

# **PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL MINERAL WELLS TX**

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# **PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL**

## **GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this document is to provide You and Your covered Dependent(s), if any, with summary information on Your benefits along with information on Your rights and obligations under this Plan. As a valued Employee of PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL, we are pleased to provide You with benefits that can help meet Your health care needs.

PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL is named the Plan Administrator for this group health Plan. The Plan Administrator has retained the services of an independent Third Party Administrator, UMR, Inc. (hereinafter "UMR") to process claims and OptumRx for pharmacy claims. The Third Party Administrator does not assume liability for benefits payable under this Plan, as they are solely claims paying agents for the Plan Administrator.

The employer assumes the sole responsibility for funding the Plan benefits out of general assets, however Employees help cover some of the costs of covered benefits through contributions, Deductibles, Co-pays and participation amounts as described in the Schedule of Benefits. All claim payments and reimbursements are paid out of the general assets of the employer and there is no separate fund that is used to pay promised benefits.

Some of the terms used in this document begin with a capital letter, even though it normally would not be capitalized. These terms have special meaning under the Plan and most will be listed in the Glossary of Terms. When reading this document, please refer to the Glossary of Terms. Becoming familiar with the terms defined in the Glossary will help You better understand the provisions of this group health Plan.

The requirements for being covered under this Plan, the provisions concerning termination of coverage, a description of the Plan benefits (including limitations and exclusions), cost sharing, the procedures to be followed in submitting claims for benefits and remedies available for appeal of claims denied are outlined in the following pages of this document. Please read this document carefully and contact Your Human Resources department if You have questions.

If You haven't already received this, You will be getting an identification card that You should present to the provider when You receive services. This card also has phone numbers on the back of the card so You know who to call if You have questions or problems.

This document becomes effective on October 1, 2003.

## PLAN INFORMATION

<b>Plan Name</b>	PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL Group Benefit Plan
<b>Name and Address of Employer</b>	PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL 400 SW 25 <sup>TH</sup> AVE MINERAL WELLS TX 76067
<b>Name, Address and Phone Number Of Plan Administrator</b>	PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL 400 SW 25 <sup>TH</sup> AVE MINERAL WELLS TX 76067 940-328-6227
<b>Named Fiduciary</b>	Plan Administrator
<b>Employer Identification Number Assigned by the IRS</b>	75-1256948
<b>Plan Number Assigned by the Plan</b>	501
<b>Type of Benefit Plan Provided</b>	Self-Funded Health & Welfare Plan providing Group Health Benefits
<b>Type of Administration</b>	The Plan is administered by the Plan Administrator with benefits provided in accordance with the provisions of the employer's health benefits plan. The Plan is not financed by an insurance company and benefits are not guaranteed by a contract of insurance however, a reinsurance company may reimburse the employer for certain expenses. UMR provides administrative services such as claim payments for medical and pharmacy claims.
<b>Agent for Service of Legal Process</b>	Palo Pinto General Hospital
<b>Funding of the Plan</b>	Employer and Employee Contributions  Benefits are provided by a benefit Plan maintained on a self-insured basis by Your employer.
<b>Benefit Plan Year</b>	Benefits begin on January 1 and end on the following December 31. For new Employees and Dependents, a Benefit Plan Year begins on the individual's Effective Date and runs through December 31 of the same Benefit Plan Year.

**Discretionary Authority**

The Plan Administrator shall perform its duties as the Plan Administrator and in its sole discretion, shall determine appropriate courses of action in light of the reason and purpose for which this Plan is established and maintained. In particular, the Plan Administrator shall have full and sole discretionary authority to interpret all Plan documents, and make all interpretive and factual determinations as to whether any individual is entitled to receive any benefit under the terms of this Plan. Any construction of the terms of any Plan document and any determination of fact adopted by the Plan Administrator shall be final and legally binding on all parties, except that the Plan Administrator has delegated certain responsibilities to the Third Party Administrators for this Plan. Any interpretation, determination or other action of the Plan Administrator or the Third Party Administrators shall be subject to review only if a court of proper jurisdiction determines its action is arbitrary or capricious or otherwise an abuse of discretion. Any review of a final decision or action of the Plan Administrator or the Third Party Administrators shall be based only on such evidence presented to or considered by the Plan Administrator or the Third Party Administrators at the time it made the decision that is the subject of review. Accepting any benefits or making any claim for benefits under this Plan constitutes agreement with and consent to any decisions that the Plan Administrator or the Third Party Administrators make, in its sole discretion, and further, constitutes agreement to the limited standard and scope of review described by this section.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### Basic Plus

All health benefits shown on this Schedule of Benefits are subject to the following: Deductibles, Co-pays, Plan Participation rates, and out-of-pocket maximums, if any. Refer to the Out-of-Pocket Expenses section of this SPD for more details.

Benefits are subject to all provisions of this Plan including any benefit determination based on an evaluation of medical facts and covered benefits. Refer to the Covered Medical Benefits and General Exclusions sections of this SPD for more details.

Important: Prior authorization may be required before benefits will be considered for payment. Failure to obtain prior authorization may result in a penalty or increased out-of-pocket costs. Refer to the Care Management section of this SPD for a description of these services and prior authorization procedures.

Note: Refer to the Provider Network section for clarifications and possible exceptions to the In-Network or Out-of-Network classifications.

If a benefit maximum is listed in the middle of a column on the Schedule of Benefits, that means that it is a combined Maximum Benefit for services that the Covered Person receives from all In-Network and Out-of-Network providers and facilities.

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2	NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)
<b>Annual Deductible Per Calendar Year:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per Person</li> <li>• Per Family</li> </ul>	\$250 \$500	\$250 \$500	\$1,000 \$2,000
<b>Participation Rate, Unless Otherwise Stated Below:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Satisfaction Of Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
<b>Annual Out-Of-Pocket Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per Person (One Individual Member Only)</li> <li>• Per Family (Combination Of Two Or More Members, Not To Exceed The Per Person Amount)</li> </ul>	\$2,500 \$5,000	\$4,000 \$7,000	\$20,000 \$30,000
<b>Ambulance And Other Medically Necessary Emergency Transportation:</b> <p><b>Ground:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Air:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combined Maximum Benefit Per Calendar Year</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	100%	100%	100%
<p><b>Breast Pumps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	100% (Deductible Waived)	100% (Deductible Waived)	60%
<b>Cardiac Rehabilitation (Phase I And II Only):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Visits Per Calendar Year</li> </ul>	80% 20 Visits	80% 20 Visits	60% 20 Visits

<b>SUMMARY OF BENEFITS</b>	<b>PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1</b>	<b>PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2</b>	<b>NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)</b>
<b>Contraceptive Methods And Counseling Approved By The FDA:</b>  <b>For Men:</b> Paid By Plan After Deductible  <b>For Women:</b> Paid By Plan After Deductible	80%	80%	60%
<b>Dental (Accidental Injury) Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	80% (Deductible Waived)	80% (Deductible Waived)	No Benefit
<b>Durable Medical Equipment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
<b>Emergency Services / Treatment:</b>  <b>True Emergency Room / Emergency Physicians:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Visit (Waived If Admitted As Inpatient Within 24 Hours)</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Non-True Emergency Room / Emergency Physicians:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Visit (Waived If Admitted As Inpatient Within 24 Hours)</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	\$200 80%	\$200 80%	\$200 80%
<b>Extended Care Facility Benefits</b> Such As Skilled Nursing, Convalescent Or Sub-Acute Facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Days Per Calendar Year</li> </ul>	80% 60 Days	80% 60 Days	80% 60 Days
<b>Hearing Aid Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Lifetime Maximum Benefit</li> </ul>	80% \$500	80% \$500	60% \$500
<b>Home Health Care Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Visits Per Calendar Year</li> </ul>	90% 40 Visits	50% 40 Visits	50% 40 Visits
<b>Hospice Care Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Visits For Bereavement Counseling Per Calendar Year</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Days Per Lifetime</li> </ul>	80% 5 Visits 180 Days	50% 5 Visits 180 Days	No Benefit
<b>Hospital Services:</b>  <b>Inpatient Services Only:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Admission</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Inpatient Physician Charges Only:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	\$100 80% 80%	\$2,000 80% 80%	\$5,000 60% 60%



<b>SUMMARY OF BENEFITS</b>	<b>PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1</b>	<b>PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2</b>	<b>NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)</b>
<b>Outpatient Services / Outpatient Physician Charges:</b> Paid By Plan After Deductible	80%	80%	60%
<b>Birth Center:</b> Paid By Plan After Deductible	80%	80%	60%
<b>Outpatient Imaging Charges:</b> Paid By Plan After Deductible	80%	80%	60%
<b>MRI Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Visit</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	\$300 100% (Deductible Waived)	N/A 80%	N/A 60%
<b>CT Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Visit</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	\$200 100% (Deductible Waived)	N/A 80%	N/A 60%
<b>Outpatient Lab And X-ray Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
<b>Outpatient Surgery / Surgeon Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
<b>Ambulatory Surgical Center:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	No Benefit
<b>Manipulations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum Visits Per Plan Year</li> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	80% (Deductible Waived)	20 Visits 80% (Deductible Waived)	60% (Deductible Waived)
<b>Maternity:</b>			
<b>Routine Prenatal Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	100% (Deductible Waived)	100% (Deductible Waived)	60%
<b>Non-Routine Prenatal Services, Delivery And Postnatal Care:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
<b>Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder And Chemical Dependency Benefits:</b>			
<b>Inpatient Services Only:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Admission</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	\$100 80%	\$2,000 80%	\$5,000 60%
<b>Residential Treatment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Admission</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	\$100 80%	\$2,000 80%	\$5,000 60%

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2	NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)
<b>Inpatient Physician Charges Only:</b> Paid By Plan After Deductible  <b>Outpatient Services / Outpatient Physician Charges:</b> Paid By Plan After Deductible  <b>Office Visit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Pay Per Visit</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%  80%  \$20  80% (Deductible Waived)	80%  80%  \$40  80% (Deductible Waived)	60%  60%  N/A  60%
<b>Orthotics Benefits (Custom Molded):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Benefit Per Lifetime, Except Diabetes</li> </ul>	80% \$300	80% \$300	60% \$300
<b>Physician Office Services:</b> <b>Office Visit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Pay Per Visit</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Specialist Visit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Pay Per Visit</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <i>Note: Services Provided In The Palo Pinto General Hospital Clinic Network Will Have A \$5 Co-pay.</i>	\$20 80% (Deductible Waived)  \$30 80% (Deductible Waived)	\$40 80% (Deductible Waived)  \$50 80% (Deductible Waived)	N/A 60%  N/A 60%
<b>Preventive / Routine Care Benefits. See Glossary Of Terms For Definition. Benefits Include:</b>  <b>Preventive / Routine Physical Exams At Appropriate Ages:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Immunizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Preventive / Routine Diagnostic Tests, Lab, And X-rays At Appropriate Ages:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Preventive / Routine Mammograms And Breast Exams:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum Exams</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Preventive / Routine Pelvic Exams And Pap Tests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum Exams</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Preventive / Routine PSA Test And Prostate Exams:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum Exams</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	100%  100%  100%  100%  100%  100%	100%  100%  100%  100%  1 Exam 100%  1 Exam 100%  1 Exam 100%	60%  60%  60%  60%  60%  60%

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2	NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)
<p><b>Preventive / Routine Screenings / Services At Appropriate Ages And Gender:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive / Routine Autism Screening:</b> From Age 0 To 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive / Routine Colonoscopies, Sigmoidoscopies, And Similar Routine Surgical Procedures Performed For Preventive Reasons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive / Routine Hearing Exams:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive / Routine Counseling For Alcohol And Substance Use Disorder, Tobacco Use, Obesity, Diet, And Nutrition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>In Addition, The Following Preventive / Routine Services Are Covered For Women:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gestational Diabetes</li> <li>➤ Papillomavirus DNA Testing</li> <li>➤ Counseling For Sexually Transmitted Infections (Provided Annually)*</li> <li>➤ Counseling For Human Immune-deficiency Virus (Provided Annually)*</li> <li>➤ Breastfeeding Support, Supplies And Counseling</li> <li>➤ Counseling For Interpersonal And Domestic Violence For Women (Provided Annually)*</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>*These Services May Also Apply To Men.</b></p>	100%	100%	60%
<p><b>Sterilizations:</b></p> <p><b>For Men:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>For Women:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
<p><b>Telemedicine Or Telephone Consultations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Visit</li> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	\$20 100% (Deductible Waived)	No Benefit	No Benefit
<p><b>Temporomandibular Joint Disorder Benefits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%

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<b>Therapy:</b>  <b>Outpatient Treatment For Occupational Therapy And Physical Therapy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Pay Per Visit</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li>   <li>• Combined Maximum Visits Per Calendar Year</li> </ul> <b>Outpatient Treatment For Speech Therapy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Visits Per Calendar Year</li> </ul>	\$20 100% (Deductible Waived) 30 Visits  80% 20 Visits	N/A 80%  30 Visits  80% 20 Visits	N/A 60%  30 Visits  60% 20 Visits
<b>Vision Care Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Exams:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Pay Per Specialist Visit</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Exams Per Calendar Year</li> </ul> <b>Lenses, Frames And Contacts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Benefit Per Calendar Year</li> </ul>	80%  \$30 1 Exam  100% (Deductible Waived) \$150	80%  \$50 1 Exam  100% (Deductible Waived) \$150	60%  N/A 1 Exam  100% (Deductible Waived) \$150
<b>All Other Covered Expenses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### Basic

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SUMMARY OF BENEFITS	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2	NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)
<b>Annual Deductible Per Calendar Year:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per Person</li> <li>• Per Family</li> </ul>	\$500 \$1,000	\$500 \$1,000	\$1,000 \$2,000
<b>Participation Rate, Unless Otherwise Stated Below:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Satisfaction Of Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
<b>Annual Out-Of-Pocket Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per Person (One Individual Member Only)</li> <li>• Per Family (Combination Of Two Or More Members, Not To Exceed The Per Person Amount)</li> </ul>	\$3,500 \$7,000	\$4,000 \$7,000	\$20,000 \$30,000
<b>Ambulance And Other Medically Necessary Emergency Transportation:</b> <p><b>Ground:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Air:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combined Maximum Benefit Per Calendar Year</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	100%	100%	100%
<b>Breast Pumps:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	100% (Deductible Waived)	100% (Deductible Waived)	60%
<b>Cardiac Rehabilitation (Phase I And II Only):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Visits Per Calendar Year</li> </ul>	80% 20 Visits	80% 20 Visits	60% 20 Visits
<b>Contraceptive Methods And Counseling Approved By The FDA:</b> <p><b>For Men:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>For Women:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
	100% (Deductible Waived)	100% (Deductible Waived)	60%

<b>SUMMARY OF BENEFITS</b>	<b>PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1</b>	<b>PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2</b>	<b>NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)</b>
<b>Dental (Accidental Injury) Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	80% (Deductible Waived)	80% (Deductible Waived)	No Benefit
<b>Durable Medical Equipment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
<b>Emergency Services / Treatment:</b> <b>True Emergency Room / Emergency Physicians:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Visit (Waived If Admitted As Inpatient Within 24 Hours)</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Non-True Emergency Room / Emergency Physicians:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Visit (Waived If Admitted As Inpatient Within 24 Hours)</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	 \$300 80%  \$300 80%	 \$300 80%  \$750 80%	 \$300 80%  \$1,000 60%
<b>Extended Care Facility Benefits</b> Such As Skilled Nursing, Convalescent Or Sub-Acute Facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Days Per Calendar Year</li> </ul>	80% 60 Days	80% 60 Days	80% 60 Days
<b>Hearing Aid Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Lifetime Maximum Benefit</li> </ul>	80% \$500	80% \$500	60% \$500
<b>Home Health Care Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Visits Per Calendar Year</li> </ul>	90% 40 Visits	50% 40 Visits	50% 40 Visits
<b>Hospice Care Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Visits For Bereavement Counseling Per Calendar Year</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Days Per Lifetime</li> </ul>	80% 5 Visits 180 Days	50% 5 Visits 180 Days	No Benefit
<b>Hospital Services:</b> <b>Inpatient Services Only:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Admission</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Inpatient Physician Charges Only:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Outpatient Services / Outpatient Physician Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Birth Center:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Outpatient Imaging Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	 \$250 80%  80%  80%  80%  80%	 \$2,000 80%  80%  80%  80%	 \$5,000 60%  60%  60%  60%

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2	NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)
<b>MRI Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-pay Per Visit</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>CT Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-pay Per Visit</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Outpatient Lab And X-ray Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Outpatient Surgery / Surgeon Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Ambulatory Surgical Center:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	\$300 100% (Deductible Waived)	N/A 80%	N/A 60%
<b>Manipulations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum Visits Per Plan Year</li> <li>Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	80% (Deductible Waived)	20 Visits 80% (Deductible Waived)	60% (Deductible Waived)
<b>Maternity:</b>  <b>Routine Prenatal Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Non-Routine Prenatal Services, Delivery, And Postnatal Care:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	100% (Deductible Waived)	100% (Deductible Waived)	60%
<b>Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder And Chemical Dependency Benefits:</b>  <b>Inpatient Services Only:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-pay Per Admission</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Residential Treatment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-pay Per Admission</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Inpatient Physician Charges Only:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Outpatient Services / Outpatient Physician Charges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	\$250 80%	\$2,000 80%	\$5,000 60%

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2	NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)
<b>Office Visit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-Pay Per Visit</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	\$40 80% (Deductible Waived)	\$50 80% (Deductible Waived)	N/A 60%
<b>Orthotics Benefits (Custom Molded):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>Combined Maximum Benefit Per Lifetime, Except Diabetes</li> </ul>	80% \$300	80% \$300	60% \$300
<b>Physician Office Services:</b> <b>Office Visit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-Pay Per Visit</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Specialist Visit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-Pay Per Visit</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <i>Note: Services Provided In The Palo Pinto General Hospital Clinic Network Will Have A \$5 Co-pay.</i>	\$40 80% (Deductible Waived)  \$50 80% (Deductible Waived)	\$50 80% (Deductible Waived)  \$60 80% (Deductible Waived)	N/A 60%  N/A 60%
<b>Preventive / Routine Care Benefits. See Glossary Of Terms For Definition. Benefits Include:</b>  <b>Preventive / Routine Physical Exams At Appropriate Ages:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Immunizations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Preventive / Routine Diagnostic Tests, Lab, And X-rays At Appropriate Ages:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Preventive / Routine Mammograms And Breast Exams:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum Exams</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Preventive / Routine Pelvic Exams And Pap Tests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum Exams</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Preventive / Routine PSA Test And Prostate Exams:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum Exams</li> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <b>Preventive / Routine Screenings / Services At Appropriate Ages And Gender:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	100%  100%  100%  100%  100%  100%	100%  100%  100%  1 Exam 100%  1 Exam 100%  1 Exam 100%	60%  60%  60%  60%  60%  60%



SUMMARY OF BENEFITS	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2	NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)
<p><b>Preventive / Routine Autism Screening:</b> From Age 0 To 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive / Routine Colonoscopies, Sigmoidoscopies, And Similar Routine Surgical Procedures Performed For Preventive Reasons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive / Routine Hearing Exams:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive / Routine Counseling For Alcohol And Substance Use Disorder, Tobacco Use, Obesity, Diet, And Nutrition:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>In Addition, The Following Preventive / Routine Services Are Covered For Women:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gestational Diabetes</li> <li>➤ Papillomavirus DNA Testing</li> <li>➤ Counseling For Sexually Transmitted Infections (Provided Annually)*</li> <li>➤ Counseling For Human Immune-deficiency Virus (Provided Annually)*</li> <li>➤ Breastfeeding Support, Supplies And Counseling</li> <li>➤ Counseling For Interpersonal And Domestic Violence For Women (Provided Annually)*</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>*These Services May Also Apply To Men.</b></p>	100%	100%	60%
<p><b>Sterilizations:</b></p> <p><b>For Men:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>For Women:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%
<p><b>Telemedicine Or Telephone Consultations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-pay Per Visit</li> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	\$40 100% (Deductible Waived)	No Benefit	No Benefit
<p><b>Temporomandibular Joint Disorder Benefits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	80%	80%	60%

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 1	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network) Tier 2	NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)
<p><b>Therapy:</b></p> <p><b>Outpatient Treatment For Occupational Therapy And Physical Therapy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Pay Per Visit</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p>• Combined Maximum Visits Per Calendar Year</p> <p><b>Outpatient Treatment For Speech Therapy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Visits Per Calendar Year</li> </ul>	<p>\$20</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>30 Visits</p> <p>80%</p> <p>20 Visits</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>80%</p> <p>30 Visits</p> <p>80%</p> <p>20 Visits</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>60%</p> <p>30 Visits</p> <p>60%</p> <p>20 Visits</p>
<p><b>Vision Care Benefits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p><b>Exams:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Pay Per Specialist Visit</li> <li>• Combined Maximum Exams Per Calendar Year</li> </ul> <p><b>Lenses, Frames And Contacts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p>• Combined Maximum Benefit Per Calendar Year</p>	<p>80%</p> <p>\$50</p> <p>1 Exam</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$150</p>	<p>80%</p> <p>\$60</p> <p>1 Exam</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$150</p>	<p>60%</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>1 Exam</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$150</p>
<p><b>All Other Covered Expenses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	<p>80%</p>	<p>80%</p>	<p>60%</p>

## TRANSPLANT SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Benefit Plan(s) 001, 002

	PPO PROVIDER (In-Network)	NON-PPO PROVIDER (Out-of-Network)
<p><b>Transplant Services: Designated Transplant Facility</b></p> <p><b>Transplant Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan (Subject To Inpatient Hospital Co-pay)</li> </ul> <p><b>Travel And Housing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum Benefit Per Transplant</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul> <p>Travel And Housing At Designated Transplant Facility At Contract Effective Date/Pre-Transplant Evaluation And Up To One Year From Date Of Transplant t.</p>	<p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$5,000</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	
<p><b>Transplant Services: Non-Designated Transplant Facility</b></p> <p><b>Transplant Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible (Subject To Inpatient Hospital Co-pay)</li> <li>• Maximum Benefit Per Transplant</li> </ul> <p><b>Donor Services - Acquisition And Procurement Costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum Benefit Per Transplant</li> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	<p>50%</p> <p>Not Applicable</p>   <p>50%</p>	<p>50%</p> <p>\$100,000</p> <p>\$75,000</p> <p>50%</p>

**PRESCRIPTION SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS  
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**Benefit Plan(s) ALL**

<p><b>Annual Pharmacy Deductible Per Calendar Year:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per Person</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: If You Have Family Coverage, Any Combination Of Covered Family Members May Help Meet The Maximum Family Deductible; However, No One Person Will Pay More Than His Or Her Individual Deductible Amount.</i></p>	<p>\$100</p>
<p><b>Annual Pharmacy Out-Of-Pocket Maximum Per Calendar Year:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per Person</li> <li>Per Family</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: If You Have Family Coverage, Any Combination Of Covered Family Members May Help Meet The Family Out-Of-Pocket Maximum; However, No One Person Will Pay More Than His Or Her Individual Out-Of-Pocket Amount.</i></p>	<p>\$3,150 \$7,300</p>
<p><b>By Participating Retail Pharmacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered Person's Co-pay Amount</li> </ul> <p>Generic Drugs (Tier 1) Preferred Brand-Name Drugs (Tier 2) Nonpreferred Brand-Name Drugs (Tier 3)</p>	<p>For Up To A 31-Day Supply:</p> <p>\$10 \$50 \$85</p>
<p><b>Retail 90 Rx By Participating Retail Pharmacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered Person's Co-pay Amount</li> </ul> <p>Generic Drugs (Tier 1) Preferred Brand-Name Drugs (Tier 2) Nonpreferred Brand-Name Drugs (Tier 3)</p>	<p>For Up To A 3-Month Supply (At Least 84 Days):</p> <p>\$30 \$150 \$225</p>
<p><b>By OptumRx Home Delivery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered Person's Co-pay Amount</li> </ul> <p>Generic Drugs (Tier 1) Preferred Brand-Name Drugs (Tier 2) Nonpreferred Brand-Name Drugs (Tier 3)</p>	<p>For Up To A 90-Day Supply:</p> <p>\$20 \$100 \$170</p>
<p><b>Specialty Drugs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered Person's Co-pay Amount</li> </ul> <p>Generic Drugs (Tier 1) Brand-Name Drugs (Tier 2)</p> <p><i>Note: Specialty Drugs Must Be Purchased At A Specialty Pharmacy Vendor.</i></p>	<p>For Up To A 30-Day Supply:</p> <p>\$20 40%</p>

<b>By Non-Participating Pharmacy</b>	Use Of A Non-Participating Pharmacy, Requires Payment For The Prescription Up Front. The Covered Person May Then Submit A Claim Reimbursement Form With A Receipt To OptumRx For Reimbursement. Reimbursement For Covered Prescription Drugs Will Be Based On The Lowest Contracted Amount Of A Participating Pharmacy Minus Any Applicable Deductible And/Or Retail Co-pay Shown In This Schedule.
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Note: The Deductible and/or Co-pay may not apply to preventive Prescription and over-the-counter products and contraceptives.

Note: The Covered Person must pay the difference in cost between a generic drug and a brand-name drug, regardless of circumstances.

## **OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES AND MAXIMUMS**

### **CO-PAYS**

A Co-pay is the amount that the Covered Person must pay to the provider each time certain services are received. Co-pays do not apply toward satisfaction of Deductibles or out-of-network out-of-pocket maximums. The Co-pay and out-of-pocket maximum is shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

The office Co-pay applies to the following benefits, in addition to the Co-pays listed on the Schedule of Benefits:

- Physician office visits.
- Diagnostic X-ray and lab.
- Office surgery.
- Allergy injections.
- Charges for a radiologist, anesthesiologist or pathologist.

