

In this policy (the "Policy"), You, the insured person, will be referred to as "You" or "Your." Jefferson Health Plans is referred to as "We" or "Us" or "Our." The Policy will be in effect during the duration of Your eligible coverage with Us.

Your Premium might be increased upon the renewal date of this plan. In the event of a rate increase, We will provide written notice of the increase at least 60 days before the increase takes effect. Rate increases will only take effect after the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance has approved the change, and will apply only at the beginning of a new plan year.

**Partners Insurance Company, Inc.  
d.b.a. Jefferson Health Plans**

(Hereto after all references to Jefferson Health Plans also include Partners Insurance Company, Inc.)

**(PPO Plan Name)**

**Description of Coverage**

This PPO Subscriber Agreement sets forth a comprehensive program of inpatient and outpatient health care benefits.

**Notice of Insured's Right to Examine Policy for Ten Days**

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

**Jefferson Health Plans  
ATTN: Individual Services (ACA)  
1101 Market Street, Suite 2400  
Philadelphia, PA 19107**

Include Your Jefferson Health Plans identification number with any correspondence. This number can be found on Your Jefferson Health Plans identification card (ID card). You can also call the number on the back of Your ID card for information.

**THIS POLICY MAY NOT APPLY WHEN YOU HAVE A CLAIM! PLEASE READ!**

This Policy was issued to You by Jefferson Health Plans (referred to herein as Jefferson Health Plans or "We" or "Us") based on the information You provided in Your application. If You know of any misstatement in Your application, You should advise Us immediately regarding the incorrect information; otherwise, Your Policy may not be a valid contract.

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

**Guaranteed Renewable**

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

**THIS IS A NON-PARTICIPATING CONTRACT**

Signed for Jefferson Health Plans by:

[signature] [Name] [President] [signature] [Name], [Chief Financial Officer]

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

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

You do not need Prior Authorization from Us or from any other person (including Your PCP in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in Our network who is credentialed as an obstetrician or gynecologist. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining Prior Authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, visit [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families) or contact Member Relations at the phone number listed on the back of Your ID card.

### **Non Discrimination Rights**

You have the right to receive health care services without discrimination:

- Based on race, ethnicity, age, mental or physical disability, genetic information, color, religion, gender, national origin, source of payment, sexual orientation, or sex, including stereotypes and gender identity.
- For Medically Necessary health services made available on the same terms for all individuals, regardless of sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or recorded gender.
- Based on an individual's sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or recorded gender, if it is different from the one to which such health service is ordinarily available.
- Related to gender transition if such denial or limitation results in discrimination against a transgender individual.

### **Use of Non-Preferred Providers**

While Jefferson Health Plans has an extensive network, it may not contain every provider that You elect to see. To receive the maximum benefits available under this program, You must obtain covered services from preferred providers that participate in the network.

In addition, Your plan allows You to obtain covered services from non-preferred providers. If You use a non-preferred provider You will be reimbursed for covered services but will incur significantly higher out-of-pocket expenses including deductibles and coinsurance. In certain instances, the non-preferred provider also may charge You for the balance of the provider's bill. This is true regardless of the reason the member uses an out-of-network provider including, but not limited to, by choice, for level of expertise, for convenience, or for location. However, if emergency care is provided by certain non-preferred providers, in accordance with applicable law, the carrier will reimburse the non-preferred provider at a preferred rate directly. In this instance the specified non-preferred provider will not bill the covered person for amounts in excess of the carrier's payment for emergency care. For payment of covered services provided by a non-preferred provider, please refer to the definition of "Covered Expense."

For Covered Services received from a non-preferred Provider, payment will be made directly to the Covered Person and the Covered Person will be responsible for reimbursing the non-preferred provider. However, the carrier reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to make payments directly to the non-preferred Provider.

The carrier may approve Covered Services provided by a non-preferred provider subject to referred "In-Network" cost-sharing (Coinsurance and Deductibles), if You have: (a) sought care from a preferred provider in the same specialty as the non-preferred Provider; (b) been advised by the preferred provider that there are no preferred providers that can provide the requested Covered Services; and (c) obtained authorization from the carrier prior to receiving care. The carrier reserves the right to make the final determination whether there is a preferred provider that can provide the Covered Services.

If the carrier approves the use of a non-preferred provider, You will not be responsible for the difference between the provider's billed charges and the carrier's payment to the provider. Applicable program terms including Medical Necessity and precertification will apply.

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## **Introduction**

### **About This Policy**

Your medical coverage is provided under a Policy issued by PIC, INC. This Policy is a legal contract between You and Us.

The benefits of this Policy are provided only for those services that are Medically Necessary as defined in this Policy and for which the Insured Person has benefits. The fact that a Physician prescribes or orders a service does not mean that the service is Medically Necessary or that the service is a Covered Service. Consult this Policy or call Us at the number shown on Your Jefferson Health Plans member ID card if You have any questions regarding whether services are covered.

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

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

IF, WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE POLICY, WE DISCOVER ANY FRAUD OR MATERIAL FACTS THAT WERE INTENTIONALLY MISREPRESENTED OR THAT YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER(S) KNEW, BUT DID NOT DISCLOSE IN YOUR APPLICATION, WE MAY RESCIND THIS COVERAGE AS OF THE ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE. ADDITIONALLY, IF WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER ADDING ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER(S) (EXCLUDING NEWBORN CHILDREN ADDED WITHIN 31 DAYS AFTER BIRTH), WE DISCOVER ANY FRAUD OR MATERIAL FACTS THAT WERE INTENTIONALLY MISREPRESENTED OR THAT YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER(S) KNEW, BUT DID NOT DISCLOSE IN YOUR APPLICATION, WE MAY RESCIND COVERAGE FOR THE ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER(S) AS OF THE DATE HE OR SHE ORIGINALLY BECAME EFFECTIVE. IF WE RESCIND YOUR COVERAGE, WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH 30 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE AND WE WILL REFUND ALL PREMIUMS YOU PAID FOR YOUR POLICY LESS THE AMOUNT OF ANY CLAIMS PAID BY US. RESCISSION OF YOUR COVERAGE WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF ALL PENDING CLAIMS AND, IF CLAIM PAYMENTS EXCEED TOTAL PREMIUMS PAID, THEN CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID BY US WILL BE RETROACTIVELY DENIED, OBLIGATING YOU TO PAY THE PROVIDER IN FULL FOR SERVICES RENDERED AT THE PROVIDER’S REGULAR BILLED RATE, NOT AT THE JEFFERSON HEALTH PLANS NEGOTIATED RATE.

## **Choice of Hospital and Physician**

Nothing contained in this Policy restricts or interferes with an Insured Person's right to select the Hospital or Physician of their choice.

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

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

If Your provider or specialist ceases to be a participating physician, We will notify You in writing of his or her impending termination at least 30 days in advance of the date the provider leaves the network, when possible, and provide assistance in selecting a new provider or identifying a new specialist to continue providing Covered Services.

If You are receiving treatment from a Participating Provider at the time his or her Participating Provider agreement is terminated, for reasons other than medical incompetence or professional misconduct, You may be eligible for continued care with that provider.

## **Continuity of Care**

If Your PCP or specialist ceases to be a participating physician, We will notify You. Under certain medical circumstances, We may continue to reimburse Covered Expenses from Your PCP or a specialist You've been seeing at the Participating Provider benefit level even though he or she is no longer affiliated with Our network. If You are undergoing an active course of treatment for an acute or chronic condition and continued treatment is Medically Necessary, You may be eligible to receive continuing care from the Non-Participating Provider for a specified time, subject to the treating provider's agreement. You may also be eligible to receive continuing care if You are in Your second or third trimester of pregnancy. In this case, continued care may be extended through Your delivery and include a period of postpartum care.

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

You may request continuity of care from Us after Your Participating Provider's termination from Our network; start by calling the toll-free number on Your ID card. In order to be eligible for coverage under this plan, continuity of care must be Medically Necessary and approved in advance by Us. Continuity of care will cease upon the earlier of:

- Successful transition of Your care to a Participating Provider; or
- Completion of Your treatment; or
- 90 days

## **Confined to a Hospital**

If You are confined in a Hospital on the effective date of Your coverage, You must notify Us of such a hospitalization within two (2) days, or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter. When You are enrolled as an Insured Person, You agree to permit Jefferson Health Plans to assume direct coordination of Your health care. We reserve the right to transfer You to the care of a Participating Provider and/or participating Hospital if Jefferson Health Plans, in consultation with Your attending physician, determines that it is medically safe to do so.

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

## **Important Information Regarding Benefits**

### **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR INPATIENT SERVICES**

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

**Prior Authorization can be obtained by You, Your family member(s) or the provider by calling the number on the back of Your ID card.**

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

- Call Us at the number on the back of Your ID card, or
- Check [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families) under “Coverage” then select “Medical.”

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

Inpatient Prior Authorization reviews whether admission to the Hospital and whether continued confinement in the Hospital are both Medically Necessary and eligible for coverage under the terms and conditions of this Policy.

### **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

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

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

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

- Call Us at the number on the back of Your ID card, or
- Check [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families) under “Coverage” then select “Medical.”

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

## **Retrospective Review**

If Prior Authorization was not performed, We may use retrospective review to determine if a scheduled or emergency admission or other service was Medically Necessary. In the event the services are determined to be Medically Necessary, benefits will be provided as described in this Policy subject any limitations and exclusions, payment of Premium and eligibility at the time care and services are provided. If it is determined that a service was not Medically Necessary, We will not cover any charges for that service.

## **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

Prior Authorization is required for certain prescription drugs and related supplies. **For complete, detailed information about prescription drug authorization procedures, exceptions, and Step Therapy, please refer to the section of this Policy titled “Prescription Drug Benefits.”**

**To verify Prior Authorization requirements for prescription drugs and related supplies, including which prescription drugs and related supplies require authorization, You can:**

- Call Us at the number on the back of Your ID card, or
- Log on to [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families).

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

Some services or therapies may require You to use particular providers approved by Us for the particular service or therapy and will not be covered if You receive them from any other provider regardless of participation status.



## **BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

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## **2024 PREVENTIVE BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

This schedule is a reference tool for planning Your preventive care and lists items/services required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA), as amended. In accordance with the PPACA, the schedule is reviewed and updated periodically based on the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and other applicable laws and regulations. Accordingly, the content of this schedule is subject to change. Your specific needs for preventive services may vary according to Your personal risk factors. Your health care provider is always Your best resource for determining if You are at increased risk for a condition. Some services may require precertification/preapproval. If You have questions about this schedule, precertification/preapproval, or Your benefit coverage, please call Member Relations at the number on the back of Your ID card.

### **PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES FOR ADULTS**

<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>COVERAGE LIMITS</b>
Preventive exams Services that may be provided during the preventive exam include, but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High blood pressure screening</li> <li>▪ Behavioral counseling for skin cancer</li> <li>▪ Obesity screening</li> <li>▪ Unhealthy drug use screening</li> </ul>	One exam annually for all adults
<b>SCREENINGS</b>	<b>COVERAGE LIMITS</b>
Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening	Once in a lifetime for asymptomatic males aged 65 to 75 years with a history of smoking
Colorectal cancer screening	Adults aged 45 to 75 years using any of the following tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fecal occult blood testing: once a year</li> <li>▪ Highly sensitive fecal immunochemical testing: once a year</li> <li>▪ Flexible sigmoidoscopy: once every five years</li> <li>▪ CT colonography: once every five years</li> <li>▪ Stool DNA testing: once every three years</li> <li>▪ Colonoscopy: once every 10 years</li> </ul>
Depression screening	Annually for all adults
Hepatitis B virus (HBV) screening	All asymptomatic adults at high risk for HBV infection
Hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening	All asymptomatic adults
High blood pressure screening	Adults aged 18 years or older with increased risk once a year Adults aged 18 to 39 years with no other risk factors once every 3 to 5 years Adults aged 40 years once a year

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) screening	All adults
Latent tuberculosis infection screening	Asymptomatic adults ages 19 years or older at increased risk for tuberculosis
Lipid disorder screening	Adults aged 40 years of older once every 5 years
Lung cancer screening	Adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years
Syphilis infection screening	All adults at increased risk for syphilis infection
Unhealthy alcohol use screening and behavioral counseling interventions	Screening for all adults not diagnosed with alcohol abuse or dependence or not seeking treatment for alcohol abuse or dependence Behavioral counseling in a primary care setting for individuals with a positive screening result
<b>THERAPY AND COUNSELING</b>	<b>COVERAGE LIMITS</b>
Behavioral counseling for prevention of sexually transmitted infections	All sexually active adults
Behavioral interventions for weight loss	Behavioral intervention for adults with a body mass index (BMI) of 30kg/m <sup>2</sup> or higher
Exercise interventions for the prevention of falls	Community-dwelling adults ages 65 years and older with an increased risk of falls
Intensive behavioral counseling interventions to promote a healthful diet and physical activities for cardiovascular disease prevention	Adults aged 18 years and older diagnosed as overweight or obese with known cardiovascular disease risk factors
Nutritional counseling for weight management	6 visits per year
Tobacco use counseling	All adults who use tobacco products
Work-up and follow-up services for pre-exposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV	Adults at high risk for HIV infection
<b>MEDICATIONS</b>	<b>COVERAGE LIMITS</b>
Low dose aspirin	Adults aged 50 to 59 years for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease and colorectal cancer
Pre-exposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection	Adults at high risk for HIV infection
Prescription bowel preparation	Adults aged 45 years and older when used in conjunction with a preventive colorectal cancer screening procedure (that is, flexible sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, virtual colonoscopy)
Statin	Adults aged 40 to 75 with no history of cardiovascular disease, with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease and a 10-year cardiovascular disease event risk of greater than 10%
Tobacco cessation medication	All adults who use tobacco products

## IMMUNIZATIONS

Adult immunization schedule:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf>

## PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES FOR FEMALES, INCLUDING PREGNANT FEMALES

VISITS	COVERAGE LIMITS
Prenatal care visits Services that may be provided during the prenatal care visits include, but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preeclampsia Screening</li> </ul>	For all pregnant females
Well-woman visits Services that may be provided during the well-woman visit include but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BRCA-related cancer risk assessment</li> <li>▪ Discussion of chemoprevention for breast cancer</li> <li>▪ Intimate partner violence screening</li> <li>▪ Primary care interventions to promote and support breast health</li> <li>▪ Recommended preventive preconception and prenatal care services</li> <li>▪ Urinary incontinence screening</li> </ul>	At least annually
SCREENINGS	COVERAGE LIMITS
Anxiety screening	All females
Bacteriuria screening	All asymptomatic pregnant females at 12 to 16 weeks' gestation or at the first prenatal visit, if later
Counseling interventions to prevent perinatal depression	Pregnant or postpartum females at increased risk for perinatal depression without a current diagnosis of depression 20 sessions over a 70 week period
BRCA-related cancer risk assessment, genetic counseling, and BRCA mutation testing	Genetic counseling for asymptomatic females with an ancestry associated with the BCRA gene mutations, personal history or family history or a BRCA-related cancer BRCA mutation testing, as indicated, following genetic counseling

