holidays and cannot wait until the office reopens.

- If Your condition is an Emergency, You should be taken to the nearest appropriate medical Facility. In the event of an Emergency call 911.
- Your coverage includes benefits for services rendered by Providers other than Network Providers when the condition treated is an Emergency, as defined in this Certificate.

## Relationship of Parties (Anthem and Network Providers)

The relationship between Anthem and Network Providers is an independent contractor relationship. Network Providers are not agents or employees of Ours, nor is Anthem, or any employee of Anthem, an employee or agent of Network Providers.

Your health care Provider is solely responsible for all decisions regarding Your care and treatment, regardless of whether such care and treatment is a Covered Service under this Plan. We shall not be responsible for any claim or demand on account of damages arising out of, or in any manner connected with, any injuries suffered by You while receiving care from any Network Provider or for any injuries suffered by You while receiving care from any Network Provider's Facilities.

Your Network Provider's agreement for providing Covered Services may include financial incentives or risk sharing relationships related to the provision of services or referrals to other Providers, including Network Providers, Non-Network Providers, and disease management programs. If You have questions regarding such incentives or risk sharing relationships, please contact Your Provider or Us.

## REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR BENEFITS

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Your Certificate includes the process of Utilization Review to decide when services are Medically Necessary or Experimental/Investigative as those terms are defined in this Certificate. Utilization Review aids in the delivery of cost-effective health care by reviewing the use of treatments and, when proper, level of care and/or the setting or place of service that they are performed.

### Reviewing Where Services Are Provided

A service must be Medically Necessary to be a Covered Service. When level of care, setting or place of service is part of the review, services that can be safely given to You in a lower level place of care or lower cost setting, will not be Medically Necessary if they are given in a higher level place of care, or higher cost setting. This means that a request for a service may be denied because it is not Medically Necessary for that service to be provided in the place of care or setting that is being requested. When this happens the service can be requested again in another setting or place of care and will be reviewed again for Medical Necessity. At times a different type of Provider or Facility may need to be used in order for the service to be considered Medically Necessary.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- A service may be denied on an Inpatient basis at a Hospital but may be approved if provided on an Outpatient basis in a Hospital setting.
- A service may be denied on an Outpatient basis in a Hospital setting but may be approved at a free-standing imaging center, infusion center, ambulatory surgical center, or in a doctor's office.
- A service may be denied at a Skilled Nursing Facility but may be approved in a home setting.

Certain Services must be reviewed to determine Medical Necessity in order for You to get benefits. Utilization Review criteria will be based on many sources including medical policy and clinical guidelines. We may decide that a treatment that was asked for is not Medically Necessary if a clinically equivalent treatment is more cost effective, available and appropriate. "Clinically equivalent" means treatments that for most Members, will give You similar results for a disease or condition.

If You have any questions about the Utilization Review process, the medical policies or clinical guidelines, You may call the Member Services phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

**Coverage for or payment of the service or treatment reviewed is not guaranteed even if We decide Your services are Medically Necessary. For benefits to be covered, on the date You get service:**

1. You must be eligible for benefits;
2. Premium must be paid for the time period that services are given;
3. The service or supply must be a Covered Service under Your Plan;
4. The service cannot be subject to an Exclusion under Your Plan; and
5. You must not have exceeded any applicable limits under Your Plan.

### Types of Reviews

- **Pre-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which is done before the service or treatment begins or admission date.
  - **Precertification** – A required Pre-service Review for a benefit coverage determination for a service or treatment. Certain Services require Precertification in order for You to get benefits. The benefit coverage review will include a review to decide whether the service meets the definition of Medical Necessity or is Experimental/Investigative as those terms are defined in this Certificate.



For admissions following Emergency Care, You, Your authorized representative or doctor must tell Us within 48 hours of the admission or as soon as possible. For labor / childbirth admissions, Precertification is not required for the first 48 hours for a vaginal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean section. Admissions longer than 48/96 hours require Precertification.

- **Continued Stay/Concurrent Review** – A Utilization Review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which must be done during an ongoing stay in a Facility or course of treatment.

Both Pre-Service and Continued Stay/Concurrent Reviews may be considered urgent when, in the view of the treating Provider or any doctor with knowledge of Your medical condition, without such care or treatment, Your life or health or Your ability to regain maximum function could be seriously threatened or You could be subjected to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without such care or treatment.

Urgent reviews are conducted under a shorter timeframe than standard reviews.

- **Post-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage that is conducted after the service or supply has been provided. Post-service reviews are performed when a service, treatment or admission did not need Precertification. Post-service reviews are done for a service, treatment or admission in which We have a related clinical coverage guideline and are typically initiated by Us.

An example of a type of post-service review is a retrospective post-claim review. For retrospective reviews:

- If You send Us a written request We shall permit a retrospective review for a claim that is submitted where prior authorization was required but not obtained if the service in question meets all of the following:
  - The service is directly related to another service for which prior approval has already been obtained and that has already been performed;
  - The new service was not known to be needed at the time the original prior Authorized Service was performed;
  - The need for the new service was revealed at the time the original Authorized Service was performed.
- Once We have received the written request and all necessary information We shall review the claim for coverage and Medical Necessity. We shall not deny a claim for such a new service based solely on the fact that We did not receive a prior authorization approval for the new service in question.

## Who is Responsible for Precertification

Typically, Network Providers know which services need Precertification and will get any Precertification when needed. Your Primary Care Physician and other Network Providers have been given detailed information about these procedures and are responsible for meeting these requirements. Generally, the ordering Provider, Facility or attending doctor (“requesting Provider”) will get in touch with Us to ask for a Precertification. However, You may request a Precertification, or You may choose an authorized representative to act on Your behalf for a specific request. The authorized representative can be anyone who is 18 years of age or older. For further details, You may call Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card. The table below outlines who is responsible for Precertification and under what circumstances.

Provider Network Status	Responsible Party	Comments
Network	Provider	The Provider must get Precertification when required
Non-Network	Member	<p>Member has no benefit coverage for a Non-Network Provider unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Member gets approval to use a Non-Network Provider before the service is given, or</li> <li>• The Member requires an Emergency Care admission (See note below.)</li> </ul> <p>Member may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and/or setting is found not to be Medically Necessary.</p>
BlueCard® Provider	Member <b>(Except for Inpatient admissions)</b>	<p>Member has no benefit coverage for a BlueCard® Provider unless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Member gets approval to use a BlueCard® Provider before the service is given; or</li> <li>• The Member requires an Emergency Care admission (see note below.)</li> </ul> <p>If these are true, then</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Member must get Precertification when required. (Call Member Services)</li> <li>• Member may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and/or setting is found not to be Medically Necessary.</li> <li>• <b>BlueCard® Providers must obtain Precertification for all Inpatient admissions.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>NOTE: Precertification is not required to receive Emergency Care. For Emergency Care admissions, You, Your authorized representative or doctor must tell Us within 48 hours of the admission or as soon as possible.</b></p>		

## How Decisions are Made

We will use Our clinical coverage guidelines, such as medical policy, clinical guidelines, and other applicable policies and procedures to help make Our Medical Necessity decisions. This includes decisions about Prescription Drugs as detailed in the section “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider”. Medical policies and clinical guidelines reflect the standards of practice and medical interventions identified as proper medical practice. We reserve the right to review and update these clinical coverage guidelines from time to time.

You are entitled to ask for and get, free of charge, reasonable access to any records concerning Your request. To ask for this information, call the Precertification phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

If You are not satisfied with Our decision under this section of Your benefits, please refer to the “If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal” section to see what rights may be available to You.

## Decision and Notice Requirements

We will review requests for benefits according to the timeframes listed below. The timeframes and requirements listed are based on State and federal laws. Where State laws are stricter than federal laws, We will follow State laws. If You live in and/or get services in a State other than the State where Your Certificate was issued, other State-specific requirements may apply. You may call the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card for more details.

Type of Review	Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification
Urgent Pre-service Review	72 hours or two business days from the receipt of request whichever is less. 48 hours if submitted via electronic transmission
Non-Urgent Pre-service Review	Two business days from the receipt of the request
Urgent Continued Stay/Concurrent Review when no previous days authorized	24 hours from the receipt of the request, We may request additional information within the first 24 hours and extend timeframe to 72 hours
Urgent Continued Stay/Concurrent Review when request is received more than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization	24 hours from the receipt of the request
Urgent Continued Stay/Concurrent Review when request is received less than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization	72 hours or one business day from the receipt of the request whichever is less
Non-Urgent Continued Stay/Concurrent Review for ongoing Outpatient treatment	One business day from the receipt of the request
Post-service Review	30 calendar days from the receipt of the request

If more information is needed to make Our decision, We will tell the requesting Provider of the specific information needed to finish the review. If We do not get the specific information We need by the required timeframe, We will make a decision based upon the information We have.

We will notify You and Your Provider of Our decision as required by State and federal law. Notice may be given by one or more of the following methods: verbal, written, and/or electronic.

Except in cases of fraudulent or materially incorrect information, or as otherwise provided under applicable State law, once Prior Authorization is approved, it will not be retroactively denied, when all of the following requirements are met:

1. Your Provider submits a Prior Authorization request to Us for a health care service, drug, or device.
2. Your Provider approves the Prior Authorization request after determining that all of the following are true:
  - a. You are eligible under the health benefit Plan;
  - b. The health care service, drug, or device is covered under Your health benefit Plan;
  - c. The health care service, drug, or device meets Our standards for Medical Necessity and Prior Authorization.
3. Your Provider renders the health care service, drug, or device pursuant to the approved Prior Authorization request and all of the terms and conditions of Your Provider's agreement with Us.
4. On the date Your Provider renders the prior approved health care service, drug, or device, all of the following are true:
  - a. You are eligible under the health benefit Plan;
  - b. The condition or circumstances related to Your care has not changed;
  - c. Your Provider submits an accurate claim that matches the information Your Provider submitted in the approved Prior Authorization request.
5. If Your Provider submits a claim that includes an unintentional error and the error results in a claim that does not match the information he or she originally submitted in the approved Prior Authorization request, upon receiving a denial of services from Us, Your Provider may resubmit the claim with the information that matches the information included in the approved Prior Authorization.

## Electronic Submission of Pre-Service Reviews

If the request for a Pre-service Review of a health care service, device, or drug is submitted to Us electronically from Your Provider, We will respond:

- Within 48 hours of the time the request is received if it's for Urgent Care Services;
- Within 10 calendar days of the time the request is received if it's for nonemergency or non-Urgent Care Services.

Our response will state if the request is approved or denied. If denied, We will provide the specific reason for the denial. If incomplete, We will indicate the specific additional information that is required to process the request. If We request additional information required to process the request, Your Provider must provide an electronic receipt to Us acknowledging that the request for additional information was received.

Please note that the Appeals procedures under the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section of this Certificate are also available under this option.

For purposes of this section only, Urgent Care Services means medical care or other service for a condition where application of the timeframe for making routine or non-life threatening care determinations is either of the following:

- Could seriously jeopardize the life, health, or safety of the patient or others due to the patient's psychological state;
- In the opinion of a practitioner with knowledge of the patient's medical or behavioral condition, would subject the patient to adverse health consequences without the care or

treatment that is the subject of a pre-service review request as outlined in this “Requesting Approval for Benefits” section.

This section does not apply to Emergency Services.

## **Important Information**

Anthem may, from time to time, waive, enhance, modify or discontinue certain medical management processes (including Utilization Review, case management, and disease management) and/or offer an alternative benefit if, in Anthem’s discretion, such change is in furtherance of the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

We may also select certain qualifying Providers to participate in a program that exempts them from certain procedural or medical management processes that would otherwise apply. We may also exempt Your claim from medical review if certain conditions apply.

Just because Anthem exempts a process, Provider or claim from the standards which otherwise would apply, it does not mean that Anthem will do so in the future, or will do so in the future for any other Provider, claim or Member. Anthem may stop or modify any such exemption with or without advance notice.

You may find out whether a Provider is taking part in certain programs by checking Your on-line Provider Directory, on-line pre-certification list, or contacting the Member Services number on the back of Your ID Card.

We also may identify certain Providers to review for potential fraud, waste, abuse or other inappropriate activity if the claims data suggests there may be inappropriate billing practices. If a Provider is selected under this program, then We may use one or more clinical Utilization Review guidelines in the review of claims submitted by this Provider, even if those guidelines are not used for all Providers delivering services to the Plan’s Members.

## **Health Plan Individual Case Management**

Our health Plan case management programs (Case Management) help coordinate services for Members with health care needs due to serious, complex, and/or chronic health conditions. Our programs coordinate benefits and educate Members who agree to take part in the Case Management program to help meet their health-related needs.

Our Case Management programs are confidential and voluntary and are made available at no extra cost to You. These programs are provided by, or on behalf of and at the request of, Your health Plan case management staff. These Case Management programs are separate from any Covered Services You are receiving.

If You meet program criteria and agree to take part, We will help You meet Your identified health care needs. This is reached through contact and team work with You and/or Your chosen representative, treating doctor(s), and other Providers.

In addition, We may assist in coordinating care with existing community-based programs and services to meet Your needs. This may include giving You information about external agencies and community-based programs and services.

In certain cases of severe or chronic illness or injury, We may provide benefits for alternate care that is not listed as a Covered Service. We may also extend Covered Services beyond the Benefit Maximums of this Plan. We will make Our decisions case-by-case, if in Our discretion the alternate or extended benefit is in the best interest of the Member and Anthem. A decision to provide extended benefits or approve alternate care in one case does not obligate Us to provide the same benefits again to You or to any other Member. We reserve the right, at any time, to alter or stop providing extended benefits or approving alternate care. In such case, We will notify You or Your representative in writing.

## WHAT IS COVERED

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This section describes the Covered Services available under this Certificate. Covered Services are subject to all the terms and conditions listed in this Certificate, including, but not limited to, benefit maximums, Deductibles, Copayments, Coinsurance, exclusions and Medical Necessity requirements.

Please read the following sections of this Certificate for more information about the Covered Services described in this section:

- “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” – for amounts You need to pay and benefit limits
- “Requesting Approval for Benefits” – for details on selecting Providers and services that require Precertification
- “What Is Not Covered (Exclusions)” – for details on services that are not covered

Benefits are listed alphabetically to make them easy to find. Please note that several sections may apply to Your claims. For example, if You have Inpatient surgery, benefits for Your Hospital stay will be described under “Hospital Services,” “Inpatient Hospital Care” and benefits for Your doctor’s services will be described under “Inpatient Professional Services”. As a result, You should read all sections that might apply to Your claims.

You should also know that many Covered Services can be received in several settings, including a doctor’s office, an Urgent Care Center, an Outpatient Facility, or an Inpatient Facility. Benefits will often vary depending on where You choose to get Covered Services, and this can result in a change in the amount You need to pay.

## Medical Services

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### Ambulance Services (Air, Ground and Water)

Ambulance Services are covered:

- When Medically Necessary; or
- When ordered by an employer, school, fire or public safety official and the Member is not in a position to refuse; or
- When a Member is required by Us to move from a Non-Network Provider to a Network Provider.

Medically Necessary ambulance services are covered when:

- You are transported by a State licensed vehicle that is designed, equipped, and used only to transport the sick and injured and staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), paramedics, or other certified medical professionals. This includes ground, fixed wing, rotary wing or water transportation;
- And one or more of the following are met:  
You are taken:
  1. From Your home, scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;
  2. Between Hospitals, including when We require You to move from a Non-Network Hospital to a Network Hospital;
  3. Between a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility (ground transport only) or approved Facility; or
  4. From a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility to Your home.

You must be taken to the nearest Facility that can give care for Your condition. In certain cases We may approve benefits for transportation to a Facility that is not the nearest Facility.

Benefits also include Medically Necessary treatment of a sickness or an injury by medical professionals during ambulance service, even if You are not taken to a Facility.

### Ground Ambulance

Services are subject to Medical Necessity review by Us.

All scheduled ground ambulance services for nonemergency transports, not including acute Facility to acute Facility transport, must be preauthorized.

### Air and Water Ambulance

Air ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity review by Us. If You, a treating Provider or family representative contacts Us, We will identify any Network Provider available to You. This includes fixed wing, rotary wing or water transportation.

Air ambulance services for nonemergency Hospital to Hospital transports must be preauthorized.

### Hospital to Hospital Air Ambulance Transport

Air ambulance transport is for purposes of transferring from one Hospital to another Hospital and is a Covered Service if such air ambulance transport is Medically Necessary, for example, if transportation by ground ambulance would endanger Your health or the transferring Hospital does not have adequate Facilities to provide the medical services needed. Examples of such specialized medical services that are generally not available at all types of Facilities may include, but are not limited to, burn care, cardiac care, trauma care, and critical care. Transport from one Hospital to another Hospital is covered only if the Hospital to which the patient is transferred is the nearest one with medically appropriate Facilities.

### Fixed and Rotary Wing Air Ambulance

Fixed wing or rotary wing air ambulance is furnished when Your medical condition is such that transport by ground ambulance, in whole or in part, is not appropriate. Generally, transport by fixed wing or rotary wing air ambulance may be necessary because Your condition requires rapid transport to a treatment Facility, and either great distances or other obstacles preclude such rapid delivery to the nearest appropriate Facility. Transport by fixed wing or rotary wing air ambulance may also be necessary because You are located in a place that is inaccessible to a ground or water ambulance Provider.

### Autism and Habilitative Services

Benefits are available for health care services and devices that help You keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who is not walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of Inpatient and/or Outpatient settings.

Habilitative Services also include benefits for children (ages 0 to 21) with a medical diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder for:

- Outpatient Physical Habilitative Services including:
  1. Speech therapy and/or occupational therapy, performed by a licensed therapist, limited to the visits shown in the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits;" and
  2. Clinical therapeutic intervention defined as therapies supported by empirical (factual) evidence, which include, but are not limited to, applied behavioral analysis, provided by or under the supervision of a professional who is licensed, certified, or registered by an appropriate agency of the State of Ohio to perform the services in accordance with a treatment plan, limited to 20 hours per week;
- Mental/Behavioral Health Outpatient Services performed by a licensed Psychologist, psychiatrist, or doctor to provide consultation, assessment, development and oversight of treatment plans.

### Clinical Trials

Benefits include coverage for services, such as routine patient care costs given to You as a participant in an approved clinical trial if the services are Covered Services under this Plan. An "approved clinical trial" means a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that studies the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening conditions. The term life-threatening condition means any disease or condition from which death is likely unless the disease or condition is treated.

Benefits are limited to the following trials:

1. Federally funded trials approved or funded by one of the following:
  - a. The National Institutes of Health.
  - b. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - c. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.
  - d. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
  - e. Cooperative group or center of any of the entities described in (a) through (d) or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs.
  - f. A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants.
  - g. Any of the following in i-iii below if the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines 1) to be comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health, and 2) assures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by Qualified Individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review. The peer review requirement shall not be applicable to cancer clinical trials provided by i-iii below.
    - i. The Department of Veterans Affairs.



- ii. The Department of Defense.
  - iii. The Department of Energy.
2. Studies or investigations done as part of an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA);
3. Studies or investigations done for drug trials which are exempt from the investigational new drug application.

Your Plan may require You to use a Network Provider to maximize Your benefits.

Routine patient care costs include items, services, and drugs provided to You in connection with an approved clinical trial and that would otherwise be covered by this Plan.

All requests for clinical trials services, including requests that are not part of approved clinical trials will be reviewed according to Our Clinical Coverage Guidelines, related policies and procedures.

## Dental Services

### Accident Related Dental Services

Outpatient Services, doctor home visits and office services, Emergency Care and Urgent Care services received at an Urgent Care Center for dental work and oral surgery are covered if they are for the initial repair of an injury to the jaw, sound natural teeth, mouth or face which are required as a result of an accident and are not excessive in scope, duration, or intensity to provide safe, adequate, and appropriate treatment without adversely affecting the patient's condition. Injury as a result of chewing or biting is not considered an accidental injury. "Initial" dental work to repair injuries due to an accident means performed within 12 months from the injury, or as reasonably soon thereafter as possible and includes all examinations and treatment to complete the repair. For a child requiring facial reconstruction due to dental related injury, there may be several years between the accident and the final repair.

Covered Services for accidental dental include, but are not limited to:

- Oral examinations,
- X-rays,
- Tests and laboratory examinations,
- Restorations,
- Prosthetic services,
- Oral surgery,
- Mandibular/maxillary reconstruction,
- Anesthesia.

### Other Dental Services

The Plan also includes coverage for dental services to prepare the mouth for medical services and treatments for:

- Transplant preparation.
- Initiation of immunosuppressives.
- Treatment related to an accidental injury as stated above.
- Cancer or cleft palate.

The only other dental expenses that are Covered Services are Facility charges for Outpatient Services. Benefits are payable only if the patient's medical condition or the dental procedure requires a Hospital setting to ensure the safety of the patient.

**Note:** Benefits are not provided for routine dental care, unless otherwise specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

## Diabetes Services

Benefits are provided for medical supplies, services, and equipment used in the treatment of diabetes, including diabetes self-management education programs.

Diabetes self-management training is covered for an individual with insulin dependent diabetes, noninsulin dependent diabetes, or elevated blood glucose levels induced by pregnancy or another medical condition when:

- Medically Necessary;
- Ordered in writing by a doctor or a podiatrist; and
- Provided by a health care professional who is licensed, registered, or certified under State law.

For the purposes of this benefit, a "health care professional" means the doctor or podiatrist ordering the training or a Provider who has obtained certification in diabetes education by the American Diabetes Association.

Covered Services also include all doctor prescribed Medically Necessary equipment and supplies used for the management and treatment of diabetes. See "Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances." Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under "Preventive Care Services."

## **Diagnostic Services Outpatient**

Your Plan includes benefits for tests or procedures to find or check a condition when specific symptoms exist.

Tests must be ordered by a Provider and include diagnostic services ordered before a surgery or Hospital admission. Benefits include the following services:

### **Diagnostic Laboratory and Pathology Services**

#### **Diagnostic Imaging Services and Electronic Diagnostic Tests**

- X-rays / regular imaging services;
- Ultrasound;
- Electrocardiograms (EKG);
- Electroencephalography (EEG);
- Echocardiograms;
- Hearing and vision tests for a medical condition or injury (not for screenings or preventive care);
- Tests ordered before a surgery or admission.

### **Advanced Imaging Services**

Benefits are also available for advanced imaging services, which include, but are not limited to:

- CT scan,
- CTA scan,
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI),
- Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA),
- Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS),
- Nuclear cardiology,
- PET scans,
- PET/CT fusion scans,
- QCT bone densitometry,
- Diagnostic CT colonography.

The list of advanced imaging services may change as medical technologies change.

## **Doctor (Physician) Visits**

Covered Services include:

**Office Visits** for medical care (including second opinions) to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury.

**Home Visits** for medical care to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury. Please note that doctor visits in the home are different than the “Home Care Services” benefit described later in this section.

**Retail Health Clinic Care** for limited basic health care services to Members on a “walk-in” basis. These clinics are normally found in major Pharmacies or retail stores. Health care services are typically given by physician assistants or nurse practitioners. Services are limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children.

**Walk-In Doctor’s Office** for services limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children. You do not have to be an existing patient or have an appointment to use a walk-in doctor’s office.

**Allergy Services** for Medically Necessary allergy testing and treatment, including allergy serum and allergy shots.

**Online Visits.** Covered Services include a medical visit with the doctor using the internet by a webcam, chat or voice. Online visits do not include reporting normal lab or other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, insurance coverage or payment questions, asking for referrals to doctors outside the online care panel, benefit Precertification, or doctor-to-doctor discussions except for doctor-to-doctor consultation Telemedicine Services, if such consultation services are Covered Services if provided in person. For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Online Visits, see the “Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services” section.

**Telemedicine Services.** Telemedicine for Covered Services that are appropriately provided by a Provider who offers Telemedicine Services will be eligible for benefits under this Plan as required by applicable law. The Cost Share for Telemedicine Services will be the same as the Cost Share for Online Visits. Please see the “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” for Online Visits. If You have any questions about this coverage, or receive a bill, please contact Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card. For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Telemedicine Services, see the “Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services” section.

## Emergency Care Services

If You are experiencing an Emergency please call 911 or visit the nearest Hospital for treatment.

Benefits are available in a Hospital Emergency room for services and supplies to treat the onset of symptoms for an Emergency, which is defined below.

### Emergency Medical Condition (Emergency)

“Emergency,” or “Emergency Medical Condition”, means a medical or behavioral health condition of recent onset and sufficient severity, including, but not limited to, severe pain, that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that his or her condition, sickness, or injury is of such a nature that not getting immediate medical care could result in: (a) placing the patient’s health or the health of another person in serious danger or, for a pregnant woman, placing the woman’s health or the health of her unborn child in serious danger; (b) serious impairment to bodily functions; or (c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. Such conditions include, but are not limited to, chest pain, stroke, poisoning, serious breathing problems, unconsciousness, severe burns or cuts, uncontrolled bleeding, or seizures and such other acute conditions.

**Emergency Services (Emergency Care)** means a medical or behavioral health exam done in the Emergency department of a Hospital, including in any trauma or burn center of a Hospital, and it includes ancillary services routinely available in the Emergency department to evaluate an Emergency Medical Condition. It also includes any further medical or behavioral health exams and treatment required to stabilize the patient.

Emergency Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Stabilize**, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition, means: To provide such medical treatment of the condition as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the individual from a Facility. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, the term “stabilize” also means to deliver (including the placenta), if there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another Hospital before delivery or transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.

If You are admitted to the Hospital from the Emergency room, be sure that You or Your doctor calls Us as soon as possible. We will review Your care to decide if a Hospital stay is needed and how many days You should stay. If You or Your doctor does not call Us, You may have to pay for services that are determined to be not Medically Necessary.

Treatment You get after Your condition has stabilized is not Emergency Care. If You continue to get care from a Non-Network Provider, Covered Services will not be available unless We agree to cover them as an Authorized Service.

## Home Care Services

Benefits are available for Covered Services performed by a Home Health Care Agency or other Provider in Your home. To be eligible for benefits, You must essentially be confined to the home, as an alternative to a Hospital stay, and be physically unable to get needed medical services on an Outpatient basis. Services must be prescribed by a doctor and the services must be so inherently complex that they can be safely and effectively performed only by qualified, technical, or professional health staff.

Covered Services include, but are not limited to:

- Visits by a licensed health care professional, including nursing services by an R.N. or L.P.N., a therapist, or home health aide.
- Infusion therapy; refer to “Therapy Services Outpatient,” later in this section for more information.
- Medical / social services.
- Diagnostic services.
- Nutritional guidance.
- Training of the patient and/or family/caregiver.
- Home health aide services. You must be receiving skilled nursing or therapy. Services must be given by appropriately trained staff working for the Home Health Care Provider. Other organizations may give services only when approved by Us, and their duties must be assigned and supervised by a professional nurse on the staff of the Home Health Care Provider.
- Medical supplies.
- Durable medical equipment.
- Therapy services (except for manipulation therapy, which will not be covered when rendered in the home). Home care visit limits specified in the “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” for home care services apply when therapy services are rendered in the home.
- Private duty nursing in the home.

## Hospice Care

Hospice care is a coordinated plan of home, Inpatient and/or Outpatient care that provides palliative, supportive medical, psychological, psychosocial, and other health services to terminally ill patients.

Covered Services and supplies are those listed below if part of an approved treatment plan and when rendered by a hospice Provider for the palliative treatment of pain and other symptoms associated with a terminal disease. Palliative care means appropriate care which controls pain and relieves symptoms, but is not meant to cure a terminal illness.

- Care rendered by an interdisciplinary team with the development and maintenance of an appropriate plan of care.
- Short-term Inpatient Facility care when required in periods of crisis or as respite care.
- Skilled nursing services and home health aide services provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
- Social services and counseling services provided by a licensed Social Worker.
- Nutritional support such as intravenous hydration and feeding tubes.
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and respiratory therapy.
- Pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and supplies necessary for the palliative treatment of Your condition including oxygen and related respiratory therapy supplies.

In order to receive hospice benefits (1) Your doctor and the hospice medical director must certify that You are terminally ill and have approximately six months to live, and (2) Your doctor must consent to Your care by the hospice and must be consulted in the development of Your treatment plan. The hospice must maintain a written treatment plan on file and furnish to Us upon request.

Covered Services beyond those listed above as ordered by Your treating Provider, may be available while in hospice and are detailed in other sections of this Certificate.

## **Hospital Services**

### **Inpatient Hospital Care**

Covered Services include acute care in a Hospital setting. Benefits for room, board, nursing and ancillary services include:

- A room with two or more beds.
- A private room. The most the Plan will cover for private rooms is the Hospital's average semi-private room rate unless it is Medically Necessary that You use a private room for isolation and no isolation facilities are available.
- A room in a special care unit approved by Us. The unit must have facilities, equipment, and supportive services for intensive care or critically ill patients.
- Routine nursery care for newborns during the mother's normal Hospital stay.
- Meals, special diets.
- General nursing services.
- Operating, childbirth, and treatment rooms and equipment.
- Prescribed drugs.
- Anesthesia, anesthesia supplies and services given by the Hospital or other Provider.
- Medical and surgical dressings and supplies, casts, and splints.
- Diagnostic services.
- Therapy services.