### **DEDUCTIBLES**

Deductible refers to an amount of money paid once a plan year by the Covered Person before any Covered Expenses are paid by this Plan. A Deductible applies to each Covered Person up to a family Deductible limit. When a new plan year begins, a new Deductible must be satisfied.

Deductible amounts are shown on the Schedule of Benefits. The applicable Deductible must be met before any benefits will be paid under this Plan, unless indicated otherwise.

Only Covered Expenses will count toward meeting the Deductible. Pharmacy expenses do not count toward meeting the Deductible of this Plan. The Deductible amounts that the Covered Person incurs for Covered Expenses will be used to satisfy the Deductible(s) shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

If You have family coverage, any combination of covered family members can help meet the maximum family Deductible, up to each person's individual Deductible amount.

### **PLAN PARTICIPATION**

Plan Participation means that, after the Covered Person satisfies the Deductible, the Covered Person and the Plan each pay a percentage of the Covered Expenses, until the Covered Person's (or family's, if applicable) annual out-of-pocket maximum is reached. The Plan Participation rate is shown on the Schedule of Benefits. The Covered Person will be responsible for paying any remaining charges due to the provider after the Plan has paid its portion of the Covered Expense, subject to the Plan's maximum fee schedule, negotiated rate, or Usual and Customary amounts as applicable. Once the annual out-of-pocket maximum has been satisfied, the Plan will pay 100% of the Covered Expense for the remainder of the plan year.

Any payment for an expense that is not covered under this Plan will be the Covered Person's responsibility.

### **ANNUAL OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUMS**

The annual out-of-pocket maximum is shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Amounts the Covered Person incurs for Covered Expenses, such as the Deductible, Co-pays if applicable, and any Plan Participation expense, will be used to satisfy the Covered Person's (or family's, if applicable) annual in-network out-of-pocket maximum(s). Pharmacy expenses that the Covered Person incurs do not apply toward the medical out-of-pocket maximum of this Plan.

The following will not be used to meet the out-of-pocket maximums:

- Out-of-network Co-pays.
- Penalties, legal fees and interest charged by a provider.
- Expenses for excluded services.
- Any charges above the limits specified elsewhere in this SPD.
- Co-pays and Participation amounts for Prescription products.
- Any amounts over the Usual and Customary amount, negotiated rate or established fee schedule that this Plan pays.

#### **NO FORGIVENESS OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**

The Covered Person is required to pay the out-of-pocket expenses (including Deductibles, Co-pays or required Plan Participation) under the terms of this Plan. The requirement that You and Your Dependent(s) pay the applicable out-of-pocket expenses cannot be waived by a provider under any “fee forgiveness”, “not out-of-pocket” or similar arrangement. If a provider waives the required out-of-pocket expenses, the Covered Person’s claim may be denied and the Covered Person will be responsible for payment of the entire claim. The claim(s) may be reconsidered if the Covered Person provides satisfactory proof that he or she paid the out-of-pocket expenses under the terms of this Plan.

## ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

### ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

You are responsible for enrolling in the manner and form prescribed by Your employer. The Plan's eligibility and enrollment procedures include administrative safeguards and processes designed to ensure and verify that eligibility and enrollment determinations are made in accordance with the Plan. The Plan may request documentation from You or Your Dependents in order to make these determinations. The coverage choices that will be offered to You will be the same choices offered to other similarly situated Employees.

### WAITING PERIOD

If eligible, You must complete a Waiting Period before coverage becomes effective for You and Your Dependents. A Waiting Period is a period of time that must pass before an Employee or Dependent becomes eligible for coverage under the terms of this Plan.

You are eligible for coverage on the date listed below under the Effective Date section, upon completion of 60 calendar days of regular employment in a covered position.

The start of Your Waiting Period is the first full day of employment for the job that made You eligible for coverage under this Plan.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

An **eligible Employee** is a person who is classified by the employer on both payroll and personnel records as an Employee who regularly works full time 30 or more hours per week, but for purposes of this Plan, it does not include the following classifications of workers except as determined by the employer in its sole discretion:

- Leased Employees.
- An Independent Contractor as defined in this Plan.
- A consultant who is paid on other than a regular wage or salary by the employer.
- A member of the employer's Board of Directors, an owner, partner, or officer, unless engaged in the conduct of the business on a full-time regular basis.

For purposes of this Plan, eligibility requirements are used only to determine a person's initial eligibility for coverage under this Plan. An Employee may retain eligibility for coverage under this Plan if the Employee is temporarily absent on an approved leave of absence, with the expectation of returning to work following the approved leave as determined by the employer's leave policy, provided that contributions continue to be paid on a timely basis. Employees who meet eligibility requirements during a measurement period as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations will have been deemed to have met the eligibility requirements for the resulting stability period as required by the ACA regulations. The employer's classification of an individual is conclusive and binding for purposes of determining eligibility under this Plan. No reclassification of a person's status, for any reason, by a third-party, whether by a court, governmental agency or otherwise, without regard to whether or not the employer agrees to such reclassification, shall change a person's eligibility for benefits.

Note: Eligible Employees and Dependents who decline to enroll in this Plan must state so in writing. In order to preserve potential Special Enrollment rights, eligible individuals declining coverage must state in writing that enrollment is declined due to coverage under another group health plan or health insurance policy. Proof of such plan or policy may be required upon application for Special Enrollment.



An **eligible Dependent** includes:

- Your legal spouse as defined by the state in which You reside provided he or she is not covered as an Employee under this Plan. An eligible Dependent does not include an individual from whom You have obtained a legal separation or divorce. Documentation on a Covered Person's marital status may be required by the Plan Administrator.
- A Dependent child until the child reaches his or her 26th birthday. The term "child" includes the following Dependents:
  - A natural biological child;
  - A step child;
  - A legally adopted child or a child legally Placed for Adoption as granted by action of a federal, state or local governmental agency responsible for adoption administration or a court of law if the child has not attained age 26 as of the date of such placement;
  - A child under Your (or Your Spouse's) Legal Guardianship as ordered by a court;
  - A child who is considered an alternate recipient under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order;
  - A grandchild as long as the Employee's covered Dependent is the parent of the grandchild.
- A Dependent does not include the following:
  - A Dependent Child if the Child is covered as a Dependent of another Employee at this company.

Note: An Employee must be covered under this Plan in order for Dependents to qualify for and obtain coverage.

**NON-DUPLICATION OF COVERAGE:** Any person who is covered as an eligible Employee shall not also be considered an eligible Dependent under this Plan.

**RIGHT TO CHECK A DEPENDENT'S ELIGIBILITY STATUS:** The Plan reserves the right to check the eligibility status of a Dependent at any time throughout the year. You and Your Dependent have a notice obligation to notify the Plan should the Dependent's eligibility status change throughout the Plan year. Please notify Your Human Resources Department regarding status changes.

#### **EXTENDED COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

A Dependent Child may be eligible for extended Dependent coverage under this Plan under the following circumstances:

- The Dependent Child was covered by this Plan on the day before the Child's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday; or
- The Dependent Child is a Dependent of an Employee newly eligible for the Plan; or
- The Dependent Child is eligible due to a Special Enrollment event or a Qualifying Status Change event, as outlined in the Section 125 Plan.

**and** the Dependent Child fits the following category:

If You have a Dependent Child covered under this Plan who is under the age of 26 and Totally Disabled, either mentally or physically, that Child's health coverage may continue beyond the day the Child would cease to be a Dependent under the terms of this Plan. You must submit written proof that the Child is Totally Disabled within 30 calendar days after the day coverage for the Dependent would normally end. The Plan may, for two years, ask for additional proof at any time, after which the Plan can ask for proof not more than once a year. Coverage can continue subject to the following minimum requirements:

- The Dependent must not be able to hold a self-sustaining job due to the disability; and
- Proof must be submitted as required (Notice of Award of Social Security Income is acceptable); and
- The Employee must still be covered under this Plan.

**IMPORTANT:** It is Your responsibility to notify the Plan Sponsor within 60 days if Your Dependent no longer meets the criteria listed in this section. If, at any time, the Dependent fails to meet the qualifications of Totally Disabled, the Plan has the right to be reimbursed from the Dependent or Employee for any medical claims paid by the Plan during the period that the Dependent did not qualify for extended coverage. Please refer to the COBRA Section in this document.

Employees have the right to choose which eligible Dependents are covered under the Plan.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYEE'S COVERAGE**

Your coverage will begin on the later of the following dates:

- If You apply within Your Waiting Period, Your coverage will become effective the first day of the pay period following the date You complete Your Waiting Period. If Your Waiting Period ends on the first day of the month, Your coverage will not begin until the first day of the following month; or
- If You apply after the completion of Your Waiting Period, You will be considered a Late Enrollee. Coverage for a Late Enrollee will become effective October 1 following application during the annual open enrollment period. (Persons who apply under the Special Enrollment Provision are not considered Late Enrollees).
- If You are eligible to enroll under the Special Enrollment Provision, Your coverage will become effective on the date set forth under the Special Enrollment Provision if application is made within 30 days of the event.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS**

Your Dependent's coverage will be effective on the later of:

- The date Your coverage with the Plan begins if You enroll the Dependent at that time; or
- The date You acquire Your Dependent if application is made within 30 days of acquiring the Dependent; or
- The date an enrollment application is properly made if the Dependent is a Late Enrollee. The Dependent will be considered a Late Enrollee if You request coverage for Your Dependent more than 30 days of Your hire date, or more than 30 days following the date You acquire the Dependent; or
- If Your Dependent is eligible to enroll under the Special Enrollment Provision, the Dependent's coverage will become effective on the date set forth under the Special Enrollment Provision, if application is made within 30 days following the event; or
- The date specified in a Qualified Medical Child Support Order.

A contribution will be charged from the first day of coverage for the Dependent, if additional contribution is required. In no event will Your Dependent be covered prior to the day Your coverage begins.

#### **ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD**

Coverage Waiting Periods are waived during the annual open enrollment period for covered Employees and covered Dependents changing from one Plan to another Plan or changing coverage levels within the Plan.

If You and/or Your Dependent become covered under this Plan as a result of electing coverage during the annual open enrollment period, the following shall apply:

- The annual open enrollment period shall typically be in the month of November. The employer will give eligible Employees written notice prior to the start of an annual open enrollment period; and
- This Plan does not apply to charges for services performed or treatment received prior to the Effective Date of the Covered Person's coverage; and
- You must have been covered under another health plan provided by this employer immediately prior to enrolling in this Plan; or You are enrolling as a Late Enrollee; and
- The Effective Date of coverage shall be January 1 following the annual open enrollment period.
- Any other provision of this Plan which provides an effective date for Late Enrollees does not apply.

#### **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT**

Palo Pinto General Hospital does not exclude, deny benefits to, or otherwise discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, or on the basis of disability or age in admission to, participation in, or receipt of the services and benefits of any of its programs and activities, whether carried out by Palo Pinto General Hospital directly or through a contractor or any other entity with whom Palo Pinto General Hospital arranges to carry out its programs and activities.

This statement is in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Regulations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued pursuant to the Acts, Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 80, 84, and 91 or any other Federal Laws and Regulations that provide similar protection against discrimination.

## TERMINATION

Please see the COBRA section of this SPD for questions regarding coverage continuation.

### EMPLOYEE'S COVERAGE

Your coverage under this Plan will end on the earliest of:

- The end of the period for which Your last contribution is made, if You fail to make any required contribution towards the cost of coverage when due; or
- The date this Plan is canceled; or
- The date coverage for Your benefit class is canceled; or
- The last pay period in which You tell the Plan to cancel Your coverage if You are voluntarily canceling it while remaining eligible because of change in status, special enrollment, or at annual open enrollment periods; or
- The end of the stability period in which You became a member of a non-covered class, as determined by the employer except if You are temporarily absent from work due to active military duty. Refer to USERRA under the USERRA section; or
- The last pay period in which Your employment ends; or
- The last pay period in which You retire unless this Plan provides coverage for Retired Employees; or
- The date You submit a false claim or are involved in any other form of fraudulent act related to this Plan.

### YOUR DEPENDENT'S COVERAGE

Coverage for Your Dependent will end on the earliest of the following:

- The end of the period for which Your last contribution is made, if You fail to make any required contribution toward the cost of Your Dependent's coverage when due; or
- The last pay period in which Your coverage ends; or
- The day of the month in which Your Dependent is no longer Your legal spouse due to legal separation or divorce, as determined by the law of the state where the Employee resides; or
- The last day of the month in which Your Dependent child attains the limiting age listed under the Eligibility section; or
- The date Dependent coverage is no longer offered under this Plan; or
- The last pay period in which You tell the Plan to cancel Your Dependent's coverage if You are voluntarily canceling it while remaining eligible because of change in status, special enrollment, or at annual open enrollment periods; or
- The last pay period in which the Dependent becomes covered as an Employee under this Plan; or
- The date You or Your Dependent submits a false claim or are involved in any other form of fraudulent act related to this Plan.

## **RESCISSION OF COVERAGE**

As permitted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Plan reserves the right to rescind coverage. A rescission of coverage is a retroactive cancellation or discontinuance of coverage due to fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

A cancellation/discontinuance of coverage is **not** a rescission if:

- it has only a prospective effect; or
- it is attributable to non-payment of premiums or contributions; or
- it is initiated by You or Your personal representative.

## **REINSTATEMENT OF COVERAGE**

If Your coverage ends due to termination of employment, leave of absence, reduction of hours, or layoff and You qualify for eligibility under this Plan again (are rehired or considered to be rehired for purposes of the Affordable Care Act) within 26 weeks from the date Your coverage ended, Your coverage will be reinstated. If Your coverage ends due to termination of employment, leave of absence, reduction of hours, or layoff and You do not qualify for eligibility under this Plan again (are not rehired or considered to be rehired for purposes of the Affordable Care Act) within 26 weeks from the date Your coverage ended, and You did not perform any hours of service that were credited within the 26-week period, You will be treated as a new hire and will be required to meet all of the requirements of a new Employee. Refer to the information on the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act for possible exceptions, or contact Your Human Resources or Personnel office

## **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PROVISION**

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

This Plan gives eligible persons special enrollment rights under this Plan if there is a loss of other health coverage or a change in family status as explained below. The coverage choices that will be offered to You will be the same choices offered to other similarly situated Employees.

### **LOSS OF HEALTH COVERAGE**

Current Employees and their Dependent(s) have a special opportunity to enroll for coverage under this Plan if there is a loss of other health coverage. Your loss of other health coverage triggers special enrollment rights only if other coverage was in effect at the time You declined coverage. The Plan will not recognize Your special enrollment right due to a loss of coverage if other coverage was not in effect at the time You declined enrollment. You declined enrollment if You do not enroll in the Plan during the Plan's annual open enrollment period, a special enrollment period or upon COBRA being offered.

You and/or Your Dependent(s) may enroll for health coverage under this Plan due to loss of health coverage if the following conditions are met:

- You and/or Your Dependent(s) were covered under a group health Plan or health insurance policy at the time coverage under this Plan is offered; and
- You and/or Your Dependent(s) stated in writing that the reason for declining coverage was due to coverage under another group health Plan or health insurance policy; and
- The coverage under the other group health Plan or health insurance policy was:
  - COBRA continuation coverage and that coverage was exhausted; or
  - Terminated because the person was no longer eligible for coverage under the terms of that plan or policy; or
  - Terminated and no substitute coverage is offered; or
  - Exhausted due to an individual meeting or exceeding a lifetime limit on all benefits; or
  - No longer receiving any monetary contribution toward the premium from the employer.

You or Your Dependent must request and apply for coverage under this Plan no later than 30 calendar days after the date the other coverage ended.

- You and/or Your Dependents were covered under a Medicaid plan or state child health plan and Your or Your Dependents coverage was terminated due to loss of eligibility. You must request coverage under this Plan within 60 days after the date of termination of such coverage.

You or Your Dependent(s) may not enroll for health coverage under this Plan due to loss of health coverage under the following conditions:

- Your coverage was terminated due to failure to pay timely premiums or for cause such as making a fraudulent claim or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact; or
- You or Your Dependent voluntarily canceled the other coverage, unless the current or former employer no longer contributed any money toward the premium for that coverage.

## **CHANGE IN FAMILY STATUS**

Current Employees and their Dependent(s), COBRA Qualified Beneficiaries and other eligible persons have a special opportunity to enroll for coverage under this Plan if there is a change in family status.

If a person becomes Your eligible Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption, the Employee, spouse and newly acquired Dependent(s) who are not already enrolled, may enroll for health coverage under this Plan during a special enrollment period.

You must request and apply for coverage within 30 calendar days of marriage, birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE UNDER SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PROVISION**

If You properly apply for coverage during this special enrollment period, the coverage will become effective:

- In the case of marriage, on the date of the marriage; or
- In the case of a Dependent's birth, on the date of such birth; or
- In the case of a Dependent's adoption, the date of such adoption or Placement for Adoption; or
- In the case of eligibility for premium assistance under a state's Medicaid plan or state child health plan, on the date the approved request for coverage is received; or
- In the case of loss of coverage, on the date following loss of coverage.

## **RELATION TO SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN**

This Plan may also allow additional changes to enrollment due to change in status events under the employer's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Refer to the employer's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for more information.

## COBRA CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

**Important.** Read this entire provision to understand Your COBRA rights and obligations.

The following is a summary of the federal continuation requirements under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), as amended. This summary generally explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to You and Your family, and what You and Your Dependents need to do to protect the right to receive it. When You become eligible for COBRA, You may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. This summary provides a general notice of a Covered Person's rights under COBRA, but is not intended to satisfy all of the requirements of federal law. Your employer or the COBRA Administrator will provide additional information to You or Your Dependents as required.

You may have other options available to You when You lose group health coverage. For example, You may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in the coverage thru the Marketplace, You may qualify for lower costs on Your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, You may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which You are eligible (such as a spouse's plan), even if that plan generally doesn't accept Late Enrollees.

**The COBRA Administrator for this Plan is: CobraServ National Service Center**

### INTRODUCTION

Federal law gives certain persons, known as Qualified Beneficiaries, the right to continue their health care benefits beyond the date that they might otherwise terminate. The Qualified Beneficiary must pay the entire cost of the COBRA continuation coverage, plus an administrative fee. In general, a Qualified Beneficiary has the same rights and obligations under the Plan as an active participant.

A Qualified Beneficiary may elect to continue coverage under this Plan if such person's coverage would terminate because of a life event known as a Qualifying Event, outlined below. When a Qualifying Event causes (or will cause) a Loss of Coverage, then the Plan must offer COBRA continuation coverage. Loss of Coverage means more than losing coverage entirely. It means that a person ceases to be covered under the same terms and conditions that are in effect immediately before the Qualifying Event. In short, a Qualifying Event plus a Loss of Coverage triggers COBRA.

Generally, You, Your covered spouse, and Dependent children may be Qualified Beneficiaries and eligible to elect COBRA continuation coverage even if the person is already covered under another employer-sponsored group health Plan or is enrolled in Medicare at the time of the COBRA election.

### COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE FOR QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES

The length of COBRA continuation coverage that is offered varies based on who the Qualified Beneficiary is and what **Qualifying Event** is experienced as outlined below.

If You are an Employee, You will become a Qualified Beneficiary if You lose coverage under the Plan because either one of the following Qualifying Events happens:

<b>Qualifying Event</b>	<b>Length of Continuation</b>
• Your employment ends for any reason other than Your gross misconduct	up to 18 months
• Your hours of employment are reduced	up to 18 months

(There are two ways in which this 18 month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended. See the section below entitled "Your Right to Extend Coverage" for more information.)



If you are the spouse of an Employee, you will become a Qualified Beneficiary if you lose coverage under the Plan because any of the following Qualifying Events happen:

<b>Qualifying Event</b>	<b>Length of Continuation</b>
• Your spouse dies	up to 36 months
• Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced	up to 18 months
• Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct	up to 18 months
• Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both)	up to 36 months
• You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse	up to 36 months

The Dependent children of an Employee become Qualified Beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because any of the following Qualifying Events happen:

<b>Qualifying Event</b>	<b>Length of Continuation</b>
• The parent-Employee dies	up to 36 months
• The parent-Employee's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct	up to 18 months
• The parent-Employee's hours of employment are reduced	up to 18 months
• The parent-Employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both)	up to 36 months
• The parents become divorced or legally separated	up to 36 months
• The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a Dependent	up to 36 months

## **COBRA NOTICE PROCEDURES**

### **ABOUT THE NOTICE(S) YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE UNDER THIS SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

To be eligible to receive COBRA continuation coverage, covered Employees and Qualified Beneficiaries have certain obligations to provide written notices to the administrator. You should follow the rules described in this procedure when providing notice to the administrators, either Your employer or the COBRA Administrator.

A Qualified Beneficiary's written notice must include all of the following information: (A form to notify Your COBRA Administrator is available upon request.)

- The Qualified Beneficiary's name, their current address and complete phone number,
- The group number, name of the employer that the Employee was with,
- Description of the Qualifying Event (i.e., the life event experienced), and
- The date that the Qualifying Event occurred.

**Send all notices or other information required to be provided by this Summary Plan Description in writing to:**

**CobraServ National Service Center  
3201 S 34<sup>th</sup> St  
St Petersburg FL 33711**

For purposes of the deadlines described in this Summary Plan Description, the notice must be postmarked by the deadline. In order to protect Your family's rights, the Plan Administrator should be informed of any changes in the addresses of family members. Keep a copy of any notices sent to the Plan Administrator or COBRA Administrator.

## **COBRA NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND ELECTION PROCESS**

### **EMPLOYER OBLIGATIONS TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE QUALIFYING EVENT**

Your employer will give notice to the COBRA Administrator when coverage terminates due to Qualifying Events that are the Employee's termination of employment or reduction in hours, death of the Employee, or the Employee becoming eligible for Medicare benefits due to age or disability (Part A, Part B, or both). Your employer will notify the COBRA Administrator within 30 calendar days when these events occur:

### **EMPLOYEE OBLIGATIONS TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE QUALIFYING EVENT**

You must give notice in the case of other Qualifying Events that are divorce or legal separation of the Employee and a spouse, a dependent child ceasing to be covered under a Plan, or a second Qualifying Event. The covered Employee or Qualified Beneficiary must provide written notice to Your employer in order to ensure rights to COBRA continuation coverage. You must provide this notice within the 60-calendar day period that begins on the latest of:

- The date of the Qualifying Event; or
- The date on which there is a Loss of Coverage (or would be a Loss of Coverage) due to the original Qualifying Event; or
- The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary is informed of this notice requirement by receiving this Summary Plan Description or the General COBRA Notice.

Once You have provided notice of the Qualifying Event, then Your employer will notify the COBRA Administrator within 30 calendar days from that date.

The COBRA Administrator will, in turn, provide an election notice to each Qualified Beneficiary within 14 calendar days of receiving notice of a Qualifying Event from the employer, covered Employee or the Qualified Beneficiary.

### **MAKING AN ELECTION TO CONTINUE YOUR GROUP HEALTH COVERAGE**

Each Qualified Beneficiary has the independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. You will receive a COBRA Election Form that You must complete if You wish to elect to continue Your group health coverage. A Qualified Beneficiary may elect COBRA coverage at any time within the 60-day election period. The election period ends 60 calendar days after the later of:

- The date Your Plan coverage terminates due to a Qualifying Event; or
- The date the Plan Administrator provides the Qualified Beneficiary with an election notice.

A Qualified Beneficiary must notify the COBRA Administrator of their election in writing to continue group health coverage and must make the required payments when due in order to remain covered. If You do not choose COBRA continuation coverage within the 60-day election period, Your group health coverage will end on the day of Your Qualifying Event.

### **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

No claims will be paid under this Plan for services that You receive on or after the date You lose coverage due to a Qualifying Event. If, however, You decide to elect COBRA continuation coverage, Your group health coverage will be reinstated back to the date You lost coverage, provided that You properly elect COBRA on a timely basis and make the required payment when due. Any claims that were denied during the initial COBRA election period will be reprocessed once the COBRA Administrator receives Your completed COBRA Election Form and required payment.

## PAYMENT FOR CONTINUATION COVERAGE

Qualified Beneficiaries are required to pay the entire cost of continuation coverage, which includes both the employer and Employee contribution. This may also include a 2% additional fee to cover administrative expenses (or in the case of the 11-month extension due to disability, a 50% additional fee). Fees are subject to change at least once a year.

If Your employer offers annual open enrollment opportunities for active Employees, each Qualified Beneficiary will have the same options under COBRA (for example, the right to add or eliminate coverage for Dependents). The cost of continuation coverage will be adjusted accordingly.

The **initial payment** is due no later than 45 calendar days after the Qualified Beneficiary elects COBRA as evidenced by the postmark date on the envelope. This first payment must cover the cost of continuation coverage from the time Your coverage under the Plan would have otherwise terminated, up to the time You make the first payment. If the initial payment is not made within the 45-day period, then Your coverage will remain terminated without the possibility of reinstatement. There is no grace period for the initial payment.

The due date for **subsequent payments** is typically the first day of the month for any particular period of coverage, however You will receive specific payment information including due dates, when You become eligible for and elect COBRA continuation coverage. Payments postmarked within a 30 day grace period following the due date are considered timely payments.

If, for whatever reason, any Qualified Beneficiary receives any benefits under the Plan during a month for which the payment was not made on time, then You will be required to reimburse the Plan for the benefits received.

If the COBRA Administrator receives a check that is missing information or has discrepancies regarding the information on the check (i.e., the numeric dollar amount does not match the written dollar amount), the COBRA Administrator will provide a notice to the Qualified Beneficiary and allow him/her 14 days to send in a corrected check. If a corrected check is not received within the 14-day timeframe, then the occurrence will be treated as non-payment and the Qualified Beneficiary(s) will be terminated from the Plan in accordance with the plan language above.