Breast cancer screening (2D or 3D mammography)	All females aged 40 years and older
Cervical cancer screening (Pap test)	Ages 21 to 65: Every three years Ages 30 to 65: Every 5 years with a combination of Pap test and human papillomavirus (HPV) testing, for those who want to lengthen the screening interval
Chlamydia screening	Sexually active females ages 24 years and Younger or older sexually active females who are at increased risk for infection
Diabetes mellitus screening after pregnancy	Females with a history of gestational diabetes who are currently not pregnant and who have not been previously diagnosed with type 2 diabetes mellitus
Depression screening	All pregnant and post-partum females
Gestational diabetes mellitus screening	Asymptomatic pregnant females after 24 weeks of gestation or at the first prenatal visit for pregnant females identified to be at high risk for diabetes
Gonorrhea screening	Sexually active females ages 24 years and Younger or older sexually active females who are at increased risk for infection
Hepatitis B virus (HBV) screening	All pregnant females or asymptomatic adolescents and adults at high risk for HBV infection
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) screening	All pregnant females
Human papillomavirus (HPV) screening	Ages 30 and older: Every five years Ages 30 to 65: Every five years with a combination of Pap test and HPV testing, for those that want to lengthen the screening interval
Osteoporosis (bone mineral density) screening	Every two (2) years for females Younger than 65 years who are at increased risk for osteoporosis Every two (2) years for females aged 65 years and older without a history of osteoporotic fracture or without a history of osteoporosis secondary to another condition
RhD incompatibility screening	All pregnant females and follow-up testing for females at higher risk
Syphilis screening	All pregnant females at first prenatal visit For high-risk pregnant females, repeat testing in the third trimester and at delivery Females at increased risk for syphilis infection
Tobacco use counseling	All pregnant females who smoke tobacco products
Unhealthy alcohol use screening and behavioral counseling interventions	Screening for all pregnant females Behavioral counseling in a primary care setting with a positive screening results

<b>MEDICATIONS</b>	<b>COVERAGE LIMITS</b>
Breast cancer chemoprevention	Asymptomatic females aged 35 years and older without a prior diagnosis of breast cancer, ductal carcinoma in situ, or lobular carcinoma in situ, who are at high risk for breast cancer and at low risk for adverse effects from breast cancer chemoprevention
Folic acid	Daily folic acid supplements for all females planning for or capable of pregnancy
Low dose Aspirin	Aspirin for pregnant females who are at high risk for preeclampsia after 12 weeks of gestation
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>COVERAGE LIMITS</b>
Breastfeeding supplies/support/counseling	For all pregnant or nursing females
Reproductive education and counseling, contraception, and sterilization	All females with reproductive capacity

## PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

<b>VISITS</b>	<b>COVERAGE LIMITS</b>
Pre-birth exams	All expectant parents for the purpose of establishing a pediatric medical home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preventive exams</li> <li>▪ Services that may be provided during the preventive exam include but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Behavioral counseling for skin cancer prevention</li> <li>▪ Blood pressure screening</li> <li>▪ Congenital heart defect</li> <li>▪ Screening counseling and education provided by healthcare providers to prevent initiation of tobacco use</li> <li>▪ Developmental surveillance</li> <li>▪ Dyslipidemia risk assessment</li> <li>▪ Hearing risk assessment for children 29 days or older</li> <li>▪ Height, weight, and body mass index measurements</li> <li>▪ Obesity screening</li> <li>▪ Psychosocial/behavioral assessment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>All children up to 21 years of age, with preventive exams provided at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3-5 days after birth</li> <li>▪ By 1 month</li> <li>▪ 2 months</li> <li>▪ 4 months</li> <li>▪ 6 months</li> <li>▪ 9 months</li> <li>▪ 12 months</li> <li>▪ 15 months</li> <li>▪ 18 months</li> <li>▪ 24 months</li> <li>▪ 30 months</li> <li>▪ 3 years-21 years: annual exams</li> </ul>

<b>SCREENINGS</b>	<b>COVERAGE LIMITS</b>
Alcohol, tobacco, and drug use screening and behavioral counseling intervention	Annually for all children aged 11 years and older  Annual behavioral counseling in a primary care setting for children with a positive screening result for drug or alcohol use/misuse
Autism and developmental screening	All children
Bilirubin screening	All newborns
Chlamydia screening	All sexually active children up to age 21 years
Depression screening	Annually for all children aged 12 years to 21 years
Dyslipidemia screening	Following a positive risk assessment or in children where laboratory testing is indicated
Gonorrhea screening	All sexually active children up to age 21 years
Hearing screening for newborns	All newborns
Hearing screening for children 29 days or older	Following a positive risk assessment or in children where hearing screening is indicated
Hepatitis B virus (HBV) screening	All asymptomatic adolescents at high risk for HBV infection
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) screening	All children
Iron deficiency Screening	All children
Lead poisoning screening	All children at risk of lead exposure
Newborn metabolic screening panel (For example, congenital hypothyroidism, hemoglobinopathies {sickle cell disease}, phenylketonuria {PKU})	All newborns
Syphilis screening	All sexually active children up to age 21 years
Vision screening	All children up to age 21 years
<b>ADDITIONAL SCREENING SERVICES AND COUNSELING</b>	
Behavioral counseling for prevention of sexually transmitted infections	Semiannually for all sexually active adolescents
Obesity screening and behavioral counseling	Screening is part of the preventive exam for children ages 6 years and older. Behavioral counseling for children ages 6 years and older with an age- and sex-specific body mass index (BMI) in the 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile or greater
<b>MEDICATIONS</b>	<b>COVERAGE LIMITS</b>
Fluoride	Oral fluoride for children aged 6 months to 16 years whose water supply is deficient in fluoride
Prophylactic ocular topical medication for gonorrhea	All newborns within 24 hours after birth

MISCELLANEOUS	COVERAGE LIMITS
Fluoride varnish application	Every three months for all infants and children starting age of primary tooth eruption to 5 years of age
Tuberculosis testing	All children up to age 21 years

<b>IMMUNIZATIONS (NOTE: FOR AGE 19 TO 21 YEARS, REFER TO THE ADULT SCHEDULE LISTED ABOVE)</b>
Children immunization schedule: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf</a>



## **Definitions**

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

**90-Day Retail Pharmacy** is a participating retail pharmacy that provides all the Covered Services of any other participating retail pharmacy, and also, through an agreement with Us, or with an organization contracting on Our behalf, dispenses up to a 90-day supply of prescription drugs or related supplies. Please note: not every participating pharmacy is a 90-day retail pharmacy; however, every participating pharmacy can provide a 30-day supply of prescription drugs or related supplies.

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

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

**Accidental Injury** is injury to the body that is solely caused by an accident, and not by any other causes.

**Allowed Amount** refers to the basis on which a Member's Coinsurance, Out-of-Pocket Maximum and benefits are calculated:

- For services provided by a Participating Provider, the term "allowed amount" is the amount that the health plan had negotiated with the provider as total reimbursement for Covered Services.
- For services provided by a Non-Participating Provider, the term "allowed amount" is the amount that the health plan determines is reasonable for Covered Services pursuant to industry standards.

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

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

**Applied Behavior Analysis** means the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior. This must be directed by a licensed professional who is personally involved in the evaluation of the member, development of the treatment plan, and monitoring of the therapy.

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

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

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

**Charges** means the actual billed charges, except when the provider has contracted with Us for a different amount, including where We have contracted with an entity to arrange for the provision of Covered Services through contracts with providers of such services and/or supplies.

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

**Consumable Medical Supply** means non-durable medical supplies that cannot withstand repeated use, are usually disposable, and are generally not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury.

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

**Cosmetic Surgery** is performed to change the appearance of characteristics or features of the patient's body where no functional deficit is present.

**Cost Share** is the Deductible, Copayment and Coinsurance amounts You are responsible for paying the Policy.

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

- The Negotiated Rate for Covered Services from Participating Providers.
- The reasonable amount based on industry standards for Covered Services from Non-Participating Providers.
- The Allowed Expense.

As determined by Us, Covered Expenses may include all charges made by an entity that has contracted with Us to arrange, through contracts with providers, for the provision of any Covered Services.

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

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

- Are listed in the benefit sections of this Policy, and
- Are not specifically excluded by the Policy, and
- Are provided by a provider that is:
  - Licensed in accordance with any applicable federal and state laws; AND
  - Acting within the scope of the provider's license and (if applicable) accreditation; OR
  - A Hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

or by another appropriately licensed organization.

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

- Services related to watching or protecting a person;
- Services related to performing or assisting a person in performing any activities of daily living, such as:
  - (a) walking, (b) grooming, (c) bathing, (d) dressing, (e) getting in or out of bed, (f) eating, (g) preparing foods, or (h) taking medications that can be self-administered; and
- Services not required to be performed by trained or skilled medical or paramedical personnel.
- The fact that a custodial parent, family member or other caregiver is not available or willing to provide such a service does not make a service which otherwise be considered a Custodial Service eligible for coverage.

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

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

**Dedicated Virtual Primary Care Physician Service** means a Virtual Care Service provided by a Dedicated Virtual Care Physician for an Annual wellness check such as advice on diet, exercise and vaccinations or routine primary care needs for conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol, asthma, or other non-urgent issues.

**Deductible** means the amount of Covered Expenses that must be paid for Covered Services each Year before benefits are available under this Policy. Deductibles may not apply to all services, including Preventive Services. [The Deductible applies to all Covered Expenses, except for those covered under the Prescription Drugs section of this Policy; there is a separate Prescription Drug Deductible that applies only to those benefits.]

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

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

**Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies** include visual reading and urine test strips; ketones and protein test strips; blood glucose monitors, therapeutic continuous glucose monitors and the associated supply items

on Our Formulary; lancets and lancing devices; insulin and insulin analogs, injection aids; including devices used to assist with insulin injection and needle-less systems; syringes and hypodermic needles, prescriptive oral agents for controlling blood sugar levels; and glucagon emergency kits.

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

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

- Are designed for and able to withstand repeated use by more than one person;
- Customarily serve a therapeutic purpose with respect to a particular Illness or Injury, as certified in writing by the attending medical provider;
- Generally are not useful in the absence of Illness or Injury;
- Are appropriate for use in the home and not intended to be used outdoors or outside the home;
- Are of a truly durable nature; and
- Are not disposable.

Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, crutches, Hospital beds, wheel chairs, respirators, and dialysis machines. This equipment does not include mobility scooters.

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

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

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

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

- A medical screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital or of an independent freestanding emergency facility, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate the Emergency Medical Condition; and
- Such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital, to Stabilize the patient.
- Emergency Services if delivered in an Out-of-Network facility or by an Out-of-Network provider end when the treating provider determines that the individual is stable for transfer to an In-Network facility or by an In-Network provider.

**Enrollment Area** is any place that is within the state of Pennsylvania that has been designated by Us as the area where this Policy is available for enrollment.

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

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

- It has not been demonstrated through existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to be safe and effective for treating or evaluating the condition or illness for which it is proposed; or
- It has not been given approval for marketing by the United States Food and Drug Administration at the time it is furnished and such approval is required by law; or
- Reliable evidence shows it 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 efficacy or its efficacy as compared with the current standard of treatment or diagnosis; or
- Reliable evidence shows that the consensus of opinion among experts is that further studies or clinical trials are necessary to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its efficacy or its efficacy as compared with the standard means of treatment or diagnosis.

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

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

**Family Member** means Your spouse, children or other persons enrolled for coverage under this Policy. Family Members who may be eligible for coverage under this Policy are described further in the section of the Policy titled "Who is Eligible for Coverage?"

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

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

**Foreign country provider** is any institutional or professional provider of medical or psychiatric treatment or

care who practices in a country outside the United States of America.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Habilitative Services** are those services that are:

- Designed to assist an individual to develop a physical, speech or mental function which has not developed normally or has been delayed significantly from the normal developmental time frame,
- Expected to result in significant and measurable therapeutic or developmental improvement over a clearly defined period of time, and
- Individualized and there is documentation outlining quantifiable, measurable and attainable treatment goals.

**Health Professionals** are physicians, dentists, nurses, podiatrists, optometrists, physicians’ assistants, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, pharmacists, nutritionists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and other professionals engaged in the delivery of health care services who are licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth.

**Home Health Agencies and Visiting Nurse Associations** are home health care providers that are licensed according to state and local laws to provide skilled nursing and other services on a visiting basis in Your home. They must be approved as home health care providers under the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

**Hospice Care Program** means a coordinated, interdisciplinary program to meet the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of dying persons and their families; a program that provides palliative and

supportive medical, nursing and other health services through home or inpatient care during the Illness; a program for persons who have a Terminal Illness and for the families of those persons.

**Hospice Care Services** means palliative and supportive medical, nursing and other health services through home or inpatient care that are Covered Expenses provided by: (a) a Hospital, (b) a Skilled Nursing Facility or a similar Institution, (c) a Home Health Agency and Visiting Nurse Association, (d) a hospice facility, or (e) any other licensed facility or agency under a Hospice Care Program.

**Hospital** means:

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

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

**Illness** is a sickness, disease, or condition recognized by the community of physicians as abnormal and warranting medical treatment or evaluation of an Insured Person.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Injectable Medications** are medications ordered or prescribed by a Physician and required by the Federal Drug Administration to be administered under the direct supervision of a healthcare professional. Such medications may require Prior Authorization or Step Therapy. Refer to the “Prescription Drug Benefits” section of this Policy for Prior Authorization and Step Therapy information.

**Injury** means an accidental bodily injury.

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

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

**Jefferson Health Plans**, We, Our, and Us mean Jefferson Health Plans or an affiliate. Jefferson Health Plans is the organizational name of the licensed and regulated health maintenance company (Health Partners Plans, Inc)

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

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

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

**Medical Foods** are liquid nutritional products which are specifically formulated to treat one of the following genetic diseases: phenylketonuria, branched-chain ketonuria, galactosemia, or homocystinuria.

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

- Appropriate and necessary for the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the medical or dental condition.
- Clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration.
- Provided for the diagnosis or direct care and treatment of the medical or dental condition.
- Not primarily for the convenience of any Insured Person, Physician, or another provider.
- Within generally accepted standards of good medical practice within the community of qualified professionals.
- Rendered in the least intensive setting that is appropriate for the delivery of the services and supplies.
- The most appropriate procedure, supply, equipment or service which can be safely provided and that satisfies the following requirements:
  - Must have been proven by scientific studies published in peer-reviewed medical literature to be



associated with beneficial health outcomes, demonstrating that the expected health benefits are clinically significant and produce a greater likelihood of benefits, without a disproportionately greater risk of harm or complications, for the patient with the medical condition being treated than other possible alternatives; and

- Generally accepted forms of treatment that are less invasive have been tried and found to be ineffective or are otherwise unsuitable; and
- For Hospital stays, acute care as an inpatient is necessary due to the kind of services the patient is receiving or the severity of the medical condition, and that safe and adequate care cannot be received as an outpatient or in a less intensive medical setting.

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

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

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

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

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

**Negotiated Rate** is the rate of payment that has been negotiated by Us with a provider for Covered Services.

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

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

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

**Nutritional Formula** are liquid nutritional products which are formulated to supplement or replace normal food products. Any nutritional product:

- For which the FDA does not require a valid prescription from a licensed health care provider; or
- Is not designated to be a drug by the FDA is considered a Nutritional Formula.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Participating Pharmacy/In-Network Pharmacy** is a retail Pharmacy which We have contracted with to provide Prescription Drug services to Insured Persons or Our designated home delivery Pharmacy which We have contracted with to provide home delivery Prescription Drug services to Insured Persons.