### **Inpatient Professional Services**

Covered Services include:

- Medical care visits.
- Intensive medical care when Your condition requires it.
- Treatment for a health problem by a doctor who is not Your surgeon while You are in the Hospital for surgery. Benefits include treatment by two or more doctors during one Hospital stay when the nature or severity of Your health problem calls for the skill of separate doctors.
- A personal bedside exam by another doctor when asked for by Your doctor. Benefits are not available for staff consultations required by the Hospital, consultations asked for by the patient, routine consultations, phone consultations, or EKG transmittals by phone.
- Surgery and general anesthesia.

- Newborn exam. A doctor other than the one who delivered the child must do the exam.
- Professional charges to interpret diagnostic tests such as imaging, pathology reports, and cardiology.

### **Outpatient Hospital Care**

Your Plan includes Covered Services in an:

- Outpatient Hospital,
- Freestanding ambulatory surgical center,
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Facility,
- Other Facilities approved by Us.

Benefits include Facility and related (ancillary) charges, when Medically Necessary, such as:

- Surgical rooms and equipment,
- Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs,
- Anesthesia and anesthesia supplies and services given by the Hospital or other Facility,
- Medical and surgical dressings and supplies, casts, and splints,
- Diagnostic services,
- Therapy services.

### **Inherited Metabolic Diseases**

Covered Services include coverage for the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed inherited metabolic diseases.

## **Maternity and Reproductive Health Services**

### **Maternity Services**

Covered Services include services needed during a normal or complicated pregnancy and for services needed for a miscarriage. Maternity services incurred prior to Your Effective Date are not covered.

Covered maternity services include:

- Professional and Facility services for childbirth in a Facility or the home including the services of an appropriately licensed nurse midwife;
- Routine nursery care for the newborn during the mother's normal Hospital stay, including circumcision of a covered male Dependent;
- Prenatal, postnatal, and postpartum services;
- Fetal screenings, which are genetic or chromosomal tests of the fetus, as allowed by Us.

**Note:** Under federal law, We may not limit benefits for any Hospital length of stay for childbirth for the mother or newborn to less than 48 hours after vaginal birth, or less than 96 hours after a cesarean section (C-section). However, federal law as a rule does not stop the mother's or newborn's attending Provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours, or 96 hours, as applicable. In any case, as provided by federal law, We may not require a Provider to get Precertification from Us before prescribing a length of stay which is not more than 48 hours for a vaginal birth or 96 hours after a C-section.

Please see "Continuity of Care" in the "How Your Coverage Works" section regarding a request to continue to see the same Provider for services.

### **Post-delivery Care Home Visit**

Covered Services include at-home post-delivery follow-up care visits at Your residence by a doctor or nurse. If You are discharged early (prior to the 48 or 96 hour prescribed stay) the follow up care must be performed no later than 72 hours following You and Your newborn child's discharge from the Hospital, to be considered a Covered Service. If You are discharged after the 48 or 96 hour prescribed stay, the follow up care must be deemed Medically Necessary to be a Covered Service. Coverage for the visit(s) includes, but is not limited to:

- Parent education.
- Physical assessments.
- Assessment of the home support system.
- Assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding.
- Performance of any maternal or neonatal tests routinely performed during the usual course of Inpatient care for You or Your newborn child. This includes the collection of an adequate sample for the hereditary and metabolic newborn screening.

In Your discretion, this visit may occur at the doctor's office.

### **Contraceptive Benefits**

Benefits include oral contraceptive drugs, injectable contraceptive drugs and patches. Benefits also include contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra uterine devices (IUDs), and implants. Certain contraceptives are covered under the "Preventive Care Services" benefit. Please see that section for further details.

### **Sterilization Services**

Benefits for men and women include sterilization services. Reversals of sterilizations are not covered. Sterilizations for women are covered under the "Preventive Care Services" benefit.

### **Abortion Services**

Benefits for abortions in the case of rape or incest, or for a pregnancy which, as certified by a doctor, places the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed (i.e., abortions for which federal funding is allowed).

### **Infertility Services**

Although this Plan offers limited coverage of certain infertility services, it does not cover all forms of infertility treatment. Benefits do not include assisted reproductive technologies (ART) or the diagnostic tests and drugs to support it. Examples of ART include artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization, zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT), or gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT).

Covered Services include diagnostic tests to find the cause of infertility, such as diagnostic laparoscopy, endometrial biopsy, and semen analysis. Benefits also include services to treat the underlying medical conditions that cause infertility (e.g., endometriosis, obstructed fallopian tubes, and hormone deficiency). Fertility treatments such as artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization are not Covered Services.

## **Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances**

### **Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices**

Your Plan includes benefits for durable medical equipment and medical devices when the equipment meets the following criteria:

- Is meant for repeated use and is not disposable;
- Is used for a medical purpose and is of no further use when medical need ends;
- Is meant for use outside a medical Facility;
- Is only for the use of the patient;
- Is made to serve a medical use;
- Is ordered by a Provider.

Benefits include purchase-only equipment and devices, purchase or rent-to-purchase equipment and devices, and continuous rental equipment and devices. Continuous rental equipment must be approved by Us. We may limit the amount of coverage for ongoing rental of equipment. We may not cover more in rental costs than the cost of simply purchasing the equipment.

Benefits include repair and replacement costs, except when damage is due to neglect. Benefits also include supplies and equipment needed for the use of the equipment or device.

Oxygen and equipment for its administration are also Covered Services.

### **Hearing Supplies**

Benefits are available for Members who are certified as deaf or hearing impaired by either a doctor or licensed audiologist. Covered Services include:

- Cochlear implants – A surgically implanted device that allows hearing.

### **Orthotics and Special Footwear**

When Medically Necessary, benefits are available for:

- Orthotics (braces, boots, splints) for foot disfigurements resulting from bone deformity, motor impairment, paralysis, or amputation. This includes but is not limited to, disfigurement caused by cerebral palsy, arthritis, polio, spina bifida, diabetes, accident, injury, or developmental disability, and
- Podiatric devices, such as therapeutic shoes and shoe inserts, to prevent or treat diabetes-related complications.

Covered Services must be ordered by a doctor and include the initial purchase, fitting, and repair of a custom made rigid or semi-rigid supportive device used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body, or which limits or stops motion of a weak or diseased body part.

### **Prosthetics**

Your Plan also includes benefits for prosthetics, which are artificial substitutes for body parts for functional or therapeutic purposes, when they are Medically Necessary for activities of daily living.

Benefits include the purchase, fitting, adjustments, repairs and replacements. Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

- Artificial limbs and accessories.
- One pair of glasses or contact lenses used after surgical removal of the lens(es) of the eyes.
- Breast prosthesis (whether internal or external), after a mastectomy, and four surgical bras per Benefit Period, as required by law; maximums for Prosthetic devices, if any, do not apply.
- Colostomy and other ostomy (surgical construction of an artificial opening) supplies directly related to ostomy care.
- Restoration prosthesis (composite facial prosthesis).
- Wigs needed after cancer treatment.

### **Medical and Surgical Supplies**

Your Plan includes coverage for medical and surgical supplies that 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.

### **Diabetic Equipment and Supplies**

Your Plan includes coverage for diabetic equipment and supplies (insulin pump, glucose monitor, lancets and test strips, etc.)



## Blood and Blood Products

Your Plan also includes coverage for the administration of blood products unless they are received from a community source, such as blood donated through a blood bank.

## Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Benefits are available for the diagnosis, crisis intervention and treatment of acute mental disorders and substance abuse conditions. Mental Health and Substance Abuse is a condition that is listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) as a mental health or substance abuse condition. For the purposes of this section the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities is abbreviated as CARF.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse services will be covered as required by State and federal law.

Covered Services include the following:

- Inpatient services in a Joint Commission accredited Hospital or any Facility that We must cover per State law. Inpatient benefits include psychotherapy, psychological testing, electroconvulsive therapy, and detoxification.
- Outpatient Services including in-home and office visits and treatment in an Outpatient department of a Hospital or Joint Commission or CARF-accredited Outpatient Facility, such as Partial Hospitalization Programs and Intensive Outpatient Programs.
- Online Visits. Covered Services include a medical visit with the doctor using the internet by a webcam, chat or voice. Online visits do not include reporting normal lab or other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, insurance coverage or payment questions, asking for referrals to doctors outside the online care panel, benefit Precertification, or doctor-to-doctor discussions except for doctor-to-doctor consultation Telemedicine Services, if such consultation services are Covered Services if provided in person.
- Telemedicine Services. Telemedicine for Covered Services that are appropriately provided by a Provider who offers Telemedicine Services will be eligible for benefits under this Plan as required by applicable law. The Cost Share for Telemedicine Services will be the same as the Cost Share for Online Visits. Please see the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits" for Online Visits. If You have any questions about this coverage, or receive a bill, please contact Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card.
- Residential Treatment which is specialized 24-hour treatment in a licensed Residential Treatment Center accredited by The Joint Commission or CARF. It offers individualized and intensive treatment and includes:
  - Observation and assessment by a psychiatrist weekly or more often,
  - Rehabilitation and therapy.

You can get Covered Services from the following Providers:

- Psychiatrist,
- Psychologist,
- Licensed clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.),
- Mental health clinical nurse specialist,
- Licensed marriage and family therapist (L.M.F.T.),
- Licensed professional counselor (L.P.C.) or
- Any agency licensed by the State to give these services, when We have to cover them by law.

In addition to receiving Covered Services for Mental Health and Substance Abuse conditions (including opioid abuse conditions), You may have access to individual case management programs as detailed under "Health Plan Individual Case Management" in the section "Requesting Approval for Benefits." These programs include coordination of services for high-risk Members with opioid-use disorder or opioid disorders. Also, refer to the "Requesting Approval for Benefits" section to understand the urgent and non-urgent pre-service review requirements to request benefits. This section defines what services, which

include treatment of opioid abuse, qualify for an urgent review based on State and federal laws. For opioid education resources please go to [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) and enter “opioid” in the “Search” box.

## Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services

Physical medicine and Rehabilitation Services are a structured therapeutic program of an intensity that requires a multidisciplinary coordinated team approach to upgrade the patient’s ability to function as independently as possible; including skilled rehabilitative nursing care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and services of a Social Worker or Psychologist.

Physical medicine and rehabilitation involves several types of therapy, not just physical therapy, and a coordinated team approach. The variety and intensity of treatments required is the major differentiation from an admission primarily for physical therapy.

Non-Covered Services for physical medicine and rehabilitation include, but are not limited to:

- admission to a Hospital mainly for physical therapy;
- long-term rehabilitation in an Inpatient setting.

## Preventive Care Services

Preventive care services include screenings and other services for adults and children. All recommended preventive services will be covered as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and applicable State law. This means many preventive care services are covered with no Deductible, Copayments or Coinsurance when You use an Network Provider.

Certain benefits for Members who have current symptoms or a diagnosed health problem, may be covered under the “Diagnostic Services Outpatient” benefit instead of this benefit, if the coverage does not fall within the State or ACA-recommended preventive services.

Covered Services fall under the following broad groups:

1. Services with an “A” or “B” rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Examples include screenings for:
  - Breast cancer,
  - Cervical cancer,
  - High blood pressure,
  - Type 2 diabetes mellitus,
  - Cholesterol,
  - Child or adult obesity,
  - Colorectal cancer.
2. Immunizations for children, adolescents, and adults recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
3. Preventive care and screenings for infants, children and adolescents as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;
4. Preventive care and screening for women as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, including:
  - Contraceptive coverage includes Generic Drugs as well as injectable contraceptives and patches. Contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra uterine devices (IUDs), and implants are also covered. Brand Drugs will be covered, as preventive care benefits when Medically Necessary, otherwise they will be covered under the “Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacy.”
  - Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling. Benefits for breast pumps are limited to one per Calendar Year or as required by law.
  - Gestational diabetes screening.

5. Preventive care services for tobacco cessation for Members age 18 and older as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force including:
  - Counseling;
  - Prescription Drugs obtained at a Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacy;
  - Nicotine replacement therapy products obtained at a Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacy when prescribed by a Provider, including over the counter (OTC) nicotine gum, lozenges and patches;
  - Prescription Drugs and OTC items are limited to a no more than 180 day supply per 365 days.
6. Prescription Drugs and OTC items identified as an A or B recommendation by the United States Preventive Services Task Force when prescribed by a Provider including:
  - Aspirin,
  - Folic acid supplement,
  - Bowel preparations.

Please note that certain age and gender and quantity limitations apply.

You may call Member Services at the number on Your Identification Card for more details about these services or view the federal government's web sites:

- <https://www.healthcare.gov/what-are-my-preventive-care-benefits>
- <http://www.ahrq.gov>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>

In addition to the federal requirements above, preventive coverage also includes the following Covered Service based on State law: child health supervision services from the moment of birth until age nine. Child health supervision services mean periodic review of a child's physical and emotional status performed by a doctor, by a health care professional under the supervision of a doctor, or, in the case of hearing screening, by an individual acting in accordance with Ohio law. Periodic review means a review performed in accordance with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and includes a history, complete physical examination, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, appropriate immunizations, and laboratory tests.

## Rehabilitative Services

Rehabilitative Services are health care services that help You keep, get back or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt or disabled. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and psychiatric rehabilitative services in a variety of Inpatient and/or Outpatient settings.

## Skilled Nursing Facility

When You require Inpatient skilled nursing and related services for convalescent and rehabilitative care, Covered Services are available if the Facility is licensed or certified under State law as a Skilled Nursing Facility. Custodial care is not a Covered Service.

## Surgery

Your Plan covers surgical services on an Inpatient or Outpatient basis, including surgeries performed in a doctor's office or an ambulatory surgical center. Covered Services include:

- Accepted operative and cutting procedures;
- Other invasive procedures, such as angiogram, arteriogram, amniocentesis, tap or puncture of brain or spine;
- Endoscopic exams, such as arthroscopy, bronchoscopy, colonoscopy, laparoscopy;
- Treatment of fractures and dislocations;

- Anesthesia and surgical support when Medically Necessary;
- Medically Necessary pre-operative and post-operative care.

### **Reconstructive Surgery**

Benefits include reconstructive surgery to correct significant deformities caused by congenital or developmental abnormalities, illness, injury or an earlier treatment in order to create a more normal appearance. Benefits include surgery performed to restore symmetry after a mastectomy. Reconstructive services needed as a result of an earlier treatment are covered only if the first treatment would have been a Covered Service under this Plan.

**Note:** This section does not apply to orthognathic surgery.

### **Mastectomy Notice**

A Member who is getting benefits for a mastectomy or for follow-up care for a mastectomy and who chooses breast reconstruction, will also get coverage for:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to give a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical problems of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

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

Benefits are available to treat temporomandibular and craniomandibular disorders. The temporomandibular joint connects the lower jaw to the temporal bone at the side of the head and the craniomandibular joint involves the head and neck muscles.

Covered Services include removable appliances for TMJ repositioning and related surgery, medical care, and diagnostic services. Covered Services do not include fixed or removable appliances that involve movement or repositioning of the teeth (braces), repair of teeth (fillings), or prosthetics (crowns, bridges, dentures).

### **Therapy Services Outpatient**

#### **Physical Medicine Therapy Services**

Your Plan includes coverage for the therapy services described below. To be a Covered Service, the therapy must improve Your level of function within a reasonable period of time. Covered Services include:

- **Manipulation Therapy** – Includes the manipulation and adjustment of the movable joint, muscle, and nerve tissue of the body to restore and maintain health and function.
- **Physical therapy** – The treatment by physical means to ease pain, restore health, and to avoid disability after an illness, injury, or loss of an arm or a leg. It includes hydrotherapy, heat, physical agents, bio-mechanical and neuro-physiological principles and devices. It does not include massage therapy services at spas or health clubs.
- **Speech therapy and speech-language pathology (SLP) services** – Services to identify, assess, and treat speech, language, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Therapy will develop or treat communication or swallowing skills to correct a speech impairment.
- **Occupational therapy** – Treatment to restore a physically disabled person's ability to do activities of daily living, such as walking, eating, drinking, dressing, using the toilet, moving from a wheelchair to a bed, and bathing. It also includes therapy for tasks needed for the person's job. Occupational therapy does not include recreational or vocational therapies, such as hobbies, arts and crafts.

#### **Other Therapy Services**

Benefits are also available for:

- **Cardiac Rehabilitation** – Medical evaluation, training, supervised exercise, and psychosocial support to care for You after a cardiac event (heart problem). Benefits do not include home programs, on-going conditioning, or maintenance care.
- **Chemotherapy** – Treatment of an illness by chemical or biological antineoplastic agents.
- See the section “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider” for more details.
- **Dialysis** – Services for acute renal failure and chronic (end-stage) renal disease, including hemodialysis, home intermittent peritoneal dialysis (IPD), home continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis (CCPD), and home continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD). Covered Services include dialysis treatments in an Outpatient dialysis Facility or doctor’s office. Covered Services also include home dialysis and training for You and the person who will help You with home self-dialysis.
- **Infusion Therapy** – Nursing, durable medical equipment and drug services that are delivered and administered to You through an I.V. Also includes total parenteral nutrition (TPN), Enteral nutrition therapy, antibiotic therapy, pain care and chemotherapy. May include injections (intra-muscular, subcutaneous, continuous subcutaneous). Also covers Prescription Drugs when they are administered to You as part of a doctor’s visit, home care visit, or at an Outpatient Facility. See the section “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider” for more details.
- **Pulmonary Rehabilitation** – Includes Outpatient short-term respiratory care to restore Your health after an illness or injury.
- **Radiation Therapy** – Treatment of an illness by X-ray, radium, or radioactive isotopes. Covered Services include treatment (teletherapy, brachytherapy and intraoperative radiation, photon or high energy particle sources), materials and supplies needed, administration and treatment planning.
- **Respiratory/Inhalation Therapy** – Includes the use of dry or moist gases in the lungs, nonpressurized inhalation treatment; intermittent positive pressure breathing treatment, air or oxygen, with or without nebulized medication, continuous positive pressure ventilation (CPAP); continuous negative pressure ventilation (CNP); chest percussion; therapeutic use of medical gases or drugs in the form of aerosols, and equipment such as resuscitators, oxygen tents, and incentive spirometers; broncho-pulmonary drainage and breathing exercises.

## Transplant: Human Organ and Bone Marrow/Stem Cell/Cord Blood

This section describes benefits for certain covered transplant procedures that You get during the transplant Benefit Period. Any Covered Services related to a covered transplant procedure, received before or after the transplant Benefit Period, are covered under the regular Inpatient and Outpatient benefits described elsewhere in this Certificate.

### Covered Transplant Procedure

A covered transplant procedure is any Medically Necessary human organ and bone marrow/stem cell/cord blood transplants and infusions as determined by Us, including necessary acquisition procedures, mobilization, collection and storage, and including Medically Necessary myeloablative or reduced intensity preparative chemotherapy or radiation therapy or a combination of these therapies.

The initial evaluation, any added tests to determine Your eligibility as a candidate for a transplant by Your Provider, and the collection and storage of bone marrow/stem cells are included in the covered transplant procedure benefit regardless of the date of service.

### Unrelated Donor Searches

Your Plan includes Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) testing, also referred to as histocompatibility locus antigen testing, for A, B and DR antigens, for use in bone marrow transplantation per transplant. The testing must be done at an accredited Facility.

When approved by Us, Your coverage includes benefits for unrelated donor searches for bone marrow/stem cell/cord blood transplants performed by an authorized licensed registry for bone

marrow/stem cell/cord blood transplants for a covered transplant procedure. Donor search charges are limited to the 10 best matched donors, identified by an authorized registry.

### **Live Donor Health Services**

Medically Necessary charges for the procurement, performed by an authorized licensed registry for bone marrow/stem cell/cord blood transplants, of an organ from a live donor are covered up to the Maximum Allowed Amount, including complications from the donor procedure for up to six weeks from the date of procurement. A live donor is a person who provides the organ, part of an organ, or tissue for transplantation while alive to another person.

### **Transplant Benefit Period**

The transplant Benefit Period starts one day prior to a covered transplant solid organ procedure and one day prior to high dose chemotherapy or preparative regimen for bone marrow stem cell transplants and continues for the applicable case rate/global time period. The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the Network transplant Provider agreement. Contact the case manager for specific Network transplant Provider information for services received at or coordinated by an Network transplant Provider Facility. Services received from a Non-Network transplant Facility starts on the day of the covered transplant procedure and continues to the date of discharge.

### **Prior Approval and Precertification**

In order to maximize Your benefits, You will need to call Our transplant department to discuss benefit coverage when it is determined a transplant may be needed. You must do this before You have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. We will assist You in maximizing Your benefits by providing coverage information, including details regarding what is covered and whether any clinical coverage guidelines, medical policies, Network transplant Provider requirements, or exclusions are applicable. Please call Us to find out which Hospitals are Network transplant Providers. Contact the Member Services telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card and ask for the transplant coordinator. Even if We issue a prior approval for the covered transplant procedure, You or Your Provider must call Our transplant department for Precertification prior to the transplant whether this is performed in an Inpatient or Outpatient setting.

Precertification is required before We will cover benefits for a transplant. Your doctor must certify, and We must agree, that the transplant is Medically Necessary. Your doctor should send a written request for Precertification to Us as soon as possible to start this process. Please see the "Requesting Approval for Benefits" section for how to obtain Precertification.

Please note that there are instances where Your Provider requests approval for human leukocyte antigen (HLA) testing, donor searches and/or a collection and storage of stem cells prior to the final determination as to what transplant procedure will be requested. Under these circumstances, the HLA testing and donor search charges are covered as routine diagnostic testing. The collection and storage request will be reviewed for Medical Necessity and may be approved. However, such an approval for HLA testing, donor search services performed by an authorized registry and/or a collection and storage is NOT an approval for the subsequent requested transplant. A separate Medical Necessity determination will be made for the transplant procedure.

### **Transportation and Lodging**

We will provide assistance with reasonable and necessary travel expenses as determined by Us when You obtain prior approval and are required to travel more than 75 miles from Your residence to reach the Facility where Your transplant evaluation and /or transplant work-up and covered transplant procedure will be performed. Our assistance with travel expenses includes transportation to and from the Facility and lodging for the patient and one companion. Travel costs for the donor are generally not covered, unless We make an exception and approve them in advance of the procedure. If the Member receiving treatment is a minor, then reasonable and necessary expenses for transportation and lodging may be allowed for two companions. The Member must submit itemized receipts for transportation and lodging expenses in a form satisfactory to Us when claims are filed. Contact Us for detailed information.

For lodging and ground transportation benefits, We will provide a maximum benefit up to the current limits set forth in the Internal Revenue Code.

The human organ and bone marrow/stem cell/cord blood transplant services benefits or requirements described above do not apply to the following:

- Cornea, ventricular assist devices; and
- Any Covered Services, related to a covered transplant procedure, received prior to or after the transplant Benefit Period. Please note that the initial evaluation and any necessary additional testing to determine Your eligibility as a candidate for transplant by Your Provider and the mobilization, collection and storage of bone marrow / stem cells is included in the covered transplant procedure benefit regardless of the date of service.

The above services are covered as Inpatient services, Outpatient services or doctor home visits and office services depending where the service is performed and are subject to Member Cost Share.

### **Urgent Care Services**

Often an urgent rather than an Emergency health problem exists. An urgent health problem is an unexpected illness or injury that calls for care that cannot wait until a regularly scheduled office visit. Urgent health problems are not life threatening and do not call for the use of an Emergency room. Urgent health problems include earache, sore throat, and fever (not above 104 degrees). Benefits for Urgent Care may include:

- X-ray services;
- Care for broken bones
- Tests such as flu, urinalysis, pregnancy test, rapid strep;
- Lab services;
- Stitches for simple cuts; and
- Draining an abscess.

### **Vision Services (All Members / All Ages)**

Benefits include medical and surgical treatment of injuries and illnesses of the eye. Certain vision screenings required by Federal law are covered under the "Preventive Care Services" benefit.

Benefits do not include glasses or contact lenses except as listed in the "Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances" benefit.

Additional Covered Services include:

- Determination of refraction,
- Routine ophthalmological examination including refraction for new and established patients,
- A visual functional screening for visual acuity, and
- Intraocular lens implantation for the treatment of cataract or aphakia. Contact lenses or glasses are often prescribed following lens implantation and are Covered Services. (If cataract extraction is performed, intraocular lenses are usually inserted during the same operative session). Eyeglasses (for example bifocals) including frames or contact lenses are covered when they replace the function of the human lens for conditions caused by cataract surgery or injury; the first pair of contact lenses or eyeglasses are covered. The donor lens inserted at the time of surgery is not considered a contact lens, and is not considered the first lens following surgery. If the injury is to one eye or if cataracts are removed from only one eye and the Member selects eyeglasses and frames, then reimbursement for both lenses and frames will be covered.

These additional services are not part of the "Preventive Care Services" benefit and will be based on the setting in which services are received. No additional ophthalmological services are covered, except as described above.

**IMPORTANT:** If You opt to receive vision care services or vision care materials that are not covered benefits under this Plan, a Network vision care Provider may charge You his or her normal fee for such services or materials. Prior to providing You with vision care services or vision care materials that are not covered benefits, the vision care Provider will provide You with an estimated cost for each service or material upon Your request.



## Prescription Drugs

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This section describes how You can obtain covered Prescription Drugs administered by a medical Provider or through a Retail Pharmacy, Our Home Delivery Pharmacy, or Our Specialty Pharmacy. Please see the information below that describes how Prescription Drugs are covered.

### Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider

Your Plan covers Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, that must be administered to You as part of a doctor's visit, home care visit, or at an Outpatient Facility and are Covered Services. This may include drugs for infusion therapy, chemotherapy, blood products, certain injectables, and any drug that must be administered by a Provider. This section applies when a Provider orders the drug and a medical Provider administers it to You in a medical setting. Benefits for drugs that You inject or get through Your Pharmacy benefit (i.e., Self-Administered Drugs) are not covered under this section. Benefits for those drugs are described in the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacy" section.

#### Important Details About Prescription Drug Coverage

Your Plan includes certain features to determine when Prescription Drugs should be covered, which are described below. As part of these features, Your prescribing doctor may be asked to give more details before We can decide if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage. In order to determine if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage, We have established criteria.

For a prior approval related to a chronic condition, We will honor a prior authorization approval for an approved drug for the lesser of the following from the date of the approval:

- 12 months;
- The last day of Your eligibility under this Plan.

For purposes of this section "chronic condition" means a medical condition that has persisted after reasonable efforts have been made to relieve or cure its cause and has continued, either continuously or episodically, for longer than six continuous months.

The 12 month approval is no longer valid and automatically terminates if there are changes to federal or State laws or federal regulatory guidance or compliance information states that the drug in question is no longer approved or safe for the intended purpose.

The criteria which are called drug edits, may include requirements regarding one or more of the following:

- Quantity, dose, and frequency of administration;
- Specific clinical criteria (including, but not limited to, requirements regarding age, test result requirements, and/or presence of a specific condition or disease);
- Specific Provider qualifications (including, but not limited to, REMS certification (Risk, Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies));
- Step therapy requiring one drug, drug regimen or treatment be used prior to use of another drug, drug regimen or treatment for safety and/or cost-effectiveness when clinically similar results may be anticipated;
- Use of an Anthem Prescription Drug List (a formulary developed by Anthem which is a list of FDA-approved drugs that have been reviewed and recommended for use based on their quality and cost effectiveness).

#### Precertification

Precertification may be required for certain Prescription Drugs to make sure proper use and guidelines for Prescription Drug coverage are followed. We will give the results of Our decision to both You and Your Provider.

For a list of Prescription Drugs that need Precertification, please call the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card. The list will be reviewed and updated from time to time. Including a Prescription

Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under Your Plan. Your Provider may check with Us to verify Prescription Drug coverage, to find out which drugs are covered under this section and if any drug edits apply.

Please refer to the section “Requesting Approval for Benefits” for more details.

If Precertification is denied, You have the right to file a grievance as outlined in the “If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal” section of this Certificate.

### **Designated Pharmacy Provider**

Anthem, in its sole discretion, may establish one or more Designated Pharmacy Provider programs which provide specific Pharmacy services (including shipment of Prescription Drugs) to Members. A Network Provider is not necessarily a Designated Pharmacy Provider. To be a Designated Pharmacy Provider, the Network Provider must have signed a Designated Pharmacy Provider agreement with Us. You or Your Provider can contact Member Services to learn which Pharmacy or Pharmacies are part of a Designated Pharmacy Provider program.

For Prescription Drugs that are shipped to You or Your Provider and administered in Your Provider’s office, You and Your Provider are required to order from a Designated Pharmacy Provider. A Patient Care Coordinator will work with You and Your Provider to obtain Precertification and to assist shipment to Your Provider’s office.

We may also require You to use a Designated Pharmacy Provider to obtain Specialty Drugs for treatment of certain clinical conditions such as hemophilia. We reserve Our right to modify the list of Prescription Drugs as well as the setting and/or level of care in which the care is provided to You. Anthem may, from time to time, change with or without advance notice, the Designated Pharmacy Provider for a drug, if in Our discretion, such change can help provide cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

If You are required to use a Designated Pharmacy Provider and You choose not to obtain Your Prescription Drug from a Designated Pharmacy Provider, You will not have coverage for that Prescription Drug.