**NOTE: Payment will not be considered made if a check is returned for non-sufficient funds.**

## YOUR NOTICE OBLIGATIONS WHILE ON COBRA

Always keep the COBRA Administrator informed of the current addresses of all Covered Persons who are or who may become Qualified Beneficiaries. Failure to provide this information to the COBRA Administrator may cause You or Your Dependents to lose important rights under COBRA.

In addition, after any of the following events occur, written notice to the COBRA Administrator is **required within 30 calendar days of:**

- The date any Qualified Beneficiary gets married. Refer to the Special Enrollment section of this Plan for additional information regarding special enrollment rights.
- The date a child is born to, adopted by, or Placed for Adoption by a Qualified Beneficiary. Refer to the Special Enrollment section of this Plan for additional information regarding special enrollment rights.
- The date of a final determination by the Social Security Administration that a disabled Qualified Beneficiary is no longer disabled.
- The date any Qualified Beneficiary becomes covered by another group health Plan or enrolls in Medicare Part A or Part B.

- The date the COBRA Administrator or the Plan Administrator requests additional information from You. You must provide the requested information within 30 calendar days.

## LENGTH OF CONTINUATION COVERAGE

COBRA coverage is available up to the maximum periods described below, subject to all COBRA regulations and the conditions of this Summary Plan Description:

- For Employees and Dependents. 18 months from the Qualifying Event if due to the Employee's termination of employment or reduction of work hours. (If an active Employee enrolls in Medicare before his or her termination of employment or reduction in hours, then the covered spouse and Dependent children would be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage for up to the greater of 18 months from the Employee's termination of employment or reduction in hours, or 36 months from the earlier Medicare enrollment date, whether or not Medicare enrollment is a Qualifying Event.)
- For Dependents only. 36 months from the Qualifying Event if coverage is lost due to one of the following events:
  - Employee's death.
  - Employee's divorce or legal separation.
  - Former Employee becomes enrolled in Medicare.
  - A Dependent child no longer being a Dependent as defined in the Plan.

## YOUR RIGHT TO EXTEND THE LENGTH OF COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE

While on COBRA continuation coverage, certain Qualified Beneficiaries may have the right to extend continuation coverage provided that written notice to the COBRA Administrator is given as soon as possible but no later than the **required** timeframes stated below.

**Social Security Disability Determination (For Employees and Dependents):** A Qualified Beneficiary may be granted an 11-month extension to the initial 18-month COBRA continuation period, for a total maximum of 29 months of COBRA in the event that the Social Security Administration determines the Qualified Beneficiary to be disabled either before becoming eligible for, or within the first 60 days of being covered by, COBRA continuation coverage. This extension will not apply if the original COBRA continuation was for 36 months.

The Qualified Beneficiary must give the COBRA Administrator a copy of the Social Security Administration letter of disability determination before the end of the 18-month period and within 60 days of the later of:

- The date of the SSA disability determination;
- The date the Qualifying Event occurs;
- The date the Qualified Beneficiary loses (or would lose) coverage due to the original Qualifying Event; or
- The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary is informed of the requirement to notify the COBRA Administrator of the disability by receiving this Summary Plan Description or the General COBRA Notice.

**Second Qualifying Events: (Dependents Only)** If Your family experiences another Qualifying Event while receiving 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and Dependent Children in Your family who are Qualified Beneficiaries can receive up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if notice of the second event is provided to the COBRA Administrator. This additional coverage may be available to the spouse or Dependent Children who are Qualified Beneficiaries if the Employee or former Employee dies, becomes entitled to Medicare (part A, part B or both) or is divorced or legally separated, or if the Dependent Child stops being eligible under the Plan as a Dependent. This extension is available only if the Qualified Beneficiaries were covered under the Plan prior to the original Qualifying Event or in case of a newborn Child being added as a result of a HIPAA Special Enrollment right. A Dependent acquired during COBRA continuation (other than newborns and newly adopted Children) is not eligible to continue coverage as the result of a subsequent Qualifying Event. These events will only lead to the extension when the event would have caused the spouse or Dependent Child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

You must provide the notice of a second Qualifying Event within a 60-day period that begins to run on the latest of:

- The date of the second Qualifying Event; or
- The date the Qualified Beneficiary loses (or would lose) coverage; or
- The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary is informed of the requirement to notify the COBRA Administrator of the second Qualifying Event by receiving this Summary Plan Description or the General COBRA Notice.

#### **COVERAGE OPTIONS OTHER THAN COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE**

There may be other coverage options for You and Your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

#### **EARLY TERMINATION OF COBRA CONTINUATION**

COBRA continuation coverage may terminate before the end of the above maximum coverage periods for any of the following reasons:

- The employer ceases to maintain a group health Plan for any Employees. (Note that if the employer terminates the group health Plan that You are under, but still maintains another group health Plan for other similarly-situated Employees, You will be offered COBRA continuation coverage under the remaining group health Plan, although benefits and costs may not be the same).
- The required contribution for the Qualified Beneficiary's coverage is not paid on time.
- After electing COBRA continuation coverage, the Qualified Beneficiary becomes entitled to and enrolled with Medicare.
- After electing COBRA continuation coverage, the Qualified Beneficiary becomes covered under another group health.
- The Qualified Beneficiary is found not to be disabled during the disability extension. The Plan will terminate the Qualified Beneficiary's COBRA continuation coverage one month after the Social Security Administration makes a determination that the Qualified Beneficiary is no longer disabled.
- Termination for cause, such as submitting fraudulent claims.

## **SPECIAL NOTICE (Read This If You Are Thinking Of Declining COBRA Continuation Coverage)**

At the time of a COBRA Qualifying Event, a Qualified Beneficiary has two primary options. The first is to waive his or her right to COBRA and make an election for coverage, whether group health coverage or insurance coverage through the individual market or the exchanges, in accordance with his or her HIPAA special enrollment rights. Please refer to the Special Enrollment section for further details. The second option is to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If COBRA continuation coverage is elected, the continuation coverage must be maintained (by paying the cost of the coverage) for the duration of the COBRA continuation period. If the continuation coverage is not exhausted and maintained for the duration of the COBRA continuation period, the Qualified Beneficiary will lose his or her special enrollment rights. It is important to note that losing HIPAA special enrollment rights may have adverse effects for the Qualified Beneficiary as it will make it difficult to obtain coverage, whether group health coverage or insurance coverage through the individual market or the exchange. After COBRA continuation coverage is exhausted, the Qualified Beneficiary will have the option of electing other group health coverage or insurance coverage through the individual market or the exchange, in accordance with his or her HIPAA special enrollment rights.

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Qualified Beneficiary** means a person covered by this group health Plan immediately before the Qualifying Event who is the Employee, the spouse of a covered Employee or the Dependent child of a covered Employee. This includes a child who is born to or Placed for Adoption with a covered Employee during the Employee's COBRA coverage period if the child is enrolled within the Plan's Special Enrollment Provision for newborns and adopted children. This also includes a child who was receiving benefits under this Plan pursuant to a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) immediately before the Qualifying Event.

**Qualifying Event** means Loss of Coverage due to one of the following:

- The death of the covered Employee.
- Voluntary or involuntary termination of the covered Employee's employment (other than for gross misconduct).
- A reduction in work hours of the covered Employee.
- Divorce or legal separation of the covered Employee from the Employee's spouse. (Also, if an Employee terminates coverage for his or her spouse in anticipation of a divorce or legal separation, and a divorce or legal separation later occurs, then the later divorce or legal separation may be considered a Qualifying Event even though the ex-spouse lost coverage earlier. If the ex-spouse notifies the Plan or the COBRA Administrator in writing within 60 calendar days after the later divorce or legal separation and can establish that the coverage was originally eliminated in anticipation of the divorce or legal separation, then COBRA coverage may be available for the period after the divorce or legal separation).
- The covered former Employee becomes enrolled in Medicare.
- A Dependent child no longer being a Dependent as defined by the Plan.

**Loss of Coverage** means any change in the terms or conditions of coverage in effect immediately before the Qualifying Event. Loss of Coverage includes change in coverage terms, change in plans, termination of coverage, partial Loss of Coverage, increase in Employee cost, as well as other changes that affect terms or conditions of coverage. Loss of Coverage does not always occur immediately after the Qualifying Event, but it must always occur within the applicable 18- or 36-month coverage period. A Loss of Coverage that is not caused by a Qualifying Event may not trigger COBRA.

## **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

Questions concerning Your Plan or Your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about Your rights under ERISA, including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in Your area or visit the EBSA website at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.) For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

The Plan Administrator:  
PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL  
400 SW 25<sup>TH</sup> AVE  
MINERAL WELLS TX 76067

The COBRA Administrator  
CobraServ National Service Center  
3201 S 34<sup>th</sup> St  
St Petersburg FL 33711

# UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT OF 1994

## INTRODUCTION

Employers are required to offer COBRA-like health care continuation coverage to persons in the armed service if the absence for military duty would result in loss of coverage as a result of active duty. Employees on leave for military service must be treated like they are on leave of absence and are entitled to any other rights and benefits accorded to similarly situated Employees on leave of absence or furlough. If an employer has different types of benefits available depending on the type of leave of absence, the most favorable benefits must apply to Employees on military leave. Reinstatement following the military leave absence cannot be subject to Waiting Periods.

## COVERAGE

The maximum length of health care continuation coverage required under USERRA is the lesser of:

- 24 months beginning on the day that the Uniformed Service leave begins, or
- a period beginning on the day that the Service leave begins and ending on the day after the Employee fails to return to or reapply for employment within the time allowed by USERRA.

## USERRA NOTICE AND ELECTION

An Employee or an appropriate officer of the uniformed service in which his or her service is to be performed must notify the employer that the Employee intends to leave the employment position to perform service in the uniformed services. An Employee should provide notice as far in advance as is reasonable under the circumstances. The Employee is excused from giving notice due to military necessity, or if it is otherwise impossible or unreasonable under all the circumstances.

Upon notice of intent to leave for uniformed services, Employees will be given the opportunity to elect USERRA continuation. Unlike COBRA, Dependents do not have an independent right to elect USERRA coverage. Election, payment and termination of the USERRA extension will be governed by the same requirements set forth under the COBRA Section, to the extent these COBRA requirements do not conflict with USERRA.

## PAYMENT

If the military leave orders are for a period of 30 days or less, the Employee is not required to pay more than the amount he or she would have paid as an active Employee. If an Employee elects to continue health coverage pursuant to USERRA, such Employee and covered Dependents will be required to pay up to 102% of the full premium for the coverage elected.

## EXTENDED COVERAGE RUNS CONCURRENT

Employees and their Dependents may be eligible for both COBRA and USERRA at the same time. Election of either the COBRA or USERRA extension by an Employee on leave for military service will be deemed an election under both laws, and the coverage offering the most benefit to the Employee will generally be extended. Coverage under both laws will run concurrently. Dependents who chose to independently elect extended coverage will only be deemed eligible for COBRA extension because they are not eligible for a separate, independent right of election under USERRA.



## PROVIDER NETWORK

The word "**Network**" means an outside organization that has contracted with various providers to provide health care services to Covered Persons at a Negotiated Rate. Providers who participate in a Network have agreed to accept the negotiated fees as payment in full, including any portion of the fees that the Covered Person must pay due to the Deductible, Participation amounts or other out-of-pocket expenses. The allowable charges used in the calculation of the payable benefit to participating providers will be determined by the Negotiated Rates in the network contract. A provider who does not participate in a Network may bill Covered Persons for additional fees over and above what the Plan pays.

Knowing which Network a provider belongs to will help a Covered Person to determine how much he or she will need to pay for certain services. To obtain the highest level of benefits under this Plan, Covered Persons need to see an In-Network provider, however this Plan does not limit a Covered Person's right to choose his or her own provider of medical care at his or her own expense if a medical expense is not a Covered Expense under this Plan, or is subject to a limitation or exclusion.

To find out which Network a provider belongs to, please refer to the Provider Directory, or call the toll-free number that is listed on the back of the Plan's identification card. The participation status of providers may change from time to time.

- If a provider belongs to one of the following Networks, claims for Covered Expenses will normally be processed in accordance with the **In-Network** benefit levels that are listed on the Schedule of Benefits:
  - OL – UHC Choice Plus
- If a provider belongs to one of the following Networks, claims for Covered Expenses will normally be processed in accordance with the **Out-of-Network** benefit levels that are listed on the Schedule of Benefits, but the providers have agreed to discount their fees. This means that the Covered Person may pay a little less for a particular claim than they would for an Out-of-Network claim.
  - ZM – Multiplan Shared Savings
- For services received from any other provider, claims for Covered Expenses will normally be processed in accordance with the **Out-of-Network** benefit levels that are listed on the Schedule of Benefits. These providers charge their normal rates for services, so Covered Persons may need to pay more. The Covered Person is responsible for paying the balance of these claims after the Plan pays its portion, if any.

Reimbursement for Covered Expenses received from Non-Network Physicians or health care facilities are determined based on one of the following:

- Fee(s) that are negotiated with the Physician or facility;
- If fees have not been negotiated:
  - 110 percent of the published rates allowed by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the same or similar service within the geographic market; or
  - A gap methodology may be utilized when CMS does not have rates published for certain procedural codes. In such instances, a rate methodology derived by OptumInsight will be utilized.
  - For Pharmaceutical Products, we use gap methodologies that are similar to the pricing methodology used by CMS and produce fees based on published acquisition costs or average wholesale price for the pharmaceuticals. These methodologies are currently created by RJ Health Systems, Thomson Reuters (published in its Red Book), or UnitedHealth Care based on an internally developed pharmaceutical pricing resource; or
  - 50 percent of the provider's billed charges when unable to obtain a rate published by CMS and/or gap methodology does not apply.

The specific reimbursement formula used will vary depending upon the Physician or facility providing the service(s) and the type of service(s) received.

- The **program for Transplant Services at Designated Transplant Facilities is:**

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**Provider Directory Information**

Each covered Employee, those on COBRA, and Children or guardians of Children who are considered alternate recipients under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order, will automatically be given or electronically made available, a separate document, at no cost, that lists the participating Network providers for this Plan. The Employee should share this document with other covered individuals in Your household. If a covered spouse or Dependent wants a separate provider list, they should make a written request to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge to cover the cost of furnishing complete copies to the spouse or other covered Dependents.

## COVERED MEDICAL BENEFITS

This Plan provides coverage for the following covered benefits if services are authorized by a Physician or other Qualified Provider, if applicable, and are necessary for the treatment of an Illness or Injury, subject to any limits, maximums, exclusions or other Plan provisions shown in this SPD. The Plan does not provide coverage for services if medical evidence shows that treatment is not expected to resolve, improve, or stabilize the Covered Person's condition, or if a plateau has been reached in terms of improvement from such services.

In addition, any diagnosis change for a covered benefit after a payment denial will not be considered for benefits unless the Plan is provided with all pertinent records along with the request for change that justifies the revised diagnosis. Such records must include the history and initial assessment and must reflect the criteria listed in the most recent Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) for the new diagnosis, or, if in a foreign country, must meet diagnostic criteria established and commonly recognized by the medical community in that region.

1. **3D Mammograms**, for the diagnosis and treatment of a covered medical benefit or for preventive screenings as described under the Preventive / Routine Care Benefits.
2. **Allergy Testing and Treatment.**
3. **Alopecia:** Scalp hair prostheses worn for hair loss suffered as a result of alopecia areata.
4. **Ambulance Transportation:** Medically Necessary ground and air transportation to the nearest medically appropriate Hospital.
5. **Anesthetics** and their administration.
6. **Artificial Limbs, Eyes and Larynx** when Medically Necessary for Activities of Daily Living, as a result of an Illness or Injury.
7. **Braces, Supports, Trusses and Casts.**
8. **Breast Pumps** and related supplies. Coverage is subject to Medical Necessity as defined by this Plan. Contact the Plan regarding limits on frequency, duration, or type of equipment that is covered.
9. **Breast Reductions** if Medically Necessary.
10. **Breastfeeding Support, Supplies and Counseling** in conjunction with each birth. Comprehensive lactation support and counseling, by a trained provider during pregnancy and/or in the postpartum period, and costs for renting breastfeeding equipment.
11. **Cardiac Rehabilitation:**
  - Phase I, while the Covered Person is an Inpatient.
  - Phase II, while the Covered Person is Outpatient. Services generally begin within 30 days after discharge from the Hospital.
12. **Cleft Palate and Cleft Lip:** Benefits will be provided for the treatment of cleft palate or cleft lip. Such coverage includes Medically Necessary oral surgery and pregraft palatal expander.
13. **Congenital Heart Disease:** If a Covered Person is being treated for congenital heart disease, and chooses to obtain the treatment at a United Resource Transplant Network (URN) facility, the Plan will provide the same housing and travel benefits that are outlined in the Transplant Benefits section and on the Transplant Schedule of Benefits.

14. **Contraceptives and Counseling:** All Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and patient education and counseling. This Plan provides benefits for Prescription contraceptives, regardless of purpose. Prescription contraceptives that require a Physician to administer a hormone shot or insert a device will be processed under the Covered Medical Benefits in this SPD.
15. **Cornea Transplants** are payable the same as any other Illness subject to the Covered Benefits provision of this Plan.
16. **Crutches** (the lesser of rental or purchase price).
17. **Dental and Oral Surgery:**
- The care and treatment of natural teeth and gums if an Injury is sustained in an Accident, excluding implants.
  - Excision of tumors and cysts of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, roof and floor of the mouth when such conditions require pathological examinations.
  - Surgical procedures required to correct accidental injuries of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, roof and floor of the mouth.
  - Reduction of fractures and dislocations of the jaw.
  - External incision and drainage of cellulitis.
  - Incision of accessory sinuses, salivary glands or ducts.
  - Excision of exostosis of jaws and hard palate.
18. **Diabetes Treatment:** Charges incurred for the treatment of diabetes, diabetic self-management education programs.
19. **Dialysis:** Charges for dialysis treatment of acute renal failure or chronic irreversible renal insufficiency for the removal of waste materials from the body, including hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis. This also includes use of equipment or supplies, unless covered through the Prescription Drug Benefits section. Charges are paid the same as any other Illness.
20. **Drugs** which are administered or dispensed as take home drugs as part of treatment while in the Hospital or at a medical facility and that require a Physician's prescription.

(Refer to the Pharmacy Benefits section for coverage if You have a written Physician's prescription and obtain medication from a pharmacy).

21. **Durable Medical Equipment:** subject to all of the following:
- The equipment must meet the definition of Durable Medical Equipment as defined in the Glossary of Terms. Examples include, but are not limited to crutches, wheelchairs, hospital-type beds, and oxygen equipment.
  - The equipment must be prescribed by a Physician.
  - The equipment is subject to review under the Care Management provision of this SPD, if applicable.
  - The equipment will be provided on a rental basis when available; however, such equipment may be purchased at the Plan's option. Any amount paid to rent the equipment will be applied towards the purchase price. In no case will the rental cost of Durable Medical Equipment exceed the purchase price of the item.
  - The Plan will pay benefits for only ONE of the following: a manual wheelchair, motorized wheelchair or motorized scooter, unless necessary due to growth of the person or changes to the person's medical condition require a different product, as determined by the Plan.
  - If the equipment is purchased, benefits may be payable for subsequent repairs or replacement only if required:
    - due to the growth or development of a Dependent Child;
    - when necessary because of a change in the Covered Person's physical condition; or
    - because of deterioration caused from normal wear and tear.

The repair or replacement must also be recommended by the attending Physician. In all cases, repairs or replacement due to abuse or misuse, as determined by the Plan, are not covered and replacement is subject to prior approval by the Plan.

22. **Extended Care Facility Services:** Must be Certified in advance. (Refer to the Care Management section)

- Room and board.
- Miscellaneous services, supplies and treatments provided by an Extended Care Facility.

23. **Eye Diseases:** Protective lenses following a cataract operation.

24. **Eye Refractions** if related to a covered medical condition.

25. **Gender Dysphoria:**

Benefits for the treatment of Gender Dysphoria, limited to the following services:

- Psychotherapy for Gender Dysphoria and associated co-morbid psychiatric diagnoses as described in the Mental Health Benefits section of this SPD.
- Cross-sex hormone therapy:
  - Cross-sex hormone therapy administered by a medical provider (for example, during an office visit) as described in the Mental Health Benefits section of this SPD.
  - Cross-sex hormone therapy dispensed from a pharmacy as described in the Prescription Drug Benefits section of this SPD.
- Puberty-suppressing medication injected or implanted by a medical provider in a clinical setting.
- Laboratory testing to monitor the safety of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy.
- Surgery for the treatment of Gender Dysphoria, including the surgeries listed below:
  - Male to Female:
    - Clitoroplasty (creation of clitoris)
    - Labiaplasty (creation of labia)
    - Orchiectomy (removal of testicles)
    - Penectomy (removal of penis)
    - Urethroplasty (reconstruction of female urethra)
    - Vaginoplasty (creation of vagina)
  - Female to Male:
    - Bilateral mastectomy or breast reduction
    - Hysterectomy (removal of uterus)
    - Metoidioplasty (creation of penis, using clitoris)
    - Penile prosthesis
    - Phalloplasty (creation of penis)
    - Salpingo-oophorectomy (removal of fallopian tubes and ovaries)
    - Scrotoplasty (creation of scrotum)
    - Testicular prosthesis
    - Urethroplasty (reconstruction of male urethra)
    - Vaginectomy (removal of vagina)
    - Vulvectomy (removal of vulva)

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

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

- A written psychological assessment from at least one qualified behavioral health provider experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria:
  - The Covered Person has experienced persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria.

- The Covered Person has the capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent to treatment.
- The Covered Person must be 18 years of age or older.
- If significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled.

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

- A written psychological assessment from at least two qualified behavioral health providers experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria who have independently assessed the Covered Person. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria:
  - The Covered Person has experienced persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria.
  - The Covered Person has the capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent to treatment.
  - The Covered Person must be 18 years of age or older.
  - If significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled.
  - The Covered Person must complete at least 12 months of successful, continuous, full-time, real-life experience in the desired gender.
  - The Covered Person must complete 12 months of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy appropriate for the desired gender (unless medically contraindicated).
- The treatment plan must be based on identifiable external sources, including the *World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)* standards, and/or evidence-based professional society guidance.

26. **Genetic Testing** (including such procedures as amniocentesis) based on Medical Necessity.

27. **Hearing Deficit:**

- Exams, tests, services and supplies for other than preventive care, to diagnose and treat a medical condition.
- Purchase or fitting of hearing aids, up to maximum shown on Schedule of Benefits.

28. **Home Health Care Services:** (Refer to Home Health Care section).

29. **Hospice Care Services:** Treatment given at a Hospice Care Facility must be in place of a stay in a Hospital or Extended Care Facility, and can include:

- **Assessment:** includes an assessment of the medical and social needs of the Terminally Ill person, and a description of the care to meet those needs.
- **Inpatient Care:** in a facility when needed for pain control and other acute and chronic symptom management, psychological and dietary counseling, physical or occupational therapy and part-time Home Health Care services.
- **Outpatient Care:** provides or arranges for other services as related to the Terminal Illness which include the services of a Physician or Qualified physical or occupational therapist, or nutrition counseling services provided by or under the supervision of a Qualified dietician.
- **Bereavement Counseling:** benefits are payable for bereavement counseling services which are received by a Covered Person's Close Relative when directly connected to the Covered Person's death and bundled with other hospice charges. Counseling services must be given by a Qualified social worker, Qualified pastoral counselor, Qualified psychologist, Qualified psychiatrist, or other Qualified Provider, if applicable. The services must be furnished within six months of death.

Covered Person must be Terminally Ill with an anticipated life expectancy of about six months. Services, however, are not limited to a maximum of six months if continued Hospice Care is deemed appropriate by the Physician, up to the maximum hospice benefits available under the Plan.

**30. Hospital Services (includes Inpatient services, Surgical Centers and Birthing Centers):**

- Semi-private room and board. For network charges, this rate is based on network repricing. For non-network charges, any charge over a semi-private room charge will be a Covered Expense only if determined by the Plan to be Medically Necessary.
- Intensive care unit room and board.
- Miscellaneous and ancillary services.
- Blood, blood plasma and plasma expanders, when not available without charge.

Observation in a Hospital room will be considered Inpatient treatment if the duration of the observation status exceeds 72 hours. Observation means the use of appropriate monitoring, diagnostic testing, treatment, and assessment of patient symptoms, signs, laboratory tests, and response to therapy for the purpose of determining whether a patient will require further treatment as an Inpatient or can be discharged from the Hospital setting.

**31. Hospital Services (Outpatient).**

Observation in a Hospital room will be considered Outpatient treatment if the duration of the observation status is 72 hours or less. Observation means the use of appropriate monitoring, diagnostic testing, treatment, and assessment of patient symptoms, signs, laboratory tests, and response to therapy for the purpose of determining whether a patient will require further treatment as an Inpatient or can be discharged from the Hospital setting.

**32. Laboratory Tests** for covered benefits.

**33. Manipulations:** Treatments for musculoskeletal conditions when Medically Necessary. Also refer to Maintenance Therapy under the General Exclusions section of this SPD.

**34. Maternity Benefits** for the Employee or spouse include:

- Hospital room and board.
- Vaginal delivery or Cesarean section.
- Non-routine prenatal care
- Postnatal care.
- Medically Necessary diagnostic testing (such as ultrasound and amniocentesis).
- Abdominal operation for intrauterine pregnancy or miscarriage.

**35. Mental Health Treatment** (Refer to Mental Health section).

**36. Nursery and Newborn Expenses Including Circumcision** are covered for the Employee's or covered spouse's natural (biological) children only.

