

## **Currituck County**

OPEN ACCESS PLUS MEDICAL  
BENEFITS

**Health Reimbursement Arrangement  
Dual Employ Plan**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016**

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This document printed in June, 2016 takes the place of any documents previously issued to you which described your benefits.

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**CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

a Cigna company (hereinafter called Cigna) certifies that it insures certain Employees for the benefits provided by the following policy(s):

**POLICYHOLDER:** Currituck County

**GROUP POLICY(S) — COVERAGE**

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2016

This certificate describes the main features of the insurance. It does not waive or alter any of the terms of the policy(s). If questions arise, the policy(s) will govern.

This certificate takes the place of any other issued to you on a prior date which described the insurance.

  
*Anna Krishdul, Corporate Secretary*

### **Explanation of Terms**

You will find terms starting with capital letters throughout your certificate. To help you understand your benefits, most of these terms are defined in the Definitions section of your certificate.

### **The Schedule**

**The Schedule is a brief outline of your maximum benefits which may be payable under your insurance. For a full description of each benefit, refer to the appropriate section listed in the Table of Contents.**

## Special Plan Provisions

When you select a Participating Provider, this Plan pays a greater share of the costs than if you select a non-Participating Provider. Participating Providers include Physicians, Hospitals and Other Health Care Professionals and Other Health Care Facilities. Consult your Physician Guide for a list of Participating Providers in your area. Participating Providers are committed to providing you and your Dependents appropriate care while lowering medical costs.

### Services Available in Conjunction With Your Medical Plan

The following pages describe helpful services available in conjunction with your medical plan. You can access these services by calling the toll-free number shown on the back of your ID card.

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## Case Management

Case Management is a service provided through a Review Organization, which assists individuals with treatment needs that extend beyond the acute care setting. The goal of Case Management is to ensure that patients receive appropriate care in the most effective setting possible whether at home, as an outpatient, or an inpatient in a Hospital or specialized facility. Should the need for Case Management arise, a Case Management professional will work closely with the patient, his or her family and the attending Physician to determine appropriate treatment options which will best meet the patient's needs and keep costs manageable. The Case Manager will help coordinate the treatment program and arrange for necessary resources. Case Managers are also available to answer questions and provide ongoing support for the family in times of medical crisis.

Case Managers are Registered Nurses (RNs) and other credentialed health care professionals, each trained in a clinical specialty area such as trauma, high risk pregnancy and neonates, oncology, mental health, rehabilitation or general medicine and surgery. A Case Manager trained in the appropriate clinical specialty area will be assigned to you or your dependent. In addition, Case Managers are supported by a panel of Physician advisors who offer guidance on up-to-date treatment programs and medical technology. While the Case Manager recommends alternate treatment programs and helps coordinate needed resources, the patient's attending Physician remains responsible for the actual medical care.

- You, your dependent or an attending Physician can request Case Management services by calling the **toll-free number** shown on your ID card during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. In addition, your employer, a claim office or a utilization review program (see the PAC/CSR section of your certificate) may refer an individual for Case Management.
- The Review Organization assesses each case to determine whether Case Management is appropriate.
- You or your Dependent is contacted by an assigned Case Manager who explains in detail how the program works. Participation in the program is voluntary - no penalty or benefit reduction is imposed if you do not wish to participate in Case Management.
- Following an initial assessment, the Case Manager works with you, your family and Physician to determine the needs of the patient and to identify what alternate treatment programs are available (for example, in-home medical care in lieu of an extended Hospital convalescence). You are not penalized if the alternate treatment program is not followed.
- The Case Manager arranges for alternate treatment services and supplies, as needed (for example, nursing services or a Hospital bed and other Durable Medical Equipment for the home).
- The Case Manager also acts as a liaison between the insurer, the patient, his or her family and Physician as needed (for example, by helping you to understand a complex medical diagnosis or treatment plan).
- Once the alternate treatment program is in place, the Case Manager continues to manage the case to ensure the treatment program remains appropriate to the patient's needs.

While participation in Case Management is strictly voluntary, Case Management professionals can offer quality, cost-effective treatment alternatives, as well as provide assistance in obtaining needed medical resources and ongoing family support in a time of need.

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## Additional Programs

We may, from time to time, offer or arrange for various entities to offer discounts, benefits, or other consideration to our members for the purpose of promoting the general health and well being of our members. We may also arrange for the reimbursement of all or a portion of the cost of services

provided by other parties to the Policyholder. Contact us for details regarding any such arrangements.

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## Important Notices

### Direct Access to Obstetricians and Gynecologists

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

### Selection of a Primary Care Provider

This plan generally allows the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, visit [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) or contact customer service at the phone number listed on the back of your ID card.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

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## Important Information

### Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act

#### The Certificate is amended as stated below:

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of your plan documents and the provisions of this notice, the provisions that provide the better benefit shall apply.

#### The Schedule and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Covered Expenses:

Partial Hospitalization charges for Mental Health and Substance Abuse will be paid at the Outpatient level. Covered Expenses are changed as follows:

## Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

**Mental Health Services** are services that are required to treat a disorder that impairs the behavior, emotional reaction or thought processes. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any physiological conditions related to Mental Health will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of Mental Health.

**Substance Abuse** is defined as the psychological or physical dependence on alcohol or other mind-altering drugs that requires diagnosis, care, and treatment. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any physiological conditions related to rehabilitation services for alcohol or drug abuse or addiction will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of Substance Abuse.

### Inpatient Mental Health Services

Services that are provided by a Hospital while you or your Dependent is Confined in a Hospital for the treatment and evaluation of Mental Health. Inpatient Mental Health Services include Mental Health Residential Treatment Services.

**Mental Health Residential Treatment Services** are services provided by a Hospital for the evaluation and treatment of the psychological and social functional disturbances that are a result of subacute Mental Health conditions.

**Mental Health Residential Treatment Center** means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Mental Health conditions; provides a subacute, structured, psychotherapeutic treatment program, under the supervision of Physicians; provides 24-hour care, in which a person lives in an open setting; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency as a residential treatment center.

A person is considered confined in a Mental Health Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Mental Health Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

**Outpatient Mental Health Services** are Services of Providers who are qualified to treat Mental Health when treatment is provided on an outpatient basis, while you or your Dependent is not Confined in a Hospital, or for Partial Hospitalization sessions, and is provided in an individual, group or Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program. Covered services include, but are not limited to, outpatient treatment of conditions such as: anxiety or depression which interfere with daily functioning; emotional adjustment or concerns related to chronic conditions, such as psychosis or depression; emotional reactions associated with marital problems or divorce; child/adolescent problems of conduct or poor impulse control; affective disorders; suicidal or homicidal threats or acts; eating disorders; or acute exacerbation of chronic Mental Health

conditions (crisis intervention and relapse prevention) and outpatient testing and assessment.

**Partial Hospitalization** sessions are services that are provided for not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

**Inpatient Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services**

Services provided for rehabilitation, while you or your Dependent is Confined in a Hospital, when required for the diagnosis and treatment of abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. Inpatient Substance Abuse Services include Residential Treatment services.

**Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Services** are services provided by a Hospital for the evaluation and treatment of the psychological and social functional disturbances that are a result of subacute Substance Abuse conditions.

**Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center** means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Substance Abuse; provides a subacute, structured, psychotherapeutic treatment program, under the supervision of Physicians; provides 24-hour care, in which a person lives in an open setting; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency as a residential treatment center.

A person is considered confined in a Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

**Outpatient Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services**

Services provided for the diagnosis and treatment of abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs, while you or your Dependent is not Confined in a Hospital, including outpatient rehabilitation in an individual, or a Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program and for Partial Hospitalization sessions.

**Partial Hospitalization** sessions are services that are provided for not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

A Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Substance Abuse program. Intensive Outpatient Therapy Programs provide a combination of individual, family and/or group therapy in a day, totaling nine, or more hours in a week.

**Substance Abuse Detoxification Services**

Detoxification and related medical ancillary services are provided when required for the diagnosis and treatment of addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. Cigna will decide, based on the Medical Necessity of each situation, whether such services will be provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting.

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Exclusions:**

The following exclusion is hereby deleted and no longer applies:

- any court ordered treatment or therapy, or any treatment or therapy ordered as a condition of parole, probation or custody or visitation evaluations unless Medically Necessary and otherwise covered under this policy or agreement.

**Terms within the agreement:**

The term “mental retardation” within your Certificate is hereby changed to “intellectual disabilities”.

**Visit Limits:**

Any health care service billed with a Mental Health or Substance Abuse diagnosis, will not incur a visit limit, including but not limited to genetic counseling and nutritional evaluation/counseling.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WILLFUL FAILURE TO PAY GROUP  
INSURANCE PREMIUMS**

UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, PRINCIPAL, AGENT, TRUSTEE OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL:

CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSONS INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT; AND WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON’S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. THIS WRITTEN NOTICE MUST ALSO CONTAIN A NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY OF THEIR RIGHTS TO HEALTH INSURANCE CONVERSION POLICIES UNDER ARTICLE 53 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL POLICIES



UNDER THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND UNDER ARTICLE 68 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

#### **IMPORTANT CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

##### **PLEASE READ THE PROVISION ENTITLED TERMINATION OF INSURANCE FOUND IN THE TERMINATION SECTION OF YOUR CERTIFICATE.**

Please read the following provision entitled "Cancellation of Policy" found in the policy and reprinted below:

The Policyholder may cancel the policy as of any Premium Due Date by giving written notice to the Insurance Company before that date.