You can get the list of the Prescription Drugs covered under this section by calling Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **Therapeutic Substitution**

Therapeutic substitution is an optional program that tells You and Your doctor about alternatives to certain prescribed drugs. We may contact You and Your doctor to make You aware of these choices. Only You and Your doctor can determine if the therapeutic substitute is right for You. For questions or issues about therapeutic drug substitutes, call Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

### **Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacy**

Your Plan also includes benefits for Prescription Drugs You get at a Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacy. We use a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) to manage these benefits. The PBM has a network of Retail Pharmacies, a Home Delivery Pharmacy, and a Specialty Pharmacy. The PBM works to make sure drugs are used properly. This includes checking that Prescriptions are based on recognized and appropriate doses and checking for drug interactions or pregnancy concerns.

Certain contracted Retail Pharmacies can fill Your Prescription at the same Cost Shares that apply to the Home Delivery Pharmacy level of benefits. Please ask Your Pharmacy if they offer this special arrangement or call Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on Your ID Card for a list of Retail Pharmacies that offer the Home Delivery Pharmacy level of benefits.

**Note:** Benefits for Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, which are administered to You by a medical Provider in a medical setting (e.g., doctor’s office visit, home care visit, or Outpatient Facility) are covered under the “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider” benefit. Please read that section for important details.

**Important Note on Prohibited Pharmacy Benefit Practices:**

- We will not directly or indirectly restrict You from being informed about less expensive ways to purchase Prescription Drugs.
- We cannot require a Cost Share that is greater than the amount You would pay for a Prescription Drug if the drug were purchased without coverage under a health benefit Plan.

**Prescription Drug Benefits**

Prescription Drug benefits may require prior authorization to determine if Your drugs should be covered. Your Network pharmacist will be told if prior authorization is required and if any additional details are needed for Us to decide benefits.

**Prior Authorization**

Prior authorization is the process of getting benefits approved before certain Prescriptions can be filled.

Prescribing Providers must obtain prior authorization for drug edits in order for You to get benefits for certain drugs. At times, Your Provider will initiate a prior authorization on Your behalf before Your Pharmacy fills Your Prescription. At other times, the Pharmacy may make You or Your Provider aware that a prior authorization or other information is needed. In order to determine if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage, We have established criteria.

For a prior approval related to a chronic condition, We will honor a prior authorization approval for an approved drug for the lesser of the following from the date of the approval:

- 12 months;
- The last day of Your eligibility under this Plan.

For purposes of this section “chronic condition” means a medical condition that has persisted after reasonable efforts have been made to relieve or cure its cause and has continued, either continuously or episodically, for longer than six continuous months.

The 12 month approval is no longer valid and automatically terminates if there are changes to federal or State laws or federal regulatory guidance or compliance information states that the drug in question is no longer approved or safe for the intended purpose.

The criteria, which are called drug edits, may include requirements regarding one or more of the following:

- Quantity, dose, and frequency of administration;
- Specific clinical criteria (including, but not limited to, requirements regarding age, test result requirements, and/or presence of a specific condition or disease);
- Specific Provider qualifications (including, but not limited to, REMS certification (Risk, Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies));
- Step therapy requiring one drug, drug regimen or treatment be used prior to use of another drug, drug regimen or treatment for safety and/or cost-effectiveness when clinically similar results may be anticipated;
- Use of a Prescription Drug List (as described below);
- Coverage of an opioid analgesic prescribed for the treatment of chronic pain, except when the drug is prescribed to You under one of the following circumstances:
  1. If You are a hospice patient in a hospice care program;
  2. If You are diagnosed with a terminal condition but are not a hospice patient in a hospice care program;
  3. If You have cancer or another condition associated with Your cancer or history of cancer.

You or Your Provider can get the list of the drugs that require prior authorization by calling Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). The list will be reviewed and updated from time to time. Including a Prescription Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under Your Plan. Your Provider may check with

Us to verify Prescription Drug coverage, to find out which drugs are covered under this section and if any drug edits apply.

Anthem may, from time to time, waive, enhance, change or end certain prior authorization and/or alternate benefits, if in Our sole discretion; such change furthers the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

If prior authorization is denied, You have the right to file a grievance as outlined in the “If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal” section of this Certificate.

### **Covered Prescription Drugs**

To be a Covered Service, Prescription Drugs must be approved by the FDA and, under federal law, require a Prescription. Prescription Drugs must be prescribed by a licensed Provider and You must get them from a licensed Pharmacy. Controlled substances must be prescribed by a licensed Provider with an active Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license.

Benefits are available for the following:

- Prescription Legend Drugs from either a Retail Pharmacy or the PBM’s Home Delivery Pharmacy;
- Specialty Drugs;
- Self-Administered Drugs. These are drugs that do not need administration or monitoring by a Provider in an office or Facility. Injectables and infused drugs that need Provider administration and/or supervision are covered under the “Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider” benefit;
- Self-injectable insulin and supplies and equipment used to administer insulin;
- Self-administered contraceptives, including oral contraceptive drugs, self-injectable contraceptive drugs, contraceptive patches, and contraceptive rings; certain contraceptives are covered under the “Preventive Care Services” benefit. Please see that section for more details.
- Flu shots (including administration).
- **Orally administered cancer Drugs:**
  - a. (If Your Plan has a Deductible and Copayments on all Benefits). As required by Ohio law, You will not have to pay a Cost Share (i.e., Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance) for the drugs You get at a Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacy that is higher than the Cost Share You pay for chemotherapy covered under the medical benefit; or
  - b. (If Your Plan has Prescription Drug Copayments or Coinsurance). As required by Ohio law, Your Cost Share (i.e., Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance) will not be more than \$100 per Prescription Order;
- Drugs for off label use only when approved by Us or the PBM, or when the drug has been recognized as safe and effective for treatment of that indication in one or more of the standard medical reference compendia adopted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or in medical literature that meets certain criteria. Medical literature may be accepted only if all of the following apply: (1) Two articles from major peer-reviewed professional medical journals have recognized the drug’s safety and effectiveness for treatment of the indication for which it has been prescribed; (2) No article from a major peer-reviewed professional medical journal has concluded that the drug is unsafe or ineffective or that the drug’s safety and effectiveness cannot be determined for the treatment of the indication for which it has been prescribed; (3) Each article meets the uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals established by the international committee of medical journal editors or is published in a journal specified by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as acceptable peer-reviewed medical literature.

## Where You Can Get Prescription Drugs

### Network Pharmacy

You can visit one of the local Retail Pharmacies in Our network. Give the Pharmacy the Prescription from Your doctor and Your Identification Card and they will file Your claim for You. You will need to pay any Copayment, Coinsurance, and/or Deductible that applies when You get the drug. If You do not have Your Identification Card, the Pharmacy will charge You the full retail price of the Prescription and will not be able to file the claim for You. You will need to ask the Pharmacy for a detailed receipt and send it to Us with a written request for payment.

**Note:** If We determine that You may be using Prescription Drugs in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, Your selection of Network Pharmacies may be limited. If this happens, We may require You to select a single Network Pharmacy that will provide and coordinate all future Pharmacy services. Benefits will only be paid if You use the single Network Pharmacy. We will contact You if We determine that use of a single Network Pharmacy is needed and give You options as to which Network Pharmacy You may use. If You do not select one of the Network Pharmacies We offer within 31 days, We will select a single Network Pharmacy for You. If You disagree with Our decision, You may ask Us to reconsider it as outlined in the “If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal” section of this Certificate.

In addition, if We determine that You may be using Controlled Substance Prescription Drugs in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, Your selection of Providers for Controlled Substance Prescriptions may be limited. If this happens, We may require You to select a single Network Provider that will provide and coordinate all Controlled Substance Prescriptions. Benefits for Controlled Substance Prescriptions will only be paid if You use the single Network Provider. We will contact You if We determine that use of a single Network Provider is needed and give You options as to which Network Provider You may use. If You do not select one of the Network Providers We offer within 31 days, We will select a single Network Provider for You. If You disagree with Our decision, You may ask Us to reconsider it as outlined in the “If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal” section of this Certificate.

Your Plan has two levels of coverage. To get the lowest out-of-pocket cost, You must get Covered Services from a Level 1 Network Pharmacy. If You get Covered Services from any other Network Pharmacy, benefits will be covered at Level 2 and You may pay more in Deductible, Copayments, and Coinsurance.

**Level 1 Network Pharmacies.** When You go to Level 1 Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Core Pharmacies), You pay a lower Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when You go to other Network Providers.

**Level 2 Network Pharmacies.** When You go to Level 2 Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Wrap Pharmacies), You pay a higher Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when You go to a Level 1 Network Pharmacy.

### Specialty Pharmacy

We keep a list of Specialty Drugs that may be covered based upon clinical findings from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process, and where appropriate, certain clinical economic reasons. This list will change from time to time. We may require You or Your doctor to order certain Specialty Drugs from the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy.

When You use the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy its patient care coordinator will work with You and Your doctor to get prior authorization and to ship Your Specialty Drugs to Your home or Your preferred address. Your patient care coordinator will also tell You when it is time to refill Your Prescription.

You can get the list of covered Specialty Drugs by calling Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **When You Order Your Prescription Through the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy**

You can only have Your Prescription for a Specialty Drug filled through the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy. Specialty Drugs are limited to a 30-day supply per fill. The PBM's Specialty Pharmacy will deliver Your Specialty Drugs to You by mail or common carrier for self-administration in Your home. You cannot pick up Your medication at Anthem.

### **Specialty Pharmacy Program**

If You are out of a Specialty Drug which must be obtained through the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy program, We will authorize an override of the Specialty Pharmacy program requirement for 72-hours, or until the next business day following a holiday or weekend to allow You to get a 72-hour Emergency supply of medication, or the smallest packaged quantity, whichever is greater, if Your doctor decides that it is appropriate and Medically Necessary. You may have to pay the applicable Copayment/Coinsurance, if any.

If You order Your Specialty Drug through the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy and it does not arrive, if Your doctor decides that it is Medically Necessary for You to have the drug immediately, We will authorize an override of the Specialty Pharmacy program requirement for a 30-day supply or less to allow You to get an Emergency supply of medication from a participating Pharmacy near You. A Member Services representative from the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy will coordinate the exception and You will not be required to pay additional Coinsurance.

### **Home Delivery Pharmacy**

The PBM also has a Home Delivery Pharmacy which lets You get certain drugs by mail if You take them on a regular basis (Maintenance Medication). You will need to contact the PBM to sign up when You first use the service. You can mail written Prescriptions from Your doctor or have Your doctor send the Prescription to the Home Delivery Pharmacy. Your doctor may also call the Home Delivery Pharmacy. You will need to send in any Copayments, Deductible, or Coinsurance amounts that apply when You ask for a Prescription or refill.

### **Maintenance Medication**

A Maintenance Medication is a drug You take on a regular basis to treat or control a chronic illness such as heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, or diabetes. If You are not sure the Prescription Drug You are taking is a Maintenance Medication, please call Pharmacy Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for more details.

If You are taking a Maintenance Medication, You may get the first 30-day supply and one 30-day refill of the same Maintenance Medication at Your local Retail Pharmacy. You must then contact the Home Delivery Pharmacy and tell them if You would like to keep getting Your Maintenance Medications from Your local Retail Pharmacy or if You would like to use the Home Delivery Pharmacy. You will have to pay the full retail cost of any Maintenance Medication You get without registering Your choice each Year through the Home Delivery Pharmacy. You can tell Us Your choice by phone at 1-833-236-6196 or by visiting Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

When using Home Delivery, We suggest that You order Your refill two weeks before You need it to avoid running out of Your medication. For any questions concerning the Home Delivery program, You can call Pharmacy Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card.

The Prescription must state the dosage and Your name and address; it must be signed by Your doctor.

The first Home Delivery Prescription You submit must include a completed patient profile form. This form will be sent to You upon becoming eligible for this program. Any subsequent Home Delivery Prescriptions for that Member need only the Prescription and payment enclosed.

You must authorize the pharmacist to release information needed in connection with the filling of a Prescription to the designated Home Delivery Prescription Drug program.

**Note:** Some Prescription Drugs and/or medicines are not available or are not covered for purchase through the Home Delivery Prescription Drug program including, but not limited to, antibiotics, drugs not on the Prescription Drug List, drugs and medications to treat infertility, impotence and/or sexual

dysfunction, injectables, including Self-Administered injectables except insulin. Please check with the Home Delivery Prescription Drug program Member Services department at 1-833-236-6196 for availability of the drug or medication.

## What You Pay for Prescription Drugs

### Tiers

Your share of the cost for Prescription Drugs may vary based on the tier the drug is in.

To get the lowest out-of-pocket cost, You must get Covered Services from a Level 1 Network Pharmacy.

- **Tier 1** Drugs have the lowest Coinsurance or Copayment. This tier contains low cost and preferred drugs that may be Generic, single source Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products, or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- **Tier 2** Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 1. This tier may contain preferred drugs that may be Generic, single source, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Product or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- **Tier 3** Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 2. This tier may contain higher cost, preferred, and non-preferred drugs that may be Generic, single source, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Product or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- **Tier 4** Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 3. This tier may contain higher cost, preferred, and non-preferred drugs that may be Generic, single source, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Product or multi-source Brand Drugs.

We assign drugs to tiers based on clinical findings from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process. We retain the right, at Our discretion, to decide coverage for doses and administration (i.e., oral, injection, topical, or inhaled). We may cover one form of administration instead of another, or put other forms of administration in a different tier. For more information on drug tier placement, please go to [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). After login, under Benefits, go to Pharmacy and You can view Our Prescription Drug List, to include Specialty Drugs and Network information. If You have any questions, You may call the Pharmacy Member Services phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

### Prescription Drug List

We also have a Prescription Drug List (a formulary) which is a list of FDA-approved drugs that have been reviewed and recommended for use based on their quality and cost effectiveness. Benefits may not be covered for certain drugs if they are not on the Prescription Drug List.

The Prescription Drug List is developed by Us based upon clinical findings, and where proper, the cost of the drug relative to other drugs in its therapeutic class or used to treat the same or similar condition. It is also based on the availability of over-the-counter medicines, Generic Drugs, the use of one drug over another by Our Members, and where proper, certain clinical economic reasons.

If You have a question regarding whether a drug is on the Prescription Drug List, please refer to Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

We retain the right, at Our discretion, to decide coverage for doses and administration methods (i.e oral, injected, topical, or inhaled) and may cover one form of administration instead of another as Medically Necessary.

This Plan limits Prescription Drug coverage to those Prescription Drugs listed on Our Prescription Drug List. This formulary contains a limited number of Prescription Drugs, and may be different than the formulary for other Anthem products. Benefits may not be covered for certain Prescription Drugs if they are not on the Prescription Drug List. Generally, it includes select Generic Drugs with limited Brand Drug coverage. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by Anthem. We may add or delete Prescription Drugs from this Prescription Drug List from time to time. Inclusion of a drug or related item on the covered Prescription Drug List is not a guarantee of coverage. A description of the Prescription Drugs that are listed on this Prescription Drug List is available upon request and at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### **Exception Request for a Drug not on the Prescription Drug List**

If You or Your doctor believe You need a Prescription Drug that is not on the Prescription Drug List, please have Your doctor or pharmacist get in touch with Us. We will cover the other Prescription Drug only if We agree that it is Medically Necessary and appropriate over the other drugs that are on the Prescription Drug List. We will make a coverage decision within 72 hours of receiving Your request. If We approve the coverage of the drug, coverage of the drug will be provided for the duration of Your Prescription, including refills. If We deny coverage of the drug, You have the right to request an external review by an Independent Review Organization (IRO). The IRO will make a coverage decision within 72 hours of receiving Your request. If the IRO approves the coverage of the drug, coverage of the drug will be provided for the duration of Your Prescription, including refills.

You or Your doctor may also submit a request for a Prescription Drug that is not on the Prescription Drug List based on exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances exist if You are suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize Your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, or if You are undergoing a current course of treatment using a drug not covered by the Plan. We will make a coverage decision within 24 hours of receiving Your request. If We approve the coverage of the drug, coverage of the drug will be provided for the duration of the exigency. If We deny coverage of the drug, You have the right to request an external review by an IRO. The IRO will make a coverage decision within 24 hours of receiving Your request. If the IRO approves the coverage of the drug, coverage of the drug will be provided for the duration of the exigency.

Coverage of a drug approved as a result of Your request or Your doctor's request for an exception will only be provided if You are a Member enrolled under the Plan.

### **Step Therapy Protocol Exemption Process**

If You or Your doctor want to request an exemption for a Prescription Drug not recommended according to a step therapy protocol, You, Your doctor, or Your pharmacist can get in touch with Us by calling the Member Services number on Your Identification Card or by visiting [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). We will provide a copy of the procedures for requesting a protocol exemption.

Upon receipt of Your protocol exception request or Your Appeal of a denial of a protocol exception request, We will review not more than:

- Forty-eight (48) hours after receiving the request or Appeal for Urgent Care Services; or
- Ten (10) calendar days after receiving the request or Appeal for non-Urgent Care situations.

Please note that an Appeal shall be considered an Internal Appeal as discussed in the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section of this Certificate. If the Appeal does not resolve the disagreement, either You or Your authorized representative may request an External Review as described under the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section of this Certificate.

We will approve Your step therapy exemption request if any of the following are met:

- The required Prescription Drug is contraindicated for You, pursuant to the drug's FDA prescribing information.
- You have tried the required Prescription Drug while under Your current, or a previous, health benefit Plan, or another FDA-approved AB-rated Prescription Drug, and such Prescription Drug was discontinued due to lack of efficacy or effectiveness, diminished effect, or an adverse event.
- You are stable on a Prescription Drug selected by Your health care Provider for the medical condition under consideration, regardless of whether or not the drug was prescribed when You were covered under the current or a previous health benefit Plan, or have already gone through a step therapy protocol. However, We may require a stable patient to try a pharmaceutical alternative, per the FDA's orange book, purple book, or their successors, prior to providing coverage for the prescribed drug.



This process does not prevent either of the following:

- From Us requiring You to try any new or existing pharmaceutical alternative, per the FDA's orange book, purple book, or their successors, prior to providing or renewing coverage for the prescribed drug;
- A health care Provider from prescribing a Prescription Drug, consistent with medical or scientific evidence.

### **Drug Utilization Review**

If there are patterns of over utilization or misuse of drugs, We will notify Your personal doctor and Your pharmacist. We reserve the right to limit benefits to prevent over utilization of drugs.

### **Additional Features of Your Prescription Drug Pharmacy Benefit**

#### **Day Supply and Refill Limits**

Certain day supply limits apply to Prescription Drugs as listed in the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits." In most cases, You must use a certain amount of Your Prescription before it can be refilled. In some cases We may let You get an early refill. For example, We may let You refill Your Prescription early if it is decided that You need a larger dose. We will work with the Pharmacy to decide when this should happen.

If You are going on vacation and You need more than the day supply allowed, You should ask Your pharmacist to call Our PBM and ask for an override for one early refill. If You need more than one early refill, please call Pharmacy Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card.

#### **Therapeutic Substitution**

Therapeutic substitution is an optional program that tells You and Your doctor about alternatives to certain prescribed drugs. We may contact You and Your doctor to make You aware of these choices. Only You and Your doctor can determine if the therapeutic substitute is right for You. For questions or issues about therapeutic drug substitutes, call Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

#### **Split Fill Dispensing Program**

The split fill dispensing program is designed to prevent and/or minimize wasted Prescription Drugs if Your Prescription Drugs or dose changes between fills, by allowing only a portion of Your Prescription to be filled. This program also saves You out-of-pocket expenses.

The Prescription Drugs that are included under this program have been identified as requiring more frequent follow up to monitor response to treatment and potential reactions or side-effects. You can access the list of these Prescription Drugs by calling the toll-free Pharmacy Member Services number on Your Member ID Card or log on to the Member website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

#### **Drug Cost Share Assistance Programs**

If You participate in certain drug Cost Share assistance programs offered by drug manufacturers or other third parties to reduce the Cost Share (Copayment, Coinsurance) You pay for certain Specialty Drugs, the reduced amount You pay may be the amount We apply to Your Deductible and/or Out-of-Pocket Limit when the Specialty Drug is provided by a Network Provider. Your eligibility to participate in such programs is dependent on the programs' applicable terms and conditions, which may be subject to change from time to time. We may discontinue applying such reduced amounts to Your Cost Share at any given time.

**Special Programs**

Except where prohibited by federal regulations (such as HSA rules), from time to time We may offer programs to support the use of more cost-effective or clinically effective Prescription Drugs including Generic Drugs, Home Delivery drugs, over-the-counter drugs or preferred products. Such programs may reduce or waive Copayments or Coinsurance for a limited time. In addition, We may allow access to network rates for drugs not listed on Our Prescription Drug List.

**Rebate Impact on Prescription Drugs You Get at Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacies**

Anthem and/or its PBM may also, from time to time, enter into agreements that result in Anthem receiving rebates or other funds ("rebates") directly or indirectly from Prescription Drug manufacturers, Prescription Drug distributors or others.

You will be able to take advantage of a portion of the cost savings anticipated by Anthem from rebates on Prescription Drugs purchased by You from Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacies under this section. If the Prescription Drug purchased by You is eligible for a rebate, most of the estimated value of that rebate will be used to reduce the Maximum Allowed Amount for the Prescription Drug. Any Deductible or Coinsurance would be calculated using that reduced amount. The remaining value of that rebate will be used to reduce the cost of coverage for all Members enrolled in coverage of this type.

It is important to note that not all Prescription Drugs are eligible for a rebate, and rebates can be discontinued or applied at any time based on the terms of the rebate agreements. Because the exact value of the ultimate rebate will not be known at the time You purchase the Prescription Drug, the amount the rebate applied to Your claim will be based on an estimate. Payment on Your claim will not be adjusted if the later determined rebate value is higher or lower than Our original estimate.

## Pediatric Dental Care

**Your Dental Benefits.** Dental care treatment decisions are made by You and Your dentist. We cover treatment based on what benefits You have, not whether the care is Medically or dentally Necessary. The only exception is when You get orthodontic care — We do review those services to make sure they're appropriate.

**Pretreatment Estimates.** When You need major dental care, like crowns, root canals, dentures/bridges, oral surgery, or braces — it is best to go over a care or treatment plan with Your dentist beforehand. It should include a “pretreatment estimate” so You know what it will cost.

You or Your dentist can send Us the pretreatment estimate to get an idea of how much of the cost Your benefits will cover. Then You can work with Your dentist to make financial arrangements, before You start treatment.

**Pediatric Dental Essential Health Benefits.** The following dental care services are covered for Members until the end of the month in which they turn 19. All Covered Services are subject to the terms, limitations, and exclusions of this Certificate. See the “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and benefit limitation information.

### Diagnostic and Preventive Services

**Oral Exams.** Two oral exams are covered every 12 months.

**Radiographs (X-rays):** Here are ones that are covered:

- Bitewings – two sets per 12 month period.
- Full mouth (also called complete series) – one time per 60 month period.
- Panoramic – one time per 60 months.
- Periapicals, occlusals, and extraoral films are also covered.

**Dental Cleaning (prophylaxis).** Procedure to remove plaque, tartar (calculus), and stain from teeth. Covered two times per 12 months.

**Fluoride Treatment (topical application or fluoride varnish).** Covered two times per 12 month period.

**Sealants or Preventive Resin Restorations.** Any combination of these procedures is covered one time per tooth per 36 months.

### Space Maintainers and Recement Space Maintainers

**Emergency Treatment (also called palliative treatment).** Covered for the temporary relief of pain or infection.

### Basic Restorative Services

**Consultations.** Covered when given by a Provider other than Your treating dentist.

**Fillings (restorations).** Fillings are covered when placed on primary or permanent teeth. There are two kinds of fillings covered under this Plan:

- Amalgam. These are silver fillings that are used to restore decayed or fractured posterior (back) teeth.
- Composite Resin. These are tooth-colored fillings that are used to restore decayed or fractured anterior (front) teeth. If You choose to have a composite resin filling placed on a back tooth, We will pay up to the Maximum Allowed Amount for an amalgam filling. You will be responsible to pay for the difference, if the dentist charges more, plus any applicable Deductible or Coinsurance.

**Periodontal Maintenance.** This procedure includes periodontal evaluation, removing bacteria from the gum pocket areas, measuring the gum pocket areas, and scaling and polishing of the teeth. Any

combination of this procedure and dental cleanings (see Diagnostic and Preventive Services above) is covered four times per 12 months.

#### **Endodontic Therapy on Primary Teeth**

- Pulpal therapy
- Therapeutic pulpotomy

**Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing.** This is a non-surgical periodontal service to treat diseases of the gums (gingival) and bone that supports the teeth. Covered one time per quadrant per 24 months.

**Pre-fabricated or Stainless Steel Crown.** Covered one time per 60 months for Members through the age of 14.

#### **Pin Retention**

#### **Therapeutic Drug Injection**

**Partial Pulpotomy for Apexogenesis.** Covered on permanent teeth only

### **Endodontic Services**

**Endodontic Therapy.** The following will be covered for permanent teeth only:

- Root canal therapy.
- Root canal retreatment.

#### **Other Endodontic Treatments**

- Apexification
- Apicoectomy
- Root amputation
- Hemisection

### **Periodontal Services**

**Full Mouth Debridement.** This is a non-surgical periodontal service to treat diseases of the gums (gingival) and bone that supports the teeth. Covered once per lifetime.

**Complex Surgical Periodontal Care.** These services are surgical treatment for diseases of the gums (gingival) and bone that supports the teeth. Only one of the below services is covered per single tooth or multiple teeth in the same quadrant per 36 month period. Covered for permanent teeth only.

- Gingivectomy/gingivoplasty
- Gingival flap
- Apically positioned flap
- Osseous surgery
- Bone replacement graft

The following complex surgical periodontal care services are not subject to the benefit frequency stated above.

- Pedicle soft tissue graft.
- Free soft tissue graft
- Subepithelial connective tissue graft.
- Soft tissue allograft

#### **Crown Lengthening**

## Oral Surgery Services

### Basic Extractions

- Removal of coronal remnants (retained piece of the crown portion of the tooth) on primary teeth.
- Extraction of erupted tooth or exposed root.

**Complex Surgical Extractions.** Surgical removal of 3<sup>rd</sup> molars is covered only when symptoms of oral pathology exists.

- Surgical removal of erupted tooth.
- Surgical removal of impacted tooth.
- Surgical removal of residual tooth roots.

### Other Complex Surgical Procedures

- Alveoloplasty – in conjunction with extractions
- Alveoloplasty – not in conjunction with extractions
- Removal of exostosis – per site

### Other Oral Surgery Procedures

- Incision and drainage of abscess (intraoral soft tissue).
- Collection and application of autologous product. Covered one time per 36-month period.
- Excision of pericoronal gingiva.
- Tooth reimplantation (accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth).
- Suture of recent small wounds up to five cm.

**Intravenous Conscious Sedation, IV Sedation and General Anesthesia.** Covered when given with a complex surgical service. The service must be given in a dentist's office by the dentist or an employee of the dentist that is certified in their profession to give anesthesia services.

## Major Restorative Services

**Gold foil restorations.** Gold foil restorations are covered at the same frequency as an amalgam filling. Gold foil restorations will be paid up to the same Maximum Allowed Amount for an amalgam filling. You are responsible to pay for any amount over the Maximum Allowed Amount, plus any applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.

**Inlays.** Inlays are covered at the same frequency as an amalgam filling. Inlays will be paid up to the same Maximum Allowed Amount for an amalgam filling. You are responsible to pay for any amount over the Maximum Allowed Amount, plus any applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.

**Onlays or Permanent Crowns.** Covered one time per 60 months. Only covered on a permanent tooth. To be covered, the tooth must have extensive loss of natural structure due to decay or fracture so that another restoration (such as a filling or inlay) cannot be used to restore the tooth. We will pay up to the Maximum Allowed Amount for a porcelain to noble metal crown. If You choose to have another type of crown, You are responsible to pay for the difference plus any applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.

**Recement an Inlay, Onlay or Crown.** Covered six months after initial placement.

**Inlay, Onlay or Crown Repair.** Covered one time per 36 months. The narrative from Your treating dentist must support the procedure.

**Implant Crowns.** See the implant procedures description under Prosthodontic Services.

**Restorative Cast Post and Core Build Up.** Includes one post per tooth and one pin per surface. Covered one time per 60 months. Covered only if needed to retain an indirectly fabricated restoration (such as a crown) due to extensive loss of tooth structure due to decay or fracture.

**Prefabricated Post and Core (in addition to crown).** Covered one time per tooth every 60 months.

**Occlusal Guards.** Covered one time per 12 months for Members age 13 through 18.

## Prosthodontic Services

**Dentures and Partials (removable prosthodontic services).** Covered one time per 60 months for the replacement of extracted permanent teeth. If You have an existing denture or partial, a replacement is only covered if at least 60 months have passed and it cannot be repaired or adjusted.