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

- Hospitals, Physicians, and Other Health Care Facilities or Professionals which are: (i) licensed in accordance with any applicable federal and state laws, (ii) satisfy the applicable credentialing criteria of Ours, including any required accreditations, and (iii) acting within the scope of the practitioner's license and accreditation, and have contracted with Us to provide services to Insured Persons; or
- For the purposes of reimbursement for Covered Expenses, an entity that has contracted with Us to arrange, through contracts with providers for the provision of any services and/or supplies, the charges for which are Covered Expenses.

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

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

**Pharmacy** is a duly licensed pharmacy that dispenses Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies in a retail setting.

**Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee** is a committee comprised of both voting and non-voting clinicians that represent a range of clinical specialties. Consistent with applicable regulatory requirements, the P&T Committee regularly reviews Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, including new Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, for safety and efficacy; the findings of these clinical reviews enable the P&T

Committee to make coverage status recommendations. The P&T Committee's review may be based on, for example, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, standard medical reference compendia, or scientific studies published in peer-reviewed, English- language biomedical journals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Formulary** is a listing of covered Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies covered under Your Pharmacy Benefit. The Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies included in the Formulary have been approved in accordance with parameters established by the P&T Committee. The Formulary is regularly reviewed and updated. You can view the drug list at [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families).

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

**Primary Care Physician (PCP)** is a Physician who is credentialed by the Plan as a general practitioner, internist, family practitioner or pediatrician.

**Prior Authorization** means the approval for certain medical services or Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies that a Participating Provider must request and receive, from Us for medical services and from Us or the designated Pharmacy Benefit Manager for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, before the services are rendered, or the Prescription Drugs are dispensed, in order for those medical services or Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies to be eligible for benefits under this Policy. You can identify the Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies that require Prior Authorization on the Formulary at [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families).

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

- Basic limb Prostheses;
- Terminal devices such as hands or hooks.

**Provider** means a Hospital, a Physician or an Other Health Care Facility or Professional:

- Licensed in accordance with any applicable federal and state laws
- Accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or by another organization, if approved by Us, and
- Acting within the scope of the practitioner's license and accreditation; or
- An entity that directly or indirectly arranges, through contracts with other providers, for the provision of any Covered Services.

**Reconstructive Surgery** includes breast reconstruction incident to mastectomy or lumpectomy when performed as treatment for breast cancer to restore or achieve breast symmetry. This includes surgical reconstruction of a breast on which mastectomy surgery has been performed and surgical reconstruction of a breast on which mastectomy surgery has not been performed.

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

**Self-administered Injectable Medications** are FDA-approved medications for which the FDA does not require administration by a health care professional and are generally considered appropriate for a person to administer to himself/herself by means of intramuscular, intravenous or subcutaneous injection. This does not include insulin prescribed for use by the Insured Person.

**Service Area** means the area where We have a Participating Provider network for use by this Policy. To locate a provider who is participating in the network used by this Policy, call the toll-free number on the back of Your ID card, or check [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families) and click on "Find Care and Costs".

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

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

This definition excludes any home, facility or part thereof used primarily for rest; a home or facility primarily for the aged or for the treatment of a person with alcohol or substance use or dependency; a home or facility primarily used for the care and treatment of mental diseases or disorders or custodial or educational care.

**Smoking Cessation Attempt** means a course of treatment including 4 tobacco cessation counseling sessions of at least 10 minutes each (including telephone counseling, group counseling and individual counseling); and one 90- day regimen of certain FDA-approved tobacco cessation medications (including Prescription medications and over-the-counter medications obtained with a Physician's Prescription; please

see the No Cost Preventive Care Drug List at [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families) for details).

**Sound Natural Teeth** are teeth that are stable, functional, free from decay and advanced periodontal disease, in good repair at the time of the Accidental injury or trauma, and are not man-made.

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

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

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

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

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

**Stabilize** means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition, to provide 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.

**Step Therapy** is a type of Prior Authorization. We may require an Insured Person to follow certain steps before covering some Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, including Specialty Medications. We may also require an Insured Person to try similar Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, including Specialty Medications that have been determined to be safe, effective, and more cost effective for most people that have the same condition as the Insured Person. The Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies that require Step Therapy can be identified on the Formulary at [\[www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families.\]](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families)

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

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

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

**Urgent Health Problem** means a medical condition that requires prompt attention to avoid adverse

consequences but does not pose an immediate threat to a person's life (i.e., is not an Emergency Medical Condition).

**Virtual Care Service** is a suite of medical Covered Services delivered through audio, video and secure internet-based technologies using real-time audio and video connectivity between a patient and a health care provider.

**We/Us/Our** is Jefferson Health Plans.

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

## Who Is Eligible For Coverage?

### Eligibility Requirements

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

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

You must notify Us of all changes that may affect any Insured Person's eligibility under this Policy. Other Insured Persons may include the following Family Member(s):

- Your lawful spouse or domestic partner who lives in the Enrollment Area.
- Your children who live in the Enrollment Area and have not yet reached age 26.
  - **Your own, Your spouse's** or Your domestic partner's **newborn children** are automatically covered for the first 31 days of life. To continue coverage past that time, You must enroll the child as a Family Member by applying for his or her enrollment as a Family Member within 60 days of the date of birth, and pay any additional Premium for coverage beyond the 31<sup>st</sup> day after birth. Coverage for a newborn dependent child enrolled within 60 days of birth will be retroactive to the date of the child's birth.
  - An **adopted child**, including a child who is placed with You for adoption, is automatically covered for 31 days from the date of the adopted child's placement for adoption or initiation of a suit of adoption. To continue coverage past that time, You must enroll the child as a Family Member by applying for his or her enrollment as a Family Member within 60 days of the date of adoption and pay any additional Premium for coverage beyond the 31<sup>st</sup> day following placement of the child. Coverage for an adopted dependent child enrolled within 60 days of adoption will be retroactive to the date of the child's placement for adoption or initiation of a suit of adoption.
  - A child who is placed with You for **foster care** is automatically covered for 31 days from the date of the foster child's placement. To continue coverage past that time, You must enroll the foster child as a Family Member by applying for his or her enrollment as a dependent within 60 days of the date the child is placed with You for foster care and pay any additional Premium. Coverage for a foster child enrolled within 60 days of placement for foster care will be retroactive to the date of the child's placement for foster care.
  - **If a court has ordered a Policyholder to provide coverage for an eligible child** (as defined above) coverage will be automatic for the first 31 days following the date on which the court order is issued. To continue coverage past that time, You must enroll the child as a Family Member by applying for his or her enrollment as a Family Member within 60 days of the court order date and pay any additional Premium. Court-ordered coverage for a dependent child enrolled within 60 days of the court order will be retroactive to the date of the court order.

- Your **stepchildren** who live in the Enrollment Area and have not yet reached age 26.
- Your own, Your spouse's or Your domestic partner's **unmarried children**, regardless of age, enrolled prior to age 26, who are incapable of self-support due to medically certified continuing intellectual or physical disability, and are chiefly dependent upon the Insured Person for support and maintenance. We may require written proof of such disability and dependency within 31 days after the child's 26th birthday.
- Your eligible Family Members who return from active military service, once We receive the required form approved by the Department of Military & Veteran Affairs (DMVA), when the Family Member is:
  - 1) a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard or any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States who is called or ordered to active duty, other than active duty for training, for a period of 30 or more consecutive days; or
  - 2) a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard ordered to active State duty, including duty relating to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, for a period of 30 or more consecutive days.

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

## **When Can I Apply?**

### ***Application to Enroll or Change Coverage***

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA) specifies that an eligible person must enroll for coverage or change plans during the Annual Open Enrollment Period. Persons who fail to enroll or change plans during the Annual Open Enrollment Period must wait until the next Annual Open Enrollment Period to enroll in a plan or to change plans. However, if a person experiences a triggering event as described below, the triggering event starts a 60-day special enrollment period during which an eligible person can enroll and an Insured Person can add dependents and change coverage.

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

### ***Annual Open Enrollment Period***

The Annual Open Enrollment Period is a specified period each Year during which individuals who are eligible as described above can apply to enroll for coverage or change coverage from one plan to another.

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

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

### ***Special Enrollment Periods***

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

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



**Triggering events for a special enrollment period OFF Marketplace are:**

- An eligible individual, and any dependent(s), loses his or her minimum essential coverage; or
- An eligible individual and his or her dependent(s) lose employer-sponsored health plan coverage due to voluntary or involuntary termination of employment for reasons other than misconduct, or due to a reduction in work hours; or
- An eligible individual gaining or becoming a dependent through marriage (NOTE: special enrollment for marriage only applies if at least one spouse was enrolled in an exchange plan at least 1 day in the 60 days before marriage; or lived abroad for 1 or more days in the 60 days before marriage; or is an American Indian or Alaska Native), birth, adoption, placement for adoption, placement for foster care, or through a child support order or other court order; or
- An eligible dependent spouse or child loses coverage under an employer-sponsored health plan due to the employee's becoming entitled to Medicare, divorce or legal separation of the covered employee, and death of the covered employee; or
- An eligible individual loses his or her dependent child status under a parent's employer-sponsored health plan; or
- An individual who was not previously a citizen, national or lawfully present individual gains such status; or
- An eligible individual's enrollment or non-enrollment in a qualified health plan (QHP) is unintentional, inadvertent, or erroneous and as the result of the error, misrepresentation, or inaction of an officer, employee or agent of the state Marketplace, or of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), or its instrumentalities as determined by the Marketplace. In such cases, the Marketplace may take such action as may be necessary to correct or eliminate the effects of such error, misrepresentation or action; or
- An eligible individual is determined newly eligible or newly ineligible for advance payments of the Premium tax credit or has a change in eligibility for cost-sharing reductions, regardless of whether such individual is already enrolled in a QHP. The Marketplace must permit individuals whose existing coverage through an eligible employer-sponsored plan will no longer be affordable or provide minimum value for his or her employer's upcoming plan year to access this special enrollment period prior to the end of his or her coverage through such eligible employer-sponsored plan; or
- An eligible individual gains access to a new QHP as a result of a permanent move (including a move outside the Enrollment Area of the individual's current plan); or
- An eligible individual newly gains access to an employer-sponsored individual coverage health reimbursement account (ICHRA); or
- An eligible individual newly gains access to a qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangement (QSEHRA).

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

The special enrollment period begins on the date the triggering event occurs and ends on the 61<sup>st</sup> day following the triggering event. Persons who enroll during a special enrollment period will have coverage Effective Dates determined as follows:

- In the case of birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care, coverage is effective for a qualified individual or enrollee on the date of birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care; or
- In the case of marriage, or in the case where a qualified individual loses minimum essential coverage, coverage is effective for a qualified individual or enrollee on the first day of the following month.

For all other triggering events, the Effective Dates are:

- For an application made between the first and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of any month, the Effective Date of coverage will be the first day of the following month; or
- For an application made between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the last day of the month, the Effective Date of coverage will be the first day of the second following month.

***Triggering events for a special enrollment period ON Marketplace are:***

- An eligible individual, and any dependent(s), loses his or her minimum essential coverage, pregnancy-related Medicare/Medicaid coverage, or medically needy coverage (only once per Calendar Year), or the qualified individual or dependent is enrolled in any non-Calendar Year group or individual health insurance coverage (even if they have the option to renew such coverage). The date of the loss of minimum essential coverage, pregnancy-related coverage, or medically needy coverage is the last day the individual would have coverage under the plan. The date of loss of non-Calendar Year insurance is the last day of the plan or policy year; or
- An eligible individual and his or her dependent(s) lose employer-sponsored health plan coverage due to voluntary or involuntary termination of employment for reasons other than misconduct, or due to a reduction in work hours; or
- An eligible individual gaining or becoming a dependent through marriage (NOTE: special enrollment for marriage only applies if at least one spouse was enrolled in an exchange plan at least 1 day in the 60 days before marriage; or lived abroad for 1 or more days in the 60 days before marriage; or is an American Indian or Alaska Native), birth, adoption, placement for adoption, placement for foster care, or through a child support order or other court order; or
- An eligible dependent spouse or child loses coverage under an employer-sponsored health plan due to the employee's becoming entitled to Medicare, divorce or legal separation of the covered employee, and death of the covered employee; or
- An eligible individual, or his or her dependent, who has purchased an off-Marketplace plan who experiences a decrease in household income; is newly determined eligible for APTC; and had minimum essential coverage for one or more days during the 60 days preceding the date of the financial change; or
- At the option of the Marketplace, the enrollee loses a dependent or is no longer considered a dependent through divorce or legal separation, or if the enrollee or his or her dependent dies; or
- An eligible individual loses his or her dependent child status under a parent's employer-sponsored health plan; or
- A qualified individual or dependent becomes newly eligible for enrollment in a QHP when they satisfy the Marketplace's citizenship requirement or are released from incarceration; or
- An eligible individual's enrollment or non-enrollment in a QHP is unintentional, inadvertent, or erroneous and as the result of the error, misrepresentation, or inaction of an officer, employee or agent of the state Marketplace, or of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), or its instrumentalities as determined by the Marketplace. In such cases, the Marketplace may take such action as may be necessary to correct or eliminate the effects of such error, misrepresentation or action; or
- An eligible individual adequately demonstrates to the Marketplace that the QHP in which he or she is enrolled substantially violated a material provision of its contract in relation to that person; or
- An eligible individual is determined newly eligible or newly ineligible for advance payments of the Premium tax credit or has a change in eligibility for cost-sharing reductions, regardless of whether such individual is already enrolled in a qualified health plan:

- The enrollee or dependent is determined newly eligible or ineligible for the advanced Premium tax credit (APTC) or has a change in eligibility for cost-sharing reductions;
- A qualified individual or his or her dependent who is enrolled in an eligible employer-sponsored plan is determined newly eligible for APTC based in part on a finding that such individual is ineligible for qualifying coverage in an eligible employer-sponsored plan, including as a result of his or her employer discontinuing or changing available coverage within the next 60 days, provided that such individual is allowed to terminate existing coverage;
- A qualified individual who was previously ineligible for APTC because of a household income below 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and who was also ineligible for Medicaid because he or she was living in a non-Medicaid expansion state, either experiences a change in income or moves to a different state, making them newly eligible for APTC.
- The Marketplace must permit individuals whose existing coverage through an eligible employer-sponsored plan will no longer be affordable or provide minimum value for his or her employer's upcoming plan year to access this special enrollment period prior to the end of his or her coverage through such eligible employer-sponsored plan; or
- An eligible individual gains access to a new QHP as a result of a permanent move (including a move outside the Enrollment Area of the individual's current plan) and either (1) had minimum essential coverage for one or more days during the 60 days preceding the date of the move, or (2) was living outside of the United States; or
- The qualified individual who gains or maintains status as an Indian or an Alaska Native, as defined by section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (or their dependent), may enroll in a qualified health plan or change from one qualified health plan to another one time per month; or
- An eligible individual or enrollee demonstrates to the Marketplace, in accordance with guidelines issued by HHS, that he or she meets other exceptional circumstances as the Marketplace may provide; or a qualified individual (or their dependent) who is enrolled in minimum essential coverage and is a victim of domestic abuse or spousal abandonment seeks to enroll in coverage separate from the perpetrator; or
- A qualified individual or dependent applies for Marketplace or Medicaid or CHIP coverage during open enrollment or due to a qualifying life event, but is determined ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP after the exchange Annual Open Enrollment Period has ended or more than 60 days after a qualifying life event; or
- The qualified individual or enrollee (or their dependent) adequately demonstrates to the Marketplace that a material error related to plan benefits, Service Area or Premium influenced their decision to purchase a QHP; or
- At the option of the Marketplace, the qualified individual provides satisfactory evidence to verify eligibility for an insurance affordability program or enrollment in a QHP following termination of exchange enrollment due to a failure to verify such status within established time periods, or is under 100% of the federal poverty level and did not enroll in coverage while waiting for HHS to verify citizenship, status as a national or lawful presence; or
- An eligible individual newly gains access to an employer-sponsored individual coverage health reimbursement account (ICHRA); or
- An eligible individual newly gains access to a qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangement (QSEHRA).