The Insurance Company may cancel the policy, including for Employee or Dependent Additional Life Insurance due to the following reasons only: with at least 90 days prior written notice, if the Insurance Company ceases to offer coverage of this type, in accordance with applicable state or federal law; as of any Premium Due Date, if the premium is not received at the Home Office or by an authorized agent of the Insurance Company when due; immediately, if the Employer has performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud or has intentionally misrepresented a material fact; as of any Premium Due Date, if the number of insured Employees or if the number of insured Dependents fails to meet the minimum required per group participation rules; or for failure to comply with any other material plan provision relating to Employer contributions or group participation rules; if the Insurance Company withdraws from the health insurance market with prior written notice and in accordance with applicable state or federal law; in accordance with any applicable state law, if it is determined that the size of the Employer group has changed, making such group eligible for a guaranteed issued small group product; in accordance with any applicable state or federal law, if prior notice is given to the Employer; as to an Employer member of an association to which this policy is issued, when the Employer's membership in the association ceases, in accordance with applicable state or federal law.

Coverage will cease at midnight on the date on which termination occurs, unless otherwise stated above.

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

At renewal, the provisions of this policy may be modified to reflect product revisions which have been uniformly made to this product.

#### **Grace Period**

If, before a Premium Due Date, the Policyholder has not given written notice to the Insurance Company that the policy is to be canceled, a Grace Period of 31 days will be granted for the payment of each premium after the initial premium. The policy will stay in effect during that time. If any premium is not received at the Home Office or by an authorized agent of the Insurance Company by the end of the Grace Period, the policy will automatically be canceled at the end of the Grace Period; except that, if the Policyholder has given written notice in advance of an earlier date of cancellation, the policy will be canceled as of the earlier date. The Policyholder will be liable to the Insurance Company for any unpaid premium for the time the policy was in force.

#### **Utilization Review**

This is to advise you that Cigna will, upon request, provide you with the following: evidence of coverage, insurance policy or benefits summary of any other type of health plan; an explanation of the utilization review criteria; treatment and protocol for specified conditions of a prospective individual, in writing, if so requested; written reasons for a denial of a recommended or authorized treatment; an explanation of the utilization review criteria or treatment protocol upon which the denial was based; the plan's restrictive formularies or prior approval requirements for obtaining prescription drugs; the circumstances under which a nonformulary drug may be covered; and the plan's procedures and medically based criteria for determining whether a specified procedure, test, or treatment is experimental.

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## **How To File Your Claim**

There's no paperwork for In-Network care. Just show your identification card and pay your share of the cost, if any; your provider will submit a claim to Cigna for reimbursement. Out-of-Network claims can be submitted by the provider if the provider is able and willing to file on your behalf. If the provider is not submitting on your behalf, you must send your completed claim form and itemized bills to the claims address listed on the claim form.

You may get the required claim forms from the website listed on your identification card or by calling the toll-free number on your identification card.

#### **CLAIM REMINDERS**

- **BE SURE TO USE YOUR MEMBER ID AND ACCOUNT/GROUP NUMBER WHEN YOU FILE CIGNA'S CLAIM FORMS, OR WHEN YOU CALL YOUR CIGNA CLAIM OFFICE.**



YOUR MEMBER ID IS THE ID SHOWN ON YOUR BENEFIT IDENTIFICATION CARD.

YOUR ACCOUNT/GROUP NUMBER IS SHOWN ON YOUR BENEFIT IDENTIFICATION CARD.

- BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE CLAIM FORM CAREFULLY WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM TO CIGNA.

**Timely Filing of Out-of-Network Claims**

Cigna will consider claims for coverage under our plans when proof of loss (a claim) is submitted within 180 days for Out-of-Network benefits after services are rendered. If services are rendered on consecutive days, such as for a Hospital Confinement, the limit will be counted from the last date of service. If claims are not submitted within 180 days for Out-of-Network benefits, the claim will not be considered valid and will be denied.

**How to File a Claim for Benefits**

Below is an example of what your cost could be for an In-Network or Out-of-Network claim. For the purpose of this example the Deductible has been met. Your actual out-of-pocket responsibility may be different due to your specific plan and benefits.

<b>Costs with In Network Doctors*</b>	<b>Costs with Out of Network Doctors*</b>
Billed Charges \$1,000	Billed Charges \$1,000
Cignas negotiated rate \$650	Amount Cigna Considers Reasonable \$650
You Get a Discount Of \$350	Cigna pays \$390 (60% of \$650)
Cigna Pays \$520 (80% of \$650)	You Pay \$260 (40% of \$650)
You Pay \$130 (20% of \$650)	Plus Billed Charges Balance \$350 ((\$1000-\$650))
<b>Total Amount You Pay \$130</b>	<b>You Pay a Total of \$610</b>

\*Assuming any applicable Deductible(s) have been met and any applicable Out-Of-Pocket Maximum has not been met.

Cigna has contracted with Participating Providers to charge only agreed upon Coinsurance, Copayments, or Deductibles for Covered Services. You may not be billed for additional amounts which exceed the amounts agreed upon by Cigna and

the Participating Providers. You will be responsible for the difference between the Participating Providers contracted amount with Cigna and amounts that exceed any maximum benefit amounts which are described in the Benefit Schedule of this plan.

**NOTICE:** Your actual expenses for Covered Services may exceed the stated Coinsurance percentage because actual provider charges may not be used to determine plan and Insured payment obligations.

**WARNING:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information; or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any material fact thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act.

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**Eligibility - Effective Date**

**Employee Insurance**

This plan is offered to you as an Employee.

**Eligibility for Employee Insurance**

You will become eligible for insurance on the day you complete the waiting period if:

- you are in a Class of Eligible Employees; and
- you are an eligible, full-time Employee; and
- you normally work at least 30 hours a week; and
- you pay any required contribution.

If you were previously insured and your insurance ceased, you must satisfy the Waiting Period to become insured again. If your insurance ceased because you were no longer employed in a Class of Eligible Employees, you are not required to satisfy any waiting period if you again become a member of a Class of Eligible Employees within one year after your insurance ceased.

**Eligibility for Dependent Insurance**

You will become eligible for Dependent insurance on the later of:

- the day you become eligible for yourself; or
- the day you acquire your first Dependent.

**Waiting Period**

The first day of the month following 30 days from date of hire.

### Classes of Eligible Employees

Each Employee as reported to the insurance company by your Employer.

### Effective Date of Employee Insurance

You will become insured on the date you elect the insurance by signing an approved payroll deduction or enrollment form, as applicable, but no earlier than the date you become eligible.

You will become insured on your first day of eligibility, following your election, if you are in Active Service on that date, or if you are not in Active Service on that date due to your health status.

### Late Entrant - Employee

You are a Late Entrant if:

- you elect the insurance more than 30 days after you become eligible; or
- you again elect it after you cancel your payroll deduction (if required).

### Dependent Insurance

For your Dependents to be insured, you will have to pay the required contribution, if any, toward the cost of Dependent Insurance.

### Effective Date of Dependent Insurance

Insurance for your Dependents will become effective on the date you elect it by signing an approved payroll deduction form (if required), but no earlier than the day you become eligible for Dependent Insurance. All of your Dependents as defined will be included.

Your Dependents will be insured only if you are insured.

### Late Entrant – Dependent

You are a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance if:

- you elect that insurance more than 30 days after you become eligible for it; or
- you again elect it after you cancel your payroll deduction (if required).

### Exception for Newborns

Any Dependent child born while you are insured will become insured on the date of his birth if you elect Dependent Insurance no later than 31 days after his birth. If you do not elect to insure your newborn child within such 31 days, coverage for that child will end on the 31st day. No benefits for expenses incurred beyond the 31st day will be payable.

## Important Information About Your Medical Plan

Details of your medical benefits are described on the following pages.

### Opportunity to Select a Primary Care Physician

#### Choice of Primary Care Physician:

This medical plan does not require that you select a Primary Care Physician or obtain a referral from a Primary Care Physician in order to receive all benefits available to you under this medical plan. Notwithstanding, a Primary Care Physician may serve an important role in meeting your health care needs by providing or arranging for medical care for you and your Dependents. For this reason, we encourage the use of Primary Care Physicians and provide you with the opportunity to select a Primary Care Physician from a list provided by Cigna for yourself and your Dependents. If you choose to select a Primary Care Physician, the Primary Care Physician you select for yourself may be different from the Primary Care Physician you select for each of your Dependents.

#### Changing Primary Care Physicians:

You may request a transfer from one Primary Care Physician to another by contacting us at the member services number on your ID card. Any such transfer will be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the processing of the change request is completed.

In addition, if at any time a Primary Care Physician ceases to be a Participating Provider, you or your Dependent will be notified for the purpose of selecting a new Primary Care Physician, if you choose.