**Bridges (fixed prosthodontic services).** Covered one time per 60 months for the replacement of extracted permanent teeth. If You have an existing bridge, a replacement is only covered if at least 60 months have passed and it cannot be repaired or adjusted. In order for the bridge to be covered:

- A natural healthy and sound tooth is present to serve as the anterior and posterior retainer.
- There are no other missing teeth in the same arch that have been replaced with a removable partial denture.
- And none of the individual units (teeth) of the bridge has had a crown or cast restoration covered under this Plan in the last 60 months.

The Plan will cover the least costly, commonly performed course of treatment. If there are multiple missing teeth, the Plan may cover a partial denture instead of the bridge. If You still choose to get the bridge, You will be responsible to pay the difference in cost, plus any applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.

## Tissue Conditioning

**Reline and Rebase.** Covered one time per 36 months as long as the appliance (denture, partial or bridge) is the permanent appliance. Covered once six months has passed from the initial placement of the appliance.

## Repairs and Replacement of Broken Clasps

**Replacement of Broken Artificial Teeth.** Covered as long as the appliance (denture, partial or bridge) is the permanent appliance. Covered once six months has passed from the initial placement of the appliance and the narrative from the treating dentist supports the service.

## Denture Adjustments

### Partial and Bridge Adjustments

### Recementation of Bridge (fixed prosthetic)

**Single Tooth Implant Body, Abutment and Crown.** Covered one time per 60 months. Coverage includes only the single surgical placement of the implant body, implant abutment and implant/abutment supported crown. Some adjunctive implant services may not be covered. It is recommended that You get a pretreatment estimate, so You fully understand the treatment and cost before having implant services done.

## Orthodontic Care

Orthodontic care is the prevention and correction of malocclusion of teeth and associated dental and facial disharmonies. Talk to Your dental Provider about getting a pretreatment estimate for Your orthodontic treatment plan, so You have an idea upfront what the treatment and costs will be. You or Your dental Provider should send it to Us so We can help You understand how much is covered by Your benefits.

**Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care.** This Plan will only cover orthodontic care that is dentally necessary — at least one of these criteria must be present:

- Spacing between adjacent teeth that interferes with Your biting function

- Overbite that causes the lower front (anterior) teeth to impinge on the roof of Your mouth when You bite
- The position of Your jaw or teeth impairs Your ability to bite or chew
- On an objective, professional orthodontic severity index, the condition scores at a level consistent with the need for orthodontic care

**What Orthodontic Care Includes.** Orthodontic care may include the following types of treatment:

- Pre-Orthodontic Treatment Exams. Periodic visits with Your dentist to establish when orthodontic treatment should begin.
- Periodic Orthodontic Treatment Visits.
- Limited Treatment. A treatment usually given for minor tooth movement and is not a full treatment case.
- Interceptive Treatment (also known as phase I treatment). This is a limited treatment that is used to prevent or lessen the need for more involved treatment in the future.
- Comprehensive or Complete Treatment. A full kind of treatment that includes all radiographs, diagnostic casts and models, orthodontic appliances and office visits.
- Removable Appliance Therapy. Treatment that uses an appliance that is removable and not cemented or bonded to the teeth.
- Fixed Appliance Therapy. Treatment that uses an appliance that is cemented or bonded to the teeth.
- Complex Surgical Procedures. Surgical procedures given for orthodontic reasons, such as exposing impacted or unerupted teeth, or repositioning of the teeth.

**How We pay for orthodontic care.** Because orthodontic treatment usually occurs over a long period of time, payments are made over the course of Your treatment. In order for Us to continue to pay for Your orthodontic care You must have continuous coverage under this Certificate.

The first payment for orthodontic care is made when treatment begins. Treatment begins when the appliances are installed. Your dental Provider should submit the necessary forms telling Us when Your appliance is installed. Payments are then made at six month intervals until the treatment is finished or coverage under this Certificate ends.

If Your orthodontic treatment is already in progress (the appliance has been installed) when You begin coverage under this Certificate, the orthodontic treatment benefit under this coverage will be on a pro-rated basis. We will only cover the portion of orthodontic treatment that You are given while covered under this Certificate. We will not pay for any portion of Your treatment that was given before Your Effective Date under this Certificate.

**What Orthodontic Care Does NOT Include.** The following is not covered as part of Your orthodontic treatment:

- Monthly treatment visits that are billed separately — these costs should already be included in the cost of treatment.
- Repair or replacement of lost, broken, or stolen appliances.
- Orthodontic retention or retainers that are billed separately — these costs should already be included in the cost of treatment.
- Retreatment and services given due to a relapse.
- Inpatient or Outpatient Hospital expenses, unless covered by the medical benefits of this Certificate.
- Any provisional splinting, temporary procedures or interim stabilization of the teeth.

## Pediatric Vision Care

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These vision care services are covered for Members until the end of the month in which they turn 19. To get Network benefits, use a Blue View Vision eye care Provider. For help finding one, try “Find a Doctor” on Our website, or call Us at the number on Your ID Card.

### Routine Eye Exam

This Certificate covers a complete routine eye exam with dilation as needed. The exam is used to check all aspects of Your vision.

### Eyeglass Lenses

Standard plastic (CR39) or glass eyeglass lenses up to 55mm are covered, whether they are single vision, bifocal, trifocal (FT 25-28), progressive or lenticular.

There are a number of additional covered lens options that are available through Your Blue View Vision Provider. See the “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” for the list of covered lens options.

### Frames

Your Blue View Vision Provider will have a collection of frames for You to choose from. They can tell You which frames are included at no extra charge — and which ones will cost You more.

### Contact Lenses

Each Year, You get a lens benefit for eyeglass lenses, non-elective contact lenses or elective contact lenses. But You can only get one of those three options in a given Year. Your Blue View Vision Provider will have a selection of contact lenses for You to choose from. They can tell You which contacts are included at no extra charge – and which ones will cost You more. Benefits also include a contact lens fitting and evaluation.

**Elective contact lenses** are ones You choose for comfort or appearance.

**Non-elective contact lenses** are ones prescribed for certain eye conditions:

- Keratoconus where the patient is not correctable to 20/40 in either or both eyes using standard spectacle lenses;
- High ametropia exceeding -12D or +9D in spherical equivalent
- Pathological myopia, aphakia, anisometropia (of 3D or more), aniseikonia, aniridia, corneal disorders, post-traumatic disorders, irregular astigmatism
- For patients whose vision can be corrected three lines of improvement on the visual acuity chart when compared to best corrected standard spectacle lenses
- If contact lenses result in significantly better visual and/or improved binocular function, including avoidance of diplopia or suppression.

**Note:** We will not pay for non-elective contact lenses for any Member who has had elective corneal surgery, such as radial keratotomy (RK), photorefractive keratectomy (PRK), or LASIK.

### Low Vision

Low vision is when You have a significant loss of vision, but not total blindness. Low vision services include a comprehensive low vision exam (instead of a routine eye exam), optical/non-optical aids or supplemental testing.

**IMPORTANT:** If You opt to receive vision care services or vision care materials that are not covered benefits under this Plan, a Network vision care Provider may charge You his or her normal fee for such services or materials. Prior to providing You with vision care services or vision care materials that are not covered benefits, the vision care Provider will provide You with an estimated cost for each service or material upon Your request.



## WHAT IS NOT COVERED (EXCLUSIONS)

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In this section You will find a review of items that are not covered by Your Plan. Excluded items will not be covered even if the service, supply, or equipment is Medically Necessary. This section is only meant to be an aid to point out certain items that may be misunderstood as Covered Services. This section is not meant to be a complete list of all the items that are excluded by Your Plan.

We will have the right to make the final decision about whether services or supplies are Medically Necessary and if they will be covered by Your Plan.

The following services are not covered:

- Services rendered by Providers located outside the United States, unless the services are for Emergency Care, Urgent Care services received from a BlueCard® participating Provider at an Urgent Care Center or ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital.
- Services by Non-Network Providers unless:
  - the services are for Emergency Care, ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital; or
  - the services are approved in advance by Anthem.

## Medical Services

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Your Medical benefits do not cover:

**Abortions.** We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies, or charges for abortions for which federal funding is prohibited. Federal funding is allowed for abortions, where a pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, or for a pregnancy which, as certified by a doctor, places the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

**Administrative Charges.** Charges to complete claim forms, charges to get medical records or reports, and membership, administrative, or access fees charged by doctors or other Providers. Examples include, but are not limited to, fees for educational brochures or calling You to give You test results.

**Affiliated Providers.** Services received from a dental or medical department maintained by or on behalf of an employer, mutual benefit association, labor union, trust, academic institution, or similar person or group.

**After Hours or Holiday Charges.** Additional charges beyond the Maximum Allowed Amount for basic and primary services requested after normal Provider service hours or on holidays.

**Aids for Non-verbal Communication.** Devices and computers to assist in communication and speech except for speech aid devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices approved by Anthem.

**Alternative/Complementary Medicine.** For (services or supplies related to) alternative or complementary medicine. Services in this category include, but are not limited to, acupuncture, holistic medicine, homeopathy, hypnosis, aroma therapy, massage therapy, reiki therapy, herbal, vitamin or dietary products or therapies, naturopathy, thermography, orthomolecular therapy, contact reflex analysis, bioenergetic synchronization technique (BEST), iridology-study of the iris, auditory integration therapy (AIT), colonic irrigation, magnetic innervation therapy, electromagnetic therapy, and neurofeedback.

**Ambulance.** Usage is not covered when another type of transportation can be used without endangering the Member's health. Any ambulance usage for the convenience of the Member, family or doctor is not a Covered Service. Non-Covered Services for ambulance include, but are not limited to, trips to:

- A doctor's office or clinic;
- A morgue or funeral home.

Coverage is not available for air ambulance transport from a Hospital capable of treating the patient because the patient and/or the patient's family prefer a specific Hospital or doctor. Air ambulance services are not covered for transport to a Hospital that is not an acute care Hospital, such as a nursing Facility or a rehabilitation Facility, doctor's office, or Your home.

**Applied Behavioral Treatment** (including, but not limited to, Applied Behavior Analysis and Intensive Behavior Interventions) for all indications except as described as a Covered Service in this Certificate, unless otherwise required by law.

### Autopsies and Post-mortem Testing.

**Bariatric Surgery.** For bariatric surgery, regardless of the purpose it is proposed or performed. This includes, but is not limited to, Roux-en-Y (RNY), laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery or other gastric bypass surgery (surgical procedures that reduce stomach capacity and divert partially digested food from the duodenum to the jejunum, the section of the small intestine extending from the duodenum), or gastroplasty, (surgical procedures that decrease the size of the stomach), or gastric banding procedures. Complications directly related to bariatric surgery that result in an Inpatient stay or an extended Inpatient stay for the bariatric surgery, as determined by Us, are not covered. This exclusion applies when the bariatric surgery was not a Covered Service under this Plan or any previous one of Our Plans, and it applies if the surgery was performed while the Member was covered by a previous carrier/self-funded plan prior to coverage under this Certificate. Directly related means that the Inpatient stay or extended Inpatient stay occurred as a direct result of the bariatric procedure and would not have taken place in the absence of the bariatric procedure. This exclusion does not apply to conditions including, but not limited

to: myocardial infarction; excessive nausea/vomiting; pneumonia; and exacerbation of co-morbid medical conditions during the procedure or in the immediate post-operative time frame.

**Before Effective Date or After Termination Date.** Charges for care You get before Your Effective Date or after Your coverage ends, except as written in this Certificate.

**Charges Not Supported by Medical Records.** Charges for services not described in Your medical records.

**Charges Over the Maximum Allowed Amount.** Charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services.

**Clinical Trials.** We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:

- Any investigational drugs or devices, non-health services required for You to receive the treatment, the costs of managing the research, or costs that would not be a Covered Service under this Plan for non-investigational treatments; or
- Items and services that are given only to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient; or
- A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis;
- Any item or service that is paid for, or should have been paid for, by the sponsor of the trial.

**Complications Resulting from Experimental/Investigative or non-Medically Necessary Services or Treatment.** Complications directly related to a service or treatment that is a non-Covered Service under this Certificate because it was determined by Us to be Experimental/Investigative or non-Medically Necessary. Directly related means that the service or treatment occurred as a direct result of the Experimental/Investigative or non-Medically Necessary service and would not have taken place in the absence of the Experimental/Investigative or non-Medically Necessary service.

#### **Compound Drugs.**

**Corrective Eye Surgery.** For eye surgery to correct errors of refraction, such as near-sightedness, including without limitation LASIK, radial keratotomy or keratomileusis, or excimer laser refractive keratectomy.

**Cosmetic Services.** Provided in connection with cosmetic services. Cosmetic services are primarily intended to preserve, change or improve Your appearance or are furnished for social reasons. No benefits are available for surgery or treatments to change the texture or appearance of Your skin or to change the size, shape or appearance of facial or body features (such as Your nose, eyes, ears, cheeks, chin, chest or breasts). Complications directly related to cosmetic services, treatment or surgery, as determined by Us, are not covered. This exclusion applies even if the original cosmetic services treatment or surgery was performed while the Member was covered by another carrier/self-funded plan prior to coverage under this Certificate. Directly related means that the treatment or surgery occurred as a direct result of the cosmetic services treatment or surgery and would not have taken place in the absence of the cosmetic services treatment or surgery. This exclusion does not apply to conditions including, but not limited to, myocardial infarction; pulmonary embolism; thrombophlebitis; and exacerbation of co-morbid conditions. This exclusion also does not apply to plastic or reconstructive surgery to restore breast symmetry by reduction mammoplasty, mastopexy or breast augmentation as recommended by the oncologist or PCP for a Member incident to a covered mastectomy. Coverage will include reduction or uplift surgery on the unaffected breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.

**Counseling Services.** For marital counseling.

**Court-Ordered Care.** For court-ordered testing or care, unless the service is Medically Necessary and authorized by Us.

**Custodial Care.** Custodial care, convalescent care or rest cures. This Exclusion does not apply to hospice services.

**Delivery Charges.** Charges for delivery of Prescription Drugs.

**Dental Braces.** For Dental braces except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Dental Implants.** For Dental implants except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Dental Treatment.** For dental treatment, regardless of origin or cause, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate. "Dental treatment" includes, but is not limited to: Preventive care, diagnosis, treatment of or related to the teeth, jawbones or gums, including, but not limited to:

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

**Dental X-Rays, Supplies and Appliances.** For dental X-rays, supplies and appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalization and anesthesia, except as required by law or as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate. The only exceptions to this are for any of the following:

- Transplant preparation.
- Initiation of an immunosuppressive.
- Direct treatment of acute traumatic injury, cancer, or cleft palate.

**Diagnostic Admissions.** Inpatient room and board or any charges in connection with a Hospital stay primarily for diagnostic tests which could have been performed safely on an Outpatient basis.

**Doctor or Other Practitioners' Charges.** Doctor or other practitioners' charges including:

- Surcharges for furnishing and/or receiving medical records and reports.
- Charges for doing research with Providers not directly responsible for Your care.
- Charges that are not documented in Provider records.
- Charges from an outside laboratory or shop for services in connection with an order involving devices (e.g., prosthetics, orthotics) which are manufactured by that laboratory or shop, but which are designed to be fitted and adjusted by the attending doctor.
- For membership, administrative, or access fees charged by doctors or other Providers. Examples of administrative fees include, but are not limited to, fees charged for educational brochures or calling a patient to provide their test results.

**Doctor Stand-by Charges.** For stand-by charges of a doctor.

**Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits.** Drugs which are over any quantity or age limits set by the Plan or Us.

**Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year.** Drugs in amounts over the quantity prescribed, or for any refill given more than one Year after the date of the original Prescription Order.

**Drugs Prescribed by Providers lacking qualifications/registrations/certifications.** Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations and/or certifications, as determined by Anthem.

**Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription.** Drugs that do not need a Prescription by federal law (including drugs that need a Prescription by State law, but not by federal law).

**Durable Medical Equipment.** Covered Services do not include durable medical equipment except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate. Non-Covered Services or supplies include, but are not limited to:

- Orthopedic shoes or shoe inserts, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- Air conditioners.
- Ice bags/coldpack pump.
- Raised toilet seats.
- Rental of equipment if the Member is in a Facility that is expected to provide such equipment.

- Translift chairs.
- Treadmill exerciser.
- Tub chair used in shower.

**Education/Training.** For services, supplies or room and board for teaching, vocational, or self-training purposes. This includes, but is not limited to, boarding schools and/or the room and board and educational components of a residential program where the primary focus of the program is educational in nature rather than treatment based.

**Exams - Research Screenings.** For examinations relating to research screenings.

**Experimental/Investigative.** Which are Experimental/Investigative or related to such, whether incurred prior to, in connection with, or subsequent to the Experimental/Investigative service or supply, as determined by Us. The fact that a service is the only available treatment for a condition will not make it eligible for coverage if We deem it to be Experimental/Investigative.

**Experimental/Investigative Services exclusions.** Any drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply used in or directly related to the diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of a disease, injury, illness, or other health condition which We determine to be Experimental/Investigative is not covered under the Plan.

We will deem any drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply to be Experimental/Investigative if We determine that one or more of the following criteria apply when the service is rendered with respect to the use for which benefits are sought. The drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply:

- cannot be legally marketed in the United States without the final approval of the FDA, or other licensing or regulatory agency, and such final approval has not been granted;
- has been determined by the FDA to be contraindicated for the specific use; or
- is provided as part of a clinical research protocol or clinical trial or is provided in any other manner that is intended to evaluate the safety, toxicity, or efficacy of the drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply; or
- is subject to review and approval of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or other body serving a similar function; or
- is provided pursuant to informed consent documents that describe the drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply as Experimental/Investigative, or otherwise indicate that the safety, toxicity, or efficacy of the drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is under evaluation.

Any service not deemed Experimental/Investigative based on the criteria above may still be deemed Experimental/Investigative by Us. In determining whether a service is Experimental/Investigative, We will consider the information described below and assess whether:

- the scientific evidence is conclusory concerning the effect of the service on health outcomes;
- the evidence demonstrates the service improves net health outcomes of the total population for whom the service might be proposed by producing beneficial effects that outweigh any harmful effects;
- the evidence demonstrates the service has been shown to be as beneficial for the total population for whom the service might be proposed as any established alternatives; and
- the evidence demonstrates the service has been shown to improve the net health outcomes of the total population for whom the service might be proposed under the usual conditions of medical practice outside clinical investigatory settings.

The information considered or evaluated by Us to determine whether a drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is Experimental/Investigative under the above criteria may include one or more items from the following list which is not all inclusive.

- published authoritative, peer-reviewed medical or scientific literature, or the absence thereof; or
- evaluations of national medical associations, consensus panels, and other technology evaluation bodies; or
- documents issued by and/or filed with the FDA or other federal, State or local agency with the authority to approve, regulate, or investigate the use of the drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply; or
- documents of an IRB or other similar body performing substantially the same function; or
- consent document(s) and/or the written protocol(s) used by the treating doctors, other medical professionals, or Facilities or by other treating doctors, other medical professionals or Facilities studying substantially the same drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply; or
- medical records; or
- the opinions of consulting Providers and other experts in the field.

We will identify and weigh all information and determine all questions pertaining to whether a drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is Experimental/Investigative.

**Eyeglasses/Contact Lenses.** For prescription, fitting, or purchase of eyeglasses or contact lenses except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate. This exclusion does not apply for initial prosthetic lenses or sclera shells following intra-ocular surgery, or for soft contact lenses due to a medical condition.

**Facility or Residential Treatment Center/Facility not meeting our Definitions.** Services from a Facility or Residential Treatment Center/Facility that do not fall within the definitions of “Facility” or “Residential Treatment Center/Facility” listed in the “Definitions” section.

**Family/Self.** Prescribed, ordered or referred by, or received from a Member of Your immediate family, including Your spouse, child/stepchild, brother/stepbrother, sister/stepsister, parent/stepparent, in-law, or self.

**Feet - Surgical Treatment.** For surgical treatment of flat feet; subluxation of the foot; weak, strained, unstable feet; tarsalgia; metatarsalgia; hyperkeratosis.

**Foot Care – Routine.** For routine foot care (including the cutting or removal of corns and calluses); nail trimming, cutting or debriding; hygienic and preventive maintenance foot care, including, but not limited to:

- Cleaning and soaking the feet.
- Applying skin creams in order to maintain skin tone.
- Other services that are performed when there is not a localized illness, injury or symptom involving the foot.

**Forms/Medical Records.** For completion of claim forms or charges for medical records or reports unless otherwise required by law.

**Genetic Testing and Counseling.** Benefits are not provided for genetic testing or genetic counseling except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Government Coverage.** To the extent that they are provided as benefits by any governmental unit, unless otherwise required by law or regulation.

**Gynecomastia.** For surgical treatment of gynecomastia.

**Hair Loss or Growth Treatment.** Items and services for the promotion, prevention, or other treatment of hair loss or hair growth.

**Health Club Memberships and Fitness Services.** Health club memberships, workout equipment, charges from a physical fitness or personal trainer, or any other charges for activities, equipment, or facilities used for physical fitness, even if ordered by a doctor. This exclusion also applies to health spas.

**Hearing Aids, including Bone-anchored Hearing Aids.** For hearing aids or examinations for prescribing or fitting them, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Home Care.** Non-Covered Services include, but are not limited to:

- Food, housing, homemaker services and home delivered meals.
- Home or Outpatient hemodialysis services (these are covered under “Therapy Services Outpatient”).
- Doctor charges.
- Helpful environmental materials (hand rails, ramps, telephones, air conditioners, and similar services, appliances and devices.)
- Services provided by registered nurses and other health workers who are not acting as employees or under approved arrangements with a contracting Home Health Care Provider.
- Services provided by a member of the patient’s immediate family
- Services provided by volunteer ambulance associations for which patient is not obligated to pay, visiting teachers, vocational guidance and other counselors, and services related to outside, occupational and social activities.

**Hospice Care.** Non-Covered Services include, but are not limited to:

- Services provided by volunteers.
- Housekeeping services.

**Human Growth Hormone.** Human growth hormones for children born small for gestational age. It is only a Covered Service in other situations when allowed by Us through Prior Authorization.

**Hyperhidrosis.** For treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating).

**Impotency.** For services and supplies related to male or female sexual or erectile dysfunctions or inadequacies, regardless of origin or cause. This exclusion includes sexual therapy and counseling. This exclusion also includes penile prostheses or implants and vascular or artificial reconstruction, Prescription Drugs, and all other procedures and equipment developed for or used in the treatment of impotency, and all related diagnostic testing.

**In-vitro Fertilization (IVF) or Pre-implant Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) of Embryos.** Services or supplies for in-vitro fertilization (IVF) or pre-implant genetic diagnosis (PGD) of embryos, whether provided or not provided in connection with infertility treatment.

**Maintenance Therapy.** For maintenance therapy, which is treatment given when no additional progress is apparent or expected to occur. Maintenance therapy includes treatment that preserves Your present level of functioning and prevents loss of that functioning, but which does not result in any additional improvement.

**Manipulation Therapy – Home.** For manipulation therapy services rendered in the home except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Medical Equipment, Devices, and Supplies.** We do not provide benefits for supplies, equipment and appliances that include comfort, luxury, or convenience items or features that exceed what is Medically Necessary in Your situation. Reimbursement will be based on the Maximum Allowed Amount for a standard item that is a Covered Service, serves the same purpose, and is Medically Necessary. Any expense that exceeds the Maximum Allowed Amount for the standard item which is a Covered Service is Your responsibility.

**Medicare Benefits.** (1) for which benefits are payable under Medicare Parts A, B and/or D, unless prohibited by law; (2) for services or supplies provided pursuant to a private contract between the Member and a Provider, for which reimbursement under the Medicare program is prohibited as specified in Section 1802 (42 U.S.C. 1395a) of Title XVII of the Social Security Act.

**Missed/Cancelled Appointments.** For missed or cancelled appointments.

**No Legal Obligation to Pay.** For which You have no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.

**Non-approved Drugs.** Drugs not approved by the FDA.

**Non-authorized Travel Related Expenses.** For mileage, lodging and meals costs, and other Member travel related expenses, except as authorized by Us or as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Nonemergency Care Received in Emergency Room.** For care received in an emergency room which is not Emergency Care, except as specified in this Certificate. For nonemergency care please use the closest Network Urgent Care Center and/or your Primary Care Physician for services. As required by Ohio law, please note that coverage for Emergency Care will be provided as described in “Emergency Care Services” in the “What is Covered” section. Examples of nonemergency care may include, but are not limited to: suture removal, routine pregnancy test, sore throat, ear ache/infection, rashes, sprains/strains, constipation, diarrhea, abrasions, sleep disorder, conjunctivitis/pink eye, back pain that is not sudden and severe in onset, and dental caries/cavity.

**Not Medically Necessary.** Any services or supplies which are not Medically Necessary.

**Nutritional and Dietary Supplements.** For nutritional and dietary supplements, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate or as required by law. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, those nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that can be purchased over-the-counter, which by law do not require either the written Prescription or dispensing by a licensed pharmacist.

**Off Label Use.** Off label use, unless We must cover the use by law or if We approve it.

**Oral Appliances for Snoring.** Medical and surgical treatment for snoring, except when provided as a part of treatment for documented obstructive sleep apnea.

**Orthotic Devices, Shoes or Shoe Inserts.** Benefits are not provided for orthotic devices, shoes or shoe inserts except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate. We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:

- Repair and replacement due to misuse, malicious breakage or gross neglect.
- Replacement of lost or stolen items.

**Over-the-Counter.** For drugs, devices, products, or supplies with over-the-counter equivalents and any drugs, devices, products, or supplies that are therapeutically comparable to an over-the-counter drug device, product, or supply, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate or as required by law.

**Personal Care, Convenience and Mobile/Wearable Devices.** For personal hygiene, environmental control, or convenience items including, but not limited to:

- Air conditioners, humidifiers, air purifiers;
- Personal comfort and convenience items during an Inpatient stay, including, but not limited to, daily television rental, telephone services, cots or visitor’s meals;
- Charges for non-medical self-care except as otherwise stated;
- Purchase or rental of supplies for common household use, such as water purifiers;
- Allergenic pillows, cervical neck pillows, special mattresses, or waterbeds;
- Infant helmets to treat positional plagiocephaly;
- Consumer wearable/personal mobile devices (such as a smart phone, smart watch, or other personal tracking devices), including any software or applications;
- Residential, auto, or place of business structural changes (ramps, lifts, elevator chairs, escalators, elevators, stair glides, emergency alert equipment, handrails);
- Safety helmets for Members with neuromuscular diseases; or
- Sports helmets.

**Physical Exams and Immunizations - Other Purposes.** Physical exams and immunizations required for travel, enrollment in any insurance program, as a condition of employment, for licensing, or for other purposes, unless the benefit has not been exhausted, and the benefit is not payable by any other source.



**Private Duty Nursing.** For private duty nursing services, unless home nursing services provided through home health care. Private duty nursing services in an Inpatient setting are not covered.

**Prosthetics.** We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for certain prosthetic appliances that include, but are not limited to, dentures, replacing teeth or structures directly supporting teeth; dental appliances; such as non-rigid appliances as elastic stockings, garter belts, arch supports and corsets; artificial heart implants; wigs (except as described above following cancer treatment); penile prosthesis in men suffering impotency resulting from disease or injury.

**Provider Services.** You get from Providers that are not licensed by law to provide Covered Services, as defined in this Certificate. Examples of such Providers may include, but are not limited to, masseurs or masseuses (massage therapists) and physical therapist technicians.

**Provider Type.** Received from an individual or entity that is not a Provider, as defined in this Certificate, or recognized by Us.

**Reconstructive Services.** Reconstructive services, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate or as required by law.

**Residential Accommodations** Residential accommodations to treat medical or behavioral health conditions, except when provided in a Hospital, hospice, Skilled Nursing Facility, or Residential Treatment Center. This exclusion includes procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:

- Domiciliary care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or a school because a Member's own home arrangements are not available or are unsuitable, and consisting chiefly of room and board, even if therapy is included.
- Care provided or billed by a hotel, health resort, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or other extended care Facility home for the aged, infirmary, school infirmary, institution providing education in special environments, supervised living or halfway house, or any similar Facility or institution.
- Services or care provided or billed by a school, custodial care center for the developmentally disabled, or outward bound programs, even if psychotherapy is included.

**Reversal of Sterilization.** We do not provide benefits for services to reverse sterilizations.

**Self-Help Training/Care.** For self-help training and other forms of non-medical self care, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Services Not Listed As Covered.** Benefits are not provided for any service, procedure, or supply not listed as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Surrogate Pregnancy.** Services or supplies provided to a person not covered under the Certificate in connection with a surrogate pregnancy (including, but not limited to, the bearing of a child by another woman for an infertile couple).

**Teeth - Congenital Anomaly.** Treatment of congenitally missing, malpositioned, or super numerary teeth, even if part of a congenital anomaly, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate or as required by law.

**Teeth, Jawbone, Gums.** For treatment of the teeth, jawbone or gums that is required as a result of a medical condition, except as expressly required by law, or as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Temporomandibular Joint Disorder.** Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ) except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.