If a newborn has an illness, suffers injury, premature birth, congenital abnormality or requires care other than routine care, benefits will be provided on the same basis as for any other Covered Expense if coverage is in effect for the baby.

**37. Nutrition Counseling.**

**38. Orthotic Appliances, Devices and Shoe Inserts** when custom molded, including the exam for required prescription and fitting.

**39. Oxygen and its Administration.**

**40. Physician Services** for covered benefits.

**41. Prescription Medication and Product Coverage** (Refer to Prescription Benefit section).

42. **Preventive / Routine Care** as listed under the Schedule of Benefits.

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

- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of "A" or "B" in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force;
- Immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- With respect to infants, Children and adolescents, evidence-informed Preventive Care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;
- Additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and
- Well-woman Preventive Care visit(s) for women to obtain the recommended preventive services that are age and developmentally appropriate, including preconception and prenatal care. The well-woman visit should, where appropriate, include the following additional preventive services listed in the Health Resources and Services Administrations guidelines, as well as others referenced in the Affordable Care Act:
  - Screening for gestational diabetes;
  - Human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing;
  - Counseling for sexually transmitted infections;
  - Counseling and screening for human immune-deficiency virus;
  - Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence; and
  - Breast cancer genetic test counseling (BRCA) for women at high risk.

Please visit the following links for additional information:

<https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits/>  
<https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-children/>  
<https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-women/>

43. **Qualifying Clinical Trials** as defined below, including routine patient care costs as defined below Incurred during participation in a Qualifying Clinical Trial for the treatment of:

- Cancer or other Life-Threatening Disease or Condition. For purposes of this benefit, a Life-Threatening Disease or Condition is one from which the likelihood of death is probable unless the course of the disease or condition is interrupted.

Benefits include the reasonable and necessary items and services used to prevent, diagnose, and treat complications arising from participation in a Qualifying Clinical Trial.

Benefits are available only when the Covered Person is clinically eligible for participation in the Qualifying Clinical Trial as defined by the researcher.

Routine patient care costs for Qualifying Clinical Trials may include:

- Covered health services (i.e., Physician charges, lab work, X-rays, professional fees, etc.) for which benefits are typically provided absent a clinical trial;
- Covered health services required solely for the administration of the Investigational item or service, the clinically appropriate monitoring of the effects of the item or service, or the prevention of complications; and
- Covered health services needed for reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of an Investigational item or service.



Routine costs for clinical trials do not include:

- The Experimental or Investigational service or item as it is typically provided to the patient through the clinical trial;
- Items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient;
- A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis; and
- Items and services provided by the research sponsors free of charge for any person enrolled in the trial.

With respect to cancer or other Life-Threatening Diseases or Conditions, a Qualifying Clinical Trial is a Phase I, Phase II, Phase III, or Phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other Life-Threatening Disease or Condition and that meets any of the following criteria in the bulleted list below.

- Federally funded trials. The study or investigation is approved or funded (which may include funding through in-kind contributions) by one or more of the following:
  - *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*, including the *National Cancer Institute (NCI)*;
  - *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*;
  - *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)*;
  - *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)*;
  - A cooperative group or center of any of the entities described above or the *Department of Defense (DOD)* or the *Veteran's Administration (VA)*;
  - A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the *National Institutes of Health* for center support grants; or
  - The *Department of Veterans Affairs*, the *Department of Defense*, or the *Department of Energy* as long as the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that is determined by the *Secretary of Health and Human Services* to meet both of the following criteria:
    - It is comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the *National Institutes of Health*; and
    - It ensures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.
- The study or investigation is conducted under an Investigational new drug application reviewed by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration*;
- The study or investigation is a drug trial that is exempt from having such an Investigational new drug application;
- The clinical trial must have a written protocol that describes a scientifically sound study and have been approved by all relevant Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) before participants are enrolled in the trial. The Plan Sponsor may, at any time, request documentation about the trial; or
- The subject or purpose of the trial must be the evaluation of an item or service that meets the definition of a covered health service and is not otherwise excluded under the Plan.

#### 44. **Radiation Therapy and Chemotherapy.**

#### 45. **Radiology and Pathology** interpretation charges.

#### 46. **Reconstructive Surgery:**

- Following a mastectomy (Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act)  
The Covered Person must be receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy in order to receive benefits for reconstructive treatments. Covered Expenses are reconstructive treatments which include all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed, surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and prostheses and complications of mastectomies, including lymphedemas.
- Surgery to restore bodily function and correct deformity resulting from a congenital illness or anomaly, or by an Accident, or from infection or other disease of the involved part.

47. **Routine Care** as listed under the Schedule of Benefits.
48. **Second Surgical Opinion** must be given by a board Certified specialist in the medical field relating to the surgical procedure being proposed. The Physician providing the second opinion must not be affiliated in any way with the Physician who rendered the first opinion.
49. **Sterilizations (Voluntary).**
50. **Substance Use Disorder Services** (Refer to Substance Use Disorder section).
51. **Supplements:** All enteral feedings and related supplies including feeding tubes, pumps and bags.
52. **Surgery and Assistant Surgeon Services** if determined Medically Necessary by the Plan:
- Non-network claims will be paid according to usual and Customary rates, including discounts for assistant surgeons or multiple or bilateral procedures. For instance, it is customary for the health care provider to reduce their fees for any secondary procedures. The industry guidelines are to allow the full U&C fee allowance for the primary procedure, and 50 percent of the U&C fee allowance for all secondary procedures. These allowable amounts are then processed according to Plan provisions.
  - Network claims will be governed by the network contract.
53. **Telemedicine - Telephone or Internet Consultations:** Consultations made by a Covered Person to a Physician (**Applies to In-Network Tier 1**).
54. **Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ) Services:** Benefits will be provided for the surgical and non-surgical treatment of TMJ. Surgical treatment is covered as any other Illness. Covered services include intraoral devices or any other non-surgical method to alter the occlusion and/or vertical dimension, except dental splints. TMJ shall mean a disorder of the jaw joint(s) and/or associated parts resulting in pain or inability of the jaw to function properly. This does not cover orthodontic services.
55. **Therapy Services:** Therapy must be ordered by a Physician and provided as part of the Covered Person's treatment plan. Services include:
- **Occupational therapy** by a Qualified occupational therapist (OT), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
  - **Physical therapy** by a Qualified physical therapist (PT), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
  - **Respiratory therapy** by a Qualified respiratory therapist (RT), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
  - **Aquatic therapy** by a Qualified physical therapist (PT), Qualified aquatic therapist (AT), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
  - **Massage therapy** by a Qualified chiropractor, a Qualified massage therapist (MT), Qualified physical therapist (PT), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
  - **Speech therapy** by a Qualified speech therapist (ST), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable, including therapy for stuttering due to a neurological disorder.

The Plan allows coverage for occupational, physical, or speech therapy for Developmental Disorders, for those under the age of 18.

This Plan does not cover services that should legally be provided by a school.

56. **Transplant Services** (Refer to Transplant section).
57. **Vision Care Services** (Refer to Vision Care section).
58. **Wigs, Toupees, Hairpieces** for hair loss suffered as a result of alopecia areata.
59. **X-ray Services** for covered benefits.

## HOME HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

Home Health Care services are provided for patients, when Medically Necessary as determined by the Utilization Review Organization.

Prior authorization may be required before receiving services. Please refer to the Care Management section of this SPD for more details. Covered services can include:

- Home visits that are in lieu of visits to the provider's office, and that do not exceed the Usual and Customary charge to perform the same service in a provider's office.
- Intermittent Nurse Services. Benefits are paid for only one nurse at any one time, not to exceed four hours per 24-hour period.
- Nutrition counseling provided by or under the supervision of a Qualified dietician, or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
- Physical, occupational, respiratory and speech therapy provided by or under the supervision of a Qualified therapist, or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
- Medical supplies, drugs, or medication prescribed by a Physician and laboratory services to the extent that the Plan would have covered them under this Plan if the Covered Person had been in a Hospital.

A Home Health Care Visit is defined as: A visit by a nurse providing intermittent nurse services (each visit includes up to a four-hour consecutive visit in a 24-hour period if Medically Necessary) or a single visit by a Qualified therapist, Qualified dietician, or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.

### EXCLUSIONS

In addition to the General Exclusions listed later in this document, benefits will NOT be provided for any of the following:

- Homemaker or housekeeping services except as ordered in the hospice treatment plan.
- Supportive environment materials such as handrails, ramps, air conditioners and telephones.
- Services performed by family members or volunteer workers.
- "Meals on Wheels" or similar food service.
- Separate charges for records, reports or transportation.
- Expenses for the normal necessities of living such as food, clothing and household supplies.
- Legal and financial counseling services.

## TRANSPLANT BENEFITS (Dual Choice)

**Refer to the Care Management section of this document for prior authorization requirements**

Your coverage provides a choice for transplant care. Use of a Designated Transplant Facility provides incentives to You and Your covered Dependents. Your coverage does not require that a Designated Transplant Facility be used in order to receive benefits, but it is preferred. Designated Transplant Facilities are facilities that must meet extensive criteria in the areas of patient outcomes to include patient and graft survival, patient satisfaction, Physician and program experience, program accreditations, and patient and caregiver education.

### DEFINITIONS

**Approved Transplant Services** means services and supplies for Certified transplants when ordered by a Physician. Such services include, but are not limited to, Hospital charges, Physician charges, organ and tissue procurement, tissue typing and ancillary services.

**Designated Transplant Facility** means a facility which has agreed to provide Approved Transplant Services to Covered Persons pursuant to an agreement with a transplant provider network or rental network with which the Plan has a contract.

**Non-Designated Transplant Facility** means a facility that does not have an agreement with the transplant provider network with whom the Plan has a contract. This may include facilities that are listed as participating providers.

**Organ and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement** means the harvesting, preparation, transportation and the storage of human organ and tissue which is transplanted to a Covered Person. This includes related medical expenses of a living donor.

**Stem Cell Transplant** includes autologous, allogeneic and syngeneic transplant of bone marrow, peripheral and cord blood stem cells.

### BENEFITS

The Plan will pay for Covered Expenses incurred by a Covered Person at a Designated or Non-designated Transplant Facility for an Illness or Injury, subject to any Deductibles, Participation amounts, maximums or limits shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits are based on the Usual and Customary charge or the Plan's negotiated rate.

It will be the Covered Person's responsibility to obtain prior authorization for all transplant related services. If prior authorization is not obtained, benefits may not be payable for such services. Benefits may also be subject to reduced levels as outlined in individual plan language. The approved transplant and medical criteria for such transplant must be considered Medically Necessary, and medically appropriate for the medical condition for which the transplant is recommended. The medical condition must not be included on individual Plan exclusions.

### COVERED EXPENSES

The Plan will pay for Approved Transplant Services at a Designated or Non-designated Transplant Facility for Organ and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement and transplantation, if a Covered Person is the recipient.

If a Covered Person requires a transplant, including bone marrow or stem cell transplant, the cost of Organ and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement from a living human or cadaver will be included as part of the Covered Person's Covered Expenses when the donor's own plan does not provide coverage for Organ and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement. This includes the cost of donor testing, blood typing and evaluation to determine if the donor is a suitable match.

The Plan will provide donor services at a non-designated facility for initial acquisition/procurement only, up to the maximum listed on the Schedule of Benefits, if any. Complications, side effects or injuries are not covered unless the donor is a Covered Person on the Plan.

Benefits are payable for the following transplants:

- Kidney.
- Kidney/Pancreas.
- Pancreas, which meets the criteria as determined by Care Management.
- Liver.
- Heart.
- Heart/Lung.
- Lung.
- Bone Marrow or Stem Cell transplant (allogeneic and autologous) for certain conditions.
- Small Bowel.

## **SECOND OPINION**

The Plan will notify the Covered Person if a second opinion is required at any time during the determination of benefits period. If a Covered Person is denied a transplant procedure by the Designated or Non-Designated Transplant Facility, the Plan will allow them to go to a second Designated Transplant Facility for evaluation. If the second facility determines, for any reason, that the Covered Person is an unacceptable candidate for the transplant procedure, benefits will not be paid for further transplant related services and supplies, even if a third transplant facility accepts the Covered Person for the procedure.

## **ADDITIONAL PROVISION FOR DESIGNATED TRANSPLANT FACILITIES**

### **TRAVEL EXPENSES**

If a transplant is performed at a Designated Transplant Facility and the Covered Person lives more than 50 miles from the transplant facility, the Plan will pay for the following, up to the maximum listed on the Schedule of Benefits:

- Transportation to and from the Designated Transplant Facility for:
  - The Covered Person; and
    - One or two parents of the Covered Person (if the Covered Person is a Dependent child, as defined in this Plan); or
    - An adult to accompany the Covered Person;
- Lodging at or near the Designated Transplant Facility for the living donor, Covered Person and/or adult(s) who accompanied the Covered Person while the Covered Person is receiving transplant-related services at such Designated Transplant Facility. Lodging for purposes of this Plan does not include private residences.

Benefits shall be payable for up to one year from the date of the transplant while the Covered Person is receiving services at the Designated Transplant Facility.

Lodging reimbursement that is greater than \$50 per person per day, may be subject to IRS codes for taxable income.

## **TRANSPLANT EXCLUSIONS AT DESIGNATED AND NON-DESIGNATED TRANSPLANT FACILITIES**

In addition to the items listed in the General Exclusions section, benefits will NOT be provided for any of the following:

- Expenses if a Covered Person donates an organ and/or tissue and the recipient is not a Covered Person under this Plan.
- Expenses for Organ and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement and storage of cord blood, stem cells or bone marrow, unless the Covered Person has been diagnosed with a condition for which there would be a transplant benefit approved by the Plan.
- Expenses for any post-transplant complications of the donor, if the donor is not a Covered Person under this Plan.
- Transplants considered Experimental, Investigational or unproven.
- Solid organ transplantation, autologous transplant (bone marrow or peripheral stem cell) or allogeneic transplant (bone marrow or peripheral stem cell), for conditions that are not considered to be Medically Necessary and/or are not appropriate, based on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and/or Transplant Review Guidelines.
- Expenses related to the purchase of any organ.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

### What this section includes:

- Benefits available for Prescription Drugs;
- How to utilize the retail and home delivery service for obtaining Prescription Drugs;
- Any benefit limitations and exclusions that exist for Prescription Drugs; and
- Definitions of terms used throughout this section related to the Prescription Drug Benefits.

### Prescription Drug Benefit Highlights

Prescription Drug Benefits will not be coordinated with those of any other health coverage plan.

### Identification Card (ID Card) – Network Pharmacy

You must either show Your ID card at the time You obtain Your Prescription Drug at a Network Pharmacy or provide the Network Pharmacy with identifying information that can be verified by OptumRx during regular business hours.

If You do not show Your ID card or provide verifiable information at a Network Pharmacy, You will be required to pay the Usual and Customary Charge for the Prescription Drug at the pharmacy.

### Benefit Levels

Benefits are available for Outpatient Prescription Drugs that are considered a Covered Expense.

The Plan pays benefits at different levels for tier 1, tier 2, and, if applicable, tier 3 Prescription Drugs. All Prescription Drugs covered by the Plan are categorized into these three tiers on the Prescription Drug List (PDL). The tier status of a Prescription Drug may change periodically, as frequently as monthly, based on the Prescription Drug List Management Committee's periodic tiering decisions. When that occurs, You may pay more or less for a Prescription Drug, depending on its tier assignment. Since the PDL may change periodically, for the most current information, You can visit [www.UMR.com](http://www.UMR.com), and navigate to the myPharmacyCenter section, or call OptumRx at 877-559-2955.

Each tier is assigned a Co-pay or Participation, which is the amount You pay when You visit the pharmacy or order Your medications through home delivery. Your Co-pay or Participation will also depend on whether or not You visit the pharmacy or use the home delivery service; see the Prescription Schedule of Benefits for further details. Here is how the tier system works:

Tier 1 is Your lowest Co-pay or Participation option. For the lowest out-of-pocket expense, You should consider tier 1 drugs if You and Your Physician decide they are appropriate for Your treatment.

Tier 2 is Your middle Co-pay or Participation option. Consider a tier 2 drug if no tier 1 drug is available to treat Your condition.

Tier 3, if applicable, is Your highest Co-pay or Participation option. The drugs in tier 3 are usually more costly. Sometimes there are alternatives available in tier 1 or tier 2.

For Prescription Drugs at a retail Network Pharmacy, You are responsible for paying the lower of:

- The applicable Co-pay, Participation, or Deductible amount;
- The Network Pharmacy's Usual and Customary Charge for the Prescription Drug; or
- The Prescription Drug Charge that OptumRx agreed to pay the Network Pharmacy.

For Prescription Drugs from a home delivery Network Pharmacy, You are responsible for paying the lower of:

- The applicable Co-pay, Participation, or Deductible amount; or
- The Prescription Drug Charge for that particular Prescription Drug.

### **Retail**

The Plan has a network of participating retail pharmacies, which includes many large drug store chains. You can obtain information about Network Pharmacies by visiting [www.UMR.com](http://www.UMR.com), and navigating to the myPharmacyCenter section, or call OptumRx at 877-559-2955.

To obtain Your Prescription from a retail pharmacy, simply present Your ID card and pay the Co-pay, Participation, or Deductible amount. The Plan pays benefits for certain covered Prescription Drugs as written by a Physician and in accordance with the Plan.

Note: Pharmacy Benefits apply only if Your Prescription is for a Covered Expense, and not for Experimental, Investigational, or Unproven Services. Otherwise, You are responsible for paying 100% of the cost.

### **Home Delivery**

The home delivery service may allow You to purchase up to a 90-day supply of a covered maintenance drug through the mail. Maintenance drugs help in the treatment of chronic illnesses, such as heart conditions, allergies, high blood pressure, and arthritis.

To use the home delivery service, all You need to do is complete a patient profile and enclose Your Prescription order or refill. Your medication, plus instructions for obtaining refills, will arrive by mail about 14 days after Your order is received. If You need a patient profile form, or if You have any questions, You can reach OptumRx at 877-559-2955.

The Plan pays home delivery benefits for certain covered Prescription Drugs as written by a Physician and in accordance with the Plan.

You may be required to fill an initial Prescription Drug order and obtain one or more refills through a retail pharmacy prior to using a home delivery Network Pharmacy.

Note: To maximize Your benefit, ask Your Physician to write Your Prescription order or refill for a 90-day supply, with refills when appropriate. You will be charged a home delivery Co-pay, Participation, or Deductible amount for any Prescription order or refill if You use the home delivery service, regardless of the number of days' supply that is written on the order or refill. Be sure Your Physician writes Your home delivery or refill for a 90-day supply, not a 30-day supply with three refills.

### **Designated Pharmacy**

If You require certain Prescription Drugs, OptumRx may direct You to a Designated Pharmacy with whom it has an arrangement to provide those Prescription Drugs.

Please see the Definitions in this section for the definition of Designated Pharmacy.

### **Want to lower Your out-of-pocket Prescription Drug costs?**

Consider tier 1 Prescription Drugs, if You and Your Physician decide they are appropriate.



## **Assigning Prescription Drugs to the PDL**

OptumRx Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee makes the final approval of Prescription Drug placement in tiers. In its evaluation of each Prescription Drug, the P&T Committee takes into account a number of factors including, but not limited to, clinical and economic factors. Clinical factors may include:

- Evaluations of the place in therapy;
- Relative safety and efficacy; and
- Whether supply limits or notification requirements should apply.

Economic factors may include:

- The acquisition cost of the Prescription Drug; and
- Available rebates and assessments on the cost effectiveness of the Prescription Drug.

When considering a Prescription Drug for tier placement, the P&T Committee reviews clinical and economic factors regarding Covered Persons as a general population. Whether a particular Prescription Drug is appropriate for an individual Covered Person is a determination that is made by the Covered Person and the prescribing Physician.

The P&T Committee may periodically change the placement of a Prescription Drug among the tiers. These changes may occur as frequently as monthly and may occur without prior notice to You.

Prescription Drug, Prescription Drug List (PDL), and P&T Committee are defined at the end of this section.

## **Prescription Drug List (PDL)**

The Prescription Drug List (PDL) is a tool that helps guide You and Your Physician in choosing the medications that allow the most effective and affordable use of Your Prescription Drug benefit.

## **Prior Authorization Requirements**

Before certain Prescription Drugs are dispensed to You, it is the responsibility of Your Physician, Your pharmacist, or You to obtain prior authorization. OptumRx will determine if the Prescription Drug, in accordance with Your plan's approved guidelines, is both:

- A Covered Expense as defined by the Plan; and
- Not Experimental, Investigational, or Unproven.

The Plan may also require You to obtain a prior authorization so OptumRx can determine whether the Prescription Drug Product, in accordance with its approved guidelines, was prescribed by a Physician.

## **Network Pharmacy Prior Authorization**

When Prescription Drugs are dispensed at a Network Pharmacy, the prescribing provider, the pharmacist, or You are responsible for obtaining prior authorization from OptumRx.

## **Non-Network Pharmacy Prior Authorization**

When Prescription Drugs are dispensed at a non-Network Pharmacy, You or Your Physician is responsible for obtaining prior authorization from OptumRx as required.

To determine if a Prescription Drug requires prior authorization, You can visit [www.UMR.com](http://www.UMR.com), and navigate to the myPharmacyCenter section, or call OptumRx at 877-559-2955. The Prescription Drugs requiring prior authorization are subject to periodic review and modification.

Benefits may not be available for the Prescription Drug after OptumRx reviews the documentation provided and determines that the Prescription Drug is not a covered health service or it is an Experimental, Investigational, or Unproven service.

We may also require prior authorization for certain programs that may have specific requirements for participation and/or activation of an enhanced level of benefits associated with such programs. You may access information on available programs and any applicable prior authorization, participation, or activation requirements associated with such programs through the Internet at [www.UMR.com](http://www.UMR.com), and navigating to the myPharmacyCenter section, or call OptumRx at 877-559-2955.

### **Limitation on Selection of Pharmacies**

If OptumRx determines that You may be using Prescription Drugs in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, Your selection of Network Pharmacies may be limited. If this happens, You may be required to select a single Network Pharmacy that will provide and coordinate all future pharmacy services. Benefits will be paid only if You use the designated single Network Pharmacy.

### **Supply Limits**

Some Prescription Drugs are subject to supply limits that may restrict the amount dispensed per Prescription order or refill. To determine if a Prescription Drug has been assigned a maximum quantity level for dispensing, either visit [www.UMR.com](http://www.UMR.com), and navigate to the myPharmacyCenter section, or call OptumRx at 877-559-2955. Whether or not a Prescription Drug has a supply limit is subject to OptumRx's periodic review and modification.

Note: Some products are subject to additional supply limits based on criteria that the Plan and OptumRx have developed, subject to periodic review and modification. The limit may restrict the amount dispensed per Prescription order or refill and/or the amount dispensed per month's supply.

### **If a Brand-name Drug Becomes Available as a Generic**

If a Brand-name Prescription Drug becomes available as a Generic drug, the tier placement of the Brand-name drug may change. As a result, Your Co-pay, Participation, or Deductible amount may change. You will pay the amount applicable for the tier to which the Prescription Drug is assigned.

### **Special Programs**

PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL and OptumRx may have certain programs in which You may receive an enhanced or reduced benefit based on Your actions such as adherence to or compliance with medication or treatment regimens and/or participation in health management programs. You may access information on these programs through the Internet at [www.UMR.com](http://www.UMR.com), and navigating to the myPharmacyCenter section, or call OptumRx at 877-559-2955.

### **Rebates and Other Discounts**

OptumRx and PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL may, at times, receive rebates for certain drugs on the PDL. OptumRx does not pass these rebates and other discounts on to You, nor does OptumRx take them into account when determining Your Co-pays.

OptumRx and a number of its affiliated entities conduct business with various pharmaceutical manufacturers separate and apart from this Prescription Drug section. Such business may include, but is not limited to, data collection, consulting, educational grants, and research. Amounts received from pharmaceutical manufacturers pursuant to such arrangements are not related to this Prescription Drug section. OptumRx is not required to pass on to You, and does not pass on to You, such amounts.

## COVERED BENEFITS - What the Prescription Drug Benefits Section Will Cover

The following are considered Covered Expenses:

- **Prescription products that:**
  - Are necessary for the care and treatment of an Illness or Injury and are prescribed by a duly licensed medical professional; and
  - Can be obtained only by Prescription and are dispensed in a container labeled “Rx only”; and
  - Are the following non-prescription products prescribed by a duly licensed medical professional:
    - Compounded medications of which at least one ingredient is an FDA Prescription Drug;
    - Any other medications that, due to state law, may be dispensed only when prescribed by a duly licensed medical professional; and
    - In an amount not to exceed the day’s supply outlined in the Prescription Schedule of Benefits.
- **Prescription Drugs lost as a direct result of a natural disaster.** Covered Persons will be given the opportunity to prove that Prescription Drugs otherwise considered Covered Expenses under this Plan were lost due to a natural disaster. Acceptable proof could include, but not necessarily be limited to, proof of other filed claims of loss (homeowner’s, property, etc.).
- **Home Delivery Prescriptions.** The Plan will pay for Covered Expenses Incurred by a Covered Person for Prescription products dispensed through the home delivery pharmacy identified by OptumRx. Prescription products may be ordered by mail with a Co-pay from the Covered Person for each Prescription or refill. The Co-pay is shown on the Prescription Schedule of Benefits. By law, Prescription products may not be mailed to a Covered Person outside the United States.
- **Diabetic Supplies.** Some diabetic supplies may be covered.
- **Vaccines.** Some vaccines may be covered, and may have limitations depending on whether the vaccine is administered in a pharmacy or a clinic.