<b>Open Access Plus Medical Benefits</b> <b>The Schedule</b>
<p><b>For You and Your Dependents</b></p> <p>Open Access Plus Medical Benefits provide coverage for care In-Network and Out-of-Network. To receive Open Access Plus Medical Benefits, you and your Dependents may be required to pay a portion of the Covered Expenses for services and supplies. That portion is the Deductible or Coinsurance.</p> <p>If you are unable to locate or you do not have timely access to, an In-Network Provider in your area who can provide you with a service or supply that is covered under this plan, you must call the number on the back of your I.D. card to obtain authorization for Out-of-Network Provider coverage. If you obtain authorization for services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider, benefits for those services will be covered at the In-Network benefit level.</p>
<p><b>Coinsurance</b></p> <p>The term Coinsurance means the percentage of charges for Covered Expenses that an insured person is required to pay under the plan.</p> <p><b>Deductibles</b></p> <p>Deductibles are expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent. Deductibles are in addition to any Coinsurance. Once the Deductible maximum in The Schedule has been reached, you and your family need not satisfy any further medical deductible for the rest of that year.</p>
<p><b>Contract Year</b></p> <p>Contract Year means a twelve month period beginning on each 07/01.</p>
<p><b>Out-of-Pocket Expenses - For In-Network Charges Only</b></p> <p>Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred for charges that are not paid by the benefit plan because of any Deductibles or Coinsurance. Such Covered Expenses accumulate to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in the Schedule. When the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is reached, all Covered Expenses, except charges for non-compliance penalties, are payable by the benefit plan at 100%.</p>
<p><b>Out-of-Pocket Expenses - For Out-of-Network Charges Only</b></p> <p>Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred for Out-of-Network charges that are not paid by the benefit plan because of any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coinsurance.</li> <li>• inpatient hospital facility deductibles.</li> <li>• outpatient facility deductibles.</li> </ul> <p>Charges will not accumulate toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Covered Expenses incurred for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• non-compliance penalties.</li> <li>• provider charges in excess of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge.</li> </ul> <p>When the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in The Schedule is reached, Injury and Sickness benefits are payable at 100% except for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• non-compliance penalties.</li> <li>• provider charges in excess of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge.</li> </ul>

## Open Access Plus Medical Benefits

### The Schedule

**Accumulation of Plan Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Maximums**

Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Maximums will accumulate in one direction (that is, Out-of-Network will accumulate to In-Network). All other plan maximums and service-specific maximums (dollar and occurrence) cross-accumulate between In- and Out-of-Network unless otherwise noted.

**Note:**

For information about your health fund benefit and how it can help you pay for expenses that may not be covered under this plan, refer to "What You Should Know about Cigna Choice Fund".

**Multiple Surgical Reduction**

Multiple surgeries performed during one operating session result in payment reduction of 50% to the surgery of lesser charge. The most expensive procedure is paid as any other surgery.

**Assistant Surgeon and Co-Surgeon Charges**

**Assistant Surgeon**

The maximum amount payable will be limited to charges made by an assistant surgeon that do not exceed a percentage of the surgeon's allowable charge as specified in Cigna Reimbursement Policies. (For purposes of this limitation, allowable charge means the amount payable to the surgeon prior to any reductions due to coinsurance or deductible amounts.)

**Co-Surgeon**

The maximum amount payable for charges made by co-surgeons will be limited to the amount specified in Cigna Reimbursement Policies.

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<b>Lifetime Maximum</b>	Unlimited	
<b>The Percentage of Covered Expenses the Plan Pays</b>	80%	60% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>Note:</b> "No charge" means an insured person is not required to pay Coinsurance.		

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Maximum Reimbursable Charge</b></p> <p>Maximum Reimbursable Charge is determined based on the lesser of the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or</p> <p>A percentage of a schedule that we have developed that is based upon a methodology similar to a methodology utilized by Medicare to determine the allowable fee for similar services within the geographic market. In some cases, a Medicare based schedule will not be used and the Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or</li> <li>• the 80th percentile of charges made by providers of such service or supply in the geographic area where it is received as compiled in a database selected by the Insurance Company.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The provider may bill you for the difference between the provider's normal charge and the Maximum Reimbursable Charge, in addition to applicable deductibles and coinsurance.</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	<p>110%</p>
<p><b>Contract Year Deductible</b></p> <p>Individual</p> <p>Family Maximum</p> <p><b>Collective Deductible:</b> All family members contribute towards the family deductible. An individual cannot have claims covered under the plan coinsurance until the total family deductible has been satisfied.</p>	<p>\$1,500 per person</p> <p>\$3,000 per family</p>	<p>\$3,000 per person</p> <p>\$6,000 per family</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Combined Medical/Pharmacy Contract Year Deductible</b></p> <p>Combined Medical/Pharmacy Deductible: includes retail and home delivery prescription drugs</p> <p>Home Delivery Pharmacy Costs Contribute to the Combined Medical/Pharmacy Deductible</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b></p> <p>Individual – Employee Only</p> <p>Individual – within a Family</p> <p>Family Maximum</p> <p>Family Maximum Calculation</p> <p><b>Individual Calculation:</b> Family members meet only their individual Out-of-Pocket and then their claims will be covered at 100%; if the family Out-of-Pocket has been met prior to their individual Out-of-Pocket being met, their claims will be paid at 100%.</p>	<p>\$5,000 per person</p> <p>\$6,850 per person</p> <p>\$10,000 per family</p>	<p>\$10,000 per person</p> <p>\$13,700 per person</p> <p>\$20,000 per family</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Combined Medical/Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b></p> <p>Combined Medical/Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket: includes retail and home delivery prescription drugs</p> <p>Home Delivery Pharmacy Costs Contribute to the Combined Medical/Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket Maximum</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Physician's Services</b></p> <p>Primary Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician's Office Visits</p> <p>Consultant and Referral Physician's Services</p> <p><b>Note:</b> OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist, depending on how the provider contracts with the Insurance Company.</p> <p>Surgery Performed in the Physician's Office</p> <p>Second Opinion Consultations (provided on a voluntary basis)</p> <p>Allergy Treatment/Injections</p> <p>Allergy Serum (dispensed by the Physician in the office)</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p>
<p><b>Preventive Care</b></p> <p>Routine Preventive Care - all ages</p> <p>Immunizations - all ages</p>	<p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p>	<p>70% after plan deductible</p> <p>70% after plan deductible</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<b>Mammograms, PSA, PAP Smear</b> Preventive Care Related Services (i.e. “routine” services) Diagnostic Related Services (i.e. “non-routine” services)	No charge  Subject to the plan’s x-ray & lab benefit; based on place of service	70% after plan deductible  Subject to the plan’s x-ray & lab benefit; based on place of service
<b>Early Cancer Detection Colon/Rectal</b> Preventive Care Related Services (i.e. “routine” services) Diagnostic Related Services (i.e. “non-routine” services) Note: Diagnostic colonoscopy and surgical removal of polyps	No charge  No charge	70% after plan deductible  70% after plan deductible
<b>Inpatient Hospital - Facility Services</b> Semi-Private Room and Board  Private Room  Special Care Units (ICU/CCU)	80% after plan deductible  Limited to the semi-private room negotiated rate  Limited to the semi-private room negotiated rate  Limited to the negotiated rate	60% after plan deductible  Limited to the semi-private room rate  Limited to the semi-private room rate  Limited to the ICU/CCU daily room rate
<b>Outpatient Facility Services</b> Operating Room, Recovery Room, Procedures Room, Treatment Room and Observation Room	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<b>Inpatient Hospital Physician’s Visits/Consultations</b>	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<b>Inpatient Hospital Professional Services</b> Surgeon Radiologist Pathologist Anesthesiologist	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<b>Outpatient Professional Services</b> Surgeon Radiologist Pathologist Anesthesiologist	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Emergency and Urgent Care Services</b></p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Hospital Emergency Room</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services (radiology, pathology and ER physician)</p> <p>Urgent Care Facility or Outpatient Facility</p> <p>X-ray and/or Lab performed at the Emergency Room/Urgent Care Facility (billed by the facility as part of the ER/UC visit)</p> <p>Independent x-ray and/or Lab Facility in conjunction with an ER visit</p> <p>Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.)</p> <p>Ambulance</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p>
<p><b>Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities</b></p> <p>Includes Skilled Nursing Facility, Rehabilitation Hospital and Sub-Acute Facilities</p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: 60 days combined</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p>
<p><b>Laboratory and Radiology Services (includes pre-admission testing)</b></p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Outpatient Hospital Facility</p> <p>Independent X-ray and/or Lab Facility</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p>
<p><b>Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans and PET Scans)</b></p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Outpatient Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy and Chiropractic Services</b></p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: 60 days for all therapies combined</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy maximum does not apply to the treatment of autism.</p> <p>Includes: Cardiac Rehab Physical Therapy Speech Therapy Occupational Therapy Pulmonary Rehab Cognitive Therapy Chiropractic Therapy (includes Chiropractors)</p>	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<p><b>Home Health Care</b></p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited (includes outpatient private nursing when approved as Medically Necessary)</p>	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<p><b>Hospice</b></p> <p>Inpatient Services</p> <p>Outpatient Services (same coinsurance level as Home Health Care)</p>	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
80% after plan deductible	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<p><b>Bereavement Counseling</b></p> <p>Services provided as part of Hospice Care</p> <p>Inpatient</p> <p>Outpatient</p> <p>Services provided by Mental Health Professional</p>	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
80% after plan deductible	Covered under Mental Health Benefit	60% after plan deductible
Covered under Mental Health Benefit		Covered under Mental Health Benefit