**Transplant: Human Organ and Bone Marrow/Stem Cell/Cord Blood Exclusions.** Non-Covered Services for transportation and lodging include, but are not limited to:

- Child care.
- Meals.
- Mileage within the medical transplant Facility city.

- Rental cars, buses, taxis, or shuttle service, except as specifically approved by Us.
- Frequent flyer miles.
- Coupons, vouchers, or travel tickets.
- Prepayments or deposits.
- Services for a condition that is not directly related, or a direct result, of the transplant.
- Telephone calls.
- Laundry.
- Postage.
- Entertainment.
- Travel expenses for donor companion/caregiver.
- Return visits for the donor for a treatment of a condition found during the evaluation.

**Vein Treatment.** Treatment of varicose veins or telangiectatic dermal veins (spider veins) by any method (including sclerotherapy or other surgeries) for cosmetic purposes.

**Vision Orthoptic Training.** For vision orthoptic training. This exclusion does not apply to Members through the end of the month in which the Member turns age 19.

**Waived Copayment, Coinsurance, or Deductible.** For any service for which You are responsible under the terms of this Certificate to pay a Copayment, Coinsurance, or Deductible and the Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible is waived by a Non-Network Provider.

**Weight Loss Programs.** For weight loss programs, whether or not they are pursued under medical or doctor supervision, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate. This exclusion includes commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, LA Weight Loss) and fasting programs.

**Workers' Compensation.** For any condition, disease, defect, ailment, or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under any Workers' Compensation Act or other similar law. If Workers' Compensation Act benefits are not available to You, then this Exclusion does not apply. This exclusion applies if You receive the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also applies whether or not You claim the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not You recover from any third party.

## Prescription Drugs

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Your Prescription Drug benefits do not include or cover:

- Administration Charges for the administration of any drug except for covered immunizations as approved by Us or the PBM.
- Charges Not Supported by Medical Records. Charges for Pharmacy services not related to conditions, diagnoses, and/or recommended medications described in Your medical records.
- Compound Drugs.
- Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards. Drugs given to You or prescribed in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.
- Delivery Charges. Charges for delivery of Prescription Drugs.
- Drugs Given at the Provider's Office / Facility. Drugs You take at the time and place where You are given them or where the Prescription Order is issued. This includes samples given by a doctor. This exclusion does not apply to drugs used with a diagnostic service, drugs given during chemotherapy in the office as specified in "Therapy Services Outpatient," or drugs specified in "Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances" in the "What is Covered" section – they are Covered Services.
- Drugs not approved by the FDA.
- Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits. Drugs which are over any quantity or age limits set by the Plan or Us.
- Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year. Drugs in amounts over the quantity prescribed, or for any refill given more than one Year after the date of the original Prescription Order.
- Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications/Registrations/Certifications. Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations and/or certifications as determined by Anthem.
- Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription. Drugs that do not need a Prescription by federal law (including drugs that need a Prescription by State law, but not by federal law), except for injectable insulin. This exclusion does not apply to over-the-counter drugs that We must cover under State or federal law when recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and prescribed by a doctor.
- Items Covered as Durable Medical Equipment (DME). Therapeutic DME, devices and supplies except peak flow meters, spacers, glucose monitors.
- Lost or Stolen Drugs. Refills of lost or stolen drugs.
- Mail Service Programs other than the PBM's Home Delivery Mail Service. Prescription Drugs dispensed by any mail service program other than the PBM's Home Delivery mail service, unless We must cover them by law.
- Nutritional or Dietary Supplements. Nutritional and/or dietary supplements, except as described in this Certificate or that We must cover by law. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that You can buy over-the-counter and those You can get without a written Prescription or from a licensed pharmacist.
- Off Label Use. Off label use, unless We must cover the use by law or if We, or the PBM, approve it.

- Onychomycosis Drugs. Drugs for onychomycosis (toenail fungus) except when We allow it to treat Members who are immuno-compromised or diabetic.
- Over-the-Counter Items may not be covered. Drugs, devices and products, or Legend Drugs with over-the-counter equivalents and any drugs, devices or products that are therapeutically comparable to an over-the-counter drug, device, or product. This includes Prescription Legend Drugs when any version or strength becomes available over-the-counter.
- Prescription Drugs used to treat infertility.
- Services or Supplies from Family Members. Services prescribed, ordered, referred by or received from a member of Your immediate family, including Your spouse, domestic partner, child/stepchild, brother/stepbrother, sister/stepsister, parent/stepparent, in-law, or self.
- Services We Conclude are Not Medically Necessary. This includes services that do not meet Our medical policy, clinical coverage, or benefit policy guidelines.
- Sexual Dysfunction Drugs. Drugs to treat sexual or erectile problems.
- Syringes. Hypodermic syringes except when given for use with insulin and other covered self-injectable drugs and medicine.
- Weight Loss Drugs. Any drug mainly used for weight loss.

## Pediatric Dental Care

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Your dental care services do not include services incurred for or in connection with any of the items below:

- Dental Care for Members age 19 and older, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- Dental services or health care services not specifically covered under the Certificate (including any Hospital charges, Prescription Drug charges and dental services or supplies that do not have an American Dental Association Procedure Code), except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- Services of anesthesiologist, unless required by law.
- Anesthesia Services, (such as intravenous or non-intravenous conscious sedation and general anesthesia) are not covered when given separate from a covered oral surgery service, except as required by law.
- Dental services, appliances or restorations that are necessary to alter, restore or maintain occlusion. This includes increasing vertical dimension, replacing or stabilizing tooth structure lost by attrition, realignment of teeth, periodontal splinting and gnathologic recordings.
- Dental services provided solely for the purpose of improving the appearance of the tooth when tooth structure and function are satisfactory and no pathologic conditions (such as cavities) exist.
- Case presentations, office visits, consultations.
- Incomplete services where the final permanent appliance (denture, partial, bridge) or restoration (crown, filling) has not been placed.
- Enamel microabrasion and odontoplasty.
- Biological tests for determination of periodontal disease or pathologic agents, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- Collection of oral cytology samples via scraping of the oral mucosa, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- Separate services billed when they are an inherent component of another Covered Service.
- Services for the replacement of an existing partial denture with a bridge, unless the partial denture cannot satisfactorily restore the case.
- Additional, elective or enhanced prosthodontic procedures including, but not limited to, connector bar(s), stress breakers and precision attachments.
- Provisional splinting.
- Adjunctive diagnostic tests.
- Cone beam images.
- Anatomical crown exposure.
- Temporary anchorage devices.
- Sinus augmentation.
- Oral hygiene instructions.

- Repair or replacement of lost or broken appliances.
- For dental services received prior to the Effective Date of this Certificate or received after the coverage under this Certificate has ended.
- Dental services given by someone other than a licensed Provider (dentist or doctor) or their employees.
- Services to treat temporomandibular joint disorder (TMJ), except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- Occlusal or athletic mouth guards.
- Dental services for which You would have no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.
- For any condition, disease, defect, ailment or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under the Workers' Compensation Act or any similar law. This exclusion applies if a Member receives the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also applies whether or not the Member claims the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not the Member recovers from any third party.

## Pediatric Vision Care

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Your vision care services do not include services incurred for or in connection with any of the items below:

- Vision care for Members age 19 and older, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- For any condition, disease, defect, ailment or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under the Workers' Compensation Act or any similar law. This exclusion applies if a Member receives the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also applies whether or not the Member claims the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not the Member recovers from any third party.
- To the extent that they are provided as benefits by any governmental unit, unless otherwise required by law or regulation.
- For which the Member has no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.
- For services or supplies prescribed, ordered or referred by, or received from a member of the Member's immediate family, including the Member's spouse or domestic partner, child, brother, sister or parent.
- For completion of claim forms or charges for medical records or reports.
- For missed or cancelled appointments.
- For safety glasses and accompanying frames.
- For two pairs of glasses in lieu of bifocals.
- For plano lenses (lenses that have no refractive power).
- For medical or surgical treatment of the eyes, including Inpatient or Outpatient Hospital vision care, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- Lost or broken lenses or frames, unless the Member has reached their normal interval for service when seeking replacements.
- For services or supplies not specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- Cosmetic lenses or options, such as special lens coatings or non-prescription lenses, except as specified as a Covered Service in this Certificate.
- For services or supplies combined with any other offer, coupon or in-store advertisement, or for certain brands of frames where the manufacturer does not allow discounts.
- No benefits are available for frames or contact lenses purchased outside of Our formulary.
- Services and materials not meeting accepted standards of optometric practice or services that are not performed by a licensed Provider.

## HOW YOUR CLAIMS ARE PAID

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This section describes how Your claims are administered, explains the Cost Sharing features of Your Plan, and outlines other important provisions. The specific Cost Sharing features, and the applicable benefit percentages and/or limitations, are outlined in the “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” section.

We consider Covered Services to be incurred on the date a service is provided. This is important because You must be actively enrolled on the date the service is provided.

### Cost Sharing Requirements

Cost Sharing is how Anthem shares the cost of health care services with You. It means what Anthem is responsible for paying and what You are responsible for paying. You meet Your Cost Sharing requirements through Your payment of Copayments, Deductibles and/or Coinsurance (as described below).

Anthem works with doctors, Hospitals, Pharmacies and other health care Providers to control health care costs. As part of this effort, most Providers who contract with Anthem agree to control costs by giving discounts to Anthem. Most other insurers maintain similar arrangements with Providers.

The contracts between Anthem and Our Network Providers include a “hold harmless” clause which provides that You cannot be held responsible by the Provider for claims owed by Anthem for health care services covered under this Certificate.

Covered Services that are not obtained from a PCP, SCP or another Network Provider, or that are not an Authorized Service will not be covered. The only exceptions are Emergency Care or ambulance services related to an Emergency for transportation to a Hospital.

### Copayment

Copayment means the fixed dollar amount You may be responsible for when You visit a Provider or fill a Prescription for covered Prescription Drugs at the Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacy. Your Copayment responsibility is shown in Your “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits.” You may have a Copayment for certain services. Whether a Copayment applies to a Covered Service, depends on Your Certificate’s benefit design.

Copayments do not apply to the Deductible, however Copayments satisfied in a Calendar Year count towards the Out-of-Pocket Limit.

### Coinsurance

Coinsurance means the percentage of the Maximum Allowed Amount for which You are responsible for a specified Covered Service. For example, if Your Coinsurance percentage listed on Your “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” is 20%, You are responsible for 20% of the Maximum Allowed Amount. See the explanation of Maximum Allowed Amount in this section for additional information. Whether a Coinsurance applies to a Covered Service depends on Your Plan’s benefit design.

### Deductible

A Deductible is a specified dollar amount for Covered Services that the Member must pay within each Calendar Year before Anthem reimburses You for Covered Services. A Copayment may be required before the Deductible for certain Covered Services. The Deductible amount is listed in the “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” section. A new Deductible applies at the beginning each Benefit Period.



### **Deductible Calculation**

Each family member's Maximum Allowed Amounts for Covered Services is applied to his or her individual Deductible. Once two or more family members' Maximum Allowed Amounts for Covered Services combine to equal the family Deductible, then no other individual Deductible needs to be met for that Calendar Year. No one person can contribute more than his or her individual Deductible to the family Deductible.

The Deductible applies to most Covered Services even those with a zero percent Coinsurance. An example of services not subject to the Deductible is Network Preventive Care Services required by law.

Generally, Copayments are not subject to and do not apply to the Deductible, however to confirm how Your Plan works, please refer to the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits."

### **Out-of-Pocket Limit**

The Out-of-Pocket Limit for Covered Services is the sum of the Deductible and Copayment/Coinsurance maximums paid in a Benefit Period. The Out-of-Pocket Limit is the most You pay for Covered Services in a Benefit Period. Once You meet Your Out-of-Pocket Limit, Anthem will cover 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services for the rest of that Benefit Period.

#### **Out-of-Pocket Limit Calculation**

The Deductible, Coinsurance, and Copayment amounts incurred in a Calendar Year apply to the Out-of-Pocket Limit.

The individual Out-of-Pocket Limit applies to each covered family member. Once two or more covered family members' Out-of-Pocket Limits combine to equal the family Out-of-Pocket Limit amount, the Out-of-Pocket Limit will be satisfied for the family for that Calendar Year. No one person can contribute more than his or her individual Out-of-Pocket Limit.

Once the Out-of-Pocket Limit is satisfied, no additional Cost Sharing will be required for the remainder of the Calendar Year.

### **Out-of-Pocket Limit Exceptions**

Please read this section very carefully. Not all money that You pay toward Your health care costs are counted toward Your Out-of-Pocket Limit.

Amounts You incur towards Your Deductible, Copayments and/or Coinsurance count towards the Out-of-Pocket Limit. However, the following will never count towards the Out-of-Pocket Limit, nor will they ever be paid under this Plan:

- Amounts over any Plan maximum or limitation; and/or
- Expenses for services not covered under this Certificate.

### **Benefit Period Maximum**

Some Covered Services have a maximum number of days or visits that Anthem will allow during a Benefit Period. When the Deductible is applied to a Covered Service that has a maximum number of days or visits, the maximum benefits may be reduced by the amount applied to the Deductible, whether or not the Covered Service is paid by Us. These maximums apply even if You have satisfied the applicable Out-of-Pocket Limit. See the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits" for those services which have a Benefit Limit.

### **Balance Billing**

Network Providers are prohibited from balance billing. A Network Provider has signed an agreement with Anthem to accept Our determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount or reimbursement rate for Covered Services rendered to a Member who is his or her patient. A Member is not liable for any fee in excess of

this determination or negotiated fee, except what is due under the Certificate, e.g., Deductibles (if any) or Coinsurance.

## Maximum Allowed Amount

### General

This provision describes how We determine the amount of reimbursement for Covered Services.

Reimbursement for services rendered by Network and Non-Network Providers is based on Your Certificate's Maximum Allowed Amount for the Covered Service that You receive. Please also see "Inter-Plan Programs" provision for additional information.

The Maximum Allowed Amount for this Certificate is the maximum amount of reimbursement We will allow for services and supplies:

- that meet Our definition of Covered Services, to the extent such services and supplies are covered under Your Certificate and are not excluded;
- that are Medically Necessary; and
- that are provided in accordance with all applicable Prior Authorization, Utilization Review, or other requirements set forth in Your Certificate.

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent You have not met Your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance.

Generally, services received from a Non-Network Provider under this Certificate are not covered except for Emergency care, or when services have been previously authorized by Us. When You receive Covered Services from a Non-Network Provider either in an Emergency or when services have been previously authorized, You will be responsible for any Cost Share, as if the Covered Services had been obtained from a Network Provider.

When You receive Covered Services from a Provider, We will, to the extent applicable, apply claim processing rules to the claim submitted for those Covered Services. These rules evaluate the claim information and, among other things, determine the accuracy and appropriateness of the procedure and diagnosis codes included in the claim. Applying these rules may affect Our determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount. Our application of these rules does not mean that the Covered Services You received were not Medically Necessary. It means We have determined that the claim was submitted inconsistent with procedure coding rules and/or reimbursement policies. For example, Your Provider may have submitted the claim using several procedure codes when there is a single procedure code that includes all of the procedures that were performed. When this occurs, the Maximum Allowed Amount will be based on the single procedure code rather than a separate Maximum Allowed Amount for each billed code.

Likewise, when multiple procedures are performed on the same day by the same doctor or other healthcare professional, We may reduce the Maximum Allowed Amounts for those secondary and subsequent procedures because reimbursement at 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for those procedures would represent duplicative payment for components of the primary procedure that may be considered incidental or inclusive.

### Provider Network Status

The Maximum Allowed Amount may vary depending upon whether the Provider is a Network or a Non-Network Provider.

A Network Provider is a Provider who is in the managed network for this specific product or in other closely managed specialty network, or who has a participation contract with Us. For Covered Services performed by a Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for Your Certificate is the rate the Provider has agreed with Us to accept as reimbursement for the Covered Services. Because Network Providers have agreed to accept the Maximum Allowed Amount as payment in full for those Covered Services, they should not send You a bill or collect for amounts above the Maximum Allowed Amount.

However, You may receive a bill or be asked to pay all or a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent You have not met Your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. Please call Member Services for help in finding a Network Provider or visit Our website [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Providers who have not signed any contract with Us and are not in any of Our networks are Non-Network Providers, subject to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association rules governing claims filed by certain ancillary Providers. If You use a Non-Network Provider, Your entire claim will be denied except for Emergency care, or unless the services were previously authorized by Us.

For Covered Services You receive in an Emergency or if previously authorized from a Non-Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Certificate will be one of the following as determined by Us:

1. An amount based on Our Non-Network fee schedule/rate, which We have established in Our discretion, and which We reserve the right to modify from time to time, after considering one or more of the following: reimbursement amounts accepted by like/similar Providers contracted with Anthem, reimbursement amounts paid by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the same services or supplies, and other industry cost, reimbursement and utilization data; or
2. An amount based on reimbursement or cost information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"). When basing the Maximum Allowed Amount upon the level or method of reimbursement used by CMS, Anthem will update such information, which is unadjusted for geographic locality, no less than annually; or
3. An amount based on information provided by a third party vendor, which may reflect one or more of the following factors: (1) the complexity or severity of treatment; (2) level of skill and experience required for the treatment; or (3) comparable Providers' fees and costs to deliver care; or
4. An amount negotiated by Us or a third party vendor which has been agreed to by the Provider. This may include rates for services coordinated through case management; or
5. An amount based on or derived from the total charges billed by the Non-Network Provider; or
6. An amount based on the Medicaid fee schedule established by the State. When basing the Maximum Allowed Amount upon the level or method of reimbursement established by the State for Medicaid, Anthem will update such information no less than annually.

Please note that services will be paid the same as Network services and there will be no balance billing.

Providers who are not contracted for this product, but are contracted for other products with Us are also considered Non-Network. For this Certificate the Maximum Allowed Amount for services from these Providers will be one of the methods shown above unless the contract between Anthem and that Provider specifies a different amount.

For services rendered outside Anthem's Service Area by Non-Network Providers, claims may be priced using the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan's non-participating Provider fee schedule/rate or the pricing arrangements required by applicable State or federal law. In certain situations, the Maximum Allowed Amount for out of area claims may be based on billed charges, the pricing We would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Anthem Service Area, or a special negotiated price.

Except in the case of Emergency Care or when Anthem has previously authorized Covered Services from a Non-Network Provider, Non-Network Providers may send You a bill and collect for the amount of the Provider's charge that exceeds Our Maximum Allowed Amount. This amount can be significant. Choosing a Network Provider will likely result in lower out of pocket costs to You. Please call Member Services for help in finding a Network Provider or visit Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Member Services is also available to assist You in determining Your Certificate's Maximum Allowed Amount for a particular service from a Non-Network Provider. In order for Us to assist You, You will need to obtain from Your Provider the specific procedure code(s) and diagnosis code(s) for the services the Provider will render. You will also need to know the Provider's charges to calculate Your out-of-pocket responsibility. Although Member Services can assist You with this pre-service information, the final Maximum Allowed Amount for Your claim will be based on the actual claim submitted by the Provider.

For Prescription Drugs, the Maximum Allowed Amount is the amount determined by Us using Prescription Drug cost information provided by the PBM.

### **Member Cost Share**

For certain Covered Services and depending on Your Plan design, You may be required to pay a part of the Maximum Allowed Amount as Your Cost Share amount (for example, Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance).

We will not provide any reimbursement for non-Covered Services. You will be responsible for the total amount billed by Your Provider for non-Covered Services, regardless of whether such services are performed by a Network or Non-Network Provider. Non-Covered Services include services specifically excluded from coverage by the terms of Your Certificate and services received after benefits have been exhausted. Benefits may be exhausted by exceeding, for example, Your day/visit limits.

In some instances You may only be asked to pay the lower Network Cost Sharing amount when You use a Non-Network Provider. For example, if You go to a Network Hospital or Provider Facility and receive Covered Services from a Non-Network Provider such as a radiologist, anesthesiologist or pathologist who is employed by or contracted with a Network Hospital or Facility, You will pay the Network Cost Share amounts for those Covered Services. However, You also may be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Non-Network Provider's charge.

The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Certificate's Cost Share amounts; see Your "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits" for Your applicable amounts.

Example: Your Certificate has a Coinsurance Cost Share of 20% for Network services after Deductible has been met.

You undergo a nonemergency surgical procedure in a Network Hospital. The Hospital has contracted with a Non-Network anesthesiologist to perform the anesthesiology services for the surgery. You have no control over the anesthesiologist used.

- The Non-Network anesthesiologist's charge for the service is \$1200. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the anesthesiology service is \$950; Your Coinsurance responsibility is 20% of \$950, or \$190 and the remaining allowance from Us is 80% of \$950, or \$760. You may receive a bill from the anesthesiologist for the difference between \$1200 and \$950. Provided the Deductible has been met, Your total out of pocket responsibility would be \$190 (20% Coinsurance responsibility) plus an additional \$250, for a total of \$440.
- You choose a Network surgeon. The charge was \$2500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery is \$1500; Your Coinsurance responsibility when a Network surgeon is used is 20% of \$1500, or \$300. We allow 80% of \$1500, or \$1200. The Network surgeon accepts the total of \$1500 as reimbursement for the surgery regardless of the charges. Your total out of pocket responsibility would be \$300.
- You choose a Non-Network surgeon. Unless previously authorized by Us, all services will be denied and You will be responsible for the total amount billed.

### **Authorized Services**

In some circumstances, such as where there is no Network Provider available for the Covered Service, We may authorize the Network Cost Share amounts (Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance) to apply to a claim for a Covered Service You receive from a Non-Network Provider. In such circumstance, You must contact Anthem in advance of obtaining the Covered Service. We also may authorize the Network Cost Share amounts to apply to a claim for Covered Services if You receive Emergency services from a Non-Network Provider and are not able to contact Anthem until after the Covered Service is rendered. You will only be liable for the Network Cost Share amount, if Our authorization was due to a Network Provider not being available for the Covered Services You required. Please contact Member Services for authorization services information or to request authorization.

## Inter-Plan Arrangements

### Out-of-Area Services

#### Overview

We have a variety of relationships with other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensees. Generally, these relationships are called “Inter-Plan Arrangements.” These Inter-Plan Arrangements work based on rules and procedures issued by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (“Association”). Whenever You access healthcare services outside the geographic area We serve (the “Anthem Service Area”), the claim for those services may be processed through one of these Inter-Plan Arrangements. The Inter-Plan Arrangements are described below.

When You receive care outside of the Anthem Service Area, You will receive it from one of two kinds of Providers. Most Providers (“participating Providers”) contract with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that geographic area (“Host Blue”). Some Providers (“non-participating Providers”) don’t contract with the Host Blue. We explain below how We pay both kinds of Providers. Anthem covers only limited healthcare services received outside of the Anthem Service Area. For example, Emergency Care obtained outside the Anthem Service Area is always covered. Urgent Care services received at an Urgent Care Center obtained outside the Anthem Service Area is only covered when received from a BlueCard® participating Provider. Any other services will not be covered when processed through any Inter-Plan Arrangements, unless authorized by Anthem.

#### Inter-Plan Arrangements Eligibility – Claim Types

Most claim types are eligible to be processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements, as described above. Examples of claims that are not included are Prescription Drugs that You obtain from a Pharmacy and most dental or vision benefits.

#### A. BlueCard® Program

Under the BlueCard® Program, when You receive Covered Services within the geographic area served by a Host Blue, We will still fulfill Our contractual obligations. But, the Host Blue is responsible for: (a) contracting with its Providers; and (b) handling its interactions with those Providers.

When You receive Covered Services outside the Anthem Service Area and the claim is processed through the BlueCard® Program, the amount You pay is calculated based on the lower of:

- The billed charges for Covered Services; or
- The negotiated price that the Host Blue makes available to Us.

Often, this “negotiated price” will be a simple discount that reflects an actual price that the Host Blue pays to the Provider. Sometimes, it is an estimated price that takes into account special arrangements with that Provider. Sometimes, such an arrangement may be an average price, based on a discount that results in expected average savings for services provided by similar types of Providers. Estimated and average pricing arrangements may also involve types of settlements, incentive payments and/or other credits or charges.

Estimated pricing and average pricing also take into account adjustments to correct for over- or underestimation of past pricing of claims, as noted above. However, such adjustments will not affect the price We used for Your claim because they will not be applied after a claim has already been paid.

#### B. Special Cases: Value-Based Programs

##### BlueCard® Program

If You receive Covered Services under a value-based program inside a Host Blue’s Service Area, You will not be responsible for paying any of the Provider Incentives, risk-sharing, and/or care coordinator fees that are a part of such an arrangement, except when a Host Blue passes these fees to Anthem through average pricing or fee schedule adjustments. Additional information is available upon request.

### **C. Inter-Plan Programs: Federal/State Taxes/Surcharges/Fees**

Federal or State laws or regulations may require a surcharge, tax or other fee. If applicable, We will include any such surcharge, tax or other fee as part of the claim charge passed on to You.

### **D. Non-participating Providers Outside Our Service Area**

#### **1. Allowed Amounts and Member Liability Calculation**

When Covered Services are provided outside of Anthem's Service Area by non-participating Providers, We may determine benefits and make payment based on pricing from either the Host Blue or the pricing arrangements required by applicable State or federal law. Remember, the only services covered by a non-participating Provider are Emergency Services and services for which Anthem has provided prior approval. In these situations, the amount You pay for such services as Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance will be based on that allowed amount. Federal or State law, as applicable, will govern payments for Out-of-Network Emergency Services.

#### **2. Exceptions**

In certain situations, We may use other pricing methods, such as billed charges the pricing We would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Anthem Service Area, or a special negotiated price to determine the amount We will pay for services provided by non-participating Providers. In these situations, You may be liable for the difference between the amount that the non-participating Provider bills and the payment We make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph.

### **E. Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core Program**

If You plan to travel outside the United States, call Member Services to find out Your Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core benefits. Benefits for services received outside of the United States may be different from services received in the United States. The Plan covers Emergency Care, including ambulance, outside of the United States. The Plan also covers Urgent Care services when received from a BlueCard® participating Provider outside the United States. Remember to take an up to date health ID Card with You.

When You are traveling abroad and need medical care, You can call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core Service Center any time. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The toll free number is 1-800-810-2583. Or You can call them collect at 1-804-673-1177.

Keep in mind, if You need Emergency medical care, go to the nearest Hospital. There is no need to call before You receive care. Please refer to the "Requesting Approval for Benefits" section.

#### **How Claims are Paid with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core**

In most cases, when You arrange Inpatient Hospital care with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core, claims will be filed for You. The only amounts that You may need to pay up front are any Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible amounts that may apply.

You will typically need to pay for the following services up front:

- Doctors services;
- Inpatient Hospital care not arranged through Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core; and
- Outpatient services.

You will need to file a claim form for any payments made up front.

When You need Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core claim forms You can get international claims forms in the following ways:

- Call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core Service Center at the numbers above; or
- Online at [www.bcbsglobalcore.com](http://www.bcbsglobalcore.com).

You will find the address for mailing the claim on the form.

## Payment Authorization

You authorize Us to make payments directly to Providers giving Covered Services for which We provide benefits under this Certificate. In no event, however, shall Our right to make payments directly to a Provider be deemed to suggest that any Provider is a beneficiary with independent claims and appeal rights under the Certificate. We reserve the right to make payments directly to You as opposed to any Provider for Covered Service, at Our discretion. In the event that payment is made directly to You, You have the responsibility to apply this payment to the claim from the Non-Network Provider. Payments and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims may also be sent to an Alternate Recipient (which is defined herein as any child of a Subscriber who is recognized under a "Qualified Medical Child Support Order" as having a right to enrollment under the Subscriber's Contract), or that person's custodial parent or designated representative. Any payments made by Us (whether to any Provider for Covered Service or You) will discharge Our obligation to pay for Covered Services.

Once a Provider gives a Covered Service, We will not honor a request for Us to withhold payment of the claims submitted.

## Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss

After You get Covered Services, We must receive written notice of Your claim in order for benefits to be paid.

- Network Providers will submit claims for You. They are responsible for ensuring that claims have the information We need to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, We will ask them for more details, and they will be required to supply those details within certain timeframes.
- Non-Network claims can be submitted by the Provider if the Provider is willing to file on Your behalf. However, if the Provider is not submitting on Your behalf, You will be required to submit the claim. Claim forms are usually available from the Provider. If they do not have a claim form, You can send a written request to Us, or contact Member Services and ask for a claim form to be sent to You. We will send the form to You within 15 days. If You do not receive the claim form within 15 days, You can still submit written notice of the claim without the claim form. The same information that would be given on the claim form must be included in the written notice of claim, including:
  - Name of patient.
  - Patient's relationship with the Subscriber.
  - Identification number.
  - Date, type, and place of service.
  - Your signature and the Provider's signature.

Non-Network claims must be submitted within 90 days. Failure to file a claim within 90 days shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to file the claim within such time, provided such proof is submitted as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity, later than one Year from the time the claim is required to be filed.

The claim must have the information We need to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, We will ask You for more details and inform You of the time by which We need to receive that information. Once We receive the required information, We will process the claim according to the terms of Your Plan.