Covered Expenses apply only to certain Prescription Drugs and supplies, You can visit [www.UMR.com](http://www.UMR.com), and navigate to the myPharmacyCenter section, or call OptumRx at 877-559-2955, for information on which specific Prescription Drugs and supplies are covered.

## EXCLUSIONS - What the Prescription Benefits Section of this Plan Will Not Cover

In addition, the following exclusions apply.

When an exclusion applies to only certain Prescription Drugs, You can visit [www.UMR.com](http://www.UMR.com), and navigate to the myPharmacyCenter section, or call OptumRx at 877-559-2955, for information on which Prescription Drugs are excluded.

Excluded medications are:

- For any condition, Injury, sickness or Mental Health Disorder arising out of, or in the course of, employment for which benefits are available under any Workers' Compensation law or other similar laws, whether or not a claim for such benefits is made or payment or benefits are received;
- Any Prescription Drug for which payment or benefits are provided or available from the local, state or federal government (for example, Medicare) whether or not payment or benefits are received, except as otherwise provided by law;
- Pharmaceutical products for which benefits are provided in the medical (not in the Prescription Drug Benefits) portion of the Plan;

- Available over-the-counter that do not require a Prescription order or refill by federal or state law before being dispensed, unless the Plan has designated over-the-counter medication as eligible for coverage as if it were a Prescription Drug and it is obtained with a Prescription order or refill from a Physician. Prescription Drugs that are available in over-the-counter form or comprised of components that are available in over-the-counter form or equivalent. Certain Prescription Drugs that the Plan has determined are Therapeutically Equivalent to an over-the-counter drug. Such determinations may be made up to six times during a calendar year, and the Plan may decide at any time to reinstate benefits for a Prescription Drug that was previously excluded under this provision;
- Compounded drugs that do not contain at least one ingredient that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and requires a Prescription order or refill. Compounded drugs that are available as a similar, commercially available Prescription Drug;
- Dispensed outside of the United States, except in an Emergency;
- Durable Medical Equipment (prescribed and non-prescribed outpatient supplies, other than the diabetic supplies and inhaler spacers specifically stated as covered);
- The amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) that exceeds the supply limit;
- The amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) that is less than the minimum supply limit;
- Certain new drugs and/or new dosages, until they are reviewed and assigned to a tier by the PDL Management Committee;
- Prescribed, dispensed, or intended for use during an Inpatient stay;
- Prescription Drugs, including New Prescription Drug Products or new dosage forms, that OptumRx and PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL determines do not meet the definition of a Covered Expense;
- Used for conditions and/or at dosages determined to be Experimental, Investigational, or Unproven, unless OptumRx and PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL have agreed to cover an Experimental, Investigational, or Unproven treatment, as defined in the Glossary of Terms;
- Tobacco cessation products.
- Vitamins, except for the following, which require a Prescription:
  - Prenatal vitamins;
  - Vitamins with fluoride; and
  - Single-entity vitamins.

## DEFINITIONS

**Brand-name** means a Prescription Drug that is either:

- Manufactured and marketed under a trademark or name by a specific drug manufacturer; or
- Identified by OptumRx as a Brand-name drug based on available data resources, including, but not limited to, Medi-Span, that classify drugs as either Brand-name or Generic based on a number of factors.

You should know that all products identified as "Brand-name" by the manufacturer, the pharmacy, or Your Physician may not be classified as Brand-name by OptumRx.

**Co-payment (or Co-pay)** means the set dollar amount You are required to pay for certain Prescription Drugs.

**Designated Pharmacy** means a pharmacy that has entered into an agreement with OptumRx, or with an organization contracting on its behalf, to provide specific Prescription Drugs. The fact that a pharmacy is a Network Pharmacy does not mean that it is a Designated Pharmacy.

**Generic** means a Prescription Drug that is either:

- Chemically equivalent to a Brand-name drug; or
- Identified by OptumRx as a Generic drug based on available data resources, including, but not limited to, Medi-Span, that classify drugs as either Brand-name or Generic based on a number of factors.

You should know that all products identified as "Generic" by the manufacturer, the pharmacy, or Your Physician may not be classified as Generic by OptumRx.

**Network Pharmacy** means a retail or home delivery pharmacy that has:

- Entered into an agreement with OptumRx to dispense Prescription Drugs to Covered Persons;
- Agreed to accept specified reimbursement rates for Prescription Drugs; and
- Been designated by OptumRx as a Network Pharmacy.

**New Prescription Drug Product** means a Prescription Drug product or new dosage form of a previously approved Prescription Drug product, for the period of time starting on the date the Prescription Drug product or new dosage form is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

- The date it is assigned to a tier by OptumRx's PDL Management Committee; or
- December 31<sup>st</sup> of the following calendar year.

**Participation** means the percentage of the cost You are required to pay for certain Prescription Drugs.

**PDL:** see Prescription Drug List (PDL).

**Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee** means the committee that OptumRx designates for, among other responsibilities, classifying Prescription Drugs into specific tiers.

**Prescription Drug** means a medication, product, or device that has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and that may, under federal or state law, be dispensed only using a Prescription order or refill. A Prescription Drug includes a medication that, due to its characteristics, is appropriate for self-administration or administration by a non-skilled caregiver. For purposes of this Plan, Prescription Drugs also include:

- Inhalers (with spacers);
- Insulin;
- The following diabetic supplies:
  - Insulin syringes with needles;
  - Blood-testing strips - glucose;
  - Urine-testing strips - glucose;
  - Ketone-testing strips and tablets;
  - Lancets and lancet devices; and
  - Glucose monitors.

**Prescription Drug Charge** means the rate OptumRx has agreed to pay its Network Pharmacies, including the applicable dispensing fee and any applicable sales tax, for a Prescription Drug dispensed at a Network Pharmacy.

**Prescription Drug List (PDL)** means a list that categorizes into tiers medications, products, or devices that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This list is subject to periodic review and modification (as frequently as monthly). You may determine to which tier a particular Prescription Drug has been assigned by visiting [www.UMR.com](http://www.UMR.com), and navigating to the myPharmacyCenter section, or calling OptumRx at 877-559-2955.

**Therapeutic Class** means a group or category of Prescription Drug with similar uses and/or actions.

**Therapeutically Equivalent** means when Prescription Drugs have essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile.

**Usual and Customary Charge**, also known as the retail price, means the amount charged to customers who have no health coverage for Prescription Drugs.

## VISION CARE PROVISION

The Plan will pay for covered services for vision care incurred by a Covered Person, subject to any required Deductible, Co-pay, participation amount, maximums and limits shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits are based on the Usual and Customary charge, maximum fee schedule or the negotiated rate.

### COVERED BENEFITS

- Eye exam and refraction.
- Lenses.
- Frames.
- Contacts.

### EXCLUSIONS (in addition to the General Exclusions discussed later in this document)

- Safety lenses and frames.
- Sunglasses or subnormal vision aids.
- The fitting and/or dispensing non-prescription glasses or vision devices whether or not prescribed by a Physician or optometrist.
- Services or supplies in connection with special procedures such as orthoptics or vision training.
- Aniseikonia.
- Vision therapy.
- Orthoptics (eye exercise).
- Correction of visual acuity or refractive errors.

## MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION

The Plan will pay for the following Covered Expenses for services authorized by a Physician and deemed to be Medically Necessary for the treatment of a Mental Health Disorder, subject to any Deductibles, Co-pays if applicable, Participation amounts, maximums, or limits shown on the Schedule of Benefits of this SPD. Benefits are based on the Usual and Customary amount, the maximum fee schedule, or the Negotiated Rate.

### COVERED BENEFITS

**Inpatient Services** means services provided at a Hospital or facility accredited by a recognized accrediting body or licensed by the state as an acute care psychiatric, chemical dependency, or dual-diagnosis facility for the treatment of Mental Health Disorders. If outside the United States, the Hospital or facility must be licensed or approved by the foreign government or an accreditation of the licensing body working in that foreign country.

**Residential Treatment** means a sub-acute facility-based program that is licensed to provide "residential" treatment and delivers 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-per-week assessment and diagnostic services, as well as active behavioral health treatment for mental health conditions. (Coverage does not include services provided in a community-based residential facility or group home.)

**Day Treatment (Partial Hospitalization)** means a day treatment program that offers intensive, multidisciplinary services not otherwise offered in an Outpatient setting. The treatment program generally consists of a minimum of 20 hours of scheduled programming extended over a minimum of five days per week. The program is designed to treat patients with serious mental or nervous disorders and offers major diagnostic, psychosocial, and prevocational modalities. Such a program must be a less restrictive alternative to Inpatient treatment.

**Outpatient Therapy Services** are covered, subject to all of the following:

- The Covered Person must receive the services in person at a therapeutic medical facility; and
- The services must be provided by a Qualified Provider. If outside the United States, Outpatient Services must be provided by an individual who has received a diploma from a medical school recognized by the government agency in the country in which the medical school is located. The attending Physician must meet the requirements, if any, set out by the foreign government or regionally recognized licensing body for treatment of Mental Health Disorders.

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS AND BENEFITS

- A medication evaluation by a psychiatrist may be required before a Physician can prescribe medication for psychiatric conditions. Periodic evaluations may be requested by the Plan.
- Any diagnosis change after a payment denial will not be considered for benefits unless the Plan is provided with all pertinent records along with the request for change that justifies the revised diagnosis. Such records must include: the history, initial assessment and all counseling or therapy notes, and must reflect the criteria listed in the most recent American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) for the new diagnosis.
- The Plan will allow 72 hours for the Covered Person and his or her family, when applicable, to comply with the prescribed treatment plan. If non-compliance continues, or if there is evidence that the Covered Person is not motivated towards treatment, continued prior authorization will be denied.

## MENTAL HEALTH EXCLUSIONS

In addition to the items listed in the General Exclusions section, benefits will NOT be provided for any of the following:

- Inpatient charges for the period of time when full, active, Medically Necessary treatment for the Covered Person's condition is not being provided.
- Bereavement counseling, unless specifically listed as a covered benefit elsewhere in this SPD.
- Services provided for conflict between the Covered Person and society that is solely related to criminal activity.
- Conditions listed in the most recent American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) or the International Classification of Diseases - Clinical Modification (ICD-CM) manual (most recent revision) in the following categories:
  - Personality disorders; or
  - Behavior and impulse control disorders; or
  - "V" codes (including marriage counseling).
- Services for biofeedback.



## SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROVISION

The Plan will pay the following Covered Expenses for a Covered Person subject to any Deductibles, Co-pays, participation amounts, maximum or limits shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits are based on the maximum fee schedule, Usual and Customary charge or the negotiated rate as applicable.

### COVERED BENEFITS

**Inpatient Services** means services provided at a Hospital or facility accredited by a recognized accrediting body or licensed by the state as an acute care psychiatric, chemical dependency, or dual-diagnosis facility for the treatment of substance use disorders and chemical dependency. If outside the United States, the Hospital or facility must be licensed or approved by the foreign government or an accreditation of the licensing body working in that foreign country.

**Residential Treatment** means a sub-acute facility-based program that is licensed to provide “residential” treatment and delivers 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-per-week assessment and diagnostic services, as well as active behavioral health treatment for substance-related disorders. Coverage does not include facilities or programs where therapeutic services are not the primary service being provided (e.g. therapeutic boarding schools, half-way houses, and group homes).

**Day Treatment (Partial Hospitalization)** means a day treatment program that offers intensive, multidisciplinary services not otherwise offered in an Outpatient setting. The treatment program generally consists of a minimum of 20 hours of scheduled programming extended over a minimum of five days per week. Such a program must be a less restrictive alternative to Inpatient treatment.

**Outpatient Therapy Services** are covered, subject to all of the following:

- The Covered Person must receive the services in person at a therapeutic medical facility; and
- The services must be provided by a Qualified Provider. If outside the United States, Outpatient Services must be provided by an individual who has received a diploma from a medical school recognized by the government agency in the country in which the medical school is located, or a therapist with a Ph.D. or master’s degree that denotes a specialty in psychiatry. The attending Physician, psychiatrist, or counselor must meet the requirements, if any, set out by the foreign government or regionally recognized licensing body for treatment of substance use disorder and chemical dependency disorders.

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS AND BENEFITS

- Any claim re-submitted on the basis of a change in diagnosis after a benefit denial will not be considered for benefits unless the Plan is provided with all records along with the request for change. Such records must include the history, initial assessment, and all counseling or therapy notes, and must reflect the criteria listed in the most recent American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) for the new diagnosis.
- Services, treatment or supplies related to addiction to or dependency on nicotine.

### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS EXCLUSIONS

In addition to the items listed in the General Exclusions section, benefits will NOT be provided for any of the following:

- Treatment or care considered inappropriate or substandard as determined by the Plan.
- Inpatient charges for the period of time when full, active, Medically Necessary treatment for the Covered Person’s condition is not being provided.

## CARE MANAGEMENT

### Utilization Management

**Utilization Management** is the process of evaluating whether services, supplies or treatment is Medically Necessary and appropriate to help ensure cost-effective care. Utilization Management can determine Medical Necessity, shorten Hospital stays, improve the quality of care, and reduce costs to the Covered Person and the Plan. The Utilization Management procedures include certain Prior Authorization requirements.

The benefit amounts payable under the Schedule of Benefits of this SPD may be affected if the requirements described for Utilization Management are not satisfied. Covered Persons should call the phone number on the back of the Plan identification card to request Prior Authorization at least two weeks prior to a scheduled procedure in order to allow for fact-gathering and independent medical review, if necessary.

**Special Notes: The Covered Person will not be penalized for failure to obtain Prior Authorization if a Prudent Layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect that the absence of immediate medical attention would jeopardize the life or long-term health of the individual.** However, Covered Persons who have received care on this basis must contact the Utilization Review Organization (see below) as soon as possible within 24 hours of the first business day after receiving care or after Hospital admittance. The Utilization Review Organization will then review services provided within 48 hours of being contacted.

This Plan complies with the Newborns and Mothers Health Protection Act. Prior Authorization is not required to certify Medical Necessity for a Hospital or Birthing Center stay of 48 hours or less following a normal vaginal delivery or 96 hours or less following a Cesarean section. Prior Authorization may be required for a stay beyond 48 hours following a vaginal delivery or 96 hours following a Cesarean section.

### UTILIZATION REVIEW ORGANIZATION

The Utilization Review Organization is: **UMR CARE MANAGEMENT**

### DEFINITIONS

The following terms are used for the purpose of the Care Management section of this SPD. Refer to the Glossary of Terms section of this SPD for additional definitions.

**Prior Authorization** is the process of determining benefit coverage prior to a service being rendered to an individual member. A determination is made based on Medical Necessity criteria for services, tests or procedures that are appropriate and cost-effective for the member. This member-centric review evaluates the clinical appropriateness of requested services in terms of the type, frequency, extent and duration of stay.

**Utilization Management** means an assessment of the facility in which the treatment is being provided. It also includes a formal assessment of the Medical Necessity, effectiveness and appropriateness of health care services and treatment plans. Such assessment may be conducted on a prospective basis (prior to treatment), concurrent basis (during treatment), or retrospective basis (following treatment).

### SERVICES REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Call the Utilization Review Organization **before** receiving services for the following:

- Inpatient stays in Hospitals, Extended Care Facilities, or residential treatment facilities.
- Partial hospitalizations.
- Organ and tissue transplants.

- Home Health Care.
- Durable Medical Equipment, excluding braces and orthotics, over \$1,500 or any Durable Medical Equipment rentals over \$500/month.
- Prosthetics over \$1,000.
- Qualifying Clinical Trials.
- Dialysis.
- Inpatient stays in a Hospital or Birthing Center that are longer than 48 hours following normal vaginal deliveries or 96 hours following Cesarean sections.
- All In-Network outpatient surgeries.

**Note that if a Covered Person receives Prior Authorization for one facility, but then is transferred to another facility, Prior Authorization is also needed before going to the new facility, except in the case of an Emergency (see Special Notes above).**

## **PENALTIES FOR NOT OBTAINING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

A non-Prior Authorization penalty is the amount that must be paid by a Covered Person who does not call for Prior Authorization prior to receiving certain services. A penalty of \$500 will be applied to applicable claims if a Covered Person receives services but does not obtain the required Prior Authorization for:

- Inpatient stays in Hospitals, Extended Care Facilities, or residential treatment facilities.
- Partial hospitalizations.
- Organ and tissue transplants.
- Home Health Care.
- Durable Medical Equipment, excluding braces and orthotics, over \$1,500 or any Durable Medical Equipment rentals over \$500/month.
- Prosthetics over \$1,000.
- Inpatient stays in a Hospital or Birthing Center that are longer than 48 hours following normal vaginal deliveries or 96 hours following Cesarean sections.
- All In-Network outpatient surgeries.

**The phone number to call for Prior Authorization is listed on the back of the Plan identification card.**

The fact that a Covered Person receives Prior Authorization from the Utilization Review Organization does not guarantee that this Plan will pay for the medical care. The Covered Person must be eligible for coverage on the date services are provided. Coverage is also subject to all provisions described in this SPD.

**Medical Director Oversight.** A UMR Care Management medical director oversees the concurrent review process. Should a case have unique circumstances that raise questions for the Utilization Management specialist handling the case, the medical director will review the case to determine Medical Necessity using evidence-based clinical criteria.

**Case Management Referrals.** During the Prior Authorization review process, cases are analyzed for a number of criteria used to trigger case to case management for review. Case management opportunities are identified by using a system-integrated, automated diagnosis-based trigger list during the Prior Authorization review process. Other case management trigger points including the following criteria: length of stay, level of care, readmission and utilization, as well as employer or self-referrals. Information is easily passed from Utilization Management to case management through our fully-integrated care management software system.

All Prior Authorization requests are used to identify the member's needs. Our goal is to intervene in the process as early as possible to determine the resources necessary to deliver clinical care in the most appropriate care setting.

**Retrospective Review.** Retrospective review is conducted upon request and a determination will be issued within 30 calendar days of the receipt of request within Care Management, unless an extension is approved. Retrospective reviews are performed according to our standard Prior Authorization policies and procedures.

### **Case Management**

**Case Management** services are designed to identify catastrophic and complex illnesses, transplants and trauma cases. UMR Care Management's nurse case managers identify, coordinate and negotiate rates for out-of-network services (where appropriate and allowed under the Plan) and help manage related costs by finding alternatives to costly inpatient stays. Opportunities are identified by using a system-integrated, automated diagnosis-based trigger list during the Prior Authorization review process. Other case management trigger points include the following criteria: length of stay, level of care, readmission and utilization, as well as employer or self-referrals. UMR Care Management works directly with the patient, the patient's family members, the treating physician and the facility to mobilize appropriate resources for the Covered Person's care. Our philosophy is that quality care from the beginning of the serious illness helps avoid major complications in the future. The Covered Person may request that the Plan provide services and the Plan may also contact the Covered Person if the Plan believes case management services may be beneficial.

### **NurseLine/Nurse Chat**

**NurseLine** is a health information line that is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, that assists Covered Persons with medical-related questions and concerns. NurseLine gives Covered Persons access to highly trained registered nurses so they can receive guidance and support when making decisions about their health and/or the health of their Dependents.

**Nurse Chat** is an online source of health and wellness information that is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Covered Persons have one-on-one secure, real-time access to registered nurses through the Health Center on umr.com. These nurses provide information on a variety of health and wellness topics. Note: Triage is not part of the Nurse Chat experience. If a Covered Person needs triage assistance, Nurse Chat refers the Covered Person to NurseLine.

### **Additional Care Management Provisions**

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

Kidney Resource Services (KRS) provides access to a preferred provider dialysis network and support from UMR Case Management by collaborating with the Covered Person to delay the progression of the disease to renal failure.

UMR Case Management End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) specialty nurses focus on clinical support and treatments.

## COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

Coordination of Benefits (COB) applies whenever a Covered Person has health coverage under more than one Plan, as defined below. The purpose of coordinating benefits is to help Covered Persons pay for Covered Expenses, but not to result in total benefits that are greater than the Covered Expenses Incurred.

The order of benefit determination rules determine which plan will pay first (Primary Plan). The Primary Plan pays without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. A Secondary Plan pays for Covered Expenses after the Primary Plan has processed the claim. The balance remaining after the Primary Plan's payment, not to exceed the Covered Person's responsibility, is the amount which will be used in determining the benefits payable under the Secondary Plan. The Deductible, Co-pays or Participation amounts, if any, will be applied before benefits are paid on the balance.

The Plan will coordinate benefits with the following types of medical or dental plans:

- Group health plans, whether insured or self-insured.
- Hospital indemnity benefits in excess of \$200 per day.
- Specified disease policies.
- Foreign health care coverage.
- Medical care components of group long-term care contracts such as skilled nursing care.
- Medical benefits under group or individual automobile policies. See order of benefit determination rules and General Exclusions: No-Fault State for details (below).
- Medical benefits under homeowner's insurance policies.
- Medicare or other governmental benefits, as permitted by law. This does not include Medicaid.
- This Plan does not, however, coordinate benefits with individual health or dental plans.

Each contract for coverage is considered a separate plan. If a plan has two parts and COB rules apply to only one of the two parts, each of the parts is treated as a separate plan.

### ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES

The first of the following rules that apply to a Covered Person's situation is the rule to use:

- The plan that has no coordination of benefits provision is considered primary.
- When medical payments are available under motor vehicle insurance (including No-Fault policies), this Plan shall always be considered secondary regardless of the individual's election under PIP (Personal Injury Protection) coverage with the auto carrier. See General Exclusions – No-Fault State in this SPD for more details.
- The plan that covers the person as an Employee, member or subscriber (that is, other than as a Dependent) is considered primary. The Plan will deem any Employee plan beneficiary to be eligible for primary benefits from their employer's benefit plan. Employee plan beneficiaries do not include COBRA Qualified Beneficiaries or retirees.
- The plan that covers a person as a Dependent (or beneficiary under ERISA) is secondary, unless both plans agree that COBRA or state continuation coverage should always pay secondary when the person who elected COBRA is covered by another plan as a Dependent. In that case the plan that covers a person as a Dependent is primary (see continuation coverage below). (Also see the section on Medicare, below, for exceptions).
- If an individual is covered under a spouse's Plan and also under his or her parent's plan, the Primary Plan is the plan of the individual's spouse. The plan of the individual's parent(s) is the Secondary Plan.

- If one or more plans cover the same person as a Dependent child:
  - The Primary Plan is the plan of the parent whose birthday is earlier in the year if:
    - The parents are married; or
    - The parents are not separated (whether or not they have been married); or
    - A court decree awards joint custody without specifying that one party has the responsibility to provide health care coverage.
    - If both parents have the same birthday, the plan that covered either of the parents longer is primary.
  - If the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the parents is responsible for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary.
  - If the parents are not married and reside separately, or are divorced or legally separated, the order of benefits is:
    - The plan of the custodial parent;
    - The plan of the spouse of the custodial parent;
    - The plan of the non-custodial parent; and then
    - The plan of the spouse of the non-custodial parent.
- Active or Inactive Employee: If an individual is covered under one plan as an active employee (or Dependent of an active employee), and is also covered under another plan as a retired or laid off employee (or Dependent of a retired or laid off employee), the plan that covers the person as an active employee (or Dependent of an active employee) will be primary.
- Continuation coverage under COBRA or state law: If a person has elected continuation of coverage under COBRA or state law and also has coverage under another plan, the continuation coverage is secondary. This is true even if the person is enrolled in another plan as a Dependent. If the two plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. (See exception in the Medicare section.)
- Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage: The plan that covered the person as an Employee, member, subscriber or retiree longer is primary.
- If an active Employee is on leave due to active duty in the military in excess of 30 days, the plan that covers the person as an active Employee, member or subscriber is considered primary.
- If the above rules do not determine the Primary Plan, the Covered Expenses can be shared equally between the plans. This Plan will not pay more than it would have paid, had it been primary.

## **MEDICARE**

If You or Your covered spouse is also receiving benefits under Medicare, federal law may require this Plan to be primary over Medicare. When this Plan is not primary, the Plan will coordinate benefits with Medicare. Payments from Medicare and this Plan will not exceed 100% of the charged amount, minus any Deductibles, Co-pays or participation amounts that You need to pay.

## ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES FOR MEDICARE

This Plan complies with the Medicare Secondary Payer regulations. Examples of these regulations are as follows:

- This Plan generally has primary responsibility to pay claims before Medicare under the following circumstances:
  - You continue to be actively employed by the employer and You or Your covered spouse becomes eligible for and enrolls in Medicare because of age or disability.
  - You continue to be actively employed by the employer, Your covered spouse becomes eligible for and enrolls in Medicare, and is also covered under a retiree plan through Your spouse's former employer. In this case, this Plan will be primary for You and Your covered spouse, Medicare pays second, and the retiree plan would pay last.
  - For a Covered Person with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), this Plan usually has primary responsibility for the claims of a Covered Person for 30 months from the date of Medicare eligibility based on ESRD. The 30-month period can also include COBRA continuation coverage or another source of coverage. At the end of the 30 months, Medicare becomes the primary payer.
- Medicare generally pays first (has primary responsibility) under the following circumstances:
  - You are no longer actively employed by an employer; and
  - You or Your spouse has Medicare coverage due to Your age, plus You also have COBRA continuation coverage through the Plan; or
  - You or a covered family member has Medicare coverage based on a disability, plus You also have COBRA continuation coverage through the Plan. Medicare normally pays first, however an exception is that COBRA may pay first for Covered Persons with End-Stage Renal Disease until the end of the 30-month period; or
  - You or Your covered spouse have coverage under a retiree plan plus Medicare coverage; or
  - Upon completion of 30 months of Medicare eligibility for an individual with ESRD, Medicare becomes the primary payer. (Note that if a person with ESRD was eligible for Medicare based on age or other disability **before** being diagnosed with ESRD and Medicare was previously paying primary, then the person can continue to receive Medicare benefits on a primary basis).
- Medicare is the secondary payer when no-fault insurance, worker's compensation, or liability insurance is available as primary payer.