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Maternity Care Services</b></p> <p>Initial Visit to Confirm Pregnancy</p> <p><b>Note:</b> OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist depending on how the provider contracts with the Insurance Company.</p> <p>All subsequent Prenatal Visits, Postnatal Visits and Physician's Delivery Charges (i.e. global maternity fee)</p> <p>Physician's Office Visits in addition to the global maternity fee when performed by an OB/GYN or Specialist</p> <p>Delivery - Facility (Inpatient Hospital, Birthing Center)</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p>
<p><b>Abortion</b></p> <p>Includes elective and non-elective procedures</p> <p>Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician's Services</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p>
<p><b>Women's Family Planning Services</b></p> <p>Office Visits, Lab and Radiology Tests and Counseling</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Includes coverage for contraceptive devices (e.g., Depo-Provera and Intrauterine Devices (IUDs)) as ordered or prescribed by a physician. Diaphragms also are covered when services are provided in the physician's office.</p> <p>Surgical Sterilization Procedures for Tubal Ligation (excludes reversals)</p> <p>Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician's Services</p>	<p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p>	<p>70% after plan deductible</p> <p>70% after plan deductible</p> <p>70% after plan deductible</p> <p>70% after plan deductible</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Men’s Family Planning Services</b></p> <p>Office Visits, Lab and Radiology Tests and Counseling</p> <p>Surgical Sterilization Procedures for Vasectomy (excludes reversals)</p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician’s Services</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p>
<p><b>Infertility Treatment</b></p> <p>Coverage will be provided for the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing and treatment services performed in connection with an underlying medical condition.</li> <li>• Testing performed specifically to determine the cause of infertility.</li> <li>• Treatment and/or procedures performed specifically to restore fertility (e.g. procedures to correct an infertility condition).</li> <li>• Artificial Insemination.</li> </ul> <p>Surgical Treatment: Limited to procedures for the correction of infertility (excludes In-vitro, GIFT, ZIFT, etc.)</p>		
<p>Physician’s Office Visit (Lab and Radiology Tests, Counseling)</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician’s Services</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p>
<p><b>Organ Transplants</b></p> <p>Includes all medically appropriate, non-experimental transplants</p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician’s Services</p> <p>Lifetime Travel Maximum: \$10,000 per transplant</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>100% at Lifesource center after plan deductible, otherwise 80% after plan deductible</p> <p>100% at Lifesource center after plan deductible, otherwise 80% after plan deductible</p> <p>No charge</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>70% after plan deductible</p> <p>70% after plan deductible up to specific organ transplant maximum:</p> <p>Heart - \$150,000</p> <p>Liver - \$230,000</p> <p>Bone Marrow - \$130,000</p> <p>Heart/Lung - \$185,000</p> <p>Lung - \$185,000</p> <p>Pancreas - \$50,000</p> <p>Kidney - \$80,000</p> <p>Kidney/Pancreas - \$80,000</p> <p>No charge</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<b>Durable Medical Equipment</b> Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<b>External Prosthetic Appliances</b> Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<b>Hearing Aid Maximum</b> Up to \$2,500 per hearing aid for each hearing impaired ear every 36 months for covered individuals under age 22. <b>Note:</b> Dollar Maximum only applies to services performed Out-of-Network.		
<b>Diabetic Equipment</b> Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<b>Nutritional Evaluation</b> Contract Year Maximum: 3 visits per person however, the 3 visit limit will not apply to treatment of diabetes.  Physician's Office Visit Inpatient Facility Outpatient Facility Physician's Services	80% after plan deductible   80% after plan deductible 80% after plan deductible 80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible   60% after plan deductible 60% after plan deductible 60% after plan deductible
<b>Dental Care</b> Limited to charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment started within six months of an injury to sound, natural teeth. Physician's Office Visit Inpatient Facility Outpatient Facility Physician's Services	80% after plan deductible   80% after plan deductible 80% after plan deductible 80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible   60% after plan deductible 60% after plan deductible 60% after plan deductible

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Obesity/Bariatric Surgery</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Coverage is provided subject to medical necessity and clinical guidelines subject to any limitations shown in the “Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations” section of this certificate.</p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician’s Services</p> <p>Surgical Professional Services Lifetime Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes charges for surgeon only; does not include radiologist, anesthesiologist, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p>
<p><b>Routine Foot Disorders</b></p>	<p>Not covered except for services associated with foot care for diabetes and peripheral vascular disease when Medically Necessary.</p>	<p>Not covered except for services associated with foot care for diabetes and peripheral vascular disease when Medically Necessary.</p>
<p><b>Treatment Resulting From Life Threatening Emergencies</b></p> <p>Medical treatment required as a result of an emergency, such as a suicide attempt, will be considered a medical expense until the medical condition is stabilized. Once the medical condition is stabilized, whether the treatment will be characterized as either a medical expense or a mental health/substance abuse expense will be determined by the utilization review Physician in accordance with the applicable mixed services claim guidelines.</p>		
<p><b>Mental Health</b></p> <p><b>Inpatient</b></p> <p><b>Outpatient (Includes Individual, Group and Intensive Outpatient)</b></p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p>	<p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p> <p>80% after plan deductible</p>	<p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p> <p>60% after plan deductible</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<b>Substance Abuse</b> <b>Inpatient</b>	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible
<b>Outpatient (Includes Individual and Intensive Outpatient)</b> Physician's Office Visit Outpatient Facility	80% after plan deductible	60% after plan deductible

## Open Access Plus Medical Benefits

### Certification Requirements - Out-of-Network

#### For You and Your Dependents

#### Pre-Admission Certification/Continued Stay Review for Hospital Confinement

Pre-Admission Certification (PAC) and Continued Stay Review (CSR) refer to the process used to certify the Medical Necessity and length of a Hospital Confinement when you or your Dependent require treatment in a Hospital:

- as a registered bed patient, except for 48/96 hour maternity stays;
- for a Partial Hospitalization for the treatment of Mental Health or Substance Abuse;
- for Mental Health or Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Services.

You or your Dependent should request PAC prior to any non-emergency treatment in a Hospital described above. In the case of an emergency admission, you should contact the Review Organization within 48 hours after the admission. For an admission due to pregnancy, you should call the Review Organization by the end of the third month of pregnancy. CSR should be requested, prior to the end of the certified length of stay, for continued Hospital Confinement.

Covered Expenses incurred will be reduced by 50% for Hospital charges made for each separate admission to the Hospital unless PAC is received: prior to the date of admission; or in the case of an emergency admission, within 48 hours after the date of admission.

Covered Expenses incurred for which benefits would otherwise be payable under this plan for the charges listed below will not include:

- Hospital charges for Bed and Board, for treatment listed above for which PAC was performed, which are made for any day in excess of the number of days certified through PAC or CSR; and
- any Hospital charges for treatment listed above for which PAC was requested, but which was not certified as Medically Necessary.

PAC and CSR are performed through a utilization review program by a Review Organization with which Cigna has contracted.

In any case, those expenses incurred for which payment is excluded by the terms set forth above will not be considered as expenses incurred for the purpose of any other part of this plan, except for the "Coordination of Benefits" section.

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### Prior Authorization/Pre-Authorized

The term Prior Authorization means the approval that a Participating Provider must receive from the Review Organization, prior to services being rendered, in order for certain services and benefits to be covered under this policy.

Services that require Prior Authorization include, but are not limited to:

- inpatient Hospital services, except for 48/96 hour maternity stays;
- inpatient services at any participating Other Health Care Facility;
- residential treatment;
- non-emergency ambulance; or
- transplant services.

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### Covered Expenses

The term Covered Expenses means the expenses incurred by or on behalf of a person for the charges listed below if they are incurred after he becomes insured for these benefits. Expenses incurred for such charges are considered Covered Expenses to the extent that the services or supplies provided are recommended by a Physician, and are Medically Necessary for the care and treatment of an Injury or a Sickness, as determined by Cigna. **Any applicable Copayments, Deductibles or limits are shown in The Schedule.**

- charges made by a Hospital, on its own behalf, for Bed and Board and other Necessary Services and Supplies; except that for any day of Hospital Confinement, Covered Expenses will not include that portion of charges for Bed and Board which is more than the Bed and Board Limit shown in The Schedule.
- charges for licensed ambulance service to or from the nearest Hospital where the needed medical care and treatment can be provided.