**Under Ohio law, You have the right to obtain an itemized copy of Your billed charges from the Hospital or Facility which provided services.**

**Please note that failure to submit the information We need by the time listed in Our request could result in the denial of Your claim, unless State or federal law requires an extension.** Please contact Member Services if You have any questions or concerns about how to submit claims.

## Time Benefits Payable

We generally will pay all benefits within 30 days for clean claims filed electronically or filed on paper. "Clean claims" means a claim submitted by You or a Provider that has no defect, impropriety, or particular circumstance requiring special treatment preventing payment. If We have not received the information We need to process a claim, We will ask for the additional information necessary to complete the claim. Generally, You will receive a copy of that request for additional information, for Your information. In those cases, We cannot complete the processing of the claim until the additional information requested has been received. We generally will (i) make Our request for additional information within 30 days of Our initial receipt of the claim and (ii) process claims where additional information is required within 45 days, not including the time that We waited for the additional information.

At Our discretion, benefit will be paid to You or the Provider of services. You may not assign any payment. If other parties have paid benefits under this Plan, We may reimburse those parties and be fully discharged from that portion of its liability.

## Federal/State Taxes/Surcharges/Fees

Federal or State laws or regulations may require a surcharge, tax or other fee. If applicable, We will include any such surcharge, tax or other fee as part of the claim charge passed on to You.

## Claim Denials

If benefits are denied, in whole or in part, Anthem will send the Member a written notice within the established time periods described in the section "Payment of Benefits." The Member or the Member's duly authorized representative may appeal the denial as described in the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section. The adverse determination notice will include the reason(s) for the denial, reference to the Plan provisions(s) on which the denial is based, whether additional information is needed to process the claim and why the information is needed, the claim Appeal procedures and time limits.

If the denial involves a Utilization Review determination, the notice will also specify:

- Whether an internal rule, guideline, protocol or other criterion was relied upon in making the claim decision and that this information is available to the Member upon request and at no charge;
- That an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a decision based on Medical Necessity, Experimental/Investigative treatment or a similar limitation is available to the Member upon request and at no charge.

## Right of Recovery and Adjustment

Whenever payment has been made in error, or in excess of the maximum amount of payment necessary to satisfy the provisions of this Plan, We will have the right to recover such payment from You or, if applicable, the Provider or otherwise make appropriate adjustments to claims. In most instances, such recovery or adjustment activity shall be limited to the Calendar Year in which the error is discovered.

We have oversight responsibility of compliance with Provider and vendor contracts. We may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a Provider or vendor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible. Additionally, We have established recovery and adjustment policies to determine which recoveries and adjustments are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery or adjustment amounts. We will not pursue recoveries for overpayments or adjustments for underpayments if the cost of the activity exceeds the overpayment or underpayment amount. We may not give You notice of overpayments made by Us or You if the recovery method makes providing such notice administratively burdensome.



## Member's Cooperation

Each Member shall complete and submit to the Plan such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents as may be requested by the Plan in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Worker's Compensation or any other governmental program. Any Member who fails to cooperate will be responsible for any charge for services.

This authorization remains valid until expressly revoked by notifying Us, Our affiliates, agents or designees in writing of such revocation at any time (except to the extent any action has been taken based on this authorization and/or except as release of such information may be required or authorized by law). Refusal to consent to the release of such information to Us, Our affiliates, agents or designees will permit Us to deny claims for benefits.

## Assignment

The coverage, rights, and benefits under this Certificate are not assignable by any Member without the written consent of Anthem. This prohibition against assignment includes rights to receive payment, claim benefits under this Certificate and/or law, and sue or otherwise begin legal action. Any assignment made without written consent from Anthem will be void and unenforceable.

## Explanation of Benefits

After You receive medical care, You will generally receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The EOB is a summary of the coverage You receive. The EOB is not a bill, but a statement from Us to help You understand the coverage You are receiving. The EOB shows:

- Total amounts charged for services/supplies received;
- The amount of the charges satisfied by Your coverage;
- The amount for which You are responsible (if any);
- General information about Your Appeals rights and for information regarding the right to bring an action after the Appeals process.

## Payment Owed to You at Death

Upon the death of a Member, claims will be payable in Our discretion to either the Member's estate or a beneficiary designated to Us. If the Provider is a Network Provider, claims payments will be made to the Provider.

## Claims Review for Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Anthem has processes to review claims before and after payment to detect fraud, waste, abuse and other inappropriate activity. A claim may also be determined to be not payable due to a Provider's failure to submit medical records with the claims that are under review in these processes.

## Payment Innovation Programs

We pay Network Providers through various types of contractual arrangements. Some of these arrangements – Payment Innovation Programs (Program(s)) - may include financial incentives to help improve quality of care and promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner.

These Programs may vary in methodology and subject area of focus and may be modified by Us from time to time, but they will be generally designed to tie a certain portion of a Network Provider's total compensation to pre-defined quality, cost, efficiency or service standards or metrics. In some instances, Network Providers may be required to make payment to Us under the Program as a consequence of failing to meet these pre-defined standards.

The Programs are not intended to affect Your access to health care. The Program payments are not made as payment for specific Covered Health Care Services provided to You, but instead, are based on the Network Provider's achievement of these pre-defined standards. You are not responsible for any Copayment or Coinsurance amounts related to payments made by Us or to Us under the Program(s), and You do not share in any payments made by Network Providers to Us under the Program(s).

## IF YOU ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE PLAN

The Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision applies when a person has health care coverage under more than one Plan. Plan is defined below.

Please note that several terms specific to this provision are listed below. For this provision, the terms below will have the meanings, as describe in this section. Some of these terms may have different meanings, in other parts of the Certificate. In the rest of the Certificate, the meaning of a term can be determined based on the “Definitions” section, provided at the end of this Certificate.

The order of benefit determination rules govern the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits. The Plan that pays first is called the Primary Plan. The Primary Plan must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses. The Plan that pays after the Primary Plan is the Secondary Plan. The Secondary Plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense.

### Coordination of Benefits Definitions

A Plan is any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for members of a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same Plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts.

- 1) Plan includes: group and non-group insurance contracts, health insuring corporation (“HIC”) contracts, Closed Panel Plans or other forms of group or group-type coverage (whether insured or uninsured); medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts; and Medicare or any other federal governmental plan, as permitted by law.
- 2) Plan does not include: Hospital indemnity coverage or other fixed indemnity coverage; accident only coverage; specified disease or specified accident coverage; limited benefit health coverage, as defined by State law; school accident type coverage; benefits for non-medical components of long-term care policies; Medicare supplement policies; Medicaid policies; or coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law.

Each contract for coverage under (1) or (2) is a separate Plan. If a Plan has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate Plan.

This Plan means, the part of the contract providing the health care benefits to which the COB provision applies and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of the contract providing health care benefits is separate from This Plan. A contract may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, such as dental benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another COB provision to coordinate other benefits.

The order of benefit determination rules determine whether This Plan is a Primary Plan or Secondary Plan when You have health care coverage under more than one Plan.

When This Plan is Primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other Plan without considering any other Plan's benefits. When This Plan is Secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another Plan and may reduce the benefits it pays so that all Plan benefits do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense.

Allowable Expense is a health care expense, including Deductibles, Coinsurance and Copayments that is covered at least in part by any Plan covering You. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any Plan covering the person is not an Allowable Expense. In addition, any expense that a Provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging You is not an Allowable Expense.

The Allowable Expense under COB is generally the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans' allowable amounts. A Network Provider can bill You for any remaining Coinsurance, Deductible and/or Copayment

under the higher of the Plans' allowable amounts. This higher allowable amount may be more than Our Maximum Allowed Amount.

The following are not Allowable Expenses:

- (1) The difference between the cost of a semi-private Hospital room and a private Hospital room is not an Allowable Expense, unless one of the Plans provides coverage for private Hospital room expenses.
- (2) If a person is covered by two or more Plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an Allowable Expense.
- (3) If You are covered by two or more Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an Allowable Expense.
- (4) If You are covered by one Plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's payment arrangement shall be the Allowable Expense for all Plans. However, if the Provider has contracted with the Secondary Plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the Primary Plan's payment arrangement and if the Provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment shall be the Allowable Expense used by the Secondary Plan to determine its benefits.
- (5) The amount of any benefit reduction by the Primary Plan because a Member has failed to comply with the Plan provisions is not an Allowable Expense. Examples of these types of Plan provisions include second surgical opinions, precertification of admissions, and preferred provider arrangements.
- (6) The amount that is subject to the Primary high-deductible health Plan's Deductible, if We have been advised by You that all Plans covering You are high-deductible health plans and You intend to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- (7) Any amounts incurred or claims made under the Prescription Drug program of This Plan.

Closed Panel Plan is a Plan that provides health care benefits primarily in the form of services through a panel of providers that have contracted with or are employed by the Plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other providers, except in cases of Emergency or referral by a panel member.

Custodial Parent is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the Calendar Year excluding any temporary visitation.

## Order of Benefit Determination Rules

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

The Primary Plan pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits of under any other Plan.

Except as provided in the paragraph below, a Plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this COB provision is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying Plan is primary.

Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are placed over base Plan Hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a Closed Panel Plan to provide out-of-network benefits.

A Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another Plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is Secondary to that other Plan.

Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:

**Rule (1) Non-Dependent or Dependent.** The Plan that covers You other than as a Dependent, for example as an employee, Member, policyholder, Subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers You as a Dependent is the Secondary Plan. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is Secondary to the Plan covering the person as a Dependent; and primary to the Plan covering the person as other than a Dependent (e.g. a retired employee); then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed so that the Plan covering the person as an employee, Member, policyholder, Subscriber or retiree is the Secondary Plan and the other Plan is the Primary Plan.

**Rule (2) Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Plan.** Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, when a Dependent child is covered by more than one Plan the order of benefits is determined as follows:

- (A) For a Dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - The Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the Calendar Year is the Primary Plan; or
  - If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered the parent the longest is the Primary Plan; or
  - If one spouse's Plan has some other coordination rule (for example, a "gender rule" which says the father's Plan is always primary), We will follow the rules of that Plan.
- (B) For a Dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. This rule applies to Plan years commencing after the Plan is given notice of the court decree;
  - If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, Rule (2)(A) above shall determine the order of benefits;
  - If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the Dependent child, Rule (2)(A) above shall determine the order of benefits; or
  - If there is no court decree assigning responsibility for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:
    - The Plan covering the Custodial parent;
    - The Plan covering the spouse of the Custodial parent;
    - The Plan covering the non-Custodial parent; and then
    - The Plan covering the spouse of the non-Custodial parent.
- (C) For a Dependent child covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, Rule (2)(A) or Rule (2)(B) above shall determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.

**Rule (3) Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee.** The Plan that covers You as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the Primary Plan. The Plan covering You as a retired or laid-off employee is the Secondary Plan. The same would hold true if You are a Dependent of an active employee and You are a Dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if Rule (1) above can determine the order of benefits.

**Rule (4) COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If You are covered under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by State or other federal law, the Plan covering You as an employee, Member, Subscriber or retiree or covering the person as a Dependent of an employee, Member, Subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan and the COBRA or State or other federal continuation coverage is the

Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if Rule (1) above can determine the order of benefits.

**Rule (5) Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage.** The Plan that covered You as an employee, Member, policyholder, Subscriber or retiree longer is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covered You the shorter period of time is the Secondary Plan.

**Rule (6)** If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the Allowable Expenses will be shared equally between the Plans meeting the definition of Plan. In addition, This Plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the Primary Plan.

## Effect on the Benefit of This Plan

When This Plan is Secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans during a plan year are not more than the total Allowable Expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the Secondary Plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage and apply that calculated amount to any Allowable Expense under its Plan that is unpaid by the Primary Plan. The Secondary Plan may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the Primary Plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans for the claim do not exceed the total Allowable Expense for that claim.

Because the Allowable Expense is generally the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans' allowable amounts, a network Provider can bill You for any remaining Coinsurance, Deductible and/or Copayment under the higher allowable amount. In addition, the Secondary Plan shall credit to its Plan Deductible any amounts it would have credited to its Deductible in the absence of other health care coverage.

If You are enrolled in two or more Closed Panel Plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel provider, benefits are not payable by one Closed Panel Plan; COB shall not apply between that Plan and other Closed Panel Plans.

## Right to Receive and Release Needed Information

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans. We may get the facts We need from or give them to other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans covering the person claiming benefits. We need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under This Plan must give Us any facts We need to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

## Facility of Payment

A payment made under another Plan may include an amount that should have been paid under This Plan. If it does, We may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under This Plan. We will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case "payment made" means the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

## Right of Recovery

If the amount of the payments made by Us is more than We should have paid under this COB provision, We may recover the excess from one or more of the persons We have paid or for whom We have paid; or any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the Member. The "amount of the payments made" includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

**Coordination Disputes**

If You believe that We have not paid a claim properly, You should first attempt to resolve the problem by contacting Us. Follow the steps described in the “If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal” section of the Certificate. If You are still not satisfied, You may call the Ohio Department of Insurance for instructions on filing a consumer complaint. Call 1-800-686-1526, or visit the Department’s website at <http://insurance.ohio.gov>.

**Coordination with Medicare**

Unless federal law requires the Plan to be the primary payor, the benefits under This Plan for Members age 65 and older, or Members otherwise eligible for Medicare, do not duplicate any benefit Members are entitled to under Medicare. Where Medicare is the responsible payor, all amounts for services that have been paid for by Us that should have been paid for by Medicare shall be reimbursed to Us by or on behalf of the Members.

## IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT OR AN APPEAL

Complaint and Appeal procedures have been established to provide fair, reasonable, and timely solutions to complaints that You may have concerning the Plan. The Plan invites You to share any concerns that You may have over benefit determinations, coverage and eligibility issues, or the quality of care rendered by medical Providers in Our Networks.

### Appeal of an Adverse Pre-Service Review/Prior Authorization Decision

If Our decision regarding Your pre-service review or Prior Authorization of a health care service, device, or drug submitted electronically by Your Provider is appealed, We will consider the Appeal:

- Within 48 hours after the Appeal is received if it's for Urgent Care Services;
- Within 10 calendar days after the Appeal is received for all other services if it's for nonemergency or non-Urgent Care Services.

The Appeal shall be between the Provider requesting the service in question and a clinical peer.

If the Appeal does not resolve the disagreement, either You or Your authorized representative may request an external review as described in this section.

For purposes of this section only, Urgent Care Services means medical care or other service for a condition where application of the timeframe for making routine or non-life threatening care determinations is either of the following:

- Could seriously jeopardize the life, health, or safety of the patient or others due to the patient's psychological state;
- In the opinion of a practitioner with knowledge of the patient's medical or behavioral condition, would subject the patient to adverse health consequences without the care or treatment that is the subject of a pre-service review request as outlined in the "Requesting Approval for Benefits" section of this Certificate.

### The Complaint Procedure

We want Your experience with Us to be as positive as possible. There may be times, however, when You have a complaint, problem, or question about Your Plan or a service You have received. In those cases, please contact Member Services by calling the number on the back of Your ID Card. We will try to resolve Your complaint informally by talking to Your Provider or reviewing Your claim.

A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction that can often be resolved by an explanation from Us of Our procedures and Your Certificate. You may submit Your complaint by letter or by telephone call. If Your complaint involves issues of Covered Services, You may be asked to sign a release of information form so We can request records for Our review.

You will be notified of the resolution of Your complaint if a claim or request for benefits is denied in whole or in part. We will explain why benefits were denied and describe Your rights under the Appeal Procedure. If You are not satisfied with the resolution of Your complaint, You have the right to file an Appeal which is defined as follows:

### Appeal Procedures

As a Member of this Plan You have the right to Appeal decisions to deny or limit Your health care benefits. The explanation of why We denied Your claim or request for benefits will describe the steps You should follow to initiate Your Appeal and how the Appeal process works.

An Appeal is a request from You for Us to change a previous determination or to address a concern You have regarding confidentiality or privacy.



Please refer to the “Prescription Drugs” provision labeled “Prescription Drug List” in the “What is Covered” section of the Certificate for the process for submitting an exception request for drugs not on the Prescription Drug List.

## Internal Appeals

An initial determination by Us can be appealed for internal review known as an Appeal. The Plan will advise You of Your rights to appeal further if a denial occurs after determination of an Appeal.

You have the right to designate a representative (e.g. Your doctor) to file Appeals with Us on Your behalf and to represent You throughout the Appeals process. If a representative is seeking an Appeal on Your behalf, We must obtain a signed Designation of Representation (DOR) form from You. The Appeal process will not begin until We have received the properly completed DOR form except that if a doctor requests expedited review of an Appeal on Your behalf, the doctor will be deemed to be Your designee for the limited purpose of filing for expedited review of the Appeal without receipt of a signed form. We will forward a Designation of Representation form to You for completion in all other situations.

We will accept oral or written comments, documents or other information relating to an Appeal from the Member or the Member’s Provider by telephone, facsimile or other reasonable means. Members are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, documents, records, and other information relevant to the Member’s Appeal.

A written Appeal must state plainly the reason(s) why the Member disagrees with Our claim decision, Our refusal to authorize or cover a requested service or supply, or how We calculated the benefit. The Appeal should include any pertinent documents and medical records not originally submitted with the claim or request for the service or supply and any other information that the Member feels may have a bearing on the decision. Also, please include the following details with Your Appeal if You have them:

- The Member’s name, address and phone number;
- The identification number as shown on Your Identification Card (including the three letter prefix);
- The name of the Provider who will or has provided care;
- The date(s) of service;
- The claim or reference number for the specific decision with which You don’t agree; and
- Any bills that You have received from the Provider.

To obtain information on Our Appeal procedures or to file an oral Appeal please call the toll free Member Services number listed on the back of Your Plan Identification Card or the number provided for Appeals on any written notice of an adverse decision that You receive from Us.

We will also accept Appeals filed in writing. If You wish to file Your Appeal in writing, You must mail it to: Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, P.O. Box 105568, Atlanta, GA 30348-5568, or to the address provided for filing an Appeal on any written notice of an adverse decision that You receive from Us.

## Appeals

Appeals are reviewed by persons who did not make the initial determination and who are not the subordinates of the initial reviewer. If a clinical issue is involved, We will use a clinical peer for this review. A clinical peer is a doctor or Provider who has the same license as the Provider who will perform or has performed the service. The clinical peer will review Your medical records and determine if the service is covered by Your Certificate. If the clinical peer determines that the service is covered by Your Certificate We must pay for the service; if the clinical peer determines that the service is not covered We may deny the services.

If You are appealing an adverse Precertification decision other than a retrospective post-claim review decision (i.e., an adverse prospective, concurrent or retrospective pre-claim review decision) or the denial of any prior approval required by the Plan, We will provide You with a written response indicating Our decision within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances but not later than 30 calendar days of the date We receive Your Appeal request. If more information is needed to make a

decision on Your Appeal, We will send a written request for the information after receipt of the Appeal. No extensions of time for additional information may be taken on these Appeals without the permission of the Member. Therefore, We will make a decision based upon the available information if the additional information requested is not received.

If You are appealing any other type of adverse decision (including retrospective post-claim review decisions) and sufficient information is available to decide the Appeal, We will provide You with a written response indicating Our decision within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances but not later than 30 calendar days from receipt of the Appeal request. If more information is needed to make a decision on Your Appeal, We shall send a written request for the information after receipt of the Appeal. If the additional information requested is not received within 45 calendar days of the Appeal request, We shall conduct its review based upon the available information.

## Dental Coverage Appeals

Please submit Appeals regarding Your dental coverage to the following address:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
P. O. Box 1122  
Minneapolis, MN 55440-1122

## Blue View Vision Coverage Appeals

Please submit Appeals regarding Your vision coverage to the following address:

Blue View Vision  
555 Middle Creek Parkway  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

## External Review

Definitions as used in the External Review section include the following:

**“Adverse benefit determination”** means a decision by a health plan issuer:

- To deny, reduce, or terminate a requested health care service or payment in whole or in part, including all of the following:
- A determination that the health care service does not meet the health plan issuer’s requirements for Medical Necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care, or effectiveness, including Experimental/Investigative treatments;
- A determination of an individual’s eligibility for individual health insurance coverage, including coverage offered to individuals through a non-employer group, to participate in a Plan or health insurance coverage;
- A determination that a health care service is not a covered benefit;
- The imposition of an exclusion, including exclusions for pre-existing conditions, source of injury, Network, or any other limitation on benefits that would otherwise be covered.
- Not to issue individual health insurance coverage to an applicant, including coverage offered to individuals through a non-employer group;
- To rescind coverage on a health benefit plan.

**“Authorized representative”** means an individual who represents a covered person in an internal Appeal or external review process of an adverse benefit determination who is any of the following:

- A person to whom a covered individual has given express, written consent to represent that individual in an internal Appeals process or external review process of an adverse benefit determination;
- A person authorized by law to provide substituted consent for a covered individual;
- A family member or a treating health care professional, but only when the covered person is unable to provide consent.

**“Covered person”** means a policyholder, Subscriber, enrollee, Member, or individual covered by a health benefit plan. “Covered person” does include the covered person’s authorized representative with regard to an internal Appeal or external review.

**“Covered benefits”** or **“benefits”** means those health care services to which a covered person is entitled under the terms of a health benefit plan.

**“Emergency medical condition”** means a medical condition that manifests itself by such acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain that a prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in any of the following:

- Placing the health of the covered person or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy;
- Serious impairment to bodily functions;
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

**“Emergency services”** means the following:

- A medical screening examination, as required by federal law, that is within the capability of the Emergency department of a Hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the Emergency department, to evaluate an Emergency Medical Condition;
- Such further medical examination and treatment that are required by federal law to stabilize an Emergency Medical Condition and are within the capabilities of the staff and Facilities available at the Hospital, including any trauma and burn center of the Hospital.

**“Final adverse benefit determination”** means an adverse benefit determination that is upheld at the completion of a health plan issuer’s internal Appeals process.

**“Health benefit plan”** means a policy, contract, Certificate, or agreement offered by a health plan issuer to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health care services.

**“Health care services”** means services for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure, or relief of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease.

**“Health plan issuer”** means an entity subject to the insurance laws and rules of this State, or subject to the jurisdiction of the superintendent of insurance, that contracts, or offers to contract to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health care services under a health benefit plan, including a sickness and accident insurance company, a health insuring corporation, a fraternal benefit society, a self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangement, or a nonfederal, government health plan. “Health plan issuer” includes a third party administrator to the extent that the benefits that such an entity is contracted to administer under a health benefit plan are subject to the insurance laws and rules of this State or subject to the jurisdiction of the superintendent.

**“Independent review organization”** means an entity that is accredited to conduct independent external reviews of adverse benefit determinations.

**“Rescission”** or **“to rescind”** means a cancellation or discontinuance of coverage that has a retroactive effect. “Rescission” does not include a termination or discontinuance of coverage that has only a prospective effect or a termination or discontinuance of coverage that is effective retroactively to the extent it is attributable to a failure to timely pay required Premiums or contributions towards the cost of coverage.

**“Stabilize”** means the provision of such medical treatment as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability that no material deterioration of a covered person’s medical condition is likely to result from or occur during a transfer, if the medical condition could result in any of the following:

- Placing the health of the covered person or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy;
  - a. Serious impairment to bodily functions;
  - b. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

- In the case of a woman having contractions, “stabilize” means such medical treatment as may be necessary to deliver, including the placenta.

“**Superintendent**” means the superintendent of insurance.

## Understanding the External Review Process

Under Chapter 3922 of the Ohio Revised Code all health plan issuers must provide a process that allows a person covered under a health benefit plan or a person applying for health benefit plan coverage to request an independent external review of an adverse benefit determination. This is a summary of that external review process. An adverse benefit determination is a decision by Us to deny benefits because services are not covered, are excluded, or limited under the Plan, or the covered person is not eligible to receive the benefit.

The adverse benefit determination may involve an issue of Medical Necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, or level of care or effectiveness. An adverse benefit determination can also be a decision to deny health benefit plan coverage or to rescind coverage.

## Opportunity for External Review

An external review may be conducted by an Independent Review Organization (IRO) or by the Ohio Department of Insurance. The covered person does not pay for the external review. There is no minimum cost of health care services denied in order to qualify for an external review. However, the covered person must generally exhaust the health plan issuer’s internal Appeal process before seeking an external review. Exceptions to this requirement will be included in the notice of the adverse benefit determination.

**External Review by an IRO.** A covered person is entitled to an external review by an IRO in the following instances:

- The adverse benefit determination involves a medical judgment or is based on any medical information.
- The adverse benefit determination indicates the requested service is Experimental/Investigative, the requested health care service is not explicitly excluded in the covered person’s health benefit plan, and the treating doctor certifies at least one of the following:
  - a. Standard health care services have not been effective in improving the condition of the covered person.
  - b. Standard health care services are not medically appropriate for the covered person.
  - c. No available standard health care service covered by Us is more beneficial than the requested health care service.

There are two types of IRO reviews, standard and expedited. A standard review is normally completed within 30 days. An expedited review for urgent medical situations is normally completed within 72 hours and can be requested if any of the following applies:

- The covered person’s treating doctor certifies that the adverse benefit determination involves a medical condition that could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the covered person or would jeopardize the covered person’s ability to regain maximum function if treatment is delayed until after the time frame of an expedited internal Appeal.
- The covered person’s treating doctor certifies that the final adverse benefit determination involves a medical condition that could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the covered person or would jeopardize the covered person’s ability to regain maximum function if treatment is delayed until after the time frame of a standard external review.
- The final adverse benefit determination concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care service for which the covered person received Emergency Services, but has not yet been discharged from a Facility.

- An expedited internal Appeal is already in progress for an adverse benefit determination of Experimental/Investigative treatment and the covered person's treating doctor certifies in writing that the recommended health care service or treatment would be significantly less effective if not promptly initiated.

NOTE: An expedited external review is not available for retrospective final adverse benefit determinations (meaning the health care service has already been provided to the covered person).

**External Review by the Ohio Department of Insurance.** A covered person is entitled to an external review by the Department in the either of the following instances:

- The adverse benefit determination is based on a contractual issue that does not involve a medical judgment or medical information.
- The adverse benefit determination for an Emergency Medical Condition indicates that medical condition did not meet the definition of Emergency AND Our decision has already been upheld through an external review by an IRO.

## Request for External Review

Regardless of whether the external review case is to be reviewed by an IRO or the Department of Insurance, the covered person, or an authorized representative, must request an external review through Us within 180 days of the date of the notice of final adverse benefit determination issued by Us. . All requests must be in writing, except for a request for an expedited external review. Expedited external reviews may be requested electronically or orally; however written confirmation of the request must be submitted to Us no later than five days after the initial request. The covered person will be required to consent to the release of applicable medical records and sign a medical records release authorization.

If the request is complete We will initiate the external review and notify the covered person in writing, or immediately in the case of an expedited review, that the request is complete and eligible for external review. The notice will include the name and contact information for the assigned IRO or the Ohio Department of Insurance (as applicable) for the purpose of submitting additional information. When a standard review is requested, the notice will inform the covered person that, within 10 business days after receipt of the notice, they may submit additional information in writing to the IRO or the Ohio Department of Insurance (as applicable) for consideration in the review. We will also forward all documents and information used to make the adverse benefit determination to the assigned IRO or the Ohio Department of Insurance (as applicable).

If the request is not complete We will inform the covered person in writing and specify what information is needed to make the request complete. If We determine that the adverse benefit determination is not eligible for external review, We must notify the covered person in writing and provide the covered person with the reason for the denial and inform the covered person that the denial may be appealed to the Ohio Department of Insurance.

The Ohio Department of Insurance may determine the request is eligible for external review regardless of the decision by Us and require that the request be referred for external review. The Department's decision will be made in accordance with the terms of the health benefit plan and all applicable provisions of the law.

## IRO Assignment

When We initiate an external review by an IRO, the Ohio Department of Insurance web based system randomly assigns the review to an accredited IRO that is qualified to conduct the review based on the type of health care service. An IRO that has a conflict of interest with Us, the covered person, the health care Provider or the health care Facility will not be selected to conduct the review.

## IRO Review and Decision

The IRO must consider all documents and information considered by Us in making the adverse benefit determination, any information submitted by the covered person and other information such as; the

covered person's medical records, the attending health care professional's recommendation, consulting reports from appropriate health care professionals, the terms of coverage under the health benefit plan, the most appropriate practice guidelines, clinical review criteria used by the health plan issuer or its Utilization Review organization, and the opinions of the IRO's clinical reviewers.

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

- A general description of the reason for the request for external review.
- The date the independent review organization was assigned by the Ohio Department of Insurance to conduct the external review.
- The dates over which the external review was conducted.
- The date on which the independent review organization's decision was made.
- The rationale for its decision.
- References to the evidence or documentation, including any evidence-based standards, that was used or considered in reaching its decision.

NOTE: Written decisions of an IRO concerning an adverse benefit determination that involves a health care treatment or service that is stated to be Experimental/Investigative also includes the principle reason(s) for the IRO's decision and the written opinion of each clinical reviewer including their recommendation and their rationale for the recommendation.