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

The special enrollment period begins on the date the triggering event occurs and ends on the 61<sup>st</sup> day following the triggering event. Persons who enroll during a special enrollment period will have coverage

Effective Dates determined as follows:

- In the case of birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care, coverage is effective for a qualified individual or enrollee on the date of birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care; or
- In the case of marriage, or in the case where a qualified individual loses minimum essential coverage, coverage is effective for a qualified individual or enrollee on the first day of the following month; or
- In the case of untimely notice of a triggering event, the exchange must provide the earliest Effective Date that would have been available based on the applicable triggering event.

For all other triggering events the Effective Dates are:

- For an application made between the first and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of any month, the Effective Date of coverage will be the first day of the following month; or
- For an application made between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the last day of the month, the Effective Date of coverage will be the first day of the second following month.

### **Specific Causes for Ineligibility**

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

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

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

### **Continuation**

If an Insured Person's eligibility under this Policy would terminate due to the Policyholder's death, divorce or if other Family Member(s) would become ineligible due to age or no longer qualify as dependents for coverage under this Policy, except for the Policyholder's failure to pay Premium, that Family Member has the right to continuation of his or her insurance. Coverage will be continued if the Family Member exercising the continuation right notifies Us and pays the appropriate monthly Premium within 60 days following the date this Policy would otherwise terminate. In such a case, coverage will continue without evidence of insurability.

## **How the Policy Works**

### **Benefit Schedule**

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

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

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

Covered Expenses for services provided by Participating Providers are based on Our Negotiated Rate. Participating Providers have agreed **NOT** to balance bill Members for Covered Services beyond the Member cost share amounts set forth in the Policy. Participating Providers may charge the Insured Person for services that are not Covered Services under the Policy. In addition, Participating Providers will file claims with Us for the Insured Person, and will request Prior Authorization when it is required.

**Be sure to check with the provider prior to an appointment to verify that the provider is currently contracted with Us.**

### ***Non-Participating Hospitals, Non Participating Physicians, and other Non-Participating Providers***

Covered Expenses for services provider by Non-Participating Providers are based on a reasonable amount determined by the health plan using industry standards. Non-Participating Providers can balance bill Members for the difference between the Covered Expense paid by the Plan and the actual amount billed. Non-Participating Providers may charge the Insured Person for services that are not Covered Services under the Policy. For Covered Services received from a Non-Preferred Provider, payment will be made directly to the Covered Person and the Covered Person will be responsible for reimbursing the Non-Preferred Provider. However, the Carrier reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to make payments directly to the Non-Preferred Provider.

### ***Special Circumstances***

This Policy will provide benefits at the In-Network level for Non-Participating Providers in the limited situations described below. Your cost-sharing for Covered Expenses incurred for the services of a Non-Participating Provider in these special circumstance is indicated in the benefit schedule:

- **Emergency Services**

- Covered Expenses incurred for the treatment of an Emergency Medical Condition provided in the emergency department of a Non-Participating Hospital or of a licensed outpatient emergency department are paid as described in the benefit schedule. Any additional expenses incurred for services of a Non-Participating Provider after the patient is Stabilized and his/her condition permits transfer to a Participating Hospital and/or to the care of a Participating Physician are covered at the out-of-network benefit level, except as stated in the Other Circumstances section below. For such Covered Services, the Health Benefit Plan will reimburse the Non-Participating Hospital-Based provider based upon the methodology established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA). The Member is protected from surprise billing, cannot be balanced billed, and will be subject to the in-network cost-sharing levels by the Non-Participating Hospital-Based provider, and the Non-Participating Hospital-Based provider cannot ask the Member to give up their

protections not to be balanced billed. If the Member receives other services at a Participating Hospital or other Participating Facility provider, Non-Participating Providers cannot balance bill the Member, unless the Member gives written consent and gives up the protections not to be balanced billed.

- **Hospital-Based Provider**

- When You receive Covered Services from a Hospital-Based provider (including anesthesiologists, radiologists, pathologists and other ancillary providers) while You are an Inpatient at a Participating Hospital or receiving outpatient Covered Services at a Participating Facility provider (i.e., Hospital outpatient department or ambulatory surgical center) provider and are being treated by a Participating Professional provider, You will receive benefits for the Covered Services provided by the Non-Participating Hospital-Based provider. For such Covered Services, the Health Benefit Plan will reimburse the Non-Participating Hospital-Based provider based upon the methodology established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA). The Member is protected from surprise billing, cannot be balanced billed, and will be subject to the in-network cost-sharing levels by the Non-Participating Hospital-Based provider, and the Non-Participating Hospital-Based provider cannot ask the Member to give up their protections not to be balanced billed. If the Member receives other services at a Participating Hospital or other Participating Facility provider, Non-Participating Providers cannot balance bill the Member, unless the Member gives written consent and gives up the protections not to be balanced billed.

- **Other Circumstances**

- Covered Expenses for non-emergency, Medically Necessary services of a Non-Participating Provider will be paid according to the Participating Provider Cost Share shown in the benefit schedule in the following cases:
  - When reasonable and appropriate treatment of the disease, illness or injury present is unavailable from a Participating Provider, or
  - For any other reason We determine, based on the unique fact pattern present that it is reasonable to receive services from a Non- Participating Provider.

## **Deductibles**

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

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

### ***Deductible***

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

- When an Insured Person meets his or her Individual Deductible, that Insured Person’s benefits will be paid accordingly, whether any applicable Family Deductible is satisfied or not.
- If one or more Family Members are enrolled for coverage under this Policy, the Family Deductible will apply. Each Insured Person can contribute up to the Individual Deductible amount toward the Family

Deductible. Once this Family Deductible is satisfied, no further Individual or Family Deductible is required for the remainder of that Year.

### ***[Prescription Drug Deductible]***

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

### **Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

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

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

### **Special Limits**

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

**The expenses You incur which exceed specific maximums described in this Policy will be Your responsibility.**

### **Penalties**

A penalty is an amount of Covered Expenses that is:

- Not counted toward any Deductible;
- Not counted toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum; and
- Not eligible for benefit payment once the Deductible is satisfied.
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The following services require Prior Authorization. Penalties may be assessed against Your provider if Your provider fails to obtain Prior Authorization:

- Inpatient Hospital admissions and all other facility admissions.
- Certain outpatient surgeries and diagnostic procedures.
- Certain Durable Medical Equipment items.
- Certain Home Nursing Services.
- Certain Air Ambulance.
- Certain Diagnostic Imaging Services.
- Certain Implantable devices.
- Certain infusion and injectable drugs.

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



## **Comprehensive Benefits: What the Policy Pays For**

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

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

Before this Policy pays for any benefits, You and Your Family Member(s) must satisfy any Deductibles that may apply. After You satisfy the appropriate Deductibles, We will begin paying for Covered Services as described in this section. Some services, including preventive care, are not subject to any Deductibles.

The benefits described in this section will be paid for Covered Expenses incurred on the date You and Your Family Member(s) receive the service or supply for which the Charge is made. These benefits are subject to all terms, conditions, Deductibles, penalties, exclusions, and limitations of this Policy. All services will be paid at the percentage or copayment indicated in the benefit schedule and subject to limits outlined in the section entitled "How the Policy Works."

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

**Note:** You have two levels of benefits. You can use Participating Providers, also called in-network providers, for all Covered Services, as well as Non-Participating Providers, also called out-of-network providers, for most Covered Services. If You obtain services from Participating Providers, You will receive the highest level of benefit coverage. If You obtain services from Non-Participating Providers, You will receive a lower level of benefit coverage, except in the special circumstances previously described.

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

### **Preventive and Primary Care Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for:

- Office visits for primary care services.
- Virtual visits for primary care services.
- Office visits for ra care services.
- Virtual visits for specialty care services.

For the purpose of this benefit, Virtual visits must be delivered through secure internet-based technologies using real-time audio and video connectivity between a patient and a health care provider.

You are entitled to benefits for Preventive Care Covered Services.

"Preventive Care" services generally describe health care services performed to catch the early warning signs of health problems. These services are performed when You have no symptoms of disease.

We periodically review the Primary and Preventive Care Covered Services based on recommendations from organizations such as:

- The American Academy of Pediatrics;
- The American College of Physicians;
- The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force; and
- The American Cancer Society.

Accordingly, the frequency and eligibility of Covered Services are subject to change. A list of Preventive Care Covered Services can be found in the Preventive Schedule located on page 10 of this document. A complete listing of recommendations and guidelines can be found at <https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits/>.

We reserve the right to modify the Preventive Schedule document at any time after written notice of the change has been given to You.

### **Inpatient Hospital Services, Supplies and Medical Care**

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

- Inpatient services and supplies provided by the Hospital except private room Charges above the prevailing two-bed room rate of the facility.
- Diagnostic/therapeutic lab and x-rays.
- Anesthesia and Inhalation therapy.

Payments of Inpatient Covered Expenses are subject to these conditions:

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

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

### **Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities including Skilled Nursing Facilities**

For any eligible condition, this Policy provides indicated benefits for Covered Expenses for inpatient services and supplies provided by an Other Health Care Facility, except private room Charges above the prevailing two-bed room rate of the facility. Payment of benefits for Other Health Care Facility services is subject to all of the following conditions:

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

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

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

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Services as indicated below for inpatient and outpatient evaluation and treatment of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services that are not covered by this Policy are listed in the "Exclusions and Limitations: What Is Not Covered by This Policy" section.

### ***Inpatient Services***

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

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

Benefits also include Covered Services provided by a Mental Health or a Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center for an Insured Person who is confined in a Hospital or a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Treatment Residential Treatment Center as a registered bed patient, upon the recommendation of a Physician. Covered Services include hospitalization and residential treatment services provided by a Hospital or a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Facility for the evaluation and treatment of psychological and social disturbances resulting from a subacute Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder condition that prevents an Insured Person from participating in treatment within the community and/or requires rehabilitation.

### ***Outpatient Services***

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

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

### ***Autism Spectrum Disorders***

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

- Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders; and
- Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

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

- A Physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or

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

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

Covered Services include:

- Psychiatric care, meaning direct, consultative, or diagnostic services provided by a licensed psychiatrist.
- Psychological care, meaning direct or consultative services provided by a licensed psychologist.
- Habilitative or rehabilitative care, meaning professional, counseling, and guidance services and treatment programs, including Applied Behavior Analysis, that are intended to develop, maintain, and restore the functioning of an individual.
- Therapeutic care, including behavioral, speech, occupational, and physical therapies that provide treatment in the following areas:
  - Self-care and feeding;
  - Pragmatic, receptive, and expressive language;
  - Cognitive functioning;
  - Applied Behavior Analysis, intervention, and modification;
  - Motor planning; and
  - Sensory processing.

## **Hospice Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for Hospice Care Services under a Hospice Care Program for Insured Persons who have a Terminal Illness and for the families of those persons, including palliative and supportive medical, nursing and other health services through home or inpatient care.

To be eligible for this benefit, the Hospice Care Services provider must be appropriately licensed according to state and local laws to provide skilled nursing and other services to support and care for persons experiencing the final phases of Terminal Illness. The provider must also be approved as a Hospice Care Services provider under Medicare and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or by the appropriate agency of the state in which this Policy is sold.

To be eligible for benefits for a Hospice Care Program, the Insured Person must be suffering from a Terminal Illness, as certified by his or her Physician, notice of which is submitted to Us in writing.

The Physician must consent to the Hospice Care Program and must be consulted in the development of the treatment plan.

## **Pregnancy and Maternity Care**

Your Policy provides pregnancy and post-delivery care benefits for You and Your Family Members.

All comprehensive benefits described in this Policy are available for maternity services. Comprehensive Hospital benefits for routine nursery care of a newborn child are available so long as the child qualifies as

an eligible dependent as defined in the section of this Policy titled “Who is Eligible for Coverage?”

The mother and her newborn child are entitled, under federal law, to inpatient Hospital coverage for a period of 48 hours following an uncomplicated vaginal delivery; and 96 hours following an uncomplicated delivery by cesarean section. We will not restrict benefits for any Hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section; or require that a provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay that does not exceed the above periods. Any decision to shorten the period of inpatient care for the mother or the newborn must be made by the attending Physician in consultation with the mother. If a decision is made between a mother and doctor to discharge a mother or newborn child from inpatient care before the 48 or 96 hour time period, coverage for timely post-delivery care is available.

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

### **Infertility Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for the following services, including x-ray and laboratory:

- Services for diagnosis and treatment of involuntary infertility; and
- Artificial Insemination, with accompanying: simple sperm preparation; sperm washing; and/or thawing.

### **Abortion Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for termination of a pregnancy to prevent the death of the woman, or to terminate a pregnancy caused by rape or incest. Covered Expenses include:

- Physician Services.
- Outpatient facility charges.
- Outpatient services and supplies.

### **Surgical Services**

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

- Inpatient services and supplies provided by the Hospital except private room Charges above the prevailing two-bed room rate of the facility.
- Outpatient services and supplies including those in connection with Emergency Services, outpatient surgery and outpatient surgery performed at a Free-Standing Outpatient Surgical Facility.
- Diagnostic/therapeutic lab and x-rays.
- Anesthesia and Inhalation therapy.
- Second Surgical Opinion.

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

Coverage is provided for human organ and tissue transplant services. This coverage is subject to the following conditions and limitations.

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

Coverage will be provided for:

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

transplants: allogeneic bone marrow/stem cell, autologous bone marrow/stem cell, cornea, heart, heart/lung, kidney, kidney/pancreas, liver, lung, pancreas or intestinal, including small bowel/liver or multivisceral.

- The evaluation, preparation and delivery of the donor organ.
- The removal of the organ from the donor. Coverage for organ procurement costs are limited to costs directly related to the procurement of an organ, from a deceased or a live donor. Organ procurement costs shall consist of surgery necessary for organ removal, organ transportation and the transportation, hospitalization and surgery of a live donor. Compatibility testing undertaken prior to procurement is covered if Medically Necessary. Costs related to the search and identification of a bone marrow or stem cell donor for an allogeneic transplant are also covered.

## **Ambulance Services**

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

- Base Charge, mileage and non-reusable supplies of a licensed ambulance company for transportation to and from an Inpatient confinement at a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility within the covered Service Area.
- Monitoring, electrocardiograms (EKGs or ECGs), cardiac defibrillation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and administration of oxygen and intravenous (IV) solutions in connection with ambulance service. An appropriate licensed person must render the services.
- Ambulance transportation for emergency situations, to the nearest facility capable of handling the emergency.