- charges made by a Hospital, on its own behalf, for medical care and treatment received as an outpatient.
- charges made by a Free-Standing Surgical Facility, on its own behalf for medical care and treatment.
- charges made on its own behalf, by an Other Health Care Facility, including a Skilled Nursing Facility, a Rehabilitation Hospital or a subacute facility for medical care and treatment; except that for any day of Other Health Care Facility confinement, Covered Expenses will not include that portion of charges which are in excess of the Other Health Care Facility Daily Limit shown in The Schedule.
- charges made for Emergency Services and Urgent Care.
- charges made by a Physician or a Psychologist for professional services.
- charges made by a Nurse, other than a member of your family or your Dependent's family, for professional nursing service.
- charges made for anesthetics and their administration; diagnostic x-ray and laboratory examinations; x-ray, radium, and radioactive isotope treatment; chemotherapy; blood transfusions; oxygen and other gases and their administration.
- charges made for an annual prostate-specific antigen test (PSA).
- charges made for laboratory services, radiation therapy and other diagnostic and therapeutic radiological procedures.
- charges made for Family Planning, including medical history, physical exam, related laboratory tests, medical supervision in accordance with generally accepted medical practices, other medical services, information and counseling on contraception, implanted/injected contraceptives, after appropriate counseling, medical services connected with surgical therapies (tubal ligations, vasectomies).
- charges made for the following preventive care services (detailed information is available at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)):
  - (1) 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;
  - (2) 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 the Covered Person involved;
  - (3) for infants, children, and adolescents, evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;
  - (4) for women, such additional preventive care and screenings not described in paragraph (1) as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- charges for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of lymphedema.
- charges are covered for a drug that has been prescribed for the treatment of a type of cancer for which it has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Such drug must be otherwise approved by the FDA and recognized, with no FDA contraindication, for the treatment of the specific type of cancer for which the drug has been prescribed in one of the following established reference compendia: the American Medical Association Drug Evaluations; the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information; The Elsevier Gold Standard's Clinical Pharmacology; The National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs & Biologics Compendium; The Thomson Micromedex DrugDex; the United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information; or any other authoritative compendia as recognized periodically by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- initial and replacement hearing aids, initial hearing aid evaluation, fitting, adjustments, and supplies including ear molds.
- charges made by a Hospital or Ambulatory Surgical Facility for anesthesia and facility charges for services performed in the facility in connection with dental procedures for: Dependent children below age 9; covered persons with serious mental or physical conditions; or covered persons with significant behavioral problems. The treating provider must certify that hospitalization or general anesthesia is required in order to safely and effectively perform the procedure because of the person's age, condition or problem.
- charges made for or in connection with: the treatment of congenital defects and abnormalities, including those charges for your newborn child from the moment of birth; and with the treatment of cleft lip or cleft palate.
- charges for newborn hearing screening when ordered by a Physician to determine the presence of permanent hearing loss.
- charges for colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests for cancer for nonsymptomatic insured who is: at least 50 years of age, or less than 50 years of age but at high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published guidelines of the American Cancer Society or guidelines adopted by the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control.

- charges for the insertion and/or removal of a prescription contraceptive device and any Medically Necessary exam associated with use of the prescription contraceptive device.
- Obstetrical and gynecological services that are provided by qualified Providers for care of or related to the female reproductive system and breasts, and for annual screening, counseling and immunizations for disorders and diseases in accordance with the most current recommendations of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Gynecological services include coverage for cervical cancer screening and surveillance tests for ovarian cancer.
- charges for a qualified person for the diagnosis and evaluation of osteoporosis or low bone mass if at least 23 months have elapsed since the last Bone Mass Measurement was performed. More frequent follow up measurements will be covered when deemed Medically Necessary. Conditions that would be considered Medically Necessary include, but are not limited to: monitoring insureds on long-term glucocorticoid therapy of more than 3 months; or a central Bone Mass Measurement to determine the effectiveness of adding an additional treatment program for a qualified person with low bone mass as long as the Bone Mass Measurement is performed 12 to 18 months from the start date of the additional program.

**Bone Mass Measurement (BMM) means a scientifically proven radiologic, radioisotopic, or other procedure performed on a qualified person to identify bone mass or detect bone loss in order to initiate or modify treatment.**

**A Qualified Person means one who:**

- is estrogen deficient and at clinical risk for osteoporosis or low bone mass;
- is experiencing radiographic osteopenia anywhere in the skeleton;
- is receiving long-term glucocorticoid (steroid) therapy;
- is having primary hyperparathyroidism;
- is being monitored to assess the response to commonly accepted osteoporosis drug therapies;
- has a history of low-trauma fractures;
- has other conditions or is on medical therapies known to cause osteoporosis or low bone mass.
- charges made for surgical and nonsurgical care of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ) excluding appliances and orthodontic treatment.
- charges for mammograms, including: a baseline mammogram for ages 35 through 39; a mammogram every other year for ages 40 through 49; a mammogram every year for ages 50 and over; and the Physician's interpretation of the laboratory results. Reimbursement for laboratory fees shall only be made if the laboratory meets the

mammography accreditation standards established by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for Medicare/Medicaid coverage of screening mammography. Mammograms may be done more frequently if recommended by a Physician because the woman has a personal history of breast cancer or biopsy-proven benign breast disease; a female family member has had breast cancer or the woman has not given birth before the age of 30.

The following benefits will apply to insulin and noninsulin-dependent diabetics as well as covered individuals who have elevated blood sugar levels due to pregnancy or other medical conditions:

- charges for podiatric appliances.
- charges for training by a Physician, including a podiatrist with recent education in diabetes management, but limited to the following:
- charges for blood glucose monitors, and blood glucose monitors for the legally blind, data management systems, insulin pumps and appurtenances thereto, and insulin infusion devices.
- Medically Necessary visits when diabetes is diagnosed;
- visits following a diagnosis of a significant change in the symptoms or conditions that warrant change in self-management;
- visits when reeducation or refresher training is prescribed by the Physician; and
- medical nutrition therapy related to diabetes management.

#### **Clinical Trials**

Your health benefit plan provides benefits for participation in clinical trials phase II, III and IV. Coverage is provided only for Medically Necessary costs of health care services associated with the trials, and only to the extent that such costs have not been or are not funded by other resources. The trial must involve the treatment of life-threatening medical condition with services that are medically indicated and preferable to noninvestigational treatment alternatives and have clinical and preclinical data that shows the trial will likely be more effective for you than available noninvestigational alternatives. In addition the trial must meet the following requirements:

- must involve determinations by treating physicians, relevant scientific data, and opinions of experts in relevant medical specialties.
- must be trials approved by centers or cooperative groups that are funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control, the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, the Department of Defense, or the Department of Veterans

Affairs. The health benefit plan may also cover clinical trials sponsored by other entities.

- must be conducted in a setting and by personnel that maintain a high level of expertise because of their training, experience and volume of patients.

#### **Clinical Trial Costs**

If a claim contains charges related to services required and those charges cannot be separated from costs related to services for which coverage is not required, the health benefit plan may deny the claim.

Clinical trial costs not required to be covered by a health benefit plan include:

- Nonhealth care services, those services provided solely to satisfy data collections and analysis needs;
- Investigation drugs and devices, and services not provided for the direct clinical management of the patient.

#### **Genetic Testing**

Charges made for genetic testing that uses a proven testing method for the identification of genetically-linked inheritable disease. Genetic testing is covered only if:

- a person has symptoms or signs of a genetically-linked inheritable disease;
- it has been determined that a person is at risk for carrier status as supported by existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature for the development of a genetically-linked inheritable disease when the results will impact clinical outcome; or
- the therapeutic purpose is to identify specific genetic mutation that has been demonstrated in the existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to directly impact treatment options.

Pre-implantation genetic testing, genetic diagnosis prior to embryo transfer, is covered when either parent has an inherited disease or is a documented carrier of a genetically-linked inheritable disease.

Genetic counseling is covered if a person is undergoing approved genetic testing, or if a person has an inherited disease and is a potential candidate for genetic testing. Genetic counseling is limited to 3 visits per contract year for both pre- and post-genetic testing.

#### **Nutritional Evaluation**

Charges made for nutritional evaluation and counseling when diet is a part of the medical management of a documented organic disease.

#### **Internal Prosthetic/Medical Appliances**

Charges made for internal prosthetic/medical appliances that provide permanent or temporary internal functional supports for nonfunctional body parts are covered. Medically

Necessary repair, maintenance or replacement of a covered appliance is also covered.

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#### **Obesity Treatment**

- charges made for medical and surgical services only at approved centers for the treatment or control of clinically severe (morbid) obesity as defined below and if the services are demonstrated, through existing peer reviewed, evidence based, scientific literature and scientifically based guidelines, to be safe and effective for the treatment or control of the condition. Clinically severe (morbid) obesity is defined by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) as a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or greater without comorbidities, or a BMI of 35-39 with comorbidities. The following items are specifically excluded:
  - medical and surgical services to alter appearances or physical changes that are the result of any medical or surgical services performed for the treatment or control of obesity or clinically severe (morbid) obesity; and
  - weight loss programs or treatments, whether or not they are prescribed or recommended by a Physician or under medical supervision.