## TRICARE

If an eligible Employee is on active military duty, TRICARE is the only coverage available to that Employee. Benefits are not coordinated with the Employee's health insurance plan.

In all instances where an eligible Employee is also a TRICARE beneficiary, TRICARE will pay secondary to this employer-provided Plan.

## **RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND RELEASE NEEDED INFORMATION**

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under this Plan and other plans. The Plan may obtain the information it needs from or provide such information to other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying those rules and determining benefits payable under this Plan and other plans covering the person claiming benefits. The Plan need not tell, or obtain the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under this Plan must provide the Plan any information it needs to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

## **REIMBURSEMENT TO THIRD PARTY ORGANIZATION**

A payment made under another plan may include an amount which should have been paid under this Plan. If it does, the Plan may pay that amount to the organization which made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under this Plan. The Plan will not have to pay that amount again.

## **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount of the payments made by the Plan is more than it should have paid under this COB provision, the Plan may recover the excess from one or more of the persons it paid or for whom the Plan has paid; or any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the Covered Person.



## RIGHT OF SUBROGATION, REIMBURSEMENT, AND OFFSET

The Plan has a right to subrogation and reimbursement. References to “You” or “Your” in this Right of Subrogation, Reimbursement, and Offset section include You, Your estate, Your heirs, and Your beneficiaries unless otherwise stated.

Subrogation applies when the Plan has paid benefits on Your behalf for an Illness or Injury for which any third party is allegedly responsible. The right to subrogation means that the Plan is substituted to and will succeed to any and all legal claims that You may be entitled to pursue against any third party for the benefits that the Plan has paid that are related to the Illness or Injury for which any third party is considered responsible.

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

The following persons and entities are considered third parties:

- A person or entity alleged to have caused You to suffer an Illness, Injury, or damages, or who is legally responsible for the Illness, Injury, or damages.
- Any insurer or other indemnifier of any person or entity alleged to have caused or who caused the Illness, Injury, or damages.
- The Plan Sponsor in a Workers' Compensation case or other matter alleging liability.
- Any person or entity who is or may be obligated to provide benefits or payments to You, including benefits or payments for underinsured or uninsured motorist protection, no-fault or traditional auto insurance, medical payment coverage (auto, homeowners', or otherwise), Workers' Compensation coverage, other insurance carriers, or third party administrators.
- Any person or entity against whom You may have any claim for professional and/or legal malpractice arising out of or connected to an Illness or Injury You allege or could have alleged were the responsibility of any third party.
- Any person or entity that is liable for payment to You on any equitable or legal liability theory.

You agree as follows:

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

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

- The Plan has a first priority right to receive payment on any claim against a third party before You receive payment from that third party. Further, our first priority right to payment is superior to any and all claims, debts, or liens asserted by any medical providers, including, but not limited to, Hospitals or Emergency treatment facilities, that assert a right to payment from funds payable from or recovered from an allegedly responsible third party and/or insurance carrier.
- The Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights apply to full and partial settlements, judgments, or other recoveries paid or payable to You, Your representative, Your estate, Your heirs, or Your beneficiaries, no matter how those proceeds are captioned or characterized. Payments include, but are not limited to, economic, non-economic, pecuniary, consortium, and punitive damages. The Plan is not required to help You to pursue Your claim for damages or personal Injuries and no amount of associated costs, including attorneys' fees, will be deducted from our recovery without the Plan's express written consent. No so-called "fund doctrine" or "common-fund doctrine" or "attorney's fund doctrine" will defeat this right.
- Regardless of whether You have been fully compensated or made whole, the Plan may collect from You the proceeds of any full or partial recovery that You or Your legal representative obtain, whether in the form of a settlement (either before or after any determination of liability) or judgment, no matter how those proceeds are captioned or characterized. Proceeds from which the Plan may collect include, but are not limited to, economic, non-economic, and punitive damages. No "collateral source" rule, any "made-whole doctrine" or "make-whole doctrine," claim of unjust enrichment, nor any other equitable limitation will limit our subrogation and reimbursement rights.
- Benefits paid by the Plan may also be considered to be benefits advanced.
- If You receive any payment from any party as a result of Illness or Injury, and the Plan alleges some or all of those funds are due and owed to the Plan, You and/or Your representative will hold those funds in trust, either in a separate bank account in Your name or in Your representative's trust account.
- By participating in and accepting benefits from the Plan, You agree that:
  - Any amounts recovered by You from any third party constitute Plan assets (to the extent of the amount of Plan benefits provided on behalf of the Covered Person);
  - You and Your representative will be fiduciaries of the Plan with respect to such amounts; and
  - You will be liable for and agree to pay any costs and fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees) Incurred by the Plan to enforce its reimbursement rights.
- The Plan's rights to recovery will not be reduced due to Your own negligence.
- Upon the Plan's request, You will assign to the Plan all rights of recovery against third parties, to the extent of the Covered Expenses the Plan has paid for the Illness or Injury.
- The Plan may, at its option, take necessary and appropriate action to preserve the Plan's rights under these provisions, including, but not limited to, providing or exchanging medical payment information with an insurer, the insurer's legal representative, or other third party; and filing suit in Your name or Your estate's name, which does not obligate the Plan in any way to pay You part of any recovery the Plan might obtain.

- You may not accept any settlement that does not fully reimburse the Plan, without its written approval.
- The Plan has the authority and discretion to resolve all disputes regarding the interpretation of the language stated herein.
- In the case of Your death, giving rise to any wrongful death or survival claim, the provisions of this section apply to Your estate, the personal representative of Your estate, and Your heirs or beneficiaries. In the case of Your death, the Plan's right of reimbursement and right of subrogation will apply if a claim can be brought on behalf of You or Your estate that can include a claim for past medical expenses or damages. The obligation to reimburse the Plan is not extinguished by a release of claims or settlement agreement of any kind.
- No allocation of damages, settlement funds, or any other recovery, by You, Your estate, the personal representative of Your estate, Your heirs, Your beneficiaries, or any other person or party will be valid if it does not reimburse the Plan for 100% of its interest unless the Plan provides written consent to the allocation.
- The provisions of this section apply to the parents, guardian, or other representative of a Dependent Child who incurs an Illness or Injury caused by any third party. If a parent or guardian may bring a claim for damages arising out of a minor's Illness or Injury, the terms of this subrogation and reimbursement clause will apply to that claim.
- If any third party causes or is alleged to have caused You to suffer an Illness or Injury while You are covered under this Plan, the provisions of this section continue to apply, even after You are no longer covered.
- In the event that You do not abide by the terms of the Plan pertaining to reimbursement, the Plan may terminate benefits to You, Your Dependents, or the subscriber; deny future benefits; take legal action against You; and/or set off from any future benefits the value of benefits the Plan has paid relating to any Illness or Injury alleged to have been caused or caused by any third party to the extent not recovered by the Plan due to Your failure to abide by the terms of the Plan. If the Plan incurs attorneys' fees and costs in order to collect third party settlement funds held by You or Your representative, the Plan has the right to recover those fees and costs from You. You will also be required to pay interest on any amounts You hold that should have been returned to the Plan.
- The Plan and all administrators administering the terms and conditions of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights have such powers and duties as are necessary to discharge its duties and functions, including the exercise of its discretionary authority to (1) construe and enforce the terms of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights and (2) make determinations with respect to the subrogation amounts and reimbursements owed to the Plan.

## GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

Exclusions, including complications from excluded items are not considered benefits under this Plan and will not be considered for payment.

The Plan does not pay for Expenses incurred for the following, even if deemed to be Medically Necessary, unless otherwise stated below. The Plan does not apply exclusions to treatment listed in the Covered Medical Benefits section when the Plan has information that the Illness or Injury is due to a medical condition (including both physical and mental health conditions) or domestic violence.

1. **Abortions:** Unless a Physician states in writing that:
  - The mother's life would be in danger if the fetus were to be carried to term, or
  - Abortion is medically indicated due to complications with the pregnancy.
2. **Acts of War:** Injury or Illness caused or contributed to by international armed conflict, hostile acts of foreign enemies, invasion, or war or acts of war, whether declared or undeclared.
3. **Acupuncture Treatment.**
4. **Alternative Treatment:** Treatment, services or supplies for holistic or homeopathic medicine, hypnosis, or other alternate treatment that is not accepted medical practice as determined by the Plan.
5. **Appointments Missed:** An appointment the Covered Person did not attend.
6. **Assistance with Activities of Daily Living.**
7. **Assistant Surgeon Services,** unless determined Medically Necessary by the Plan.
8. **Augmentation Communication Devices** and related instruction or therapy.
9. **Before Effective Date and After Termination:** Services, supplies or treatment rendered before coverage begins under this Plan, or after coverage ends are not covered.
10. **Blood:** Blood donor expenses.
11. **Cardiac Rehabilitation** beyond Phase II.
12. **Close Relative:** Services performed by a Close Relative or by someone who ordinarily lives in the Covered Person's home.
13. **Cosmetic Treatment, Cosmetic Surgery,** or any portion thereof, unless the procedure is otherwise listed as a covered benefit.
14. **Counseling Services** in connection with marriage, pastoral or financial counseling.
15. **Court-Ordered:** Any treatment or therapy which is court ordered, ordered as a condition of parole, probation, or custody or visitation evaluation, unless such treatment or therapy is normally covered by this Plan. This Plan does not cover the cost of Driving While Intoxicated classes or other classes ordered by the court.
16. **Criminal Activity:** Illness or Injury resulting from taking part in the commission of an assault or battery (or a similar crime against a person) or a felony. The Plan shall enforce this exclusion based upon reasonable information showing that this criminal activity took place.

17. **Custodial Care.**

18. **Dental:**

- The care and treatment of teeth, gums or alveolar process or for dentures, appliances or supplies used in such care or treatment, or drugs prescribed in connection with dental care.
- Injuries or damage to teeth, natural or otherwise, as a result of or caused by the chewing of food or similar substances.
- Dental implants including preparation for implants.

19. **Disorders:** Rehabilitation services related to Developmental Disorders, mental retardation or behavioral therapy. If another medical condition is identified through the course of diagnostic testing, any coverage of that condition will be subject to Plan provisions.

20. **Duplicate Services and Charges or Inappropriate Billing** including the preparation of medical reports and itemized bills.

21. **Education:** Charges for education, special education, job training, music therapy and recreational therapy, whether or not given in a facility providing medical or psychiatric care.

22. **Employment or Worker's Compensation:** An Illness or Injury arising out of or in the course of any employment for wage or profit, including self-employment, for which the Covered Person was or could have been entitled to benefits under any Worker's Compensation, U.S. Longshoremen and Harbor Worker's or other occupational disease legislation, policy or contract, whether or not such policy or contract is actually in force.

23. **Environmental Devices:** Environmental items such as but not limited to, air conditioners, air purifiers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, furnace filters, heaters, vaporizers or vacuum devices.

24. **Examinations:** Examinations for employment, insurance, licensing or litigation purposes; or sports or recreational activity.

25. **Experimental or Investigational:** Services, supplies, medicines, treatment, facilities or equipment which the Plan determines are Experimental or Investigational. This does not include Qualifying Clinical Trials as described in the Covered Medical Benefits section of this SPD.

26. **Extended Care:** Any Extended Care Facility Services which exceed the appropriate level of skill required for treatment as determined by the Plan.

27. **Family Planning:** Consultation for family planning.

28. **Fitness Programs:** General fitness programs, exercise programs, exercise equipment and health club memberships, or other utilization of services, supplies, equipment or facilities in connection with weight control or body building.

29. **Foreign Travel:** Foreign travel immunizations.

30. **Gender Dysphoria:**

Cosmetic procedures, including the following:

- Abdominoplasty.
- Blepharoplasty.
- Breast enlargement, including augmentation mammoplasty and breast implants.
- Body contouring, such as lipoplasty.
- Brow lift.
- Calf implants.
- Cheek, chin, and nose implants.

- Injection of fillers or neurotoxins.
  - Face lift, forehead lift, or neck tightening.
  - Facial bone remodeling for facial feminizations.
  - Hair removal.
  - Hair transplantation.
  - Lip augmentation.
  - Lip reduction.
  - Liposuction.
  - Mastopexy.
  - Pectoral implants for chest masculinization.
  - Rhinoplasty.
  - Skin resurfacing.
  - Thyroid cartilage reduction, reduction thyroid chondroplasty, or trachea shave (removal or reduction of the Adam's Apple).
  - Voice modification surgery.
  - Voice lessons and voice therapy.
31. **Genetic Counseling** for family history only.
  32. **Habilitative Services** including vocational or industrial rehabilitation services or work hardening.
  33. **Hearing Devices:** The purchase or fitting of Soundtec implants or cochlear implants unless covered elsewhere in this SPD.
  34. **Home Modifications:** Modifications to Your home or property such as but not limited to, escalator(s), elevators, saunas, steambaths, pools, hot tubs, whirlpools, or tanning equipment, wheelchair lifts, stair lifts or ramps.
  35. **Hypnotism:** Hypnotism and biofeedback.
  36. **Infertility Treatment** and direct attempts to achieve pregnancy by any means.
  37. **Lamaze Classes** or other child birth classes.
  38. **Lasik Surgery** or similar surgery used to improve eye sight.
  39. **Learning Disability:** Special education, remedial reading, school system testing and other rehabilitation treatment for a Learning Disability. If another medical condition is identified through the course of diagnostic testing, any coverage of that condition will be subject to Plan provisions.
  40. **Maintenance Therapy:** Such services are excluded if, based on medical evidence, treatment or continued treatment could not be expected to resolve or improve the condition, or that clinical evidence indicates that a plateau has been reached in terms of improvement from such services.
  41. **Mammoplasty or Augmentation**, unless covered elsewhere in this document.
  42. **Maternity Costs, Other Than Routine Prenatal Medical Care Expenses** for Covered Persons other than the Employee or spouse.
  43. **Military:** A military related illness or injury to a Covered Person on active military duty.

44. **Morbid Obesity Treatment** including but not limited to treatment of morbid obesity. The plan will not cover weight reduction including but not limited to diet control, diet supplements, enrollment in a health, athletic or similar club, surgical treatment, gastric bypass or balloons, stomach stapling, or wiring of the jaw or appetite suppressants. The plan will not cover complications of obesity treatments, nor will it cover reconstructive surgeries following such treatments.

Covered employees/dependents that were eligible for coverage prior to October 1, 2007 may have coverage for Morbid Obesity. It must be clearly documented that such person had began the treatment program prior to October 1, 2007 which includes:

- Spend one year attending bi-weekly, at a minimum, exercise programs at the Plan's Physical Therapy Department under the supervision of a therapist;
- Spend one year attending weekly dietary sessions with the Plan's dietician.

Note: Multiple co-morbidities must be documented by the Physician prior to October 1, 2007. Multiple co-morbidities include the diagnosis of:

- Diabetes
- Sleep Apnea
- Hypertension
- Arthritis
- Depression

Complications of any obesity surgical procedure including gastric bypass surgeries which were incurred prior to October 1, 2007 will be covered, provided the surgical procedure was an eligible expense under the plan. Reconstructive surgical procedures when documented as Medically Necessary will be covered if the surgical procedure was performed prior to October 1, 2007 and covered as an eligible expense under the plan.

45. **No-Fault State:** Benefits are not payable under this Plan for any Illness/Injury received in an Accident involving a car or other motor vehicle for participants who are residents of a no-fault state and eligible for benefits under the no-fault motor vehicle law, until such time as the benefits under no-fault have been exhausted.
46. **Non-Professional Care:** Medical or surgical care that is not performed according to generally accepted professional standards.
47. **Not Medically Necessary:** Services, supplies, treatment, facilities or equipment which the Plan determines are not Medically Necessary.
48. **Over-the-Counter Medication,** products or supplies except as provided in the Prescription Benefit Provision.
49. **Personal Comfort:** Services or supplies for personal comfort or convenience, such as but not limited to private room, television, telephone and guest trays.
50. **Prescription Medication,** other than those administered while in the Hospital or Physician's office as part of treatment, unless benefits are provided under the Prescription Benefit provision of this Plan.
51. **Prescription Medication:** Take home drugs filled by a Hospital or Physician's office, unless benefits are provided elsewhere in this document.
52. **Private Duty Nursing Services.**
53. **Radial Keratotomy or Refractive Keratoplasty:** Radial keratotomy and other refractive keratoplasty procedures.
54. **Reconstructive Surgery** performed only to achieve a normal or nearly normal appearance, or any portion thereof, as determined by the Plan, unless covered elsewhere in this document.

55. **Return to Work/School:** Telephone consultations or completion of claim forms or forms necessary for the return to work or school.
56. **Reversal of Sterilization:** Procedures or treatments to reverse prior voluntary sterilization.
57. **Room and Board Fees** when surgery is performed other than at a Hospital or Surgical Center.
58. **Self-Administered Services** or procedures that can be done by the Covered Person without the presence of medical supervision.
59. **Services At No Cost:** Services which the Covered Person would not be obligated to pay in the absence of this Plan or which are available to the Covered Person at no cost, except for care provided in a facility of the uniformed services as per Title 32 of the National Defense code, or as required by law.
60. **Sex Therapy.**
61. **Sexual Function:** Any medications, oral or other, used to increase sexual function or satisfaction or penile pumps and erectaid devices.
62. **Supplements:** All supplemental feedings, over-the-counter nutritional and electrolyte supplements.
63. **Surrogate Motherhood Expenses.**
64. **Taxes:** Sales taxes, shipping and handling.
65. **Telemedicine or Telephone Consultations (Applies to In-Network Tier 2 and Out-Of-Network).**
66. **Third Party Liabilities:** Any Covered Expenses to the extent of any amount received from others for the bodily injuries or losses which necessitate such benefits. "Amounts received from others" specifically include, without limitation, liability insurance, worker's compensation, uninsured motorists, underinsured motorists, "no-fault" and automobile medical payments, and homeowner's insurance.
67. **Transportation:** Transportation services which are solely for the convenience of the Covered Person, the Covered Person's Close Relative, or the Covered Person's Physician.
68. **Travel:** Travel costs, whether or not recommended or prescribed by a Physician, unless authorized in advance by the Plan.
69. **Usual and Customary Charges:** Charges or the portion thereof which are in excess of the Usual and Customary charge or the negotiated fee.
70. **Vision Care,** unless covered elsewhere in this document.
71. **Vitamins, Minerals and Supplements,** even if prescribed by a Physician, except for Vitamin B-12 injections and IV iron therapy that are prescribed by a Physician for Medically Necessary purposes.
72. **Vocational Testing, Evaluation and Counseling:** Vocational and educational services rendered primarily for training or education purposes.
73. **Warning Devices:** Warning devices, stethoscope, blood pressure cuffs or other types of apparatus used for diagnosis or monitoring.
74. **Weight Control:** Treatment, services or surgery for weight control, whether or not prescribed by a Physician or associated with an Illness, except as specifically stated for preventive counseling.



75. **Wigs, Toupees, Hairpieces, Hair Implants or Transplants or Hair Weaving**, or any similar item for replacement of hair regardless of the cause of hair loss.
76. **Wrong Surgeries:** Additional costs and/or care related to wrong surgeries. Wrong surgeries include, but are not limited to, surgery performed on the wrong body part, surgery performed on the wrong person, objects left in patients after surgery, etc.

**The Plan does not limit a Covered Person's right to choose his or her own medical care.** If a medical expense is not a covered benefit, or is subject to a limitation or exclusion, a Covered Person still has the right and privilege to receive such medical service or supply at the Covered Person's own personal expense. Similarly, if the provider is a Non-Participating Provider, the Covered Person still has the right and privilege to utilize such provider at the Plan's reduced Participation level, with the Covered Person being responsible for a larger percentage of the total medical expense.

## CLAIMS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

### REASONABLE AND CONSISTENT CLAIMS PROCEDURES

The Plan's claims procedures are designed to ensure and verify that claim determinations are made in accordance with the Plan documents. The Plan provisions will be applied consistently with respect to similarly situated individuals.

### TYPE OF CLAIMS AND DEFINITIONS

- **Pre-Service Claim needing prior authorization as required by the Plan and stated in this SPD.** This is a claim for a benefit where the Covered Person is required to get approval from the Plan *before* obtaining the medical care such as in the case of prior authorization of health care items or service that the Plan requires. If a Covered Person or provider calls the Plan just to find out if a claim will be covered, that is not a Pre-Service Claim, unless the Plan and this SPD specifically require the person to call for prior authorization (See Pre-Determination above). Giving prior authorization does not guarantee that the Plan will ultimately pay the claim.

**Note that this Plan does not require prior authorization for urgent or Emergency care claims;** however, Covered Persons may be required to notify the Plan following stabilization. Please refer to the Care Management section of this SPD for more details. A condition is considered to be an urgent or Emergency care situation if a sudden and serious condition occurs such that a Prudent Layperson could expect the patient's life would be jeopardized, the patient would suffer severe pain, or serious impairment of the patient's bodily functions would result unless immediate medical care is rendered. Examples of an urgent or Emergency care situation may include, but are not limited to: chest pain; hemorrhaging; syncope; fever equal to or greater than 103° F; presence of a foreign body in the throat, eye, or internal cavity; or a severe allergic reaction.

- **Post-Service Claim** means a claim that involves payment for the cost of health care that has already been provided.
- **Concurrent Care Claim** means that an ongoing course of treatment to be provided over a period of time or for a specified number of treatments has been approved by the Plan.

### PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

**Personal Representative** means a person (or provider) who can contact the Plan on the Covered Person's behalf to help with claims, appeals or other benefit issues. A minor Dependent must have the signature of a parent or Legal Guardian in order to appoint a third party as a Personal Representative.

If a Covered Person chooses to use a Personal Representative, the Covered Person must submit proper documentation to the Plan stating the following: The name of the Personal Representative, the date and duration of the appointment and any other pertinent information. In addition, the Covered Person must agree to grant his or her Personal Representative access to his or her Protected Health Information. The Covered Person should contact the Claim Administrator to obtain the proper forms. All forms must be signed by the Covered Person in order to be considered official.

### PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING CLAIMS

Most providers will coordinate payment directly with the Plan on the Covered Person's behalf. If the provider will not coordinate payment directly with the Plan, then the Covered Person will need to send the claim to the Plan within the timelines discussed below. The address for submitting medical claims is on the back of the group health identification card.

For Prescription benefits, a claim is considered filed when a Covered Person has submitted the claim for benefits under the Pharmacy benefit terms outlined in this SPD. The address for submitting Prescription claims is on the back of the identification card. If the Pharmacy refuses to fill the Covered Person's Prescription at the Pharmacy counter, the Covered Person should call the number on the back of the Pharmacy drug benefit identification card for further instructions on how to proceed.

A Covered Person who receives services in a country other than the United States is responsible for ensuring the provider is paid. If the provider will not coordinate payment directly with the Plan, the Covered Person will need to pay the claim up front and then submit the claim to the Plan for reimbursement. The Plan will reimburse the Covered Person for any covered amount in U.S. currency. The reimbursed amount will be based on the U.S. equivalency rate that is in effect on the date the Covered Person paid the claim, or on the date of service if the paid date is not known.

### **TIMELY FILING**

Covered Persons are responsible for ensuring that complete claims are submitted to the Third Party Administrator as soon as possible after services are received, but no later than 180 days from the date of service. Prescription benefit claims must be submitted within 12 months from the date of service. A Covered Person may request a Prescription claim form by writing to OptumRx at PO Box 8082, Wausau WI 54402-8082, or by calling the number on the back of the Prescription drug card. A complete claim means that the Plan has all of the information that is necessary in order to process the claim. Claims received after the timely filing period will not be allowed.

### **INCORRECTLY FILED CLAIMS** (Applies to Pre-Service Claims only)

If a Covered Person or Personal Representative does not properly follow the Plan's procedures for requesting prior authorization, the Plan will notify the person to explain proper procedures within five calendar days following receipt of a Pre-Service claim request. The notice will usually be oral, unless written notice is requested by the Covered Person or Personal Representative.

### **HOW HEALTH BENEFITS ARE CALCULATED**

When UMR receives a claim for services that have been provided to a Covered Person, it will determine if the service is a covered benefit under this group health Plan. If it is not a covered benefit, the claim will be denied and the Covered Person will be responsible for paying the provider for these costs. If it is a covered benefit, UMR will establish the allowable payment amount for that service, in accordance with the provisions of this SPD.

Claims for covered benefits are paid according to an established fee schedule, a negotiated rate for certain services, or as a percentage of the Usual and Customary fees.

**Fee Schedule:** Providers are paid the lesser of the billed amount or the maximum fee schedule for the particular covered service, minus any Deductible, Plan Participation rate, Co-pay or penalties that the Covered Person is responsible for paying.

**Negotiated Rate:** On occasion, UMR will negotiate a payment rate with a provider for a particular covered service such as transplant services, Durable Medical Equipment, Extended Care Facility treatment or other services. The negotiated rate is what the Plan will pay to the provider, minus any Co-pay, Deductible, Plan Participation rate or penalties that the Covered Person is responsible for paying.

**Usual and Customary (U&C)** is the amount that is usually charged by health care providers in the same geographical area (or greater area, if necessary) for the same services, treatment or materials. An industry fee file is used to determine U&C fee allowances. Refer to the U&C level being allowed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the Provider Network provision, see surgery and assistant surgeon under the Covered Benefits for exceptions related to multiple procedures. As it relates to charges made by a network provider, the term Usual and Customary means the Negotiated Rate as contractually agreed to by the provider and network (see above). A global package includes the services that are a necessary part of a procedure. For individual services that are part of a global package, it is customary for the individual services not to be billed separately. A separate charge will not be allowed under the Plan.