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

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

## **Day Rehabilitation**

Covered Service will be provided for a Day Rehabilitation Program when provided by a Participating Facility provider under the following conditions:

- The Member requires intensive Therapy Services, such as Physical, Occupational and/or Speech Therapy five (5) days per week;
- The Member has the ability to communicate verbally or non-verbally, the ability to consistently follow directions and to manage their own behavior with minimal to moderate intervention by professional staff;
- The Member is willing to participate in a Day Rehabilitation Program;
- The Member's family must be able to provide adequate support and assistance in the home and must demonstrate the ability to continue the rehabilitation program in the home.

## **Dental Care**

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

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

## **Anesthesia for Dental Procedures**

This Policy provides benefits for general anesthesia and medical care facility charges for dental care provided the Insured Person:

- Is a child 7 years of age or under;
- Is severely disabled; or
- Has a medical or behavioral condition which requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care.

## **Diabetes**

Covered Services for Diabetes are covered on the same basis as any other medical condition. This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses including outpatient Diabetic Self-Management Training and education, Diabetic Equipment and Diabetic Pharmaceuticals and Supplies for the treatment of Type 1 Diabetes, Type 2 Diabetes, and Gestational Diabetes Mellitus.

## **Diagnostic Services**

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

- Routine Diagnostic Services, such as routine radiology (consisting of x-rays, mammograms, ultrasound and nuclear medicine), routine medical procedures (consisting of Electrocardiogram (ECG), Electroencephalogram (EEG), and other diagnostic medical procedures approved by the PPO).
- Non-Routine Diagnostic Services, such as Nuclear Cardiology Imaging, Magnetic Resonance Imaging/Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRI/MRA), Positron Emission Tomography (PET Scan), Sleep Studies, and Computed Tomography (CT Scan).

## **Consumable Medical Supplies**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for purchase of Consumable Medical Supplies when:

- It is used in the Member's home; and
- It is obtained through a Participating Durable Medical Equipment provider
- It is prescribed by an eligible provider
- The FDA has determined that a prescription from a licensed health care professional is required in order to dispense the supply
- And such supply is not intended to withstand repeated use

## **Durable Medical Equipment**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for rental or purchase of medical equipment and/or supplies that meet all of the following requirements:

- Are ordered by a Physician;
- Serve a medical purpose and are expected to be of no further use when medical need ends;
- Are not primarily for comfort or hygiene;
- Are not for environmental control;
- Are not for exercise; and
- Are manufactured specifically for medical use.

Note: Medical equipment and supplies must meet all of the above requirements in order to be eligible for benefits under this Policy. The fact that a Physician prescribes or orders equipment or supplies does not

necessarily qualify the equipment or supply for payment. Coverage for Durable Medical Equipment is limited to the most cost-effective alternative.

We determine whether the item meets these conditions and whether the equipment falls under a rental or purchase category.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coverage is provided for custom foot Orthoses and other Orthoses.

Only the following non-foot Orthoses are covered, when Medically Necessary:

- Rigid and semi-rigid custom fabricated Orthoses;
- Semi-rigid prefabricated and flexible Orthoses; and
- Rigid prefabricated Orthoses, including preparation, fitting and basic additions, such as bars and joints.

Custom foot Orthotics are only covered when Medically Necessary, as follows:

- For Insured Persons with impaired peripheral sensation and/or altered peripheral circulation (e.g., diabetic neuropathy and peripheral vascular disease);
- When the foot Orthosis is an integral part of a leg Brace, and it is necessary for the proper functioning of the Brace;
- When the foot Orthosis is for use as a replacement or substitute for missing parts of the foot (e.g. amputation) and is necessary for the alleviation or correction of Illness, Injury, or congenital defect; and
- For Insured Persons with a neurologic or neuromuscular condition (e.g., cerebral palsy, hemiplegia, spina bifida) producing spasticity, malalignment, or pathological positioning of the foot, and there is reasonable expectation of improvement.

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

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



## **Emergency Care**

Your Plan provides coverage for medical emergencies. Examples of medical emergencies are unusual or excessive bleeding, broken bones, acute abdominal or chest pain, unconsciousness, convulsions, difficult breathing, suspected heart attack, sudden persistent pain, severe or multiple injuries or burns, and poisonings.

In-Network Benefits for Eligible Expenses for Emergency Care, including Emergency Care for Behavioral Health Services, will be determined as shown on Your Schedule of Benefits. If admitted for the emergency condition immediately following the visit, the Copayment Amount for the Emergency Room visit will be waived. If admitted for the emergency condition immediately following the visit, Preauthorization of the inpatient Hospital admission will be required, and inpatient Hospital coverage will apply.

Coverage of Emergency Services for treatment of Your Emergency Condition will be provided regardless of whether the provider is a Network provider. We will also Cover Emergency Services to treat Your Emergency Condition worldwide. However, We will Cover only those Emergency Services and supplies that are Medically Necessary and are performed to treat or stabilize Your Emergency Condition in a Hospital.

## **Habilitative Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses designed to assist You in developing a physical, speech or mental function which has not developed normally or has been delayed significantly from the normal developmental time frame and are payable as stated in the benefit schedule.

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

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

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

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

## **Home Health Care Services**

This Policy includes benefits for Covered Expenses for home health services when You: require skilled care; are unable to obtain the required care as an ambulatory outpatient; and do not require confinement in a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility. Home health services are provided only if We have determined that the home is a medically appropriate setting.

Home health services are those skilled health care services that can be provided during visits by Other Health Care Professionals, including Medically Necessary services of a medical social worker. The services of a home health aide are covered when rendered in direct support of skilled health care services provided by Other Health Care Professionals. A visit is defined as a period of 2 hours or less. Necessary consumable

medical supplies and home infusion therapy administered or used by providers in providing home health services are covered. Home health services do not include services by a person who is a member of Your family or Your dependent's family, or who normally resides in Your house or Your dependent's house even if that person is a provider. Skilled nursing services or private duty nursing services provided in the home are subject to the home health services benefit terms, conditions and benefit limitations.

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for home health care prescribed by the Physician treating Your condition when the following criteria are met:

- The care described in the plan of care must be for intermittent skilled nursing, or Physical, Occupational, and other short-term rehabilitative therapy services.
- The Insured Person must be confined at home, in lieu of hospitalization, under the active supervision of a Physician.
- The home health agency delivering care must be certified within the state where the care is received.
- The care that is being provided is not Custodial Care.

The Physician must be treating the Illness or Injury that necessitates home health care. **Home health services are limited to any combined maximum number of visits each Year as shown in the benefit schedule.**

If the Insured Person is a minor or an adult who is dependent upon others for non-skilled care, Custodial Care and/or activities of daily living (e.g., bathing, eating, etc.), home health care will be covered only during times when there is a family member or care giver present in the home to meet the Insured Person's non-skilled care and/or Custodial Care needs.

### **Injectable Medications**

This Policy provides benefits for injectable medications required in the treatment of an injury or illness administered by a Participating Professional provider. This includes:

- **Standard Injectable Drugs:** Medication that is injectable or infusible but is not defined by the PPOO to be a Self-Administered Prescription Drug or Specialty Drug. Standard Injectable Drugs include, but are not limited to: allergy injections and extractions and injectable medications such as antibiotics and steroid injections that are administered by a Participating Professional provider.
- **Specialty Drug Injections:** Medication that is ordered or prescribed by a Physician and required by the Federal Drug Administration to be administered under the direct supervision of a healthcare professional. Such Specialty Medications may require Prior Authorization or Step Therapy.

### **Laboratory and Pathology Tests**

This Policy provides benefits for Medically Necessary laboratory and pathology services.

### **Medical Care**

Medical Care rendered by a Participating Professional provider, including a Physician or Surgeon, who provides services to the Member while an Outpatient in a Participating Facility provider for services related to Surgery or other ambulatory patient services.

### **Medical Foods and Nutritional Formulas**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for Medically Necessary nutritional supplements or formulas as administered under the direction of a Physician for the therapeutic treatment of phenylketonuria (PKU), branched-chain ketonuria, galactosemia and homocystinuria.

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

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

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

Benefits are provided up to any maximum number of visits shown in the benefit schedule. For the purposes of this benefit, the term "visit" includes any outpatient visit to a duly licensed Physical, Occupational or Speech Therapist during which one or more Covered Services are provided. All supplies and additional fees charged in conjunction with these services will be included in the payment of benefits for the visit and will not be reimbursed in addition to the visit.

### **Spinal Manipulation Therapy**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for spinal manipulations for the detection and correction by manual or mechanical means of structural imbalance or subluxation resulting from or related to distortion, misalignment, or subluxation of or in the vertebral column.

### **Therapy Services**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses incurred for the following forms of therapy:

- **Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehabilitation Therapy:** Includes pulmonary rehabilitation, and Phase II cardiac rehabilitation provided on an outpatient basis following diagnosis of a qualifying cardiac condition when Medically Necessary. Phase II is a Hospital-based outpatient program within 30 days following an inpatient Hospital discharge. The Phase II program must be Physician directed with active treatment and EKG monitoring.
  - Note: Phase III and Phase IV cardiac rehabilitation are not covered. Phase III follows Phase II and is generally conducted at a recreational facility primarily to maintain the patient's status achieved through Phases I and II. Phase IV is an advancement of Phase III which includes more active participation and weight training.
- **Chemotherapy:** The treatment of malignant disease by chemical or biological antineoplastic agents used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells. The cost of these drugs/biologics is covered, provided it meets all the following criteria:
  - Drugs/biologics are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as antineoplastic agents.
  - The FDA- approved use is based on reliable evidence demonstrating positive effect on health outcomes and/or the use is supported by the established referenced Compendia identified in the Company's policies.
  - Drugs/biologics are eligible for coverage when they are injected or infused into the body by a professional provider.
- **Dialysis:** Covered Services included dialysis treatments in an outpatient dialysis Facility or doctor's office. Covered Services also include home dialysis.
- **Infusion Therapy:** The infusion of a drug, hydration, or nutrition into the body by a healthcare provider. Covered Services include all professional services, supplies, and equipment that are required to administer the therapy.
- **Radiation Therapy:** Benefits are provided for the treatment of disease by x-ray, radium, radioactive isotopes, or other radioactive substances regardless of the method of delivery, including the cost of radioactive materials supplied and billed by the provider.
- **Respiratory Therapy:** Includes the introduction of dry or moist gases into the lungs for treatment purposes. Coverage will also include services by a respiratory therapist.

### **Urgent Care**

Urgent care services include Medically Necessary services by in-network providers and services provided at an urgent care center including facility costs and supplies. Care that is needed after a primary care provider's normal business hours may also be considered to be urgent care.

### **Virtual Care Services (Telemedicine)**

Virtual care services are provided by contracted vendors who are licensed to provide standard medical assessments, treatments, care and services to patients via the telephone, secure video, audio or instant messaging when a Professional provider is unavailable or inaccessible.

### **Foreign Country Providers**

This Policy provides benefits for Covered Expenses for services and supplies received from foreign country providers for medical emergencies and other urgent and not reasonably anticipated situations where treatment could not have been reasonably delayed until the Insured Person was able to return to the United States.

We do not accept assignment of benefits from foreign country providers and do not cover the cost of repatriation to the US for either emergency care or ongoing care after stabilization. You and Your family members can file a claim with Us for services and supplies from a Foreign Country Provider but any payment will be sent to You. You are responsible for paying the Foreign Country Provider. You, at Your expense is responsible for obtaining an English language translation of foreign country Provider claims and any medical records that may be required. Benefits are subject to all terms, conditions, limitations, penalties and exclusions of this Policy and will not be more than would be paid if the service or supply had been received in the United States.

### **Mastectomy and Related Procedures**

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

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

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

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

### **Clinical Trials**

Benefits are payable for all routine patient care costs related to an approved clinical trial provided by a Participating Provider, including Phases I through IV, for an Insured Person who meets the following requirements:

1. Is eligible to participate in an approved clinical trial according to the trial protocol with respect to the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition and
2. Either:

- a. The referring health care professional is a participating health care Provider and has concluded that the Insured Person's participation in such trial would be appropriate based upon the Insured Person meeting the conditions described in paragraph (1); or
- b. The Insured Person provides medical and scientific information establishing that the Insured Person's participation in such a trial would be appropriate based upon the Insured Person - meeting the conditions described in paragraph (1).

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

The clinical trial must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Be approved or funded by any of the agencies or entities authorized by federal law to conduct clinical trials:
  - a. An institute or center of the National Institutes of Health,
  - b. The Food and Drug Administration,
  - c. The Department of Veterans Affairs,
  - d. The Department of Defense,
  - e. The Department of Energy,
  - f. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
  - g. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality,
  - h. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services,
  - i. Cooperative group or center of any of the entities described in clauses (a) through (f) or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs, or
  - j. A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants.
2. Be conducted under an Investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration; or
3. Involve a drug trial that is exempt from having such an Investigational new drug application.

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

- Services typically provided absent a clinical trial.
- Services generally required to diagnose, treat or ameliorate the medical condition present and not solely for the provision of the Investigational drug, item, device or service.
- Services required to diagnose, treat or ameliorate the medical condition present and not for the monitoring of the Investigational drug, device, item or service.
- Services required to diagnose, treat or ameliorate the medical condition present and not for the prevention of complications arising from the provision of the Investigational drug, device, item or service.
- Reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of the Investigational drug, device, item or service, including the diagnosis or treatment of unanticipated complications.

For clinical trials, routine patient costs **do not** include:

- The Investigational item, device, or service, itself;
- Items and services that are provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient; or
- A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis.

## **Exclusions and Limitations: What Is Not Covered by This Policy**

### **Excluded Services**

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

1. Any amounts in excess of maximum benefit limitations of Covered Expenses stated in this Policy.
2. Services not specifically listed as Covered Services in this Policy.
3. Services or supplies that are not Medically Necessary except for Preventive Services.
4. Services, items or supplies that are considered to be **Experimental Procedures or Investigational Procedures or Unproven Procedures**.
5. Services **received before the Effective Date of coverage**.
6. Services **received after coverage under this Policy ends**.
7. Services **for which You have no legal obligation to pay** or for which no charge would be made if You did not have a health plan or insurance coverage.
8. Any condition for which benefits are recovered or can be recovered, either by adjudication, settlement or otherwise, **under any workers' compensation, employer's liability law or occupational disease law**, even if the Insured Person does not claim those benefits.
9. Conditions caused by: (a) an **act of war (declared or undeclared)**; (b) the **inadvertent release of nuclear energy** when government funds are available for treatment of Illness or Injury arising from such release of nuclear energy; (c) an Insured Person **participating in the military service of any country**; (d) an Insured Person **participating in an insurrection, rebellion, or riot**; (e) services received as a direct result of an Insured Person's commission of, or attempt to commit a **felony** (whether or not charged) **or as a direct result of the Insured Person being engaged in an illegal occupation**; (f) an Insured Person being intoxicated, as defined by applicable state law in the state where the Illness occurred or under the influence of illegal narcotics or non-prescribed controlled substances unless administered or prescribed by Physician.
10. Any **services provided by a local, state or federal government agency**, except when payment under this Policy is expressly required by federal or state law.
11. Any services required by state or federal law to be supplied by a public school system or school district.
12. Any **services for which payment may be obtained from any local, state or federal government agency** (except Medicaid). Veterans Administration Hospitals and military treatment facilities will be considered for payment according to current legislation.
13. **If the Insured Person is eligible for Medicare** Part A, B, C or D, We will provide claim payment according to this Policy minus any amount paid by Medicare, not to exceed the amount We would have paid if it were the sole insurance carrier.
14. **Court-ordered treatment or hospitalization**, unless such treatment is prescribed by a Physician and listed as covered in this Policy.