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#### **Orthognathic Surgery**

- orthognathic surgery to repair or correct a severe facial deformity or disfigurement that orthodontics alone can not correct, provided:
  - the deformity or disfigurement is accompanied by a documented clinically significant functional impairment, and there is a reasonable expectation that the procedure will result in meaningful functional improvement; or
  - the orthognathic surgery is Medically Necessary as a result of tumor, trauma, disease; or
  - the orthognathic surgery is performed prior to age 19 and is required as a result of severe congenital facial deformity or congenital condition.

Repeat or subsequent orthognathic surgeries for the same condition are covered only when the previous orthognathic surgery met the above requirements, and there is a high probability of significant additional improvement as determined by the utilization review Physician.

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### Home Health Services

- charges made for Home Health Services when you: require skilled care; are unable to obtain the required care as an ambulatory outpatient; and do not require confinement in a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility.

Home Health Services are provided only if Cigna has determined that the home is a medically appropriate setting. If you are a minor or an adult who is dependent upon others for nonskilled care and/or custodial services (e.g., bathing, eating, toileting), Home Health Services will be provided for you only during times when there is a family member or care giver present in the home to meet your nonskilled care and/or custodial services needs.

Home Health Services are those skilled health care services that can be provided during visits by Other Health Care Professionals. The services of a home health aide are covered when rendered in direct support of skilled health care services provided by Other Health Care Professionals. A visit is defined as a period of 2 hours or less. Home Health Services are subject to a maximum of 16 hours in total per day. Necessary consumable medical supplies and home infusion therapy administered or used by Other Health Care Professionals in providing Home Health Services are covered. Home Health Services do not include services by a person who is a member of your family or your Dependent's family or who normally resides in your house or your Dependent's house even if that person is an Other Health Care Professional. Skilled nursing services or private duty nursing services provided in the home are subject to the Home Health Services benefit terms, conditions and benefit limitations. Physical, occupational, and other Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy services provided in the home are not subject to the Home Health Services benefit limitations in the Schedule, but are subject to the benefit limitations described under Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy Maximum shown in The Schedule.

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### Hospice Care Services

- charges made for a person who has been diagnosed as having six months or fewer to live, due to Terminal Illness, for the following Hospice Care Services provided under a Hospice Care Program:
  - by a Hospice Facility for Bed and Board and Services and Supplies;
  - by a Hospice Facility for services provided on an outpatient basis;
  - by a Physician for professional services;
  - by a Psychologist, social worker, family counselor or ordained minister for individual and family counseling;
  - for pain relief treatment, including drugs, medicines and medical supplies;
  - by an Other Health Care Facility for:
    - part-time or intermittent nursing care by or under the supervision of a Nurse;
    - part-time or intermittent services of an Other Health Care Professional;
  - physical, occupational and speech therapy;
  - medical supplies; drugs and medicines lawfully dispensed only on the written prescription of a Physician; and laboratory services; but only to the extent such charges would have been payable under the policy if the person had remained or been Confined in a Hospital or Hospice Facility.

The following charges for Hospice Care Services are not included as Covered Expenses:

- for the services of a person who is a member of your family or your Dependent's family or who normally resides in your house or your Dependent's house;
- for any period when you or your Dependent is not under the care of a Physician;
- for services or supplies not listed in the Hospice Care Program;
- for any curative or life-prolonging procedures;
- to the extent that any other benefits are payable for those expenses under the policy;
- for services or supplies that are primarily to aid you or your Dependent in daily living.

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## **Mental Illness**

Mental illnesses are as diagnosed and defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, DSM-IV, or a subsequent edition published by the American Psychiatric Association, except those mental disorders coded in the DSM-IV or subsequent edition as substance-related disorders (291.0 through 292.2 and 303.0 through 305.9), those coded as sexual dysfunctions not due to organic disease (302.70 through 302.79), and those coded as "V" codes.

## **Biologically Based Mental Illnesses**

Biologically Based Mental Illnesses are Bipolar Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Paranoid and Other Psychotic Disorders, Schizoaffective Disorder, Schizophrenia, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia.

## **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

**Mental Health Services** are services that are required to treat a disorder that impairs the behavior, emotional reaction or thought processes. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any physiological conditions related to Mental Health will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of Mental Health.

**Substance Abuse** is defined as the psychological or physical dependence on alcohol or other mind-altering drugs that requires diagnosis, care, and treatment. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any physiological conditions related to rehabilitation services for alcohol or drug abuse or addiction will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of Substance Abuse.

## **Chemical Dependency**

Chemical Dependency means the pathological use or abuse of alcohol or other drugs in a manner or to a degree that produces an impairment in personal, social or occupational functioning and which may, but need not, include a pattern of tolerance and withdrawal.

## **Inpatient Mental Health Services**

Services that are provided by a Hospital while you or your Dependent is Confined in a Hospital for the treatment and evaluation of Mental Health. Inpatient Mental Health Services include Partial Hospitalization and Mental Health Residential Treatment Services.

Partial Hospitalization sessions are services that are provided for not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

Mental Health Residential Treatment Services are services provided by a Hospital for the evaluation and treatment of the psychological and social functional disturbances that are a result of subacute Mental Health conditions.

Mental Health Residential Treatment Center means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Mental Health conditions; provides a subacute, structured, psychotherapeutic treatment program, under the supervision of Physicians; provides 24-hour care, in which a person lives in an open setting; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency as a residential treatment center.

A person is considered confined in a Mental Health Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Mental Health Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

## **Outpatient Mental Health Services**

Services of Providers who are qualified to treat Mental Health when treatment is provided on an outpatient basis, while you or your Dependent is not Confined in a Hospital, and is provided in an individual, group or Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program. Covered services include, but are not limited to, outpatient treatment of conditions such as: anxiety or depression which interfere with daily functioning; emotional adjustment or concerns related to chronic conditions, such as psychosis or depression; emotional reactions associated with marital problems or divorce; child/adolescent problems of conduct or poor impulse control; affective disorders; suicidal or homicidal threats or acts; eating disorders; or acute exacerbation of chronic Mental Health conditions (crisis intervention and relapse prevention) and outpatient testing and assessment.

A Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Mental Health program. Intensive Outpatient Therapy Programs provide a combination of individual, family and/or group therapy in a day, totaling nine or more hours in a week.

## **Inpatient Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services**

Services provided for rehabilitation, while you or your Dependent is Confined in a Hospital, when required for the diagnosis and treatment of abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. Inpatient Substance Abuse Services include Partial Hospitalization sessions and Residential Treatment services.

Partial Hospitalization sessions are services that are provided for not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

**Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Services** are services provided by a Hospital for the evaluation and treatment of the psychological and social functional disturbances that are a result of subacute Substance Abuse conditions.

Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological

and social disturbances that are the result of Substance Abuse; provides a subacute, structured, psychotherapeutic treatment program, under the supervision of Physicians; provides 24-hour care, in which a person lives in an open setting; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency as a residential treatment center.

A person is considered confined in a Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

### **Outpatient Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services**

Services provided for the diagnosis and treatment of abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs, while you or your Dependent is not Confined in a Hospital, including outpatient rehabilitation in an individual, or a Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program.

A Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Substance Abuse program. Intensive Outpatient Therapy Programs provide a combination of individual, family and/or group therapy in a day, totaling nine, or more hours in a week.

### **Substance Abuse Detoxification Services**

Detoxification and related medical ancillary services are provided when required for the diagnosis and treatment of addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. Cigna will decide, based on the Medical Necessity of each situation, whether such services will be provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting.

### **Exclusions**

The following are specifically excluded from Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services:

- any court ordered treatment or therapy, or any treatment or therapy ordered as a condition of parole, probation or custody or visitation evaluations unless Medically Necessary and otherwise covered under this policy or agreement.
- treatment of disorders which have been diagnosed as organic mental disorders associated with permanent dysfunction of the brain.
- developmental disorders, including but not limited to, developmental reading disorders, developmental arithmetic disorders, developmental language disorders or developmental articulation disorders.
- counseling for activities of an educational nature.
- counseling for borderline intellectual functioning.
- counseling for occupational problems.
- counseling related to consciousness raising.
- vocational or religious counseling.

- I.Q. testing.
- custodial care, including but not limited to geriatric day care.
- psychological testing on children requested by or for a school system.
- occupational/recreational therapy programs even if combined with supportive therapy for age-related cognitive decline.

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### **Durable Medical Equipment**

- charges made for purchase or rental of Durable Medical Equipment that is ordered or prescribed by a Physician and provided by a vendor approved by Cigna for use outside a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility. Coverage for repair, replacement or duplicate equipment is provided only when required due to anatomical change and/or reasonable wear and tear. All maintenance and repairs that result from a person's misuse are the person's responsibility. Coverage for Durable Medical Equipment is limited to the lowest-cost alternative as determined by the utilization review Physician.

Durable Medical Equipment is defined as items which are designed for and able to withstand repeated use by more than one person; customarily serve a medical purpose; generally are not useful in the absence of Injury or Sickness; are appropriate for use in the home; and are not disposable. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, crutches, hospital beds, respirators, wheel chairs, and dialysis machines.