## **NOTIFICATION OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION**

Each time a claim is submitted by a Covered Person or a provider on behalf of a Covered Person, the Covered Person will receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form that will explain how much the Plan paid toward the claim, and how much of the claim is the Covered Person's responsibility due to cost-sharing obligations, non-covered benefits, penalties or other Plan provisions. Please check the information on each EOB form to make sure the services charged were actually received from the provider and that the information appears correct. For any questions or concerns about the EOB form, please feel free to call the Plan at the number listed on the EOB or on the back of the group health identification card. The provider will receive a similar form on each claim that is submitted.

Note: For Prescription benefits, a Covered Person will receive an EOB when he or she files a claim directly with OptumRx. See "Procedures for Submitting Claims" for more information.

## **TIMELINES FOR INITIAL BENEFIT DETERMINATION**

UMR will process claims within the following timelines, although the Covered Person may voluntarily extend these timelines:

- Pre-Service Claim: A decision will be made within 15 calendar days following receipt of a claim request, but the Plan can have an extra 15-day extension, when necessary for reasons beyond the control of the Plan, if written notice is given to the Covered Person within the original 15-day period.
- Post-Service Claims: Claims will be processed within 30 calendar days, but the Plan can have an additional 15-day extension, when necessary for reasons beyond the control of the Plan, if written notice is provided to the Covered Person within the original 30-day period.
- Concurrent Care Claims: If the Plan is reducing or terminating benefits before the end of the previously approved course of treatment, the Plan will notify the Covered Person prior to the coverage for the treatment ending or being reduced.
- Emergency and/or Urgent Care Claim: The Plan will notify a Covered Person or provider of a benefit determination (whether adverse or not) with respect to a claim involving Emergency or Urgent Care as soon as possible, taking into account the Medical Necessity, but not later than 72 hours after the receipt of the claim by the Plan.

A claim is considered to be filed when the claim for benefits has been submitted to UMR for formal consideration under the terms of this Plan.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSING LOSS OR DENIAL OF PLAN BENEFITS**

Claims can be denied for any of the following reasons:

- Termination of Your employment.
- Covered Person is no longer eligible for coverage under the health Plan.
- Charges Incurred prior to the Covered Person's Effective Date or following termination of coverage.
- Covered Person reached the Maximum Benefit under this Plan.
- Amendment of group health Plan.
- Termination of the group health Plan.

- Employee, Dependent or provider did not respond to a request for additional information needed to process the claim or appeal.
- Application of Coordination of Benefits.
- Enforcement of subrogation.
- Services are not a covered benefit under this Plan.
- Services are not considered Medically Necessary.
- Failure to comply with prior authorization requirements before receiving services.
- Misuse of the Plan identification card or other fraud.
- Failure to pay premiums if required.
- Employee or Dependent is responsible for charges due to Deductible, Plan Participation obligations or penalties.
- Application of the Usual and Customary fee limits, fee schedule or negotiated rates.
- Incomplete or inaccurate claim submission.
- Application of utilization review.
- Experimental or Investigational procedure.
- Other reasons as stated elsewhere in this SPD.

### **ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATION (DENIED CLAIMS)**

**Adverse Benefit Determination** means a denial, reduction, or termination of a benefit, or a failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a benefit. It also includes any such denial, reduction, termination, rescission of coverage (whether or not, in connection with the rescission, there is an adverse effect on any particular benefit at that time), or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination that the Covered Person is no longer eligible to participate in the Plan.

If a claim is being denied in whole or in part, the Covered Person will receive an initial claim denial notice within the timelines described above. A claim denial notice, usually referred to as an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form will:

- Explain the specific reasons for the denial.
- Provide a specific reference to pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial was based.
- Provide a description of any material or information that is necessary for the Covered Person to perfect the claim, along with an explanation of why such material or information is necessary, if applicable.
- Provide appropriate information as to the steps the Covered Person can take to submit the claim for appeal (review).
- If an internal rule or guideline was relied upon, or if the denial was based on Medical Necessity or Experimental treatment, the Plan will notify the Covered Person of that fact. The Covered Person has the right to request a copy of the rule/guideline or clinical criteria that was relied upon, and such information will be provided free of charge.

### **APPEALS PROCEDURE FOR ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATIONS**

If a Covered Person disagrees with the denial of a claim or a rescission of coverage determination, the Covered Person or his/her Personal Representative can request that the Plan review its initial determination by submitting a written request to the Plan as described below. An appeal filed by a provider on the Covered Person's behalf is not considered an appeal under the Plan unless the provider is a Personal Representative.

**First Level of Appeal:** This is a **mandatory** appeal level. The Covered Person must exhaust the following internal procedures before any outside action is taken.

- Covered Persons must file the appeal within 180 days of the date they received the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form from the Plan showing that the claim was denied. The Plan will assume that Covered Persons received the written EOB form seven days after the Plan mailed the EOB form.
- Covered Persons or their Personal Representatives will be allowed reasonable access to review or copy pertinent documents, at no charge.

- Covered Persons may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim to explain why they believe the denial should be overturned. This information should be submitted at the same time the written request for a review is submitted.
- Covered Persons have the right to submit evidence that their claim is due to the existence of a physical or mental medical condition or domestic violence, under applicable federal nondiscrimination rules.
- The review will take into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted that relates to the claim. This would include comments, documents, records and other information that either were not submitted previously or were not considered in the initial benefit decision. The review will be conducted by individuals who were not involved in the original denial decision and are not under the supervision of the person who originally denied the claim.
- If the benefit denial was based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, the Plan will consult with a health care professional with training and experience in the relevant medical field. This health care professional may not have been involved in the original denial decision, nor be supervised by the health care professional who was involved. If the Plan has obtained medical or vocational experts in connection with the claim, they will be identified upon the Covered Person's request, regardless of whether the Plan relies on their advice in making any benefit determinations.
- After Your claim has been reviewed, You will receive written notification letting You know if the claim is being approved or denied. In the event of new or additional evidence, or any new rationale relied upon during the appeal process in connection with a claim that is being appealed, the Plan will automatically provide the relevant information to You. The notification will provide You with the information outlined under the "Adverse Benefit Determination" section above.

**Second Level of Appeal:** This is a **voluntary** appeal level. The Covered Person is not required to follow this internal procedure before taking outside legal action.

- Covered Persons who are not satisfied with the decision following the first appeal, have the right to appeal the denial a second time.
- Covered Persons or their Personal Representatives must submit a written request for a second review within 60 calendar days following the date they received the Plan's decision regarding the first appeal. The Plan will assume that Covered Persons received the determination letter regarding the first appeal seven days following the date the Plan sends the determination letter.
- Covered Persons may submit written comments, documents, records and other pertinent information to explain why they believe the denial should be overturned. This information should be submitted at the same time the written request for a second review is submitted.
- Covered Persons have the right to submit evidence that their claim is due to the existence of a physical or mental medical condition or domestic violence, under applicable federal nondiscrimination rules.
- The second review will take into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted that relates to the claim that either were not submitted previously or were not considered in the initial benefit decision. The review will be conducted by individuals who were not involved in the original denial decision or the first appeal, and are not under the supervision of those individuals.
- If the benefit denial was based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, the Plan will consult with a health care professional with training and experience in the relevant medical field. This health care professional may not have been involved in the original denial decision or first appeal, nor be supervised by the health care professional who was involved. If the Plan has obtained medical or vocational experts in connection with the claim, they will be identified upon the Covered Person's request, regardless of whether the Plan relies on their advice in making any benefit determinations.
- After Your claim has been reviewed, You will receive written notification letting You know if the claim is being approved or denied. In the event of new or additional evidence, or any new rationale relied upon during the appeal process in connection with a claim that is being appealed, the Plan will automatically provide the relevant information to You. The notification will provide You with the information outlined under the "Adverse Benefit Determination" section above.

Regarding the above voluntary appeal level, the Plan agrees that any statutory limitations that are applicable to pursuing the claim in court will be put on hold during the period of this voluntary appeal process. The voluntary appeal process is available only after the Covered Person has followed the mandatory appeal level as required above. This Plan also agrees that it will not charge the Covered Person a fee for going through the voluntary appeal process, and it will not assert a failure to exhaust administrative remedies if a Covered Person elects to pursue a claim in court before following this voluntary appeal process. A Covered Person's decision about whether to submit a benefit dispute through this voluntary appeal level will have no effect on their rights to any other benefits under the Plan. For any questions regarding the voluntary level of appeal including applicable rules, a Covered Person's right to representation (Personal Representative) or other details, please contact the Plan.

**Appeals should be sent within the prescribed time period as stated above to the following address(es):**

Send Post-Service Claim Medical appeals to:

UMR  
CLAIMS APPEAL UNIT  
PO BOX 30546  
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84130-0546

Send Pre-Service Claim Medical appeals to:

UHC APPEALS - UMR  
PO BOX 400046  
SAN ANTONIO TX 78229

Send Pharmacy appeals to:

OPTUMRX  
2300 MAIN ST  
WAUSAU WI 54402-8082

**TIME PERIODS FOR MAKING DECISION ON APPEALS**

After reviewing a claim that has been appealed, the Plan will notify the Covered Person of its decision within the following timeframes, although Covered Persons may voluntarily extend these timelines. In addition, if any new or additional evidence is relied upon or generated during the determination of the appeal, the Plan will provide such evidence to You free of charge and sufficiently in advance of the due date of the response to the Adverse Benefit Determination. If such evidence is received at a point in the process where we are unable to provide You with a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to the end of the period stated below, the time period will be tolled to allow You a reasonable opportunity to respond to the new or additional evidence.

The timelines below will only apply to the mandatory appeal level. The voluntary appeal level will not be subject to specific timelines.

- Pre-Service Claim: Within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances but no later than 30 calendar days after the Plan receives the request for review.
- Post-Service Claim: Within a reasonable period of time but no later than 60 calendar days after the Plan receives the request for review.
- Concurrent Care Claims: Before treatment ends or is reduced.

**RIGHT TO EXTERNAL REVIEW**

If, after exhausting Your internal appeals, You are not satisfied with the final determination, You may choose to participate in the external review program. This program applies only if the adverse benefit determination involves:

- Clinical reasons;
- The exclusions for Experimental, Investigational, or Unproven Services; or

- Determinations related to Your entitlement to a reasonable alternative standard for a reward under a wellness program;
- Determinations related to whether the Plan has complied with non-quantitative treatment limitation provisions of Code 9812 or 54.9812 (Parity in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits); or
- Other requirements of applicable law.

This external review program offers an independent review process to review the denial of a requested service or procedure (other than a pre-determination of benefits) or the denial of payment for a service or procedure. The process is available at no charge to You after You have exhausted the appeals process identified above and You receive a decision that is unfavorable, or if UMR or Your employer fails to respond to Your appeal within the time lines stated above.

You may request an independent review of the Adverse Benefit Determination. Neither You nor UMR or Your employer will have an opportunity to meet with the reviewer or otherwise participate in the reviewer's decision. If You wish to pursue an external review, please send a written request to the following address:

UMR  
EXTERNAL REVIEW APPEAL UNIT  
PO BOX 8048  
WAUSAU WI 54402-8048

Your written request should include: (1) Your specific request for an external review; (2) the Employee's name, address, and member ID number; (3) Your designated representative's name and address, if applicable; (4) a description of the service that was denied; and (5) any new, relevant information that was not provided during the internal appeal. You will be provided more information about the external review process at the time we receive Your request.

Any requests for an independent review must be made within four months of the date You receive the Adverse Benefit Determination. You or an authorized designated representative may request an independent review by contacting the toll-free number on Your ID card or by sending a written request to the address on Your ID card.

The independent review will be performed by an independent Physician, or by a Physician who is qualified to decide whether the requested service or procedure is a qualified expense under the Plan. The Independent Review Organization (IRO) has been contracted by UMR and has no material affiliation or interest with UMR or Your employer. UMR will choose the IRO based on a rotating list of approved IROs.

In certain cases, the independent review may be performed by a panel of Physicians, as deemed appropriate by the IRO.

Within applicable timeframes of UMR's receipt of a request for independent review, the request will be forwarded to the IRO, together with:

- All relevant medical records;
- All other documents relied upon by UMR and/or Your employer in making a decision on the case; and
- All other information or evidence that You or Your Physician has already submitted to UMR or Your employer.

If there is any information or evidence that was not previously provided and that You or Your Physician wishes to submit in support of the request, You may include this information with the request for an independent review, and UMR will include it with the documents forwarded to the IRO. A decision will be made within applicable timeframes. If the reviewer needs additional information in order to make a decision, this time period may be extended. The independent review process will be expedited if You meet the criteria for an expedited external review as defined by applicable law.



The reviewer's decision will be in writing and will include the clinical basis for the determination. The IRO will provide You and UMR and/or Your employer with the reviewer's decision, a description of the qualifications of the reviewer and any other information deemed appropriate by the organization and/or required by applicable law.

If the final independent decision is to approve payment or referral, the Plan will accept the decision and provide benefits for such service or procedure in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan. If the final independent review decision is that payment or referral will not be made, the Plan will not be obligated to provide benefits for the service or procedure.

You may contact the Claims Administrator at the toll-free number on Your ID card for more information regarding Your external appeal rights and the independent review process.

### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND AUTOPSY**

The Plan may require that a Covered Person have a physical examination, at the Plan's expense, as often as is necessary to settle a claim. In the case of death, the Plan may require an autopsy unless forbidden by law.

### **RIGHT TO REQUEST OVERPAYMENTS**

The Plan reserves the right to recover any payments made by the Plan that were:

- Made in error; or
- Made after the date the person should have been terminated under this Plan; or
- Made to any Covered Person or any party on a Covered Person's behalf where the employer determines the payment to the Covered Person or any party is greater than the amount payable under this Plan.

The Plan has the right to recover against Covered Persons if the Plan has paid them or any other party on their behalf.

## FRAUD

Fraud is a crime that can be prosecuted. Any Covered Person who willfully and knowingly engages in an activity intended to defraud the Plan is guilty of fraud. The Plan will utilize all means necessary to support fraud detection and investigation. It is a crime for a Covered Person to file a claim containing any false, incomplete or misleading information with intent to injure, defraud or deceive the Plan. In addition, it is a fraudulent act when a Covered Person willfully and knowingly fails to notify the Plan regarding an event that affects eligibility for a Covered Person. Notification requirements are outlined in this SPD and other Plan materials. Please read them carefully and refer to all Plan materials that You receive (i.e., COBRA notices). A few examples of events that require Plan notification would be divorce, Dependent aging out of the Plan, and enrollment in other group health coverage while on COBRA (please note that the examples listed are not all inclusive).

Covered Persons must:

- File accurate claims. If someone else - such as Your spouse or another family member - files claims on the Covered Person's behalf, the Covered Person should review the form before signing it;
- Review the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form. Make certain that benefits have been paid correctly based on your knowledge of the expenses Incurred and the services rendered;
- Never allow another person to seek medical treatment under your identity. If your Plan identification card is lost, report the loss to the Plan immediately; and
- Provide complete and accurate information on claim forms and any other forms. Answer all questions to the best of your knowledge.
- Notify the Plan when an event occurs that affects a Covered Person's eligibility.

To maintain the integrity of this Plan, Covered Persons are encouraged to notify the Plan whenever a provider:

- Bills for services or treatment that have never been received; or
- Asks a Covered Person to sign a blank claim form; or
- Asks a Covered Person to undergo tests that the Covered Person feels are not needed.

Covered Persons concerned about any of the charges that appear on a bill or EOB form, or who know of or suspect any illegal activity, should call the toll-free hotline 1-800-356-5803. All calls are strictly confidential.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROVISIONS

### FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)

If an Employee is on a family or medical leave of absence that meets the eligibility requirements under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), his or her employer will continue coverage under this Plan in accordance with state and federal FMLA regulations, provided the following conditions are met:

- Contributions are paid; and
- The Employee has a written, approved leave from the employer.

Coverage will be continued for up to the greater of:

- The leave period required by the FMLA and any amendment; or
- The leave period required by applicable state law.

An Employee may choose not to retain group health coverage during an FMLA leave. When the Employee returns to work following the FMLA leave, the Employee's coverage will usually be restored to the level the Employee would have had if the FMLA leave had not been taken. For more information, please contact Your Human Resources or Personnel office.

### QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS PROVISION

A Dependent Child will become covered as of the date specified in a judgment, decree or order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or through a state administrative process.

The order must clearly identify all of the following:

- The name and last known mailing address of the participant;
- The name and last known mailing address of each alternate recipient (or official state or political designee for the alternate recipient);
- A reasonable description of the type of coverage to be provided to the Child or the manner in which such coverage is to be determined; and
- The period to which the order applies.

Please contact the Plan Administrator to request a copy, at no charge, of the written procedures that the Plan uses when administering Qualified Medical Child Support Orders.

### NEWBORNS' AND MOTHERS' HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

Under federal law, group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance generally may not restrict benefits for any Hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or the newborn Child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a Cesarean section. However, the plan or issuer may pay for a shorter stay if the attending Physician (i.e., Your Physician, nurse, or midwife, or a physician assistant) after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under federal law, plans and insurers may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48-hour (or 96-hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

In addition, a plan or issuer may not, under federal law, require that a Physician or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, to use certain providers or facilities, or to reduce Your out-of-pocket costs, You may be required to obtain precertification. For information on precertification, contact Your plan administrator.

**This group health Plan also complies with the provisions of the:**

- Mental Health Parity Act.
- Americans With Disabilities Act, as amended.
- Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 regarding breast reconstruction following a mastectomy.
- Pediatric vaccines regulation, whereby an employer will not reduce its coverage for pediatric vaccines below the coverage it provided as of May 1, 1993.
- Coverage of Dependent Children in cases of adoption or Placement for Adoption as required by ERISA.
- Medicare Secondary Payer regulations, as amended.
- Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act (GINA).

## **PLAN AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION INFORMATION**

The Plan Sponsor fully intends to maintain this Plan indefinitely, however the employer reserves the right to terminate, suspend or amend this Plan at any time, in whole or in part, including making modifications to the benefits under this Plan. No person or entity has any authority to make any oral change or amendments to this Plan. The Plan Administrator will provide written notice to Plan participants within 60 days following the adopted formal action that makes material changes to the Plan.

### **YOUR RIGHTS IF PLAN IS AMENDED OR TERMINATED**

If this Plan is amended, Your rights are limited to Plan benefits in force at the time expenses are incurred, whether or not You have received written notification from the Plan Administrator that the Plan has been amended.

If this Plan is terminated, the rights of a Covered Person are limited to Covered Expenses incurred before You receive notice of termination.

The Plan will assume that You received the written amendment or termination letter from the Plan Administrator seven days after the letter is mailed to You regarding the changes.

No person will become entitled to any vested rights under this Plan.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON TERMINATION OF PLAN**

Plan assets will be held for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits and defraying reasonable expenses, and will not inure to the benefit of the employer, except:

- If Plan assets consist of both participant contributions and employer contributions, the employer will determine which portion of the remaining assets is from the employer contributions and which portion is from participant contributions. The assets that are from participant contributions will be used to cover the cost of incurred Covered Expenses and reasonable expenses to administer the Plan. The portion of assets that are from employer contributions can be reverted to the employer.
- If all Plan assets are from employer contributions, the assets at the time of termination can revert to the employer, once incurred Plan expenses have been paid.

### **NO CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

This Plan is not intended to be, and may not be construed as a contract of employment between You and the employer.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Accident** means an unexpected, unforeseen and unintended event.

**Activities Of Daily Living (ADL)** means the following, with or without assistance: Bathing, dressing, toileting and associated personal hygiene; transferring (which is to move in and out of a bed, chair, wheelchair, tub or shower); mobility, eating (which is getting nourishment into the body by any means other than intravenous), and continence (which is voluntarily maintaining control of bowel and/or bladder function; in the event of incontinence, maintaining a reasonable level of personal hygiene).

**Adverse Benefit Determination** means a denial, reduction, or termination of a benefit, or a failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a benefit. It also includes any such denial, reduction, termination, rescission of coverage (whether or not, in connection with the rescission, there is an adverse effect on any particular benefit at that time), or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination that the Covered Person is no longer eligible to participate in the Plan.

**Alternate Facility** means a health care facility that is not a Hospital and that provides one or more of the following services on an Outpatient basis, as permitted by law:

- Surgical services;
- Emergency services; or
- Rehabilitative, laboratory, diagnostic, or therapeutic services.

**Ambulance Transportation** means professional ground or air Ambulance Transportation in an Emergency situation or when deemed Medically Necessary, which is:

- To the closest facility most able to provide the specialized treatment required; and
- The most appropriate mode of transportation consistent with the well being of You or Your Dependent.

**Birthing Center** means a legally operating institution or facility which is licensed and equipped to provide immediate prenatal care, delivery and postpartum care to the pregnant individual under the direction and supervision of one or more Physicians specializing in obstetrics or gynecology or a Certified nurse midwife. It must provide for 24 hour nursing care provided by registered nurses or Certified nurse midwives.

**Close Relative** means a member of the immediate family. Immediate family includes You, Your spouse, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, step parents, step grandparents, siblings, step siblings, half siblings, children, step children and grandchildren.

**Co-pay** is the amount a Covered Person must pay each time certain covered services are provided, as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits.

**COBRA** means Title X of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended from time to time, and applicable regulations. This law gives Covered Persons the right, under certain circumstances, to elect continuation coverage under the Plan when active coverage ends due to a Qualifying Event.

**Cosmetic Treatment** means medical or surgical procedures which are primarily used to improve, alter or enhance appearance, whether or not for psychological or emotional reasons.

**Covered Expenses** means any expense, or portion thereof, which is incurred as a result of receiving a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Covered Person** means an Employee or Dependent who are enrolled under this Plan.

**Custodial Care** means nonmedical care given to a Covered Person to assist primarily with personal hygiene or other Activities of Daily Living rather than providing therapeutic treatment and services. Custodial Care services can be safely and adequately provided by persons who do not have the technical skills of a covered healthcare provider. Custodial Care also includes care when active medical treatment cannot be reasonably expected to reduce the disability or condition.

**Deductible** is the amount of Covered Expenses which must be paid by the Covered Person or the covered family before benefits are payable. The Schedule of Benefits shows the amount of the individual and family Deductible and the health care benefits to which it applies.

**Dependent** – see Eligibility and Enrollment section of this SPD.

**Developmental Disorder** is characterized by severe and pervasive impairment in various areas of development such as social interaction skills, adaptive behavior and communication skills. Developmental Disorders generally do not have a history of birth trauma or other illness that could be causing the impairment such as a hearing problem, mental illness or other neurological symptoms.

**Durable Medical Equipment** is equipment which is designed for repeated use; is intended to treat or stabilize a Covered Person's illness or injury or improve function; and generally is not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury.

**Emergency** means a serious medical condition which arises suddenly and requires immediate care and treatment in order to avoid jeopardy to the life and health of the person.

**Employee** – see Eligibility and Enrollment section of this SPD.

**Enrollment Date** means:

- For anyone who applies for coverage when first eligible, the Enrollment Date is the date that coverage begins, or if there is a Waiting Period, the first day of the Waiting Period, whichever is earlier.
- For anyone who enrolls on a special enrollment date, the Enrollment Date is the first day of coverage.
- For Late Enrollees, the Enrollment Date is the first day of coverage.

**Essential Health Benefit** means any medical expense that falls under the following categories, as defined under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; 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, if applicable.

**Expense Incurred** means the charge for a service, treatment, supply or facility. The expense is considered to be incurred on the date the service or treatment is given, the supply is received or the facility is used.

**Experimental or Investigational** means any supply, medicine, facility, equipment, service or treatment that:

- Is not currently or at the time the charges were incurred recognized as acceptable medical practice by the Plan. (FDA approval does not necessarily constitute accepted medical practice).
- Is subject of or related to ongoing Phase I, II or III clinical trials.
- Requires the Covered Person to sign a release or other document indicating that the treatment is Experimental or Investigational or other similar terms.

- Has not been approved by the appropriate government regulatory bodies.
- A drug, device, procedure, service or treatment must have Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for those specific indications and methods of use for which such drug, device, procedure, service or treatment is sought to be provided, subject to medical judgment by UMR's medical staff or qualified outside medical reviewers.

Any drug, device, procedure, service or treatment, which at the time sought to be provided is not approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for reimbursement under Medicare, is considered an Experimental procedure.

Drugs are considered Experimental if they are not commercially available for purchase, and are not approved by the FDA for general use. General use refers to permission for commercial distribution. Any other approvals that are granted as an interim step in the FDA regulatory process are considered Experimental procedures.

Any drug or test approved by the FDA for a specific disease, Injury, Illness or condition, but which is sought to be provided for another disease, Injury, Illness or condition, is considered Experimental, subject to medical judgment by UMR's medical staff or qualified outside medical reviewers.

- Based on prevailing peer reviewed medical literature in the United States, there is failure to demonstrate that the treatment is safe and effective for the condition, and that there is not enough scientific evidence to support conclusions concerning the effect of the drug, device, procedure, service or treatment on health outcomes.

The evidence must consist of well-designed and well-conducted investigations published in peer-review journals. The quality of the body of studies and the consistency of the results are considered in evaluating the evidence.

The evidence must demonstrate that the drug, device, procedure, service or treatment can measure or alter the sought after changes to the disease, Injury, Illness or condition. In addition, there must be evidence or a convincing argument based on established medical research that such measurement or alteration affects that health outcome.

Opinions and evaluations by national medical associations, consensus panels, other technology evaluation bodies or outside independent review organizations are evaluated according to the scientific quality of the supporting evidence and rationale.