15. Professional services or supplies received or purchased directly or on Your behalf by anyone, including a Physician, from any of the following:
  - a. Yourself or Your employer;
  - b. A person who lives in the Insured Person's home, or that person's employer;
  - c. A person who is related to the Insured Person by blood, marriage or adoption, or that person's employer; or
  - d. A facility or health care professional that provides remuneration to You, directly or indirectly, or to an organization from which You receive, directly or indirectly, remuneration.
16. Services of a Hospital emergency room **for any condition that is not an Emergency Medical Condition** as defined in this Policy.
17. **Custodial Care, including but not limited to rest cures; infant, child or adult day care, including geriatric day care.**
18. **Private duty nursing** except when provided as part of the home health care services or Hospice Care Services benefit in this Policy.
19. Inpatient room and board charges in connection with a Hospital stay primarily for environmental change or Physical Therapy.
20. Services received during **an inpatient stay when the stay is primarily related to** behavioral, social maladjustment, lack of discipline or other antisocial actions which are not specifically the result of a Mental Health Disorder.
21. **Complementary and alternative medicine services, including but not limited to:** massage therapy; animal therapy, including but not limited to equine therapy or canine therapy; art therapy; meditation; visualization; acupuncture; acupressure; acupuncture point injection therapy; reflexology; rolfing; light therapy; aromatherapy; music or sound therapy; dance therapy; sleep therapy; hypnosis; energy-balancing; breathing exercises; movement and/or exercise therapy including but not limited to yoga, pilates, tai-chi, walking, hiking, swimming, golf; and any other alternative treatment as defined by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) of the National Institutes of Health. Services specifically listed as covered under "Rehabilitative Therapy" and "Habilitative Therapy" are not subject to this exclusion.
22. Any services or supplies **provided by or at a place for the aged, a nursing home, or any facility** a significant portion of the activities of which include rest, recreation, leisure, or any other services that are not Covered Services.
23. **Assistance in activities of daily living**, including but not limited to: bathing, eating, dressing, or other Custodial Care, self-care activities or homemaker services, and services primarily for rest, domiciliary or convalescent care.
24. **Services performed by unlicensed practitioners** or services which do not require licensure to perform, for example: meditation, breathing exercises, and guided visualization.
25. Inpatient room and board **charges in connection with a Hospital stay primarily for diagnostic tests** which could have been performed safely on an outpatient basis.

26. **Dental services**, dentures, bridges, crowns, caps or other Dental Prostheses, extraction of teeth or treatment to the teeth or gums, except as specifically provided in this Policy.
27. **Orthodontic services**, braces and other orthodontic appliances including orthodontic services for Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction.
28. **Dental implants**: dental materials implanted into or on bone or soft tissue or any associated procedure as part of the implantation or removal of dental implants.
29. Any services covered under **both this medical plan and an accompanying exchange-certified pediatric dental plan** and reimbursed under the dental plan will not be reimbursed under this plan.
30. **Hearing aids** including but not limited to semi-implantable hearing devices, audiant bone conductors and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs), except as specifically stated in this Policy, limited to the least expensive professionally adequate device. For the purposes of this exclusion, a hearing aid is any device that amplifies sound.
31. **Routine hearing tests** except as provided under Preventive Care.
32. For **assisted fertilization techniques** such as, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization; embryo transplant; ovum retrieval, including gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT), zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT) and any services required in connection with these procedures.
33. **Genetic screening**: general population-based genetic screening is a testing method performed in the absence of any symptoms or any significant, proven risk factors for genetically linked inheritable disease.
34. **Gene Therapy** including, but not limited to, the cost of the Gene Therapy product, and any medical, surgical, professional and facility services directly related to the administration of the Gene Therapy product.
35. **Optometric services**, eye exercises including orthoptics, eyeglasses, contact lenses, routine eye exams, and routine eye refractions, except as specifically stated in this Policy under Pediatric Vision Care.
36. Eye **surgery solely for the purpose of correcting refractive defects** of the eye, such as near-sightedness (myopia), astigmatism and/or farsightedness (presbyopia).
37. **Cosmetic surgery**, or similar procedures to improve or alter appearance. This exclusion does not apply to Reconstructive Surgery to restore a bodily function or to correct a deformity caused by Injury or congenital defect of a newborn child, or for Medically Necessary Reconstructive Surgery performed on one breast or both breasts following a mastectomy, as determined by the treating physician, to reestablish symmetry between the two breasts or alleviate functional impairment caused by the mastectomy.
38. **Aids or devices that assist with nonverbal communication**, including but not limited to communication boards, prerecorded speech devices, laptop computers, desktop computers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), braille typewriters, visual alert systems for the deaf and memory books except as specifically stated in this Policy.
39. **Non-medical counseling or ancillary services**, including but not limited to: education, training, vocational rehabilitation, behavioral training, biofeedback, neurofeedback, employment counseling, back school, return to work services, work hardening programs, driving safety, and services, training, educational therapy or other non-medical ancillary services for learning disabilities and developmental delays, except as otherwise stated in this Policy.
40. **Services and procedures for redundant skin surgery** including abdominoplasty/panniculectomy, removal of skin tags, craniocervical/cranial therapy, applied kinesiology, prolotherapy and extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) for musculoskeletal and orthopedic conditions, macromastia or gynecomastia; varicose veins; rhinoplasty; blepharoplasty, and; orthognathic surgeries **regardless of clinical indications**.
41. Procedures, surgery or treatments to **change characteristics of the body** to those of the opposite sex unless coverage for such services are deemed to be required by law.



42. Any treatment, Prescription Drug, service or supply **to treat sexual dysfunction**, enhance sexual performance or increase sexual desire.
43. **Cryopreservation** of sperm or eggs, or storage of sperm for artificial insemination (including donor fees).
44. Fees associated with the **collection or donation of blood or blood products**, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services where in the utilization review Physician's opinion the likelihood of excess blood loss is such that transfusion is an expected adjunct to surgery.
45. Blood or blood product administration for the purpose of general improvement in physical condition.
46. **Orthopedic shoes** (except when joined to Braces), shoe inserts, foot Orthotic Devices. This exclusion shall not apply to coverage for orthotics or orthoses prescribed by a health care professional to treat insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using diabetes, gestational diabetes and noninsulin-using diabetes.
47. **External and internal power enhancements** or power controls for Prosthetic limbs and terminal devices.
48. **Myoelectric Prosthesis** peripheral nerve stimulators.
49. **Electronic Prosthetic limbs or appliances** unless Medically Necessary, when a less-costly alternative is not sufficient.
50. **Prefabricated foot Orthoses. This exclusion shall not apply to coverage for orthotics or orthoses prescribed by a health care professional to treat insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using diabetes, gestational diabetes and noninsulin-using diabetes.**
51. **Cranial banding/cranial Orthoses/other similar devices**, except when used postoperatively for synostotic plagiocephaly.
52. **Orthosis shoes**, shoe additions, procedures for foot orthopedic shoes, shoe modifications and transfers. This exclusion shall not apply to coverage for orthotics or orthoses prescribed by a health care professional to treat insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using diabetes, gestational diabetes and noninsulin-using diabetes.
53. Orthoses primarily used for cosmetic rather than functional reasons.
54. **Non-foot Orthoses**, except **only** the following non-foot Orthoses are covered when Medically Necessary:
  - a. Rigid and semi-rigid custom fabricated Orthoses;
  - b. Semi-rigid prefabricated and flexible Orthoses; and
  - c. Rigid prefabricated Orthoses, including preparation, fitting and basic additions, such as bars and joints.
55. Services primarily for **weight reduction or for the medical or surgical treatment of obesity including morbid obesity**, or any care which involves weight reduction as a main method for treatment. This includes any morbid obesity surgery, even if the Insured Person has other health conditions that might be helped by a reduction of obesity or weight, or any program, product or medical treatment for weight reduction or any expenses of any kind to treat obesity, weight control or weight reduction, including drugs whether being used off-label or FDA approved to treat obesity.
56. **Routine physical exams or tests** that do not directly treat an actual Illness, Injury or condition. This includes reports, evaluations, or hospitalization not required for health reasons; physical exams required for or by an employer or for school, or sports physicals, or for insurance or government authority, and court ordered, forensic, or custodial evaluations, except as otherwise specifically stated in this Policy. This exclusion does not apply to Physical Exams which are indicated Preventive Services.
57. Therapy or treatment **intended primarily to improve or maintain general physical condition** or for the purpose of enhancing job, school, athletic or recreational performance, including but not limited to routine, long term, or maintenance care which is provided after the resolution of the acute medical problem and when significant therapeutic improvement is not expected.
58. **Educational services** except for Diabetic Self-Management Training Programs, treatment for Autism, or as specifically provided or arranged by Us.

59. Nutritional counseling or food supplements, except as stated in this Policy.
60. **Exercise equipment, comfort items and other medical supplies and equipment** not specifically listed as Covered Services in the “Comprehensive Benefits: What the Policy Pays For” section of this Policy. Excluded medical equipment includes, but is not limited to: air purifiers, air conditioners, humidifiers; treadmills; spas; elevators; supplies for comfort, hygiene or beautification; wigs, disposable sheaths and supplies; correction appliances or support appliances and supplies such as stockings, and consumable medical supplies other than ostomy supplies and urinary catheters, including, but not limited to, bandages and other disposable medical supplies, skin preparations and test strips except as otherwise stated in this Policy.
- Certain Consumable Medical Supplies**, including any item that is for comfort or convenience and
  - Is not primarily medical in nature. Such items not covered include, but are not limited to: ear plugs; ice packs; silverware/utensils; feeding chairs; and toilet seats;
  - Has features which are medical in nature but which are not required by the patient’s condition; and
  - Is one for which the FDA does not require a prescription from an eligible provider in order to dispense and is generally available without a prescription.
- Some examples of not covered consumable medical supplies are: incontinence pads; lamb’s wool pads; face masks (surgical); disposable gloves, sheets and bags, bandages intended for single use, antiseptics, skin preparations, infant formulas or other non-prescription medical foods or enteric formulas.
61. **Physical, and/or Occupational Therapy/Medicine** except when provided during an inpatient Hospital confinement or as specifically stated in the benefit schedule and under “Rehabilitative Therapy Services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy)” in the section of this Policy titled “Comprehensive Benefits: What the Policy Pays For.”
62. **Foreign Country Provider** charges except as specifically stated under “Foreign Country Providers” in the section of this Policy titled “Comprehensive Benefits: What the Policy Pays For.”
63. **Routine foot care** including the cutting or removal of corns or calluses; the trimming of nails, routine hygienic care and any service rendered in the absence of localized illness, a systemic condition, injury or symptoms involving the feet except as otherwise stated in this Policy.
64. **Charges for which We are unable to determine Our liability** because the Insured Person failed, within 60 days, or as soon as reasonably possible to: (a) authorize Us to receive all the medical records and information We requested; or (b) provide Us with information We requested regarding the circumstances of the claim or other insurance coverage.
65. Charges for the services of a standby Physician.
66. Charges for animal to human organ transplants.
67. Charges for non-surgical treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ).

## **Prescription Drug Benefits**

### **Pharmacy Payments**

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

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

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

**Our Formulary is available upon request by calling the member relations number on Your ID card or at [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families).**

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

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

Usual & Customary (U&C) means the lowest price a Participating Pharmacy would charge to a particular customer if such customer were paying cash for filling an identical prescription on that particular day at that particular location, as submitted by Participating Pharmacy. This price must include any applicable dispensing fee and/or level of effort and must include any applicable discounts offered to attract customers.

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

If any reimbursements, discounts or payments are made on Your behalf toward any portion of Your Copayment, Prescription Drug Deductible, Deductible, and/or Coinsurance, from a Pharmacy, pharmaceutical manufacturer or other third party which is not a public charity subject to IRS 501c(3) regulations for a Prescription Drug or Related Supply covered under this Policy, Your Prescription Drug benefits may not apply.

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

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

and/or Coinsurance You are required to pay.

### **Our Specialty Pharmacy**

Our formulary includes medications that are called specialty medications. Specialty medications are prescription drugs that require special handling, administration, monitoring self-administered or have limited distribution. These medications treat complex chronic conditions and are only available from a participating specialty pharmacy.

Our ACA Exchange works with a network of specialty pharmacies to coordinate the delivery of specialty medications for Our members who have to meet Our quality terms.

A prescription for these medications may need to be prior authorized. You may have a copayment for Your medicine. To see Our ACA Exchange formulary and a complete list of specialty medications, call the number on the back of Your ID card or visit Our website at [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families).

A preferred specialty pharmacy can mail Your medications directly to You. You will not be charged for the delivery but applicable copays will apply. The specialty pharmacy will contact You before sending Your medicine. The pharmacy can also answer any questions You have about the process. We have a preferred Specialty Pharmacy, Jefferson Specialty Pharmacy, to help with all of Your specialty medication needs. For the list of network specialty pharmacies, call the number on the back of Your ID card or visit Our website at [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families).

### **Prior Authorizations for Specialty Medications**

If You have been prescribed a specialty medication, please talk to Your doctor about submitting a Prior Authorization request on Your behalf. Please discuss with Your doctor about choosing a specialty pharmacy to coordinate the delivery of Your medication. If a specialty pharmacy is not selected by You or Your doctor within 24 hours from receipt of the Prior Authorization request, We will select a participating pharmacy on Your behalf. If You have questions, call the number on the back of Your ID card.

### **Prescription Drug List or Formulary**

Our formulary is a list of the preferred drugs that are covered by Your health plan.

We have a comprehensive formulary, which is a complete list of covered, commonly prescribed prescription drugs. These drugs are selected by a team of health care providers, including doctors and pharmacists, based on their medical advantage, safety, ease of use and cost. New drugs and treatments are reviewed regularly. Our Exchanges will make changes to the formulary as needed.

Our formulary is reviewed on a regular basis and there may be changes to it throughout the year. We may add or remove drugs from the formulary, make quantity limits or other restrictions. We may also change a drug's cost-sharing tier.

### ***Brand name and generic drugs***

Our formulary contains two kinds of drugs: brand name drugs and generic drugs. We usually do not include a brand name when the same medicine comes as a generic. This may affect which medications You get when using Your prescription benefit. When You search for a brand name drug, the formulary will show You the generic equivalent, if available. You can also use the formulary on the website to find out about drug side effects, interactions, risks and proper usage. To view this information, click on the icon for "Details" in Your search results. Throughout the year, We may elect to make changes to Our formularies. Updates will be noted on the website.

## **Covered Expenses**

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

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

### ***Prior Authorization/Formulary Exceptions***

There may be occasions when Your doctor would like You to have a drug that is not listed in Our formulary or may have specific clinical criteria that requires a prior authorization review. To be sure that certain medications are used appropriately, Prior Authorization (plan approval) may be required before prescriptions for these drugs can be filled.