Durable Medical Equipment items that are not covered include but are not limited to those that are listed below:

- **Bed Related Items:** bed trays, over the bed tables, bed wedges, pillows, custom bedroom equipment, mattresses, including nonpower mattresses, custom mattresses and posturepedic mattresses.
- **Bath Related Items:** bath lifts, nonportable whirlpools, bathtub rails, toilet rails, raised toilet seats, bath benches, bath stools, hand held showers, paraffin baths, bath mats, and spas.
- **Chairs, Lifts and Standing Devices:** computerized or gyroscopic mobility systems, roll about chairs, geriatric chairs, hip chairs, seat lifts (mechanical or motorized), patient lifts (mechanical or motorized – manual hydraulic lifts are covered if patient is two-person transfer), and auto tilt chairs.
- **Fixtures to Real Property:** ceiling lifts and wheelchair ramps.

- **Car/Van Modifications.**
- **Air Quality Items:** room humidifiers, vaporizers, air purifiers and electrostatic machines.
- **Blood/Injection Related Items:** blood pressure cuffs, centrifuges, nova pens and needleless injectors.
- **Other Equipment:** heat lamps, heating pads, cryounits, cryotherapy machines, electronic-controlled therapy units, ultraviolet cabinets, sheepskin pads and boots, postural drainage board, AC/DC adaptors, enuresis alarms, magnetic equipment, scales (baby and adult), stair gliders, elevators, saunas, any exercise equipment and diathermy machines.

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

- charges made or ordered by a Physician for: the initial purchase and fitting of external prosthetic appliances and devices available only by prescription which are necessary for the alleviation or correction of Injury, Sickness or congenital defect. Coverage for External Prosthetic Appliances is limited to the most appropriate and cost effective alternative as determined by the utilization review Physician.

External prosthetic appliances and devices shall include prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices, orthoses and orthotic devices; braces; and splints.

### **Prostheses/Prosthetic Appliances and Devices**

Prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices are defined as fabricated replacements for missing body parts. Prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices include, but are not limited to:

- basic limb prostheses;
- terminal devices such as hands or hooks; and
- speech prostheses.

### **Orthoses and Orthotic Devices**

Orthoses and orthotic devices are defined as orthopedic appliances or apparatuses used to support, align, prevent or correct deformities. Coverage is provided for custom foot orthoses and other orthoses as follows:

- Nonfoot orthoses – only the following nonfoot orthoses are covered:
  - rigid and semirigid custom fabricated orthoses;
  - semirigid prefabricated and flexible orthoses; and
  - rigid prefabricated orthoses including preparation, fitting and basic additions, such as bars and joints.

- Custom foot orthoses – custom foot orthoses are only covered as follows:
  - for persons with impaired peripheral sensation and/or altered peripheral circulation (e.g. diabetic neuropathy and peripheral vascular disease);
  - when the foot orthosis is an integral part of a leg brace and is necessary for the proper functioning of the brace;
  - when the foot orthosis is for use as a replacement or substitute for missing parts of the foot (e.g. amputated toes) and is necessary for the alleviation or correction of Injury, Sickness or congenital defect; and
  - for persons with neurologic or neuromuscular condition (e.g. cerebral palsy, hemiplegia, spina bifida) producing spasticity, malalignment, or pathological positioning of the foot and there is reasonable expectation of improvement.

The following are specifically excluded orthoses and orthotic devices:

- prefabricated foot orthoses;
- cranial banding and/or cranial orthoses. Other similar devices are excluded except when used postoperatively for synostotic plagiocephaly. When used for this indication, the cranial orthosis will be subject to the limitations and maximums of the External Prosthetic Appliances and Devices benefit;
- orthosis shoes, shoe additions, procedures for foot orthopedic shoes, shoe modifications and transfers;
- orthoses primarily used for cosmetic rather than functional reasons; and
- orthoses primarily for improved athletic performance or sports participation.

### **Braces**

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

The following braces are specifically excluded: Copes scoliosis braces.

### **Splints**

A Splint is defined as an appliance for preventing movement of a joint or for the fixation of displaced or movable parts.

Coverage for replacement of external prosthetic appliances and devices is limited to the following:

- replacement due to regular wear. Replacement for damage due to abuse or misuse by the person will not be covered.
- replacement will be provided when anatomic change has rendered the external prosthetic appliance or device ineffective. Anatomic change includes significant weight gain or loss, atrophy and/or growth.

- Coverage for replacement is limited as follows:
  - no more than once every 24 months for persons 19 years of age and older;
  - no more than once every 12 months for persons 18 years of age and under; and
  - replacement due to a surgical alteration or revision of the site.

The following are specifically excluded external prosthetic appliances and devices:

- external and internal power enhancements or power controls for prosthetic limbs and terminal devices; and
- myoelectric prostheses peripheral nerve stimulators.

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### Infertility Services

- charges made for services related to diagnosis of infertility and treatment of infertility once a condition of infertility has been diagnosed. Services include, but are not limited to: approved surgeries and other therapeutic procedures that have been demonstrated in existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to have a reasonable likelihood of resulting in pregnancy; laboratory tests; sperm washing or preparation; and diagnostic evaluations.

Infertility is defined as the inability of opposite sex partners to achieve conception after one year of unprotected intercourse; or the inability of a woman to achieve conception after six trials of artificial insemination over a one-year period. This benefit includes diagnosis and treatment of both male and female infertility. The following are specifically excluded infertility services:

- Infertility drugs;
- In vitro fertilization (IVF); gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT); zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT) and variations of these procedures;
- Reversal of male and female voluntary sterilization;
- Infertility services when the infertility is caused by or related to voluntary sterilization;
- Donor charges and services;
- Cryopreservation of donor sperm and eggs; and
- Any experimental, investigational or unproven infertility procedures or therapies.

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### Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy and Chiropractic Care Services

- charges made for Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy that is part of a rehabilitative program, including physical, speech, occupational, cognitive, osteopathic manipulative, cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation therapy, when provided in the most medically appropriate setting. Also included are services that are provided by a chiropractic Physician when provided in an outpatient setting. Services of a chiropractic Physician include the conservative management of acute neuromusculoskeletal conditions through manipulation and ancillary physiological treatment that is rendered to restore motion, reduce pain and improve function.

The following limitation applies to Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy and Chiropractic Care Services:

- occupational therapy is provided only for purposes of enabling persons to perform the activities of daily living after an Injury or Sickness.

Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy and Chiropractic Care services that are not covered include but are not limited to:

- sensory integration therapy, group therapy; treatment of dyslexia; behavior modification or myofunctional therapy for dysfluency, such as stuttering or other involuntarily acted conditions without evidence of an underlying medical condition or neurological disorder;
- treatment for functional articulation disorder such as correction of tongue thrust, lisp, verbal apraxia or swallowing dysfunction that is not based on an underlying diagnosed medical condition or Injury;
- maintenance or preventive treatment consisting of routine, long term or non-Medically Necessary care provided to prevent recurrences or to maintain the patient's current status;

The following are specifically excluded from Chiropractic Care Services:

- services of a chiropractor which are not within his scope of practice, as defined by state law;
- charges for care not provided in an office setting;
- vitamin therapy.

If multiple outpatient services are provided on the same day they constitute one day.

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### Breast Reconstruction and Breast Prostheses

- charges made for reconstructive surgery following a mastectomy; benefits include: surgical services for

reconstruction of the breast on which surgery was performed; surgical services for reconstruction of the nondiseased breast to produce symmetrical appearance; postoperative breast prostheses; and mastectomy bras and external prosthetics, limited to the lowest cost alternative available that meets external prosthetic placement needs. During all stages of mastectomy, treatment of physical complications, including lymphedema therapy, are covered.

### Reconstructive Surgery

- charges made for reconstructive surgery or therapy to repair or correct a severe physical deformity or disfigurement which is accompanied by functional deficit; (other than abnormalities of the jaw or conditions related to TMJ disorder) provided that: the surgery or therapy restores or improves function; reconstruction is required as a result of Medically Necessary, noncosmetic surgery; or the surgery or therapy is performed prior to age 19 and is required as a result of the congenital absence or agenesis (lack of formation or development) of a body part. Repeat or subsequent surgeries for the same condition are covered only when there is the probability of significant additional improvement as determined by the utilization review Physician.

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### Transplant Services

- charges made for human organ and tissue Transplant services which include solid organ and bone marrow/stem cell procedures at designated facilities throughout the United States or its territories. This coverage is subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Transplant services include the recipient's medical, surgical and Hospital services; inpatient immunosuppressive medications; and costs for organ or bone marrow/stem cell procurement. Transplant services are covered only if they are required to perform any of the following human to human organ or tissue transplants: allogeneic bone marrow/stem cell, autologous bone marrow/stem cell, cornea, heart, heart/lung, kidney, kidney/pancreas, liver, lung, pancreas or intestine which includes small bowel-liver or multi-visceral.

All Transplant services, other than cornea, are covered at 100% when received at Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facilities. Cornea transplants are not covered at Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facilities.

Transplant services, including cornea, received at participating facilities specifically contracted with Cigna for those Transplant services, other than Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facilities, are payable at the In-Network level. Transplant services received at any other facilities,

including Non-Participating Providers and Participating Providers not specifically contracted with Cigna for Transplant services, are covered at the Out-of-Network level.