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

An external review decision is binding on Us except to the extent We have other remedies available under State law. The decision is also binding on the covered person except to the extent the covered person has other remedies available under applicable State or federal law. A covered person may not file a subsequent request for an external review involving the same adverse benefit determination that was previously reviewed unless new medical or scientific evidence is submitted to Us.

### **Limitation of Actions**

No lawsuit or legal action of any kind related to a benefit decision may be filed by You in a court of law or in any other forum unless it is commenced no earlier than 60 days after We receive the claim or other request for benefits and within three Years after expiration of the time within which notice of claim is required by the Certificate. You must exhaust the Plan's Appeal procedures before filing a lawsuit or other legal action of any kind against the Plan, with the exception of the external Appeals process.

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

You may contact Us:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
P.O. Box 105568, Atlanta, GA 30348-5568  
To contact Us by phone, please call the number on back of Your Identification Card  
Fax: 1-888-859-3046

For online Appeal requests, please contact Us at: [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

You may also contact the Ohio Department of Insurance:

Ohio Department of Insurance  
ATTN: Consumer Affairs  
50 West Town Street, Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43215  
1-800-686-1526/1-614-644-2673  
1-614-644-3744 (fax)  
1-614-644-3745 (TDD)

**Contact ODI Consumer Affairs**

<https://secured.insurance.ohio.gov/ConsumServ/ConServComments.asp>

**File a Consumer Complaint:**

<http://insurance.ohio.gov/Consumer/OCS/Pages/ConsCompl.aspx>

**Appeal Filing Time Limit**

We expect that You will use good faith to file an Appeal on a timely basis. However, We will not review an Appeal if it is received after 180 days have passed since the incident leading to Your Appeal, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

**Appeals by Members of ERISA Plans**

If You are covered under a Group Plan which is subject to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), You must file an Appeal prior to bringing a civil action under 29 U.S.C. 1132§502(a).

## WHEN MEMBERSHIP CHANGES (ELIGIBILITY)

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### Subscriber Eligibility

To be eligible for membership as a Subscriber under this Certificate, the applicant must:

1. Be a United States citizen or national; or
2. Be a legal resident of Ohio;
3. Submit proof satisfactory to Anthem to confirm Dependent eligibility;
4. Agree to pay for the cost of the Premium that Anthem requires;
5. Reveal any coordination of benefits arrangements or other health benefit arrangements for the applicant or Dependents as they become effective;
6. Not be entitled to or enrolled in Medicare Parts A/B, C and/or D;
7. Not be covered by any other group or individual health benefit plan.

For purposes of Eligibility, the service area is the area in which you:

1. Reside, intend to reside (including without a fixed address); or
2. Are seeking employment (whether or not currently employed); or
3. Have entered without a job commitment.

### Dependent Eligibility

To be eligible for coverage to enroll as a Dependent, you must be listed on the enrollment form completed by the Subscriber, meet all Dependent eligibility criteria and be:

1. The Subscriber's legal spouse.
2. The Subscriber's domestic partner – domestic partner or domestic partnership means a person of the same or opposite sex for whom all of the following are true: he or she is the Subscriber's sole domestic partner and has been for 12 months or more; he or she is mentally competent; neither the Subscriber nor the domestic partner is related in any way (including by adoption or blood) that would prohibit him or her from being married under State law; he or she is not married to or separated from anyone else; and he or she is financially interdependent with the Subscriber.
  - a. For purposes of this Certificate, a domestic partner shall be treated the same as a spouse, and a domestic partner's child, adopted child, or child for whom a domestic partner has legal guardianship shall be treated the same as any other child.
  - b. A domestic partner's or a domestic partner's child's Coverage ends at the end of the month of the date of dissolution of the domestic partnership.
  - c. To apply for coverage as domestic partners, both the Subscriber and the eligible domestic partner are required to complete and sign an enrollment application, meet all criteria stated on the enrollment application and submit the enrollment application to Anthem.
3. The Subscriber's or the Subscriber's spouse's children, including stepchildren, newborn and legally adopted children to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.
4. Children for whom the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse is a legal guardian, to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.

Eligibility will be continued past the age limit only for those already enrolled Dependents who cannot work to support themselves by reason of intellectual or physical impairment. These Dependents must be allowed as a federal tax exemption by the Subscriber or Subscriber's spouse. The Dependent's impairment must start before the end of the period he or she would become ineligible for coverage. The Subscriber must certify the Dependent's eligibility. The Plan must be informed of the Dependent's eligibility for continuation of coverage within 31 days after the date the Dependent would normally become ineligible. You must notify us if the Dependent's tax exemption status changes and if he or she is no longer eligible for continued coverage.



We may require the Subscriber to submit proof of continued eligibility for any Dependent. Your failure to provide this information could result in termination of a Dependent's coverage.

Temporary custody is not sufficient to establish eligibility under this Certificate.

Any foster child who is eligible for benefits provided by any governmental program or law will not be eligible for coverage under this Certificate unless required by the laws of this State.

## Open Enrollment

An annual open enrollment period is provided for enrollees. Individuals may enroll in a plan, and Members may change plans at that time.

## Changes Affecting Eligibility and Special Enrollment

A special enrollment period is a period during which a Member or an enrollee who experiences certain qualifying events or changes in eligibility may enroll in a plan, outside of the annual open enrollment period.

Length of special enrollment periods: Unless specifically stated otherwise, a Member or enrollee has 60 calendar days from the date of a qualifying event to select a plan.

## Qualifying Events

- Involuntary loss of Minimum Essential Coverage for any reason other than fraud, intentional misrepresentation of a material fact or failure to pay premium;
- An individual gains access to health benefit plans as a result of a permanent move, provided he or she had Minimum Essential Coverage in effect for one or more days of the 60 days prior to the move;
- Loss of Minimum Essential Coverage due to dissolution of marriage;
- Marriage;
- Adoption or placement for adoption;
- Birth; and
- You or Your spouse experience a decrease in household income that results in eligibility for financial assistance through the government in paying Your Premium, provided You or Your spouse had Minimum Essential Coverage for one or more days in the 60 days prior to the date of the financial change.

If You cannot find Your situation, contact Your agent/broker or call Us. We can only enroll based on events defined by State and/or federal law.

NOTE: Special enrollment for marriage – only applies if at least one spouse was enrolled in Minimum Essential Coverage at least one day in the 60 days before marriage; or lived abroad for one or more days in the 60 days before marriage; or is an American Indian or Alaskan Native.

## Newborn and Adopted Child Coverage

Newborn children of the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse will be covered for an initial period of 31 days from the date of birth. To continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, please contact Anthem within 60 days of the date of birth to add the child to the Subscriber's Certificate and you must pay Us timely for any additional Premium due.

A child will be considered adopted from the earlier of: (1) the moment of placement for adoption; or (2) the date of an entry of an order granting custody of the child to you. The child will continue to be considered adopted unless the child is removed from your home prior to issuance of a legal decree of adoption. Please contact Anthem within 60 days of the placement for adoption or date of adoption to add the child to the Subscriber's Certificate and you must pay Us timely for any additional Premium due.

## **Adding a Child due to Award of Court-Appointed Guardianship**

If a Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse files an application for appointment of guardianship of a child, an application to cover the child under the Subscriber's Certificate must be submitted to Us within 60 days of the date the appointment of guardianship is granted. Coverage will be effective on the date the appointment of guardianship is awarded by the court.

## **Court Ordered Health Coverage**

If you are required by a court order, as defined by applicable State or federal law, to enroll your child under this Certificate, and the child is otherwise eligible for the coverage, We will permit your child to enroll under this Certificate, and We will provide the benefits of this Certificate in accordance with the applicable requirements of such order.

A child's coverage under this provision will not extend beyond any Dependent Age Limit. Any claims payable under this Certificate will be paid, at Our discretion, to the child or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, for any expenses paid by the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian. We will make information available to the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian on how to obtain benefits and submit claims to Us directly.

## **Effective Date of Coverage**

The earliest Effective Date for the annual open enrollment period is the first day of the following Benefit Period. The actual Effective Date is determined by the date Anthem receives a complete application with the applicable Premium payment.

Effective Dates for Special Enrollment periods

1. In the case of birth, adoption or placement for adoption, coverage is effective on the date of birth, adoption, or placement for adoption unless the Subscriber timely requests a different Effective Date;
2. In the case of marriage, coverage is effective on the first day of the month after we receive a complete application, as long as the application is received within 60 days of the event; and
3. In the case where an Individual loses Minimum Essential Coverage, coverage is effective based on when We receive a complete application, which must be submitted within 60 days of the qualifying event.

Effective Dates for Special Enrollment due to loss of Minimum Essential Coverage apply when the loss of Minimum Essential Coverage includes loss of eligibility for coverage as a result of:

1. Legal separation or divorce;
2. Cessation of Dependent status, such as attaining the maximum age;
3. Death of an employee;
4. Termination of employment;
5. Reduction in the number of hours of employment;
6. Individual who no longer resides, lives or works in Anthem's Service Area;
7. A situation in which a plan no longer offers any benefits to the class of similarly situated individuals that includes the individual;
8. Termination of employer contributions; or
9. Exhaustion of COBRA benefits.

Effective Dates for Special Enrollment due to loss of Minimum Essential Coverage do not include termination or loss due to:

1. Failure to pay premiums on a timely basis, including COBRA premiums prior to expiration of COBRA coverage, or
2. Situations allowing for a rescission such as fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

## Notice of Changes

The Subscriber is responsible to notify Us of any changes that will affect his or her eligibility or that of Dependents for services or benefits under this Certificate. We must be notified of any changes as soon as possible but no later than within 60 days of the event. This includes changes in address, marriage, divorce, death, change of Dependent's impairment or dependency status. Failure to notify Us of persons no longer eligible for services will not obligate Us to pay for such services. Acceptance of Premium for persons no longer eligible for services will not obligate Us to pay for such services.

Family Coverage should be changed to single coverage when only the Subscriber is eligible. When notice is provided within 60 days of the event, the Effective Date of coverage is the event date causing the change to single coverage. The Plan must be notified when a Member becomes eligible for or enrolled in Medicare.

All notifications must be in writing and on approved forms. Such notifications must include all information required to effect the necessary changes.

## Statements and Forms

Subscribers or applicants for membership shall complete and submit to the Plan applications or other forms or statements the Plan may request. Subscribers or applicants for membership represent to the best of their knowledge and belief that all information contained in such applications, questionnaires, forms, or statements submitted to the Plan is true, correct, and complete. Subscribers and applicants for membership understand that all rights to benefits under this Certificate are subject to the condition that all such information is accurate. Any act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact by a Member may result in termination or rescission of coverage.

## WHEN MEMBERSHIP ENDS (TERMINATION)

This section describes how coverage for a Member can be terminated, cancelled, rescinded, suspended or not renewed.

### Termination of the Member

Unless prohibited by law, the Member's coverage will terminate if any of the following occurs:

1. The Member terminates his/her coverage with appropriate notice to Anthem.
2. The Member no longer meets the eligibility requirements for coverage under this Certificate.
3. The Member fails to pay his or her Premium.
4. Rescission of the Member's coverage.

### Effective Dates of Termination

Except as otherwise provided, Your coverage may terminate in the following situations. This information provided below is general, and the actual Effective Date of termination may vary based on Your specific circumstances; for example, in no event will coverage be provided beyond the date through which Premium is paid in full:

- If You terminate Your coverage, termination will be effective on the last day of the billing period in which We receive Your notice of termination.
- If the Member moves outside of the Service Area, or the Member is not located within the Service Area, coverage terminates for the Member and all covered Dependents at the end of the billing period that contains the date the Member failed to meet any of the conditions above regarding the Service Area.
- A Dependent's coverage will terminate at the end of the billing period in which notice was received by Us that the person no longer meets the definition of Dependent.
- If You permit the use of Your or any other Member's Plan Identification Card by any other person; use another person's card; or use an invalid card to obtain services, Your coverage will terminate immediately upon Our written notice. Any Subscriber or Dependent involved in the misuse of a Plan Identification Card will be liable to and must reimburse Us for the Maximum Allowed Amount for services received through such misuse.
- If You stop being an eligible Subscriber, or do not pay the required Premium, coverage terminates for all Members at the end of the period for which Premium is paid.

**IMPORTANT:** Termination of the Certificate automatically terminates all Your coverage as of the date of termination, whether or not a specific condition was incurred prior to the termination date. Covered Services are eligible for payment only if Your Certificate is in effect at the time such services are provided.

### Guaranteed Renewable

Coverage under this Certificate is guaranteed renewable, except as permitted to be terminated, cancelled, rescinded, or not renewed under applicable State and federal law. The Member may renew this Certificate by payment of the renewal Premium by the end of any applicable grace period of the Premium due date, provided the following requirements are satisfied:

1. Eligibility criteria continues to be met;
2. There are no fraudulent or intentional misrepresentations of material fact on the application or under the terms of this coverage;
3. Membership has not been terminated by Anthem under the terms of this Certificate.

## Loss of Eligibility

Coverage ends for a Member when he or she no longer meets the eligibility requirements for coverage. You must timely furnish Us any information requested regarding Your eligibility and the eligibility of Your Dependents. Failure to give timely notification of a loss of eligibility will not obligate Us to provide benefits for ineligible persons, even if We have accepted Premiums or paid benefits.

## Rescission

If within two years after the Effective Date of this Certificate, We discover any act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact that You or Your covered Dependents did not disclose on Your application, We may terminate or rescind this Certificate as of the original Effective Date. Additionally, if within two years after adding an additional Dependent (excluding newborn children of the Subscriber added within 31 days of birth), We discover any act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact that You or Your covered Dependent did not disclose on the application, We may terminate or rescind coverage for the additional Dependent as of his or her original Effective Date. We will give You at least 30 days written notice prior to rescission of this Certificate.

This Certificate may also be terminated if You engage in fraudulent conduct, furnish Us fraudulent or misleading material information relating to claims or if You knowingly participate in or permit fraud or deception by any Provider, vendor or any other person associated with this Certificate. Termination will be effective 31 days after Our notice of termination is mailed. We will also terminate Your Dependent's coverage, effective on the date Your coverage is terminated.

You are responsible to pay Us for the cost of previously received services based on the Maximum Allowed Amount for such services, less any Copayment/Coinsurance made or Premium paid for such services. After the two Years following Your Effective Date, We may only rescind or terminate Your coverage on the basis of any act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud.

## Discontinuation of Coverage

We can refuse to renew Your Certificate if We decide to discontinue a health coverage product that We offer in the individual market. If We discontinue a health coverage product, We will provide You with at least 90 days' notice of the discontinuation. In addition, You will be given the option to purchase any health coverage Plan that We currently offer without regard to claims status or health history. Discontinuation will not affect an existing claim.

## After Termination

Once this Certificate is terminated, the former Members cannot reapply until the next annual open enrollment unless they experience an event that qualifies for a special enrollment period prior to the annual open enrollment period.

## Removal of Members

A Subscriber may terminate the enrollment of any Member from the Plan. If this happens, no benefits will be provided for Covered Services received after the Member's termination date.

## Refund of Premium

Upon termination, We shall return promptly the unearned portion of any Premium paid.

Premium refunds shall not be retroactive, unless such request is made within the first 10 days after you receive the Certificate.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COVERAGE

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### Premium

You shall have the responsibility for remitting payments to Anthem as they come due. Even if You have not received a Premium notice from Anthem, You are still obligated to pay, at a minimum, the amount of the prior Premium notice.

The amount of Premium is also printed on Your Premium notice; however, this amount is subject to change. We have the right to increase a Member's Premium at any time in the future. We will not increase Premium for any reason without giving You at least 30 days written notice. We will then send You a new notice with the new Premium amount.

If a Premium increase is necessary, We will bill You for the extra amount due. If this amount is not paid, this Certificate will be terminated at the end of the period for which full Premiums have been paid and You will receive a refund of any unearned Premium.

If a decrease in Premium is appropriate, We will adjust what is owed to Us and let You know the new amount of Premium due. We will refund or credit the overage amount.

If We have not charged the proper amount of Premium, We will let You know the new amount of Premium due from You. We will refund or credit the overage amount that has been overpaid to Us. You must pay Us any amounts that should have been paid but were not.

If Premium has been paid for any period of time after the date You terminate this Certificate, We will refund that Premium to You. The refund will be for that period of time after Your coverage ends.

### Changes in Premiums

The Premium for this Certificate may change subject to, and as permitted by, applicable law. You will be notified of a Premium change at the address in Our records at least 30 days prior to such change. Any such change will apply to Premiums due on or after the Effective Date of change. If advance Premiums have been paid beyond the Effective date of a rate change, such Premiums will be adjusted as of that Effective Date to comply with the rate change. Additional Premiums may be billed, if necessary, for future periods.

Payment of the Premium by the Subscriber shall serve as notice of the Subscriber's acceptance of the change.

### How to Pay Your Premium

After making Your initial Premium payment, You can make future payments by the following methods:

- online at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com)
- by mail using the address on Your Premium notice
- by authorizing Us to automatically deduct Your Premium payment from Your financial institution account every month
- by using Our mobile application
- pay in person at any approved retailer found on the mobile application

To learn more about any of these options, please contact Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card.

### Electronic Funds Transfer

If You submit a personal check for Premium payment, You automatically authorize Us to convert that check into an electronic payment. We will store a copy of the check and destroy the original paper check.

Your payment will be listed on the financial institution account statement as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Converting Your paper check into an electronic payment does not authorize Us to deduct Premiums from Your account on a monthly basis unless You have given Us prior authorization to do so.

### **Administrative Fee**

An administrative fee of \$20 will be charged for any check, automatic deduction, or Electronic Funds Transfer which is returned or dishonored by the financial institution as non-payable to Anthem for any reason.

### **Premiums Paid by a Third Party**

Anthem will accept Premium payments made on behalf of Subscribers if the Premium is paid by the following persons or entities:

- The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program;
- Other Federal and State government programs that provide Premium and Cost Sharing support for specific individuals;
- Indian tribes, tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations; or
- A relative or legal guardian on behalf of a Subscriber.

Unless required by law, Anthem does not accept Premium payments from third parties that are not listed above. Examples of third parties from whom Anthem will not accept Premium payments include, but are not limited to, Providers, Hospitals, not-for-profit organizations (including religious organizations) that have or whose primary donors have a financial interest in the benefits of the contract/policy, commercial entities with a direct or indirect financial interest in the benefits of the contract/policy and employers that offer coverage under an employer health Plan.

### **Policies and Procedures**

We are able to introduce new policies, procedures, rules and interpretations, as long as they are reasonable. Such changes are introduced to make the Plan more orderly and efficient. Members must follow and accept any new policies, procedures, rules, and interpretations.

Under the terms of the Plan, We have the authority, in Our sole discretion, to introduce or terminate from time to time, pilot or test programs for disease management or wellness initiatives which may result in the payment of benefits not otherwise specified in this Plan. We reserve the right to discontinue a pilot or test program at any time.

### **Confidentiality and Release of Information**

Applicable State and federal law requires Us to undertake efforts to safeguard Your medical information.

For informational purposes only, please be advised that a statement describing Our policies and procedures regarding the protection, use and disclosure of Your medical information is available on Our website and can be furnished to You upon request by contacting Our Member Services department.

Obligations that arise under State and federal law and policies and procedures relating to privacy that are referenced but not included in this Certificate are not part of the Certificate between the parties and do not give rise to contractual obligations.

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

Certain facts are needed to apply these rules. We have the right to decide which facts We need. Subject to applicable privacy restrictions, We may obtain needed facts from, or give them to, any other organization or person. We need not tell You or obtain Your consent to do this. Each person claiming benefits under this Plan must give Us any facts We need to pay the claim.

## Plan Information Practices Notice

The purpose of this information practices notice is to provide a notice to Members regarding the Plan's standards for the collection, use, and disclosure of information gathered in connection with the Plan's business activities.

- The Plan may collect personal information about a Member from persons or entities other than the Member.
- The Plan may disclose Member information to persons or entities outside of the Plan without Member authorization in certain circumstances.
- A Member has a right of access and correction with respect to all personal information collected by the Plan.
- A more detailed notice will be furnished to You upon request.

## Notice of Privacy Practices

We are committed to protecting the confidential nature of Members' medical information to the fullest extent of the law. In addition to various laws governing Member privacy, We have Our own privacy policies and procedures in place designed to protect Member information. We are required by law to provide individuals with notice of Our legal duties and privacy practices. To obtain a copy of this notice, visit Our website or contact Our Member Services department.

## Catastrophic Events

In case of fire, flood, war, civil disturbance, court order, strike, an act of terrorism or other cause beyond Our control, We may be unable to process Your claims on a timely basis. No legal action or lawsuit may be taken against Us due to a delay caused by any of these events. In such an event, however, We shall use reasonable efforts to perform Our respective obligations.

## Refusal to Follow Recommended Treatment

If a Member refuses treatment that has been recommended by Our Network Provider, the Provider may decide that the Member's refusal compromises the Provider-patient relationship and obstructs the provision of proper medical care. Providers will try to render all necessary and appropriate professional services according to a Member's wishes, when they are consistent with the Provider's judgment. If a Member refuses to follow the recommended treatment or procedure, the Member is entitled to see another Provider of the same specialty for a Second Opinion. The Member can also pursue the grievance process.

## Entire Contract

**Note:** the laws of the State in which the Group Contract was issued will apply unless otherwise stated herein.

This Certificate, the Group Contract, the application, any Riders, Endorsements or Attachments, and the individual applications of the Subscriber and Dependents, if any, constitute the entire Contract between the Plan and the Group and as of the Effective Date, supersede all other agreements between the parties. Any and all statements made to the Plan by the Group and any and all statements made to the Group by the Plan are representations and not warranties, and no such statement, unless it is contained in a written application for coverage under this Certificate, shall be used in defense to a claim under this Certificate.

## Insolvency

If the Plan would become insolvent, You may be financially responsible for health care services rendered by a Non-Network Provider even if those services were an Authorized Service. Services from a Network Provider, other than Inpatient Services from a Hospital or other Facility Provider, may continue as needed to complete any Medically Necessary procedures commenced but unfinished at the time of the Plan's



insolvency or discontinuance of operations. Inpatient services from a Hospital or Facility may be continued for up to 30 days after the Plan becomes insolvent. We are not a member of any guaranty fund and You are protected only to the extent of the hold harmless feature included in Our contracts with Network Providers.

### **Misstatement of Age**

If the Premium for this Certificate is based on Your age and if Your age has been misstated, the benefits will be those the Premium paid would have purchased at the correct age.

### **Modifications**

This Certificate shall be subject to amendment, modification, and termination in accordance with any of its provisions, the Group Contract, or by mutual agreement between the Plan and the Trust without the consent or concurrence of any Member. Any amendments are subject to approval by the Department of Insurance prior to use. By electing medical and Hospital coverage under the Plan or accepting the Plan benefits, all Members legally capable of contracting and the legal representatives of all Members incapable of contracting agree to all terms, conditions, and provisions hereof.

### **Notice**

Any notice given by Anthem to a Subscriber shall be sufficient if mailed to the Subscriber at his or her address as it appears in Anthem's records. Notice given to Anthem must be sent to Anthem's address as shown in this Certificate. Anthem, or a Member may, by written notice, indicate a new address for giving notice.

### **Not Liable for Provider Acts or Omissions**

We are not liable for the acts or omissions by any individuals or institutions furnishing care or services to You.

### **Headings**

The headings and captions in this Certificate are not to be considered a part of this Certificate and are inserted only for purposes of convenience.

### **Physical Examinations and Autopsy**

We, at Our own expense, shall have the right and opportunity to examine the Member when and as often as it may reasonably be required during the pendency of a claim and to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not prohibited by law.

### **Reservation of Discretionary Authority**

The following provision only applies where the interpretation of this Certificate is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), 20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.

The Plan, or anyone acting on Our behalf, shall determine the administration of benefits and eligibility for participation in such a manner that has a rational relationship to the terms set forth herein. However, We, or anyone acting on Our behalf, has complete discretion to determine the administration of Your benefits.

Our determination shall be final and conclusive and may include, without limitation, determination of whether the services, care, treatment, or supplies are Medically Necessary, Experimental/Investigative, whether surgery is cosmetic, and whether charges are consistent with Our Maximum Allowed Amount. However, a Member may utilize all applicable Complaint and Appeals procedures.

The Plan, or anyone acting on Our behalf, shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate to enable it to carry out its duties in connection with the operation and administration of the Certificate. This includes, without limitation, the power to construe the Certificate, to determine all questions arising under the

Certificate and to make, establish and amend the rules, regulations and procedures with regard to the interpretation and administration of the provisions of this Certificate. However, these powers shall be exercised in such a manner that has reasonable relationship to the provisions of the Group Contract, the Certificate, Provider agreements, and applicable State or federal laws. A specific limitation or exclusion will override more general benefit language.

### **Third Party Liability**

These provisions apply when We pay benefits as a result of injuries or illness You sustained and You have a right to a Recovery or have received a Recovery as a result of actions or omissions of a third party. We will automatically have a lien upon any Recovery. Our lien will equal the amount of benefits We pay on Your behalf for injuries, disease, condition or loss You sustained as a result of any act or omission for which a third party is liable. Our lien will not exceed the amount We actually paid for those services.

In this section, "Recovery" means money You (or Your estate, parent, trustee or legal guardian) receive, are entitled to receive, or have a right to receive, whether by judgment, award, settlement or otherwise as a result of injury or illness caused by the third party, regardless of whether liability is contested. In this section "third party" refers to any person or entity who is legally responsible in relation to the injuries or illnesses sustained by You for which We paid benefits, including but not limited to the party(ies) who caused the injury or illness ("tortfeasor"), the tortfeasor's insurer, the tortfeasor's indemnifier, the tortfeasor's guarantor, the tortfeasor's principal or any other person or entity responsible or liable for the tortfeasor's acts or omissions, Your own insurer (underinsured or uninsured motorist benefits, medical payments, no fault benefits, personal injury protection, etc.), or any other person, entity, policy or plan that may be liable or responsible in relation to the injuries or illness, to the extent permitted by law.

We, or Our designee, have first priority for the full amount of Our lien and shall be entitled to payment, reimbursement and/or subrogation to the extent of the total amount of Our lien regardless of whether the total amount of the Recovery on account of the injury or illness is less than the actual loss suffered by You (or Your estate, parent, trustee or legal guardian).

### **Subrogation**

- We shall be subrogated to Your rights as to any Recovery and have first priority rights to take whatever legal action necessary against any party or entity to recover Our lien.
- We may proceed in Your name against the responsible party. Additionally, We have the right to recover Our lien from any party responsible for compensating You.
- To the extent the total assets available from a Recovery are insufficient to satisfy in full Our subrogation claim and any claim still held by You, Our subrogation claim shall be first satisfied before any part of a Recovery is applied to Your claim, Your attorney's fees, other expenses or costs.
- We are not responsible for any attorney's fees, other expenses or costs You incur without Our prior written consent. Further, the "common fund" doctrine does not apply to any funds recovered by any attorney You hire regardless of whether funds recovered are used to repay benefits paid by Us.

### **Right of Reimbursement**

- You must reimburse Us the full amount of Our lien.
- Our rights are not limited by any allocation or characterization made in a settlement agreement or court order.
- If You fail to repay Us, fail to cooperate or Our lien is otherwise not recovered by Us, We shall be entitled to deduct any of the unsatisfied portion of Our lien or the amount of Your Recovery, whichever is less, from any future benefit under the Plan.
- In the event that You fail to disclose to Us the amount of Your settlement, We shall be entitled to deduct the amount of Our lien from any future benefit under the Plan.

- We shall also be entitled to recover any of the unsatisfied portion of Our lien or the amount of Your settlement, whichever is less, directly from the Providers to whom We have made payments. In such a circumstance, it may then be Your obligation to pay the Provider the full billed amount, and We would not have any obligation to pay the Provider.
- We are not bound by, nor responsible for any fees or costs recoverable by or assigned to Your attorney as set forth in any fee agreement.

### **Member's Duties**

- Your signed application for coverage and/or Your receipt of benefits under this Plan authorizes and/or acknowledges each of Our rights set forth in this section.
- You, or Your attorney, must notify Us promptly of how, when and where an accident or incident resulting in personal injury or illness to You occurred and all information regarding the parties involved.
- You agree to advise Us, directly or through Your attorney, in writing of Your claim against a third party, or a claim against Your own insurance, within 60 days of making such claim, unless a shorter period of time is prescribed by law, and that You or Your attorney will take such action, furnish such information and assistance, and execute such papers as We may require to facilitate enforcement of Our lien rights.
- Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, police reports, pleadings, settlement agreements, and communications with any party regarding the accident, incident, injury or illness.
- Neither You, nor Your attorney, shall take any action that may prejudice Our rights or interests under this section.
- You and/or Your attorney must cooperate with Us in the investigation, settlement and protection of Our rights.
- You and/or Your attorney must immediately notify Us if a trial is commenced, if a settlement occurs or is consummated, or if potentially dispositive motions are filed in a case.
- You and/or Your attorney must hold in trust the extent of Our lien that is recoverable by Us under the law and the Recovery must not be dissipated or disbursed until such time as We have been repaid in accordance with these provisions.
- If You, or Your attorney, fail to give Us notice, fail to cooperate with Us, or intentionally take any action that prejudices Our rights, You will be in material breach of this Certificate. In the event of such material breach, You will be personally responsible and liable for reimbursing to Us the amount of benefits We paid.

Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to limit Our right to utilize any remedy provided by law to enforce Our rights to recover Our lien.

Any action that interferes with Our right to recover Our lien may result in the termination of coverage as allowed by law for You and Your covered Dependents.

The Plan is entitled to recover any attorney's fees and costs incurred in enforcing any provision in this section.

### **Severability**

In the event that any provision in this Certificate is declared legally invalid by a court of law or determined to be illegal due to the enactment of new legislation or regulations, such provision will be severable and all other provisions of the Certificate will remain in force and effect.

### **Unauthorized Use of Identification Card**

If You permit Your Identification Card to be used by someone else or if You use the card before coverage is in effect or after coverage has ended, You will be liable for payment of any expenses incurred resulting from the unauthorized use. Fraudulent misuse could also result in termination of the coverage.

## **Right to Change Plan**

No agent or employee of the Plan or other person, except an authorized officer of the Plan, has authority to waive, even if by providing incomplete or incorrect information, any conditions or restrictions or to change the form or content of this Plan, to extend the time for making a payment to the Plan, or to bind the Plan by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information. Such changes can be made only through a written endorsement signed by an officer of the Plan.

## **Worker's Compensation**

The benefits under this Certificate are not designed to duplicate any benefit for which Members are eligible under the Worker's Compensation Law. All sums paid or payable by Worker's Compensation for services provided to Members shall be reimbursed by, or on behalf of, the Member to the Plan to the extent the Plan has made or makes payment for such services. It is understood that coverage hereunder is not in lieu of, and shall not affect, any requirements for coverage under Worker's Compensation.

## **Care Coordination**

We pay Network Providers in various ways to provide Covered Services to You. For example, sometimes We may pay Network Providers a separate amount for each Covered Service they provide. We may also pay them one amount for all Covered Services related to treatment of a medical condition. Other times, We may pay a periodic, fixed pre-determined amount to cover the costs of Covered Services. In addition, We may pay Network Providers financial incentives or other amounts to help improve quality of care and/or promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner, or compensate Network Providers for coordination of Member care. In some instances, Network Providers may be required to make payment to Us because they did not meet certain standards. You do not share in any payments made by Network Providers to Us under these programs.

## **Medical Policy and Technology Assessment**

Anthem reviews and evaluates new technology according to its technology evaluation criteria developed by its medical directors. Technology assessment criteria are used to determine the Experimental/Investigative status or Medical Necessity of new technology. Guidance and external validation of Anthem medical policy is provided by the Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) which consists of approximately 20 doctors from various medical specialties including Anthem's medical directors, doctors in academic medicine and doctors in private practice.

Conclusions made are incorporated into medical policy used to establish decision protocols for particular diseases or treatments and applied to Medical Necessity criteria used to determine whether a procedure, service, supply or equipment is covered.

## **Program Incentives**

We may offer incentives from time to time, at Our discretion, in order to introduce You to covered programs and services available under this Plan. The purpose of these incentives include, but is not limited to, making You aware of cost effective benefit options or services, helping You achieve Your best health, encouraging You to update Member-related information and encouraging You to enroll automatically to pay Premiums electronically. These incentives may be offered in various forms such as monetary rewards, retailer coupons, gift cards, health related merchandise, and discounts on fees or Member Cost Share. Acceptance of these incentives is voluntary as long as Anthem offers the incentives program. We may discontinue an incentive for a particular covered program or service at any time. If You have any questions about whether receipt of an incentive or retailer coupon results in taxable income to You, We recommend that You consult Your tax advisor.

## **Voluntary Clinical Quality Programs**

We may offer additional opportunities to assist You in obtaining certain covered preventive or other care (e.g., well child check-ups or certain laboratory screening tests) that You have not received in the

recommended timeframe. These opportunities are called voluntary clinical quality programs. They are designed to encourage You to get certain care when You need it and are separate from Covered Services under Your Plan. These programs are not guaranteed and could be discontinued at any time. We will give You the choice and if You choose to participate in one of these programs, and obtain the recommended care within the program's timeframe, You may receive incentives such as gift cards or retailer coupons, which We encourage You to use for health and wellness related activities or items. Under other clinical quality programs, You may receive a home test kit that allows You to collect the specimen for certain covered laboratory tests at home and mail it to the laboratory for processing. You may also be offered a home visit appointment to collect such specimens and complete biometric screenings. You may need to pay any Cost Share that normally apply to such covered laboratory tests (e.g., those applicable to the laboratory processing fee) but will not need to pay for the home test kit or the home visit. (If You have any questions about whether receipt of a gift card or retailer coupon results in taxable income to You, We recommend that You consult Your tax advisor.)

## MEMBER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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As a Member, You have rights and responsibilities when receiving health care. As Your health care partner, We want to make sure Your rights are respected while providing Your health benefits. That means giving You access to Our network of health care Providers and the information You need to make the best decisions for Your health. As a Member, You should also take an active role in Your care.

### **You have the right to:**

- Speak freely and privately with Your health care Providers about all health care options and treatment needed for Your condition, no matter what the cost or whether it is covered under Your Plan.
- Work with Your doctors to make choices about Your health care.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Expect Us to keep Your personal health information private by following Our privacy policies, and State and federal laws.
- Get the information You need to help make sure You get the most from Your health Plan, and share Your feedback. This includes information on:
  - Our company and services;
  - Our network of health care Providers;
  - Your rights and responsibilities;
  - the rules of Your health Plan;
  - the way Your health Plan works.
- Make a complaint or file an Appeal about:
  - Your health Plan and any care You receive;
  - any covered service or benefit decision that Your health Plan makes.
- Say no to care, for any condition, sickness or disease, without it having an effect on any care You may get in the future. This includes asking Your doctor to tell You how that may affect Your health now and in the future.
- Get the most up-to-date information from a health care Provider about the cause of Your illness, Your treatment and what may result from it. You can ask for help if You do not understand this information.

### **You have the responsibility to:**

- Read all information about Your health benefits and ask for help if You have questions.
- Follow all health Plan rules and policies.
- Choose a Network Primary Care Physician, also called a PCP, if Your health Plan requires it.
- Treat all doctors, health care Providers and staff with respect.
- Keep all scheduled appointments. Call Your health care Provider's office if You may be late or need to cancel.
- Understand Your health problems as well as You can and work with Your health care Providers to make a treatment plan that You all agree on.
- Inform Your health care Providers if You don't understand any type of care You're getting or what they want You to do as part of Your care plan.

- Follow the health care plan that You have agreed on with Your health care Providers.
- Give Us, Your doctors and other health care Providers the information needed to help You get the best possible care and all the benefits You are eligible for under Your health Plan. This may include information about other health insurance benefits You have along with Your coverage with Us.
- Inform Member Services if You have any changes to Your name, address or family members covered under Your Plan.

If You would like more information, have comments, or would like to contact Us, please go to [anthem.com](https://www.anthem.com) and select Customer Support > Contact Us. Or call the Member Services number on Your ID Card.

We want to provide high quality benefits and Member Services to Our Members. Benefits and coverage for services given under the Plan are overseen by Your Certificate or “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits” and not by this “Member Rights and Responsibilities” statement.

## DEFINITIONS

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The following terms, defined in this section, are capitalized throughout the Certificate so they are easy to identify.

### **Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem)**

The company providing the coverage under this Certificate. The terms We, Us and Our in this Certificate refer to Anthem and its designated affiliates.

### **Appeal**

A formal request by You or Your representative for reconsideration of a decision not resolved to Your satisfaction. See the "If You Have a Complaint or an Appeal" section of this Certificate.

### **Authorized Service**

A Covered Service rendered by any Provider other than a Network Provider, which has been authorized in advance (except for Emergency Care which may be authorized after the service is rendered) by Us to be paid at the Network level. For more information, see the "How Your Claims Are Paid" section.

### **Benefit Period/Year**

The period of time that We pay benefits for Covered Services. Generally, the Benefit Period/Year is a Calendar Year for this Plan, as listed in the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits." If Your coverage ends earlier, the Benefit Period/Year ends at the same time.

### **Biosimilars**

A type of biological product that is licensed (approved) by FDA because it is highly similar to an already FDA-approved biological product, known as the biological reference product (reference product), and has been shown to have no clinically meaningful difference from the reference product.

### **Brand Drugs**

Prescription Drugs that We classify as Brand Drugs or Our PBM has classified as Brand Drugs through use of an independent proprietary industry database.

### **Calendar Year**

A period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of the same Year.

### **Certificate of Coverage (Certificate)**

This summary of the terms of Your benefits. It is attached to and is a part of the Group Contract and it is subject to the terms of the Group Contract.

### **Coinsurance**

The percentage of the Maximum Allowed Amount that You pay for some Covered Services.

### **Controlled Substances**

Drugs and other substances that are considered Controlled Substances under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) which are divided into five schedules.

### **Copayment**

A fixed amount You pay for a Covered Service, usually when You receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of Covered Service. The Copayment does not apply to the Deductible.

### **Cost Share (Cost Sharing)**

The amount which the Member is required to pay for Covered Services. Where applicable, Cost Share can be in the form of Copayments, Coinsurance, and/or Deductibles.



**Covered Services**

Services, supplies or treatments which are:

- Medically Necessary or otherwise specifically included as a benefit and that is listed under the “What is Covered” section;
- Within the scope of the Provider’s license;
- Rendered while coverage under this Certificate is in force;
- Not Experimental/Investigative or not covered by this Certificate; and
- Authorized in advance by Us if such preauthorization is required in this Certificate.

**Deductible**

The amount of charges You must pay for any Covered Services before any benefits are available to You under this coverage. Your Deductible is stated in Your “Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits.”

**Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care**

A service for pediatric Members used to treat malocclusion of teeth and associated dental and facial disharmonies. Certain criteria must be met in order for Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care to be covered. See the Dentally Necessary Orthodontic Care benefit description in the “Pediatric Dental Care,” “What is Covered” section for more information.

**Dependent**

A member of the Subscriber’s family who meets the rules listed in the “When Membership Changes (Eligibility)” section and who has enrolled in the Plan.

**Designated Pharmacy Provider**

A Network Pharmacy that has executed a Designated Pharmacy Provider Agreement with Us or a Network Provider that is designated to provide Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, to treat certain conditions.

**Effective Date**

The date when a Member’s coverage begins under this Certificate.

**Emergency Facility**

The Emergency department of a Hospital, including any trauma or burn center of a Hospital.

**Emergency Medical Condition (Emergency)**

A medical or Behavioral Health Condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) so that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in one of the following conditions:

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

**Emergency Services (Emergency Care)**

With respect to an Emergency Medical Condition:

1. A medical or behavioral health screening examination that is within the capability of the Emergency department of a Hospital as well as in any trauma or burn center of a Hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the Emergency department to evaluate such Emergency Medical Condition; and

2. Within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital, such further medical examination and treatment to stabilize the patient

Emergency Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The term “**stabilize**” means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition:

To provide such medical treatment of the condition as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability, that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the individual from a Facility. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, the term “stabilize” also means to deliver (including the placenta), if there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another Hospital before delivery or transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.

### **Experimental/Investigative**

A drug, device, medical treatment or procedure that:

- has not been given approval for marketing by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at the time it is furnished and such approval is required by law; or
- reliable evidence shows is the subject of ongoing Phase I, II, III or IV clinical trial or under study to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its standard means of treatment or diagnosis. Reliable evidence means only the published reports and articles and authoritative medical and scientific literature, written protocol or protocols by the treating Facility or other Facility studying substantially the same drug, device or medical treatment or procedure; or the written informed consent used by the treating Facility or other facilities studying substantially the same drug, device or medical treatment or procedure.

We may consult with professional peer review committees or other appropriate sources for recommendations.

### **Facility**

A Facility including but not limited to, a Hospital, freestanding ambulatory surgical Facility, chemical dependency treatment Facility, Residential Treatment Center, Skilled Nursing Facility, Home Health Care Agency or mental health Facility, as defined in this Certificate. The Facility must be licensed, accredited, registered and approved by the Joint Commission or The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), as applicable, or meet specific rules set by Us.

### **Generic/Generic Drugs**

Prescription Drugs that We classify as Generic Drugs or that Our PBM has classified as Generic Drugs through use of an independent proprietary industry database. Generic Drugs have the same active ingredients, must meet the same FDA rules for safety, purity and potency, and must be given in the same form (tablet, capsule, cream) as the Brand Drug.

### **Group**

The Trustee to whom the Group Contract is issued, and all eligible persons.

### **Group Contract (or Contract)**

The agreement between the Trustee and Us, referred to as the Contract or Group Contract, as may be amended from time to time.

### **Habilitative Services**

Health care services and devices that help a person keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of Inpatient and/or Outpatient settings.

**Home Delivery Pharmacy**

A service where You get Prescription Drugs (other than Specialty Drugs) through a mail order service.

**Home Health Care Agency**

A Facility, licensed in the State in which it is located, which:

- Provides skilled nursing and other services on a visiting basis in the Member's home; and
- Is responsible for supervising the delivery of such services under a plan prescribed and approved in writing by the attending doctor.

**Hospital**

A Provider licensed and operated as required by law, which has:

1. Room, board, and nursing care;
2. A staff with one or more doctors on hand at all times;
3. 24 hour nursing service;
4. All the facilities on site are needed to diagnose, care, and treat an illness or injury; and
5. Is fully accredited by the Joint Commission.

The term Hospital does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

1. Nursing care
2. Rest care
3. Convalescent care
4. Care of the aged
5. Custodial care
6. Educational care
7. Subacute care

**Identification Card/ID Card**

A card issued by the Plan that bears the Member's name, identifies the membership by number, and may contain information about Your coverage. It is important to carry this card with You.

**Inpatient**

A Member who receives care as a registered bed patient in a Hospital or other Facility where a room and board charge is made. It does not mean a Member who is placed under observation for fewer than 24 hours.

**Intensive Outpatient Program**

Structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that provides a combination of individual, group and family therapy in a program that operates no less than three hours per day, three days per week.

**Interchangeable Biologic Product**

A type of biological product that is licensed (approved) by FDA because it is highly similar to an already FDA-approved biological product, known as the biological reference product (reference product), and has been shown to have no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product. In addition to meeting the biosimilarity standard, is expected to produce the same clinical result as the reference product in any given patient.

**Maintenance Medication**

A drug you take on a regular basis to treat or control a chronic illness such as heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, or diabetes. If You are not sure if the Prescription Drug You are taking is a Maintenance Medication, please call Pharmacy Member Services at the number on the back of Your Identification Card or check Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for more details.

**Maximum Allowed Amount**

The maximum amount that We will allow for Covered Services You receive. For more information, see the “How Your Claims are Paid” section.

**Medicaid**

Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act, Grants to States for Medical Assistance Programs.

**Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity**

Services rendered for the diagnosis or treatment of a condition that are generally accepted as being necessary and appropriate according to the prevalent standards of medical care practice. The level and amount of services must not be greater than is necessary and appropriate according to said standards; for example, Inpatient services are not Medically Necessary if the services could have been appropriately provided as Outpatient services according to said standards. Services will not be considered Medically Necessary simply because they are rendered or prescribed by the Member’s doctor or other Provider. We may consult with professional peer review committees or other appropriate sources for recommendations.

When setting or place of service is part of the review, services that can be safely provided to You in a lower cost setting will not be Medically Necessary if they are performed in a higher cost setting. For example We will not provide coverage for an Inpatient admission for surgery if the surgery could have been performed on an Outpatient basis or an infusion or injection of a Specialty Drug provided in the Outpatient department of a Hospital if the drug could be provided in a doctor’s office or the home setting.

Medically Necessary services must be cost-effective compared to alternative interventions, including no intervention or the same intervention in an alternative setting. Cost effective does not always mean lowest cost. It does mean that as to the diagnosis or treatment of the Member’s illness, injury or disease, the service is: (1) not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services that is medically appropriate, or (2) performed in the least costly setting that is medically appropriate. For example We will not provide coverage for an Inpatient admission for surgery if the surgery could have been performed on an Outpatient basis or an infusion or injection of a specialty drug provided in the Outpatient department of a Hospital if the drug could be provided in a doctor’s office or the home setting.

**Medicare**

The program of healthcare for the aged and disabled established by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended.

**Member**

The Subscriber and enrolled Dependent.

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

A condition that is listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) as a mental health or substance abuse condition.

**Minimum Essential Coverage**

The term means any of the following: Government sponsored programs (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE for Life, veteran's health care program); coverage under an eligible employer-sponsored plan; coverage under a health plan offered in the individual market within a State; coverage under a grandfathered health plan, and such other health benefits coverage, such as a State health, or benefits risk pool.

**Network Pharmacy**

A Network Pharmacy is a Pharmacy that has a Network Pharmacy agreement in effect with or for Our benefit at the time services are rendered. Network Pharmacies may be based on a restricted network, and may be different than the network of Network Pharmacies for Our other products. To find a Network Pharmacy near You, call Member Services at the telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card.

**Network Provider**

A Provider who has entered into a contractual agreement or is otherwise engaged by Us, or with another organization which has an agreement with Us, to provide Covered Services and certain administration functions to You for the Network associated with this Certificate.

**Non-Network Pharmacy**

A Pharmacy that does not have a Network Pharmacy agreement in effect with or for the benefit of Anthem at the time services are rendered. In most instances, You will be responsible for a larger portion of Your pharmaceutical bill when You go to a Non-Network Pharmacy.

**Non-Network Provider**

A Provider who has not entered into a contractual agreement with Us or is not otherwise engaged by Us for the Network associated with this Certificate. Providers who have not contracted or affiliated with Our designated subcontractor(s) for the services they perform under this Certificate are also considered Non-Network Providers.

**Out-of-Pocket Limit**

The most You pay in Copayments, Deductibles, and Coinsurance during a Benefit Period for Covered Services. The Out-of-Pocket Limit does not include Your Premium, amounts over the Maximum Allowed Amount, or charges for health care that Your Plan doesn't cover. When the Out-of-Pocket Limit is reached, no additional Deductible or Coinsurance is required unless otherwise specified in this Certificate. Please see the "Schedule of Cost Share and Benefits" for details.

**Outpatient**

A Member who receives services or supplies when not an Inpatient.

**Partial Hospitalization Program**

Structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that offers nursing care and active individual, group and family treatment in a program that operates no less than six hours per day, five days per week.

**Pharmacy**

A place licensed by State law where You can get Prescription Drugs and other medicines from a licensed pharmacist when You have a Prescription from Your doctor.

**Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process**

Process to make clinically based recommendations that will help You access quality, low cost medicines within Your benefit program. The process includes health care professionals such as nurses, pharmacists, and doctors. The committees of the Anthem National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Process meet regularly to talk about and find the clinical and financial value of medicines for Our Members. This process first evaluates the clinical evidence of each product under review. The clinical review is then combined with an in-depth review of the market dynamics, Member impact and financial value to make choices for the Prescription Drug List. Our programs may include, but are not limited to, drug utilization programs, Prior Authorization criteria, therapeutic conversion programs, cross-branded initiatives, and drug profiling initiatives.

**Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM)**

A Pharmacy benefits management company that manages Pharmacy benefits on Anthem's behalf. Anthem's PBM has a nationwide network of Retail Pharmacies, a Home Delivery Pharmacy, and clinical services that include Prescription Drug List management.

Anthem's PBM, in consultation with Anthem, also provides services to promote and assist Members in the appropriate use of Pharmacy benefits, such as review for possible excessive use, proper dosage, drug interactions or drug/pregnancy concerns.

**Plan**

The set of benefits, conditions, exclusions and limitations described in this document.

**Precertification**

Please see the section “Requesting Approval for Benefits” for details.

**Premium**

The monthly charge You must pay Anthem to establish and maintain coverage under this Certificate.

**Prescription Drug (also referred to as Legend)**

A medicine that is made to treat illness or injury. Under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, such substances must bear a message on its original packing label that says, “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription.” This includes Insulin, diabetic supplies, and syringes.

**Prescription Drug List**

Listing of Prescription Drugs that are determined by Anthem in its sole discretion to be designated as Covered drugs. The List of approved Prescription Drugs developed by Anthem in consultation with doctors and pharmacists has been reviewed for their quality and cost effectiveness. This Prescription Drug List contains a limited number of Prescription Drugs, and may be different than the formulary for other Anthem products. Generally, it includes select Generic Drugs with limited brand Prescription Drugs coverage. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by Anthem. We may add or delete Prescription Drugs from this Prescription Drug List from time to time. A description of the Prescription Drugs that are listed is available upon request and at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com)

**Prescription Order (Prescription)**

A written request by a Provider, as permitted by law, for a drug or medication and each authorized refill for same.

**Primary Care Physician (PCP)**

A Network Provider who is a practitioner that specialized in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics or any other Network Provider as allowed by the Plan. A PCP supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to a Member and is responsible for ongoing patient care.

**Provider**

A professional or Facility licensed by law that gives health care services within the scope of that license and is approved by Us. This includes any Provider that State law says We must cover when they give You services that State law says We must cover. Providers that deliver Covered Services are described throughout this Certificate. If You have a question about a Provider not described in this Certificate please call the number on the back of Your Identification Card.

**Psychologist**

A licensed clinical Psychologist. In States where there is no licensure law, the Psychologist must be certified by the appropriate professional body.

**Rehabilitative Services**

Health care services that help a person get back or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt or disabled. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and psychiatric rehabilitation services in a variety of Inpatient and/or Outpatient settings.

**Residential Treatment Center/Facility**

A Provider licensed and operated as required by law, which includes:

1. Room, board and skilled nursing care (either an RN or LVN/LPN) available on-site at least eight hours daily with 24 hour availability.
2. A staff with one or more doctors available at all times.
3. Residential treatment takes place in a structured Facility-based setting.
4. The resources and programming to adequately diagnose, care and treat a psychiatric and/or substance use disorder.
5. Facilities are designated residential, subacute, or intermediate care and may occur in care systems that provide multiple levels of care.
6. Is fully accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC), the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (NIAHO), or the Council on Accreditation (COA).

The term Residential Treatment Center/Facility does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

1. Nursing care
2. Rest care
3. Convalescent care
4. Care of the aged
5. Custodial care
6. Educational care

### **Retail Pharmacy**

An establishment licensed to dispense Prescription Drugs and other medications (other than Specialty Drugs) through a licensed pharmacist or Home Delivery Pharmacy service upon an authorized health care professional's order.

### **Self-Administered Drugs**

Drugs that are administered which do not require a medical professional to administer.

### **Service Area**

The geographical area within which Our Covered Services are available, as approved by State regulatory agencies.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility**

A Facility operated alone or with a Hospital that cares for You after a Hospital stay when You have a condition that needs more care than You can get at home. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency and accredited by the Joint Commission or the Bureau of Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association, or otherwise approved by Us. A Skilled Nursing Facility gives the following:

1. Inpatient care and treatment for people who are recovering from an illness or injury;
2. Care supervised by a doctor;
3. 24 hour per day nursing care supervised by a full-time registered nurse.

A Skilled Nursing Facility is not a place mainly for care of the aged, custodial care or domiciliary care; or a place for rest, educational, or similar services.

### **Social Worker**

A licensed Clinical Social Worker. In States where there is no licensure law, the Social Worker must be certified by the appropriate professional body.

### **Specialty Care Physician (Specialist or SCP)**

A doctor who focuses on a specific area of medicine or group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent, or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-physician Specialist is a Provider who has added training in a specific area of health care.

### **Specialty Drugs**

Drugs that are high-cost, injectable, infused, oral or inhaled drugs that generally require close supervision and monitoring of their effect on the patient's drug therapy by a medical professional. These drugs often require special handling, such as temperature controlled packaging and overnight delivery, and are often unavailable at retail Pharmacies.

### **Specialty Pharmacy**

A Pharmacy that is designated by Us, other than a Retail Pharmacy or Home Delivery Pharmacy that provides high cost, biotech drugs which are used for the treatment of acute or chronic diseases.

### **State**

Each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

### **Subscriber**

A Member of the Group who is eligible to receive benefits under the Group Contract.

### **Telemedicine/Telemedicine Services**

A mode of delivering health care services through synchronous or asynchronous information and communication technology by a Provider, who is located at a site other than the site where the Member is located, to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation and treatment, education, care management and self-management of a patient's physical and mental health. In-person contact between a health care Provider and the patient is not required for these services, and the type of setting where these services are provided is not limited.

### **Trust Agreement**

The agreement between the Trustee and Us which establishes Our Individual Insurance Trust.

### **Trustee**

The person with whom We have contracted to oversee the Trust Agreement, and to whom the Group Contract is issued. The Trustee is the policyholder.

### **Urgent Care**

Medical care for an unexpected illness or injury that cannot wait until a regularly scheduled office visit. Urgent health problems are not life threatening and do not call for the use of an Emergency room.

### **Urgent Care Center**

A licensed health care Facility that is separate from a Hospital and whose main purpose is giving immediate, short-term medical care, without an appointment, for Urgent Care.

### **Utilization Review**

Evaluation of the necessity, quality, effectiveness, or efficiency of medical or behavioral health services, Prescription Drugs (as set forth in the section Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider), procedures, and/or facilities.

### **We, Us and Our**

Community Insurance Company d.b.a. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem).

### **Year and Yearly**

A 12-month period.

### **You and Your**

The Member, Subscriber and each covered Dependent.



## Get help in your language

Curious to know what all this says? We would be too. Here's the English version:

You have the right to get this information and help in your language for free. Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Separate from our language assistance program, we make documents available in alternate formats for members with visual impairments. If you need a copy of this document in an alternate format, please call the customer service telephone number on the back of your ID card.

### Spanish

Tiene el derecho de obtener esta información y ayuda en su idioma en forma gratuita. Llame al número de Servicios para Miembros que figura en su tarjeta de identificación para obtener ayuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Chinese

您有權使用您的語言免費獲得該資訊和協助。請撥打您的 ID 卡上的成員服務號碼尋求協助。(TTY/TDD: 711)

### Vietnamese

Quý vị có quyền nhận miễn phí thông tin này và sự trợ giúp bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Hãy gọi cho số Dịch Vụ Thành Viên trên thẻ ID của quý vị để được giúp đỡ. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Korean

귀하에게는 무료로 이 정보를 얻고 귀하의 언어로 도움을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 도움을 얻으려면 귀하의 ID 카드에 있는 회원 서비스 번호로 전화하십시오. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Tagalog

May karapatan kayong makuha ang impormasyon at tulong na ito sa ginagamit ninyong wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa numero ng Member Services na nasa inyong ID card para sa tulong. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Russian

Вы имеете право получить данную информацию и помощь на вашем языке бесплатно. Для получения помощи звоните в отдел обслуживания участников по номеру, указанному на вашей идентификационной карте. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Arabic

يحق لك الحصول على هذه المعلومات والمساعدة بلغتك مجانًا. اتصل برقم خدمات الأعضاء الموجود على بطاقة التعريف الخاصة بك للمساعدة. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Armenian

Դուք իրավունք ունեք Ձեր լեզվով անվճար ստանալ այս տեղեկատվությունը և ցանկացած օգնություն: Օգնություն ստանալու համար զանգահարեք Անդամների սպասարկման կենտրոն՝ Ձեր ID քարտի վրա նշված համարով: (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Farsi

شما این حق را دارید که این اطلاعات و کمکها را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. برای دریافت کمک به شماره مرکز خدمات اعضاء که بر روی کارت شناساییتان درج شده است، تماس بگیرید. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### French

Vous avez le droit d'accéder gratuitement à ces informations et à une aide dans votre langue. Pour cela, veuillez appeler le numéro des Services destinés aux membres qui figure sur votre carte d'identification. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Japanese

この情報と支援を希望する言語で無料で受けることができます。支援を受けるには、IDカードに記載されているメンバーサービス番号に電話してください。(TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Haitian

Ou gen dwa pou resewwe enfòmasyon sa a ak asistans nan lang ou pou gratis. Rele nimewo Manm Sèvis la ki sou kat idantifikasyon ou a pou jwenn èd. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Italian

Ha il diritto di ricevere queste informazioni ed eventuale assistenza nella sua lingua senza alcun costo aggiuntivo. Per assistenza, chiami il numero dedicato ai Servizi per i membri riportato sul suo libretto. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Polish

Masz prawo do bezpłatnego otrzymania niniejszych informacji oraz uzyskania pomocy w swoim języku. W tym celu skontaktuj się z Działem Obsługi Klienta pod numerem telefonu podanym na karcie identyfikacyjnej. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Punjabi

ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਮਦਦ ਮੁਫਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਈਡੀ ਕਾਰਡ ਉੱਤੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਨੰਬਰ 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Navajo

Bee ná ahoot'í' t'áá ní nizaad k'ehj́ níká a'doowoł t'áá j́ík'e. Naaltsoos bee atah nilínígíí bee néécho'dółzingo nanitínígíí bécsh bee hane'í bikáá' ááj́ hodiílnih. (TTY/TDD: 711)

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