Prior Authorization may be required for the following drugs and reasons:

- Non-formulary medications or benefit exceptions required by medical necessity
- All brand name medications when there is an A-rated generic version available
- Medications and/or treatments if they are under clinical investigation
- Medications prescribed for non-FDA approved uses
- Prescriptions that exceed set plan limits (days' supply, quantity, cost)
- New-to-market products
- Medications that have treatment guidelines developed by Our Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

In these instances, the non-formulary medication may be requested through a Prior Authorization/Formulary Exception.

### ***How do I request an exception or other coverage decision?***

You, Your prescriber, or Your representative can request a coverage decision. For exception requests, We also need a statement from Your prescriber supporting Your request. Generally, We must make Our decision within 72 hours of getting Your prescriber's supporting statement. You can request an expedited (fast) decision if You or Your prescriber believe that Your health could be seriously harmed by waiting up to 72 hours for a decision. If Your request to expedite is granted, We must give You a decision no later than 24 hours after We get a supporting statement from Your prescriber. To request an initial coverage decision by phone, call the number on the back of Your ID card. To request a coverage decision in writing, please include Your name, date of birth, member ID number, the drug name (and strength and directions), the amount of drug You need and Your doctor's name and phone number. You can use the Request form on Our website at [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families).

### ***Step Therapy***

Certain drugs in Our formularies may have Step Therapy requirements. Step therapy helps assure that You receive the most appropriate and cost-effective drug to treat Your condition.

**Here's how it works:**

When Step Therapy applies, We require You to try certain drugs to treat Your medical condition first before We will cover another drug for that condition.

For example, if Drug A and Drug B both treat Your medical condition, We may not cover Drug B unless You try Drug A first. If Drug A does not work for You, We will then cover Drug B.

Drugs subject to Step Therapy are marked with an "ST" code in Our print and online formularies.

**What Is Covered:**

- Outpatient drugs and medications that federal and/or applicable state law restrict to sale by Prescription only, except for certain insulin which do not require a Prescription.
- Pharmaceuticals to aid smoking cessation in accordance with "A" or "B" recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.
- Insulin; syringes; injection aids, blood glucose monitors, blood glucose monitors for the legally blind; glucose test strips; visual reading ketone strips; urine test strips; lancets; oral hypoglycemic agents; Glucagon Emergency Kits and alcohol swabs.
- Orally administered anti-cancer medications prescribed in connection with cancer chemotherapy treatments.
- All non-infused compound Prescription Drugs that contain at least one FDA approved Prescription ingredient compounded from an FDA-approved finished pharmaceutical product and are otherwise covered under the Pharmacy benefits, excluding any bulk powders included in the compound.
- Contraceptive drugs and devices approved by the FDA as listed on the formulary.
- Specialty Medications.
- Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, when available for administration at a Participating Pharmacy.

## Conditions of Service

The drug or medication meet all of the following conditions:

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

## Exclusions

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

1. Drugs not approved by the Food and Drug Administration;
2. Any drugs that are not on the formulary and not otherwise approved for coverage through the non-formulary exception process;
3. Drugs, devices and/or supplies available over the counter that do not require a Prescription by federal or state law except as otherwise stated in this Policy, or specifically designated as No Cost Preventive Care and required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA);
4. Drugs that do not require a federal legend (a federal designation for drugs requiring supervision of a Physician), other than insulin;
5. Any drug that is a pharmaceutical alternative to an over-the-counter drug other than insulin;
6. A drug class in which at least one of the drugs is available over the counter and the drugs in the class are deemed to be therapeutically equivalent as determined by the P&T Committee;
7. Injectable infertility drugs and any injectable drugs that require Physician supervision and are not typically considered self-administered drugs are covered under the medical benefits of this Policy and require Prior Authorization. The following are examples of Physician supervised drugs: chemotherapy injectables and endocrine and metabolic agents;
8. Infused Immunization agents, biological products for allergy immunization, biological sera, blood, blood plasma and other blood products or fractions are covered under the medical benefits of this Policy;
9. Any drugs used for the treatment of sexual dysfunction, including, but not limited to erectile dysfunction, delayed ejaculation, anorgasmy, and decreased libido and/or sexual desire;
10. Any drugs used for weight loss, weight management, metabolic syndrome, and antiobesity agents;
11. Any drugs that are Experimental or Investigational or Unproven as described in this Policy; except as specifically stated in the sections of this Policy titled "Clinical Trials," and any benefit language concerning "Off Label Drugs";
12. Food and Drug Administration FDA-approved drugs used for purposes other than those approved by the FDA unless the drug is recognized for the treatment of the particular indication in one of the standard reference compendia or in medical literature. Medical literature means scientific studies published in a peer-reviewed English-language biomedical journals;
13. Implantable contraceptive products inserted by the Physician are covered under the Policy's medical benefits;
14. Prescription and nonprescription supplies (such as ostomy supplies), devices, and appliances other than Related Supplies, except for those pertaining to Diabetic Supplies and Equipment;
15. Prescription vitamins other than prenatal vitamins; dietary supplements, herbal supplements and

- fluoride other than supplements specifically designated as preventive under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA);
16. Drugs used for cosmetic purposes that have no medically acceptable use, such as drugs used to reduce wrinkles, drugs to promote hair growth, drugs used to control perspiration and fade cream products;
  17. Medications used for travel prophylaxis, except anti-malarial drugs;
  18. Drugs obtained outside the United States;
  19. Any fill or refill of Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies to replace those lost, stolen, spilled, spoiled or damaged before the next refill date;
  20. Drugs used to enhance athletic performance;
  21. Drugs which are to be taken by or administered to You while a patient in a licensed Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, rest home or similar Institution which operates on its premises or allows to be operated on its premises a facility for dispensing pharmaceuticals;
  22. Any Drugs, medications, or other substances dispensed or administered in any outpatient setting. This includes, but is not limited to, items dispensed by a Physician;
  23. Drug convenience kits;
  24. Prescriptions more than one year from the original date of issue;
  25. Any costs related to the mailing, sending or delivery of Prescription Drugs;
  26. Any intentional misuse of this benefit, including Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies purchased for consumption by someone other than You.

## Limitations

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

- Up to a 30-day supply, at a Participating Retail Pharmacy for drug tiers 1 through 4 and up to a 30-day supply of tier 5 drugs, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging (for detailed information about drug tiers please refer to the benefit schedule).
- Up to a 90-day supply, at a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy for drug tiers 1 through 4 and up to a 30-day supply of tier 5 drugs, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging. To locate a 90 Day Retail Pharmacy You can call the Member Relations number on Your ID card or go to [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families) (for detailed information about drug tiers please refer to the benefit schedule).
- Up to a 90-day supply at CVS/Caremark Mail Order Pharmacy, or participating Retail Pharmacies for drug tiers 1 through 4 and up to a 30-day supply of tier 5 drugs, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging (for detailed information about drug tiers please refer to the benefit schedule).
- Quantity limits (QL) may apply to medications on the formulary and are noted in the formulary; quantity limits are approved by the P&T Committee and are based on best practice clinical recommendations, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the drug manufacturer.

## Medication Synchronization

We will allow and apply a prorated daily Cost Share rate to Prescription Drugs that are dispensed by a Participating Pharmacy for a partial supply if the prescribing Physician or the pharmacist determines the fill or refill to be in Your best interest and he/she requests or agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of synchronizing his/her medications, provided that such a proration for any Prescription Drug does not occur more frequently than three times a year.



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

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

### ***Prior Authorization***

When Your Physician prescribes certain Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies, including high cost and Specialty Medications, We require Your Physician to obtain Authorization before the Prescription or supply can be filled. To obtain Prior Authorization, Your Physician must follow the Prescription Drug and Related Supply Authorization and Exception Request Process as described below.

### ***Step Therapy***

Step Therapy is a type of Prior Authorization. We may require an Insured Person to follow certain steps before covering some Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies, including without limitation, some higher- cost and Specialty Medications. If a Prescription Drug or Related Supply is subject to a Step Therapy requirement, then You must try one or more similar Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies before the Policy will cover the requested Prescription Drug or Related Supply. The Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies that require Step Therapy can be identified on the Formulary at [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families) to obtain Step Therapy Authorization, Your Physician must follow the Prescription Drug and Related Supply Authorization and Exception Request Process as described below.

Step Therapy or history of drug failure, will not be required for Prescription Drugs related to the treatment of stage four, advanced metastatic cancer, if both of the following apply:

- The drug is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for this indication; and
- The prescription of the drug is consistent with the best clinical practices for the treatment of stage four, advanced metastatic cancer or a severe adverse health condition experienced as a result of stage four, advanced metastatic cancer, and is supported by peer-reviewed medical literature.

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

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

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

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

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

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

If the request is approved, Your Physician will receive confirmation. The Authorization/Exception will be processed in Our pharmacy claim system to allow You to have coverage for those Prescription Drugs or

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

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

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

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

If You have questions about specific Formulary exceptions, Prior Authorization or a Step Therapy request, call Member Relations at the toll-free number on the back of Your ID card.

### **Coverage of New Drugs**

All new FDA-approved Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies (or new FDA-approved indications) are designated as non-Formulary Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies until the P&T Committee (P&T) makes a placement decision on the formulary, which decision shall be based in part on the P&T Committee's clinical review of the drug. The P&T Committee makes a reasonable effort to review all new FDA approved Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies (or new FDA-approved indications) within 180 days of its release onto the market, or a clinical justification must be documented if this timeframe is not met.

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

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

### **Reimbursement for Medication paid outside of the insurance claim**

We will review all prescription requests for reimbursement. We do not require a specific form, but a register receipt from the dispensing pharmacy is necessary to review and process the request.

### **Age of Reimbursement Claim**

Some prescriptions require review for medical necessity before We will pay for them. This is called Prior Authorization (PA). Others do not. If the prescription requires no review, in other words, it would have been paid without any intervention from Us, then the prescription may be reviewed for reimbursement. Prescriptions older than 1 year will not be reviewed regardless if it requires a PA or not.

### **Age of Prior Authorization**

Prior Authorization of medications requires clinical review at the time of the request. Due to the nature of the medical review, older requests can result in inadequate and incomplete records. Therefore, any reimbursement request that requires a Prior Authorization that was not approved previously and is older than 30 days from the time the prescription was filled, will not be reviewed.

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

When Medical Prescription Drugs not on Our Formulary are administered in a health care setting by a Physician or Other Health Care Professional, and are billed with the office or facility charges, they will be covered under the medical benefits of this Policy. These medications may still be subject to Prior Authorization or Step Therapy requirements.

## **Pediatric Vision Care**

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

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

**Benefits will apply until the end of the month in which the Insured Person turns age 19.**

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

### **Covered Services**

Covered Services are limited as detailed below. Covered Services for an Insured Person include:

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

\*Provider participation is 100% voluntary. Please check with Your eye care professional for any offered discounts.
- Frames – Only frames in the pediatric Davis frame collection are covered at 100%; there is a one-year warranty for standard frames. There is no coverage for non-Davis frame collections.
- Coverage is limited to three pairs of pediatric collection frames and lenses every calendar year. Coverage for the second and third pair of glasses is dependent on a change in the Insured Person's refractive state or to replace broken, damaged or lost glasses.
- Lenses and frames covered if:
  - Diopter Change is greater than or equal to .50 Diopters or
  - Axis Change is greater than or equal to 15 Degrees or
  - Prism Change is greater than or equal to .50 Diopters or
  - Improve visual acuity by at least one line on the standard eye chart.
- Therapeutic contact lenses are covered for a one year supply, regardless of the contact lens type, including professional services, in lieu of frame and lenses. Coverage for therapeutic contact lenses will be provided when visual acuity cannot be corrected to 20/70 in the better eye with eyeglasses

- and the fitting of the contact lenses would obtain this level of visual acuity; and in certain cases of anisometropia, keratoconus, or aphakia; as determined and documented by Your vision Provider. Contact lenses fitted for other therapeutic purposes or the narrowing of visual fields due to high minus or plus correction are not covered.

## **Exclusions**

- Services not provided by an In-Network vision Provider.
- Orthoptic or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
- Any eye examination, or any corrective eyewear, required by an employer as a condition of employment.
- Any Injury or Illness when paid or payable by Workers' Compensation or similar law, or which is work related.
- Charges in excess of the U&C charge for the service or material.
- Charges incurred after the Policy ends or Your coverage under the Policy ends, except as stated in the Policy.
- Experimental or non-conventional treatment or device.
- Magnification or low vision aids not otherwise listed in "Covered Services" within this section, above.
- Any non-prescription eyeglasses, lenses, or contact lenses.
- Spectacle lenses, treatments, add-ons, or lens coatings not otherwise listed in "Covered Services" within this section, above.
- Two pairs of glasses, in lieu of bifocals or trifocals.
- Safety glasses or lenses required for employment.
- VDT (video display terminal)/computer eyeglass benefit.
- For or in connection with Experimental Procedures or treatment methods not approved by the American Medical Association or the appropriate vision specialty society.
- Claims submitted and received in excess of twelve (12) months from the original date of service.
- Services provided out-of-network without Our prior approval are not covered.
- Elective contact lenses.
- Low vision services.

## **Vision Providers**

To find a vision Provider, get a claim form, or for more information on the pediatric vision benefits, visit [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families) or call Member Relations at the number on the back of Your ID card.

## **General Provisions**

### **Third Party Liability**

We may have a right to take legal action, to the extent of benefits advanced, upon any recovery that You receive from the third party, the third party's insurer, or the third party's guarantor. Recovery may be by settlement, judgment or otherwise. Any recovery will be in the amount of benefits paid by Us under this Policy for the treatment of the Illness, disease, Injury or condition for which the third party is liable. We shall pursue such legal action to the extent permitted by law. A court of law will determine Our recovery including the sources from which such recovery may be made. You shall not take any action that would prejudice Our right to recovery in the case of third-party liability.

### **Alternate Cost Containment Provision**

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

### **Coordination of Benefits**

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

### **Definitions**

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

#### ***Plan***

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

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

#### ***Primary Plan***

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

#### ***Secondary Plan***

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

#### ***Allowable Expense***

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

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

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

### ***Claim Determination Period***

Claim determination period is a Calendar Year but does not include any part of a year during which You are not covered under this plan or any date before this section or any similar provision takes effect.

### ***Order of Benefit Determination Rules***

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Recovery of Excess Benefits***

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

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

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

### ***Medicare Eligibles***

If an Insured Person is eligible for Medicare, We will calculate the claim payment for Covered Services according to the benefit levels of this Policy based on the allowed amount defined below and pay this amount minus any amount paid by Medicare. We will estimate the amount Medicare would have paid and reduce benefits by this amount for any Insured Person who is eligible to enroll in Medicare but is not enrolled. In no event will the amount paid exceed the amount that We would have paid if it were the sole insurance carrier.

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

- The amount Medicare allowed; or
- Our Negotiated Rate for a Participating Provider; or
- Our Allowed Expense for a Non-Participating Provider.



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

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

We want You to be completely satisfied with the care and services You receive. That is why We have established a process for addressing Your concerns and solving Your problems.