References used in the evaluation include, but are not limited to, The American Cancer Society, The American Medical Association, FDA, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Merck Manual, Mosby Advanced Catalog Search, National Library of Medicine Search, National Institutes of Health, Pubmed (Medicine), The Hayes Directory of New Medical Technologies and/or the American Academies or Colleges of various Physician specialties.

A service, supply, treatment or facility may be considered Experimental or Investigational, even if the provider has performed, prescribed, recommended, ordered or approved it, or if it is the only available procedure or treatment for the Illness or Injury.

**Extended Care Facility** includes, but is not limited to a skilled nursing, rehabilitation, convalescent or subacute facility. It is an institution or a designated part of one that is operating pursuant to the law for such an institution and is under the full time supervision of a Physician or registered nurse. In addition, the Plan requires that the facility: Provide 24 hour-a-day service to include skilled nursing care and Medically Necessary therapies for the recovery of health or physical strength; is not a place primarily for Custodial Care; requires compensation from its patients; admits patients only upon Physician orders; has an agreement to have a Physician's services available when needed; maintains adequate medical records for all patients; has a written transfer agreement with at least one Hospital and is licensed by the state in which it operates and provides the services under which the licensure applies.



**Gender Dysphoria** means a disorder characterized by the following diagnostic criteria classified in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association:

Diagnostic criteria for adults and adolescents:

- A marked incongruence exists between one's experienced/expressed gender and one's assigned gender, of at least six months' duration, as manifested by at least two of the following:
  - A marked incongruence between one's experienced/expressed gender and primary and/or secondary sex characteristics (or, in young adolescents, the anticipated secondary sex characteristics).
  - A strong desire to be rid of one's primary and/or secondary sex characteristics because of a marked incongruence with one's experienced/expressed gender (or, in young adolescents, a desire to prevent the development of the anticipated secondary sex characteristics).
  - A strong desire for the primary and/or secondary sex characteristics of the other gender.
  - A strong desire to be of the other gender (or some alternative gender different from one's assigned gender).
  - A strong desire to be treated as the other gender (or some alternative gender different from one's assigned gender).
  - A strong conviction that one has the typical feelings and reactions of the other gender (or some alternative gender different from one's assigned gender).

The condition must be associated with clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.

Diagnostic criteria for children:

- A marked incongruence exists between one's experienced/expressed gender and one's assigned gender, of at least six months' duration, as manifested by at least six of the following (one of which must be the criterion shown in the first bullet below):
  - A strong desire to be of the other gender or an insistence that one is the other gender (or some alternative gender different from one's assigned gender).
  - In boys (assigned gender), a strong preference for cross-dressing or simulating female attire; or in girls (assigned gender), a strong preference for wearing only typical masculine clothing and a strong resistance to the wearing of typical feminine clothing.
  - A strong preference for cross-gender roles in make-believe play or fantasy play.
  - A strong preference for the toys, games, or activities stereotypically used or engaged in by the other gender.
  - A strong preference for playmates of the other gender.
  - In boys (assigned gender), a strong rejection of typically masculine toys, games, and activities and a strong avoidance of rough-and-tumble play; or in girls (assigned gender), a strong rejection of typically feminine toys, games, and activities.
  - A strong dislike of one's sexual anatomy.
  - A strong desire for the primary and/or secondary sex characteristics that match one's experienced gender.

The condition must be associated with clinically significant distress or impairment in social, school, or other important areas of functioning.

**Habilitative Services** means services which are educational in scope and purpose and are rendered to develop, improve or accelerate functions that have never been present or are not present to the normal degree of a person of like age or sex.

**Home Health Care** means a formal program of care and intermittent treatment that is: Performed in the home; and prescribed by a Physician; and intermittent care and treatment for the recovery of health or physical strength under an established plan of care; and prescribed in place of a Hospital or an Extended Care Facility or results in a shorter Hospital or Extended Care Facility stay; and organized, administered, and supervised by a Hospital or Qualified licensed providers under the medical direction of a Physician; and appropriate when it is not reasonable to expect the Covered Person to obtain medically indicated services or supplies outside the home.

For purposes of Home Health Care, Nurse Services means intermittent home nursing care by professional registered nurses or by licensed practical nurses. Intermittent means occasional or segmented care, i.e., care that is not provided on a continuous, non-interrupted basis.

**Home Health Care Plan** means a formal, written plan made by the Covered Person's attending Physician which is evaluated on a regular basis. It must state the diagnosis, certify that the Home Health Care is in place of Hospital confinement, and specify the type and extend of Home Health Care required for the treatment of the Covered Person.

**Hospice Care** means a health care program providing a coordinated set of services rendered at home, in Outpatient settings, or in Inpatient settings for Covered Persons suffering from a condition that has a terminal prognosis. Non-curative supportive care is provided through an interdisciplinary group of personnel. A hospice must meet the standards of the National Hospice Organization and applicable state licensing.

**Hospice Care Provider** means an agency or organization that has Hospice Care available 24 hours a day, seven days a week; is Certified by Medicare as a Hospice Care Agency, and, if required, is licensed as such by the jurisdiction in which it is located. The provider may offer skilled nursing services; medical social worker services; psychological and dietary counseling; services of a Physician, physical or occupational therapist; home health aide services; pharmacy services; and Durable Medical Equipment.

**Hospital** means:

- A facility that is a licensed institution authorized to operate as a Hospital by the state in which it is operating; and
- Provides diagnostic and therapeutic facilities for the surgical or medical diagnosis, treatment, and care of injured and sick persons at the patient's expense; and
- Has a staff of licensed Physicians available at all times; and
- It is accredited by a recognized credentialing entity approved by CMS and/or a state or federal agency; or, if outside of the United States, is licensed or approved by the foreign government or an accreditation or licensing body working in that foreign country; and
- It continuously provides on-premises, 24-hour nursing service by or under the supervision of a registered nurse; and
- Is not a place primarily for maintenance or Custodial Care.

For purposes of this Plan, Hospital also includes Surgical Centers and Birthing Centers licensed by the state in which it operates. Hospital does not include services provided in facilities operating as residential treatment centers.

**Illness** means a bodily disorder, disease, physical or mental sickness, functional nervous disorder, pregnancy or complication of pregnancy. The term "Illness" when used in connection with a newborn Child includes, but is not limited to, congenital defects and birth abnormalities, including premature birth.

**Infertility Treatment** means services, tests, supplies, devices, or drugs which are intended to promote fertility, achieve a condition of pregnancy, or treat an Illness causing an infertility condition when such treatment is done in an attempt to bring about a pregnancy.

For purposes of this definition, Infertility Treatment includes, but is not limited to: Fertility tests and drugs; tests and exams done to prepare for induced conception; surgical reversal of a sterilized state which was a result of a previous surgery; sperm enhancement procedures; direct attempts to cause pregnancy by any means including, but not limited to: hormone therapy or drugs; artificial insemination; In vitro fertilization; Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer (GIFT), or Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer (ZIFT); embryo transfer; and freezing or storage of embryo, eggs or semen.

**Injury** means an act causing harm or damage to the body.

**Inpatient** means a registered bed patient using and being charged for room and board at a Hospital or in a Hospital for 24 hours or more. A person is not an Inpatient on any day on which he or she is on leave or otherwise gone from the Hospital, whether or not a room and board charge is made. Observation in a Hospital room will be considered Inpatient treatment if the duration of the observation status exceeds 72 hours.

**Late Enrollee** means a person who enrolls under this Plan other than on:

- The earliest date on which coverage can become effective under the terms of this Plan; or
- A special Enrollment Date for the person as defined by HIPAA.

**Learning Disability** means a group of disorders that results in significant difficulties in one or more of seven areas including: basic reading skills, reading comprehension, oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, mathematical calculation and mathematical reasoning. Specific learning disabilities are diagnosed when the individual's achievement on standardized tests in a given area is substantially below that expected for age, schooling and level of intelligence.

**Legal Guardianship/Guardian** means the individual is recognized by a court of law as having the duty of taking care of a person and managing the individual's property and rights.

**Life-Threatening Disease or Condition** means a condition that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment.

**Maximum Benefit** means the maximum amount to be paid by the Plan on behalf of the Covered Person for Covered Expenses which are incurred while the person is covered under the Plan.

**Medically Necessary / Medical Necessity** means health care services provided for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, mental illness, substance use disorder, condition, disease or its symptoms, that generally meet the following criteria as determined by us or our designee, within our sole discretion:

- In accordance with *Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice*; and
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for Your illness, injury, mental illness, substance use disorder, disease or its symptoms; and
- Not mainly for Your convenience or that of Your doctor or other health care provider; and
- Is the most appropriate, most cost-efficient level of service(s), supply, or drug which can be safely provided to the member and that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of Your illness, injury, disease or symptoms.

The fact that a Physician has performed, prescribed, recommended, ordered, or approved a service, treatment plan, supply, medicine, equipment or facility, or that it is the only available procedure or treatment for a condition, does not, in itself, make the utilization of the service, treatment plan, supply, medicine, equipment or facility Medically Necessary.

*Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* are standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, relying primarily on controlled clinical trials, or, if not available, observational studies from more than one institution that suggest a causal relationship between the service or treatment and health outcomes.

If no credible scientific evidence is available, then standards that are based on Physician specialty society recommendations or professional standards of care may be considered. We reserve the right to consult expert opinion in determining whether health care services are Medically Necessary. The decision to apply Physician specialty society recommendations, the choice of expert and the determination of when to use any such expert opinion, shall be within our sole discretion.

UnitedHealthcare Clinical Services develops and maintains clinical policies that describe the Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice scientific evidence, prevailing medical standards and clinical guidelines supporting our determinations regarding specific services. These clinical policies (as developed by UnitedHealthcare Clinical Services and revised from time to time), are available to Covered Persons by calling UMR at the telephone number on Your ID card, and to Physicians and other health care professionals on UnitedHealthcareOnline.com.

**Mental Health Disorder** means a disorder that is a clinically significant psychological syndrome associated with distress, dysfunction or illness. The syndrome must represent a dysfunctional response to a situation or event that exposes the Covered Person to an increased risk of pain, suffering, conflict, illness or death.

**Mentally Disabled** means an individual who has been diagnosed to have a psychiatric or behavior disorder that severely limits the individual's ability to function without daily supervision or assistance.

**Morbid Obesity** means a Body Mass Index (BMI) that is greater than or equal to 50kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Also multiple co-morbidities must be documented by the Physician for the following diagnosis of:

- Diabetes.
- Sleep Apnea.
- Hypertension.
- Arthritis.
- Depression.

**Non-Essential Health Benefit** means any medical benefit that is not an Essential Health Benefit. Please refer to the "Essential Health Benefit" definition.

**Ordinary Care** means the degree of care, skill and diligence that a reasonable and prudent administrator would exercise in making a fair determination on a claim for benefits similar to the claim involved.

**Orthotic Appliances** means braces, splints and other appliances used to support or restrain a weak or deformed part of the body and is designed for repeated use, intended to treat or stabilize a Covered Person's illness or injury or improve function; and generally is not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury.

**Outpatient** means medical care, treatment, services or supplies in a facility in which a patient is not registered as a bed patient and room and board charges are not incurred.

**Participating Pharmacy** means a licensed entity, acting within the scope of its license in the state in which it dispenses, that has entered into a written agreement with OptumRx and has agreed to provide services to covered individuals for the fees negotiated in the agreement.

**Pediatric Services** means services provided to individuals under the age of 19.

**Physician** means any of the following licensed practitioners, acting within the scope of his or her license in the state in which he or she practices, who performs services payable under this Plan: doctor of medicine (MD), doctor of medical dentistry including an oral surgeon (DMD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), doctor of podiatric medicine (DPM), doctor of dental surgery (DDS), doctor of chiropractic (DC), doctor of optometry (OPT). Subject to the limitations below, the term 'Physician' shall also include the following practitioner types: physician's assistant (PA), nurse practitioner (NP), certified nurse midwife (CNM), or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) when, and only when, the practitioner is duly licensed, registered, and/or certified by the state in which he or she practices, the services being provided are within his or her scope of practice, and the services are payable under this Plan.

**Placed for or Placement for Adoption** means the assumption and retention of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a child in anticipation of adoption of such child. The child's placement with the person terminates upon the termination of such legal obligation.

**Preventive / Routine Care** means a prescribed standard procedure that is ordered by a Physician to evaluate or assess the Covered Person's health and well-being, screen for possible detection of unrevealed Illness or Injury, improve the Covered Person's health, or extend the Covered Person's life expectancy. Generally, a procedure is routine if there is no personal history of the Illness or Injury for which the Covered Person is being screened, except as required by applicable law. Benefits included as Preventive / Routine Care are listed in the Schedule of Benefits and will be paid subject to any listed limits or maximums. Whether an immunization is considered Preventative / Routine is based upon the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Preventive / Routine Care does not include benefits specifically excluded by this Plan, or treatment after the diagnosis of an Illness or Injury, except as required by applicable law.

**Provider Directory** means a list of the Participating Providers.

**Prudent Layperson** means a person with average knowledge of health and medicine who is not formally educated or specialized in the field of medicine.

**Qualified** means licensed, registered, and/or certified in accordance with the applicable state law, and the particular service or treatment being provided is within the scope of the license, registration, and/or certification.

**Qualified Provider** means a provider duly licensed, registered, and/or certified by the state in which he or she is practicing, whose scope of practice includes the particular service or treatment being provided that is payable under this Plan.

**Reconstructive Surgery** means surgical procedures performed on abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, Accident or Illness. It is generally performed to achieve a normal appearance and may also be performed to improve or restore function.

**Retired Employee** means a person who was employed full time by the employer who is no longer regularly at work and who is now retired under the employer's formal retirement program.

**Routine Care** means a prescribed standard procedure that is ordered by a Physician to evaluate or assess the Covered Person's health and well being, screen for possible detection of unrevealed Illness or Injury, improve the Covered Person's health, or extend the Covered Person's life expectancy. Generally, a procedure is routine if there is no personal history of the Illness or Injury for which the Covered Person is being screened. Benefits included as Routine Care are listed in the Schedule of Benefits and will be paid subject to any listed limits or maximums. Routine Care does not include benefits specifically excluded by this Plan, or treatment after the diagnosis of an Illness or Injury.

**Surgical Center** means a licensed facility that is: Under the direction of an organized medical staff of Physicians; has facilities that are equipped and operated primarily for the purpose of performing surgical procedures; has continuous Physician services and registered professional nursing services available whenever a patient is in the facility; generally does not provide Inpatient services or other accommodations; and offers the following services whenever the patient is in the center:

- Provides drug services as needed for medical operations and procedures performed;
- Provides for the physical and emotional well being of the patients;
- Provides Emergency services;
- Has organized administration structure and maintains statistical and medical records.

**Telemedicine** means the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data and education using interactive audio, video or data communications.

**Terminal Illness or Terminally Ill** means a life expectancy of about six months.

**Third Party Administrator (TPA)** means a service provider hired by the Plan to process claims and perform other administrative services. The TPA does not assume liability for payment of benefits under this Plan.

**Totally Disabled** is determined by the Plan in its sole discretion and generally means:

- That an Employee is prevented from engaging in any job or occupation for wage or profit for which the Employee is qualified by education, training or experience; or
- That a covered Dependent has been diagnosed with a physical, psychiatric, or developmental disorder, or some combination thereof, and as a result cannot engage in Activities of Daily Living that a person of like age and sex in good health can perform, preventing an individual from attaining self-sufficiency.
- Diagnosis of one or more of the following conditions is not considered proof of Total Disability. Conditions are listed in the most recent American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) in the following categories:
  - Organic psychotic disorders, or
  - Personality disorders, or
  - Behavior and impulse control disorders, or
  - "V" codes.

**Usual and Customary** means the amount the Plan determines to be the reasonable charge for comparable services, treatment, or materials in a Geographical Area. In determining whether charges are Usual and Customary, due consideration will be given to the nature and severity of the condition being treated and any medical complications or unusual or extenuating circumstances. **Geographical Area** means a zip code area, or a greater area if the Plan determines it is needed to find an appropriate cross section of accurate data.

**The Plan** means PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

**You, Your** means the Employee.

## **HIPAA ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION MEDICAL PRIVACY AND SECURITY PROVISION**

This Plan has been modified as required under the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). These modifications have or will become effective as required by applicable provisions of the Privacy and Security Regulations.

First, under HIPAA Privacy Regulations, this Plan has been modified to allow the Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI), as defined under HIPAA, to the Plan Sponsor. The USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION UNDER HIPAA section of this document specifies the terms under which the Plan may share PHI with the Plan Sponsor and limits the Uses and Disclosures that the Plan Sponsor may make of Your PHI.

This Plan agrees that it will only Disclose Your PHI to the Plan Sponsor upon receipt of a Certification from the Plan Sponsor that the terms contained in the USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION UNDER HIPAA section have been adopted and the Plan Sponsor agrees to abide by these terms.

The HIPAA Privacy Regulation provision of this Plan took effect April 14, 2003.

Second, under HIPAA Security Regulations, this Plan has been modified to require the Plan Sponsor to reasonably and appropriately safeguard Electronic Protected Health Information (Electronic PHI), as defined under HIPAA, created, received, maintained or transmitted to or by the Plan Sponsor on behalf of this Plan.

Modifications made for the HIPAA Security Regulations are effective as of April 21, 2005 and can be identified in this Provision by reference to Security Regulations or Electronic PHI.

### **USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION UNDER HIPAA PRIVACY AND SECURITY REGULATIONS**

This Plan will Use Your Protected Health Information (PHI) to the extent of and in accordance with the Uses and Disclosures permitted by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Specifically, this Plan will Use and Disclose Your PHI for purposes related to health care Treatment, Payment for health care and Health Care Operations. Additionally, this Plan will Use and Disclose Your PHI as required by law and as permitted by authorization. This section establishes the terms under which the Plan may share Your PHI with the Plan Sponsor, and limits the Uses and Disclosures that the Plan Sponsor may make of Your PHI.

This Plan shall Disclose Your PHI to the Plan Sponsor only to the extent necessary for the purposes of the Administrative Functions of Treatment, Payment for health care or Health Care Operations.

The Plan Sponsor shall Use and/or Disclose Your PHI only to the extent necessary for the Administrative Functions of Treatment, Payment for health care or Health Care Operations which it performs on behalf of this Plan.

This Plan agrees that it will only Disclose Your PHI to the Plan Sponsor upon receipt of a Certification from the Plan Sponsor that the terms of this section have been adopted and that the Plan Sponsor agrees to abide by these terms.

The Plan Sponsor is subject to all of the following restrictions that apply to the Use and Disclosure of Your PHI:

- The Plan Sponsor will only Use and Disclose Your PHI (including Electronic PHI) for Plan Administrative Functions, as required by law or as permitted under the HIPAA regulations. Your Plan's Notice of Privacy Practices also contains more information about permitted Uses and Disclosures of PHI under HIPAA;

- The Plan Sponsor will implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the Plan;
- The Plan Sponsor will require each of its subcontractors or agents to whom the Plan Sponsor may provide Your PHI to agree to the same restrictions and conditions imposed on the Plan Sponsor with regard to Your PHI;
- The Plan Sponsor will ensure that each of its subcontractors or agents to whom the Plan Sponsor may provide Electronic PHI to agree to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect Electronic PHI;
- The Plan Sponsor will not Use or Disclose PHI for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other of the Plan Sponsor's benefits or Employee benefit plans;
- The Plan Sponsor will promptly report to this Plan any breach or impermissible or improper Use or Disclosure of PHI not authorized by the Plan documents;
- The Plan Sponsor will report to the Plan any breach or security incident with respect to Electronic PHI of which Plan Sponsor becomes aware;
- The Plan Sponsor and the Plan will not use genetic information for underwriting purposes. For example, underwriting purposes will include determining eligibility, coverage, or payment under the Plan, with the exception of determining medical appropriateness of a treatment;
- The Plan Sponsor will allow You or this Plan to inspect and copy any PHI about You contained in the Designated Record Set that is in the Plan Sponsor's custody or control. The HIPAA Privacy Regulations set forth the rules that You and the Plan must follow and also sets forth exceptions;
- The Plan Sponsor will amend or correct, or make available to the Plan to amend or correct, any portion of Your PHI contained in the Designated Record Set to the extent permitted or required under the HIPAA Privacy Regulations;
- The Plan Sponsor will keep a Disclosure log for certain types of Disclosures set forth in the HIPAA Regulations. You have a right to see the Disclosure log. The Plan Sponsor does not have to maintain a log if Disclosures are for certain Plan-related purposes such as Payment of benefits or Health Care Operations;
- The Plan Sponsor will make its internal practices, books and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of Your PHI available to this Plan and to the Department of Health and Human Services or its designee for the purpose of determining this Plan's compliance with HIPAA;
- The Plan Sponsor must, if feasible, return to this Plan or destroy all Your PHI that the Plan Sponsor received from or on behalf of this Plan when the Plan Sponsor no longer needs Your PHI to administer this Plan. This includes all copies in any form, including any compilations derived from the PHI. If return or destruction is not feasible, the Plan Sponsor agrees to restrict and limit further Uses and Disclosures to the purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible;
- The Plan Sponsor will provide that adequate separation exists between this Plan and the Plan Sponsor so that Your PHI (including Electronic PHI) will be used only for the purpose of Plan administration; and
- The Plan Sponsor will use reasonable efforts to request only the minimum necessary type and amount of Your PHI to carry out functions for which the information is requested.



The following Employees, classes of Employees or other workforce members under the control of the Plan Sponsor may be given access to Your PHI for Plan Administrative Functions that the Plan Sponsor performs on behalf of the Plan as set forth in this section:

Director of Human Resources, Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Assistant

This list includes every Employee, class of Employees or other workforce members under the control of the Plan Sponsor who may receive Your PHI. If any of these Employees or workforce members Use or Disclose Your PHI in violation of the terms set forth in this section, the Employees or workforce members will be subject to disciplinary action and sanctions, including the possibility of termination of employment. If the Plan Sponsor becomes aware of any such violations, the Plan Sponsor will promptly report the violation to this Plan and will cooperate with the Plan to correct the violation, to impose the appropriate sanctions and to mitigate any harmful effects to You.

## DEFINITIONS

**Administrative Simplification** is the section of the law that addresses electronic transactions, privacy and security. The goals are to:

- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of the health care system;
- Standardize electronic data interchange of certain administrative transactions;
- Safeguard security and privacy of Protected Health Information;
- Improve efficiency to compile/analyze data, audit, and detect fraud; and
- Improve the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

**Business Associate (BA) in relationship to a Covered Entity (CE)** means a BA is a person to whom the CE discloses Protected Health Information (PHI) so that a person can carry out, assist with the performance of, or perform on behalf of, a function or activity for the CE. This includes contractors or other persons who receive PHI from the CE (or from another business partner of the CE) for the purposes described in the previous sentence, including lawyers, auditors, consultants, Third Party Administrators, health care clearinghouses, data processing firms, billing firms and other Covered Entities. This excludes persons who are within the CE's workforce.

**Covered Entity (CE)** is one of the following: a health Plan, a health care clearinghouse or a health care provider who transmits any health information in connection with a transaction covered by this law.

**Designated Record Set** means a set of records maintained by or for a Covered Entity that includes a Covered Persons' PHI. This includes medical records, billing records, enrollment, Payment, claims adjudication and case management record systems maintained by or for this Plan. This also includes records used to make decisions about Covered Persons. This record set must be maintained for a minimum of 6 years.

**Disclose or Disclosure** is the release or divulgence of information by an entity to persons or organizations outside that entity.

**Electronic Protected Health Information (Electronic PHI)** is Individually Identifiable Health Information that is transmitted by electronic media or maintained in electronic media. It is a subset of Protected Health Information.

**Health Care Operations** are general administrative and business functions necessary for the CE to remain a viable business. These activities include:

- Conducting quality assessment and improvement activities;
- Reviewing the competence or qualifications and accrediting/licensing of health care professional plans;
- Evaluating health care professional and health plan performance;
- Training future health care professionals;

- Insurance activities relating to the renewal of a contract for insurance;
- Conducting or arranging for medical review and auditing services;
- Compiling and analyzing information in anticipation of or for use in a civil or criminal legal proceeding;
- Population-based activities related to improving health or reducing health care costs, protocol development, case management and care coordination;
- Contacting of health care providers and patients with information about Treatment alternatives and related functions that do not entail direct patient care; and
- Activities related to the creation, renewal or replacement of a contract for health insurance or health benefits, as well as ceding, securing, or placing a contract for reinsurance of risk relating to claims for health care (including stop-loss and excess of loss insurance).

**Individually Identifiable Health Information** is information that is a subset of health information, including demographic information collected from a Covered Person, and that:

- Is created by or received from a Covered Entity;
- Relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of a Covered Person, the provision of health care or the past, present or future Payment for the provision of health care; and
- Identifies the Covered Person or with respect to which there is reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the Covered Person.

**Payment** means the activities of the health Plan or a Business Associate, including the actual Payment under the policy or contract; and a health care provider or its Business Associate that obtains reimbursement for the provision of health care.

**Plan Sponsor** means Your employer.

**Plan Administrative Functions** means Administrative Functions of Payment or Health Care Operations performed by the Plan Sponsor on behalf of the Plan including quality assurance, claims processing, auditing and monitoring.

**Privacy Official** is the individual who provides oversight of compliance with all policies and procedures related to the protection of PHI and federal and state regulations related to a Covered Person's privacy.

**Protected Health Information (PHI)** is Individually Identifiable Health Information transmitted or maintained by a Covered Entity in written, electronic or oral form. PHI includes Electronic PHI.

**Treatment** is the provision of health care by, or the coordination of health care (including health care management of the individual through risk assessment, case management and disease management) among, health care providers; the referral of a patient from one provider to another; or the coordination of health care or other services among health care providers and third parties authorized by the health Plan or the individual.

**Use** means, with respect to Individually Identifiable Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such information within an entity that maintains such information.