### ***Start with Member Relations***

We are here to listen and help. If You have a concern regarding a person, a service, the quality of care, an initial eligibility denial, contractual benefits, or a rescission of coverage, You can call Our toll-free number and explain Your concern to one of Our Member Relations representatives. Please call Us at the Member Relations toll-free number on Your ID card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

We will do Our best to resolve the matter on Your initial contact. If We need more time to review or investigate Your concern, We will get back to You as soon as possible, but in any case, within 30 days.

If You are not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, You can start the appeals procedure.

### ***Appeals Procedure***

To initiate an appeal for most claims, You must submit a request for an appeal within 180 days of receipt of a denial notice. If You appeal a reduction or termination in coverage for an ongoing course of treatment that We previously approved, You will receive, as required by applicable law, continued coverage pending the outcome of an appeal. Appeals may be submitted to the following address:

Jefferson Health Plans  
Member Appeals Department  
1101 Market Street, Suite 3000  
Philadelphia, PA 19707

You should state the reason why You feel Your appeal should be approved and include any information supporting Your appeal. If You are unable or choose not to write, You may ask to register Your appeal by telephone. Call Us at the toll-free number on Your ID card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

"If the appeal involves a decision based on issues of medical necessity, clinical appropriateness, the type of health care setting, the level of care, the effectiveness of the service, or Experimental treatment, a medical review will be conducted by a Physician reviewer in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration, as determined by Our Physician reviewer. This is an Internal Appeal Review.

For all other plan related issues (i.e. a Grievance), a review will be conducted by someone who was a) not involved in any previous decision related to Your appeal, and b) not a subordinate of previous decision makers.

Provide all relevant documentation with Your appeal request.

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

The Insured Person will be notified in writing of the decision within five working days after the decision is made, and within the review time frames above if We do not approve the requested coverage.

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

A Physician reviewer, in consultation with the treating Physician will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, We will respond orally with a decision within 48 hours, followed up in writing.

If the Insured Person is not satisfied with Our decision regarding eligibility of an expedited external review, the Insured Person may file a complaint with the Insurance Commissioner's office. The Insurance Commissioner may make a different determination regarding the Insured Person's eligibility for an expedited external review. The Insurance Commissioner's office may be contacted at the following address and telephone number:

Pennsylvania Insurance Department Bureau of Consumer Services  
1209 Strawberry Square  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Toll-Free Number: 877-881-6388  
Fax: 717-787-8585

### ***Independent Review Procedure***

If You are not fully satisfied with the appeal review decision regarding the medical necessity, clinical appropriateness, health care setting, level of care, or the effectiveness of a service, You may request that Your appeal be referred to an Independent Review Organization. You also have the right to a review of whether We complied with the surprise billing and cost-sharing protections under the No Surprises Act or if Your denial is based on a determination that the health care services recommended or requested are experimental or investigational. The Independent Review Organization is composed of persons who are not employed by Us or any of Our affiliates. A decision to request an appeal to an Independent Review Organization will not affect the Insured Person's rights to any other benefits under the plan.

There is no charge for You to initiate this independent review process. We will abide by the decision of the Independent Review Organization.

In order to request a referral to an Independent Review Organization, certain conditions apply. The reason for the denial must be based on a determination by Us regarding medical necessity, clinical appropriateness, healthcare setting, level of care, or effectiveness of the service or treatment that You requested. Administrative, eligibility or benefit coverage limits or exclusions are not eligible for appeal under this process.

To request a review, You must submit an appeal request within 180 days of Your receipt of the appeal review denial. Instructions on how to submit an appeal request are included in the decision letter You receive from the Plan.

The Independent Review Organization will render an opinion within 45 days. When requested and when a delay would be detrimental to Your condition, as determined by the Physician reviewer, the review shall be completed within 72 hours.

If You are not fully satisfied with the decision regarding matters that are not eligible for External Review with an Independent Review Organization, You may request an Internal Second Level Grievance review within sixty (60) calendar days of Your receipt of the decision from the Plan.

To file a Second Level Grievance, call, write or fax the Member Appeals Department at the address and telephone numbers listed above. You have the right to present Your Grievance to the committee by way of a conference call. The Second Level Grievance Committee meets and renders a decision on Your standard Grievance appeal within forty-five (45) calendar days from receipt of the second level Grievance appeal. The Second Level Grievance Committee is composed of at least three (3) persons who have had no previous involvement with Your case and who are not subordinates of the person who made the original determination. The Second Level Grievance Committee members will include the Plan's staff, with one third of the committee being Members or other persons who are not employed by the Plan. You may submit supporting materials both before and at the appeal meeting. Additionally, You have the right to review all information considered by the committee that is not confidential, proprietary or privileged. The decision is final unless You choose to appeal to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department or Department of Health as described in the decision letter.

***Assistance from the State of Pennsylvania***

You have the right to contact the Pennsylvania Insurance Department for assistance at any time. The Pennsylvania Insurance Department may be contacted at the following address and telephone number:

Pennsylvania Insurance Department Bureau of Consumer Services  
1209 Strawberry Square  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Toll-Free Number: 877-881-6388  
Fax: 717-787-8585

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

Every notice of a determination on appeal will be provided in writing or electronically and, if an adverse determination, will include: information sufficient to identify the claim; the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other relevant information as defined; a statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the plan; upon request and free of charge, a copy of any

internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding Your appeal, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit; and information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist You in the appeal process. A final notice of adverse determination will include a discussion of the decision.

### ***Relevant Information***

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

### **Terms of the Policy**

#### ***Entire Contract***

This Policy, including the specification page, endorsements, application, and the attached papers, if any, constitutes the entire contract of insurance. No change in this Policy shall be valid unless approved by one of Our Officers and attached to this Policy. No agent has authority to change this Policy or to waive any of its provisions.

#### ***Time Limit on Certain Defenses***

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

#### ***Circumstances Beyond Our Control:***

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

#### ***Grace Period***

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

**If You did not purchase Your Policy from a Marketplace, or You purchased Your Policy from a Marketplace but did not elect to receive advanced Premium tax credit (APTC),** there is a grace period of 30 days during which Premiums may be paid without loss of coverage of any Premium due after the first Premium. Coverage will continue during the grace period. Any claims submitted during this grace period will be pended or denied until such time as Your Premium is paid. If We do not receive Your Premium due in full before the end of the grace period, Your coverage will be terminated as of the last date of the Grace Period.

**If You purchased Your Policy from a Marketplace and You have elected to receive advanced**

**Premium tax credit (APTC)**, there is a grace period of ninety (90) consecutive days during which the Premiums may be paid without loss of coverage. Coverage will continue during the grace period, however, claims for services rendered after the first 30 days of the grace period will be either pended or denied until such time as Your Premium is paid. However, if We do not receive Your Premium due in full before the end of the grace period, Your coverage will be terminated as of the last day of the first month of the grace period.

Grace Periods do not apply to Your first month's Premium payment.

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

### ***Cancellation***

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

- You fail to pay Your Premiums as they become due or by the end of the last day of the 30-day grace period for plans not purchased from a Marketplace or the 90 consecutive day grace period for plans purchased from a Marketplace.
- On the first of the month following Our receipt of Your written notice to cancel.
- When You become ineligible for this coverage.
- If You have committed, or allowed someone else to commit, any fraud or deception in connection with this Policy or coverage.
- When We cease to offer policies of this type to all individuals in Your class. In this event, Pennsylvania law requires that We do the following: (1) provide written notice to each Insured Person of the discontinuation before the 90th day preceding the date of the discontinuation of the coverage; (2) offer to each Insured Person on a guaranteed issue basis the option to purchase any other individual Hospital medical or surgical insurance coverage offered by Us at the time of discontinuation; and (3) act uniformly without regard to any health status related factors of an Insured Person.
- When We cease offering any plans in the individual market in Pennsylvania, We will notify You of the impending termination of Your coverage at least 180 days prior to Your cancellation.
- When You as the Policyholder no longer lives in the Enrollment Area.
- In the event of entry of a final judgment by a court declaring all or part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise ineffective, and the state not providing alternative and sufficient means of funding advanced-Premium tax credits, this Policy shall be subject to cancellation consistent with applicable federal and state law.

Any cancellation shall be without prejudice for any claim for Covered Expenses incurred before cancellation.

### ***Modification of Coverage***

We reserve the right to modify this Policy, including Policy provisions, benefits and coverages, so long as such modification is consistent with state or federal law and effective on a uniform basis among all individuals with coverage under this same Policy form. We will only modify this Policy for all Insured Persons in the same class and covered under the same Policy form, and not just on an individual basis. We will send written notice and the change will become effective on the date shown in the notice or on the next scheduled Premium due date thereafter. Payment of the Premiums will indicate acceptance of the change.

**Additional Programs**

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

**Reinstatement**

If any renewal Premium be not paid within the time granted the insured for payment, a subsequent acceptance of Premium by the insurer or by any agent duly authorized by the insurer to accept such Premium, without requiring in connection therewith an application for reinstatement, shall reinstate the policy: Provided, however, That if the insurer or such agent requires an application for reinstatement and issues a conditional receipt for the Premium tendered, the policy will be reinstated upon approval of such application by the insurer or, lacking such approval, upon the forty-fifth day following the date of such conditional receipt unless the insurer has previously notified the insured in writing of its disapproval of such application. The reinstated policy shall cover only loss resulting from such accidental injury as may be sustained after the date of reinstatement and loss due to such sickness as may begin more than ten days after such date. In all other respects the insured and insurer shall have the same rights thereunder as they had under the policy immediately before the due date of the defaulted Premium, subject to any provisions endorsed hereon or attached hereto in connection with the reinstatement. Any Premium accepted in connection with a reinstatement shall be applied to a period for which Premium has not been previously paid, but not to any period more than sixty days prior to the date of reinstatement.

Note – If the Subscriber receives a Premium tax credit, the Subscriber is not eligible for reinstatement.

**Renewal**

This Policy renews on a Calendar Year basis.

**Fraud**

If the Insured Person has committed, or allowed someone else to commit, any fraud or deception in connection with this Policy, then any and all coverage under this Policy shall be void and of no legal force or effect.

**Misstatement of Age**

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

**Certificate of Creditable Coverage**

If coverage under this Policy terminates for any Insured Person, We will furnish to that person a Certificate of Creditable Coverage containing the information required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191. An Insured Person may also request a Certificate of Creditable Coverage, without charge, at any time while enrolled in the Policy and for 24 months following termination of coverage. To obtain a certificate, call the toll-free member relations number on the back of Your ID card. Such a certificate may help the Insured Person to obtain future coverage. However, We are responsible only for the accuracy of the information contained in any certificate We prepare. We have no responsibility for the

determinations made by any other health insurance issuer with respect to any coverage it provides, including whether or not, or to what extent, the information contained in the certificate is relevant to the other health insurance issuer's actions.

### ***Legal Actions***

You cannot file a lawsuit before 60 days after We have been given written proof of loss. No action can be brought after 3 years from the time that proof is required to be given.

### ***Conformity with State and Federal Statutes***

If any provision of this Policy which, on its Effective Date, is in conflict with the statutes of the state in which it was issued or a federal statute, it is amended to conform to the minimum requirements of those statutes.

### ***Provision in Event of Partial Invalidity***

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

### ***The Insured Person(s) are the only persons entitled to receive benefits under this Policy.***

FRAUDULENT USE OF SUCH BENEFITS WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THIS POLICY AND APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

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

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

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

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

Jefferson Health Plans  
1101 Market Street, Suite 3000  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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

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

**In order for an Insured Person to be entitled to benefits under this Policy**, coverage under this Policy

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

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

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

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

**We will provide written notice to You** within a reasonable period of time of any Participating Provider's termination or breach of, or inability to perform under, any Provider contract, if We determine that You or Your Family Member(s) may be materially and adversely affected.

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

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

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

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

**Physical Examination and Autopsy:** We, at Our own expense, shall have the right and the opportunity to examine any Insured Person for whom a claim is made, when and so often as We may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim under this Policy. In the case of death of an Insured Person, We shall have



the right and opportunity to make an autopsy where it is not prohibited by law.

### **Other Insurance with This Insurer**

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

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

### **How to File a Claim for Benefits**

#### ***Notice of Claim***

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

#### ***Claim Forms***

You may get the required claim forms from [www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families](http://www.jeffersonhealthplans.com/Individuals-Families) under Health Care Providers, Coverage and Claims, or by calling Member Relations using the toll-free number on Your identification card.

#### ***Claim Reminders:***

- Be sure to use Your member ID and account number when You file claim forms, or when You call Our claim office.
  - Your member ID is shown on Your ID card.
  - Your group number is the 8-digit number shown on Your ID card.
- Be sure to carefully follow the instructions listed on the back of the claim form when submitting a claim.

#### ***Proof of Loss***

Claims cannot be paid until a written proof of loss is submitted to the Plan. Written proof of loss must be provided to the Plan within ninety (90) days after the charge for Covered Services is Incurred. Proof of loss must include all data necessary for the Plan to determine benefits. Failure to submit a proof of loss to the Plan within the time specified will not invalidate or reduce any claim if it is shown that the proof of loss was submitted as soon as reasonably possible, but in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity, will the Plan be required to accept a proof of loss later than one (1) year after the charge for Covered Services is Incurred.

#### ***Assignment of Claim Payments***

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

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

- It is duly executed on a form acceptable to Us;
- A copy is on file with Us; and
- It is made by a Provider licensed and practicing within the United States.

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

We assume no responsibility for the validity or effect of an assignment.

### ***Timely Payment of Claims***

Benefits will be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof of loss.

### ***Payment of Claims***

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

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

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

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

Certain services require Prior Authorization in order to be covered. This Prior Authorization is called a "pre-service medical necessity determination." The Policy describes who is responsible for obtaining this review. The Insured Person or their authorized representative (typically, their health care Provider) must request medical necessity determinations according to the procedures described below, in the Policy, and in the Insured Person's Provider's network participation documents as applicable.

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

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

When the Insured Person or their representative requests a required medical necessity determination prior to care, We will notify the Insured Person or their representative of the determination within 15 days after receiving the request. However, if more time is needed due to matters beyond Our control, We will notify the

Insured Person or their representative within 15 days after receiving the request. This notice will include the date a determination can be expected, which will be no more than 30 days after receipt of the request. If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what information is needed, and the Insured Person or their representative must provide the specified information to Us within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on the date We send such a notice of missing information, and the determination period will resume on the date the Insured Person or their representative responds to the notice.

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

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

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

#### ***Concurrent Medical Necessity Determinations***

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

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

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

If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what information is needed, and the Insured Person or their representative must provide the specified information to Us within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on

the date We send such a notice of missing information, and the determination period will resume on the date the Insured Person or their representative responds to the notice.

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

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

### ***Notice of Adverse Determination***

Every notice of an adverse benefit determination will be provided in writing or electronically, and will include all of the following that pertain to the determination:

- Information sufficient to identify the claim;
- The specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination;
- Reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based;
- A description of any additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
- Upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding Your claim, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a medical necessity, Experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit;
- Information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist You with the appeal process; and
- In the case of a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

## **Premiums**

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

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

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

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

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

We also reserve the right to change the Premium on 30 days' prior written notice to You. However, We will not modify the Premium schedule on an individual basis, but only for all Insured Persons in the same class and covered under the same Policy as You. The change will become effective on the date shown on the notice, and payment of the new Premiums will indicate acceptance of the change.

Premiums are to be paid by You to Us.

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