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

### Transplant Travel Services

Charges made for reasonable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a preapproved organ/tissue transplant are covered subject to the following conditions and limitations. Transplant travel benefits are not available for cornea transplants. Benefits for transportation, lodging and food are available to you only if you are the recipient of a preapproved organ/tissue transplant from a designated Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facility. The term recipient is defined to include a person receiving authorized transplant related services during any of the following: evaluation, candidacy, transplant event, or post-transplant care. Travel expenses for the person receiving the transplant will include charges for: transportation to and from the transplant site (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the transplant facility); lodging while at, or traveling to and from the transplant site; and food while at, or traveling to and from the transplant site.

In addition to your coverage for the charges associated with the items above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany you. The term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver. The following are specifically excluded travel expenses: travel costs incurred due to travel within 60 miles of your home; laundry bills; telephone bills; alcohol or tobacco products; and charges for transportation that exceed coach class rates.

These benefits are only available when the covered person is the recipient of an organ transplant. No benefits are available when the covered person is a donor.

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## Medical Conversion Privilege

### For You and Your Dependents

When a person's Medical Expense Insurance ceases, he may be eligible to be insured under an individual policy of medical care benefits (called the Converted Policy).

A Converted Policy will be issued by Cigna only to a person who:

- resides in a state that requires offering a conversion policy,
- is Entitled to Convert, and
- applies in writing and pays the first premium for the Converted Policy to Cigna within 31 days after the date his insurance ceases. Evidence of good health is not needed.

### Employees Entitled to Convert

You are Entitled to Convert Medical Expense Insurance for yourself and all of your Dependents who were insured when your insurance ceased but only if:

- you are not eligible for other individual insurance coverage on a guaranteed issue basis.
- you have been insured for at least three consecutive months under the policy or under it and a prior policy issued to the Policyholder.
- your insurance ceased because you were no longer in Active Service or no longer eligible for Medical Expense Insurance.
- you are not eligible for Medicare.
- you would not be Overinsured.
- you have paid all required premium or contribution.
- you have not performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud in connection with the coverage.
- you have not made an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact under the terms of the coverage.
- your insurance did not cease because the policy in its entirety canceled.

If you retire, you may apply for a Converted Policy within 31 days after your retirement date in place of any continuation of your insurance that may be available under this plan when you retire, if you are otherwise Entitled to Convert.

### Dependents Entitled to Convert

The following Dependents are also Entitled to Convert:

- a child who is not eligible for other individual insurance coverage on a guaranteed issue basis, and whose insurance under this plan ceases because he no longer qualifies as a Dependent or because of your death;
- a spouse who is not eligible for other individual insurance coverage on a guaranteed issue basis, and whose

insurance under this plan ceases due to divorce, annulment of marriage or your death;

- your Dependents whose insurance under this plan ceases because your insurance ceased solely because you are eligible for Medicare;

but only if that Dependent: is not eligible for other individual insurance coverage on a guaranteed issue basis, is not eligible for Medicare, would not be Overinsured, has paid all required premium or contribution, has not performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud in connection with the coverage, and has not made an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact under the terms of the coverage.

### Overinsured

A person will be considered Overinsured if either of the following occurs:

- his insurance under this plan is replaced by similar group coverage within 31 days.
- the benefits under the Converted Policy, combined with Similar Benefits, result in an excess of insurance based on Cigna's underwriting standards for individual policies.

Similar Benefits are: those for which the person is covered by another hospital, surgical or medical expense insurance policy, or a hospital, or medical service subscriber contract, or a medical practice or other prepayment plan or by any other plan or program; those for which the person is eligible, whether or not covered, under any plan of group coverage on an insured or uninsured basis; or those available for the person by or through any state, provincial or federal law.

### Converted Policy

If you reside in a state that requires the offering of a conversion policy, the Converted Policy will be one of Cigna's current conversion policy offerings available in the state where you reside, as determined based upon Cigna's rules.

The Converted Policy will be issued to you if you are Entitled to Convert, insuring you and those Dependents for whom you may convert. If you are not Entitled to Convert and your spouse and children are Entitled to Convert, it will be issued to the spouse, covering all such Dependents. Otherwise, a Converted Policy will be issued to each Dependent who is Entitled to Convert. The Converted Policy will take effect on the day after the person's insurance under this plan ceases. The premium on its effective date will be based on: class of risk and age; and benefits.

During the first 12 months the Converted Policy is in effect, the amount payable under it will be reduced so that the total amount payable under the Converted Policy and the Medical Benefits Extension of this plan (if any) will not be more than the amount that would have been payable under this plan if the person's insurance had not ceased. After that, the amount payable under the Converted Policy will be reduced by any



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amount still payable under the Medical Benefits Extension of this plan (if any). Cigna or the Policyholder will give you, on request, further details of the Converted Policy.

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<b>Prescription Drug Benefits</b>		
<b>The Schedule</b>		
<b>For You and Your Dependents</b>		
This plan provides Prescription Drug benefits for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies provided by Pharmacies as shown in this Schedule. To receive Prescription Drug Benefits, you and your Dependents may be required to pay a portion of the Covered Expenses for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies. That portion includes any applicable Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance.		
<b>Coinsurance</b>		
The term Coinsurance means the percentage of Charges for covered Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies that you or your Dependent are required to pay under this plan.		
<b>Charges</b>		
The term Charges means the amount charged by the Insurance Company to the plan when the Pharmacy is a Participating Pharmacy, and it means the actual billed charges when the Pharmacy is a non-Participating Pharmacy.		
<b>Copayments</b>		
Copayments are expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent for Covered Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies.		
BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	PARTICIPATING PHARMACY	Non-PARTICIPATING PHARMACY
<b>Lifetime Maximum</b>	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule
<b>Contract Year Deductible</b>		
Individual	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule
Family	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b>		
Individual	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule
Family	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule
<b>Retail Prescription Drugs</b>	<b>The amount you pay for each 30-day supply</b>	<b>The amount you pay for each 30-day supply</b>
Medications required as part of preventive care services (detailed information is available at <a href="http://www.healthcare.gov">www.healthcare.gov</a> ) are covered at 100% with no copayment or deductible.		
<b>Tier 1</b>		
Generic* Preventive drugs on the Prescription Drug List	No charge	30% after plan deductible

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	PARTICIPATING PHARMACY	Non-PARTICIPATING PHARMACY
Generic* Non-Preventive drugs on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$10 copay after plan deductible	30% after plan deductible
<b>Tier 2</b> Brand-Name* drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List with no Generic equivalent	No charge after \$40 copay after plan deductible	30% after plan deductible
<b>Tier 3</b> Brand-Name* drugs with a Generic equivalent and drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$50 copay after plan deductible	30% after plan deductible
* Designated as per generally-accepted industry sources and adopted by the Insurance Company		
<b>Home Delivery Prescription Drugs</b>	<b>The amount you pay for each 90-day supply</b>	<b>The amount you pay for each 90-day supply</b>
Medications required as part of preventive care services (detailed information is available at <a href="http://www.healthcare.gov">www.healthcare.gov</a> ) are covered at 100% with no copayment or deductible.		
<b>Tier 1</b> Generic* Preventive drugs on the Prescription Drug List  Generic* Non-Preventive drugs on the Prescription Drug List	No charge  No charge after \$20 copay after plan deductible	30% after plan deductible  30% after plan deductible
<b>Tier 2</b> Brand-Name* drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List with no Generic equivalent	No charge after \$80 copay after plan deductible	30% after plan deductible
<b>Tier 3</b> Brand-Name* drugs with a Generic equivalent and drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$100 copay after plan deductible	30% after plan deductible
* Designated as per generally-accepted industry sources and adopted by the Insurance Company		

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#### File a Paper Claim

The Cigna HealthCare pharmacy program is designed for your convenience. You just present your Cigna HealthCare ID card and pay your copay. There are no claim forms to fill out.

However, on occasions due to travel and emergencies, you may have to use a Non-Network pharmacy and need to file a paper claim. Or you mistakenly paid full price for an In-Network prescription. Instructions are as follows:

#### Instructions

1. Go to the claim form.
  2. Complete ALL information in the top sections.
  3. **Sign** and date the Certification Statement in the area provided.
  4. Complete the RETURN ADDRESS section of the form.
  5. Submit a separate form for each family member.
  6. The lower section must be completed in full for each prescription dispensed. If you have questions regarding the information needed to complete the form, contact your pharmacist.
  7. Print **two copies** of the claim form.
  8. **Keep a copy for your records.**
  9. Mail the claim form within one year of the prescription fill date, along with original receipts (not cash register receipts), to:  
Connecticut General Life Insurance Company  
Pharmacy Service Center  
P.O. Box 3598  
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18505-0598
- Submit a separate form for each family member.
  - For more than four prescriptions, use additional forms as necessary.

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The lower section must be completed in full for each prescription dispensed. If you have questions regarding the information needed to complete the form, contact your pharmacist.

**NOTICE/Disclaimer:**

Cigna has contracted with network providers to charge only agreed upon coinsurance, copayments, or deductibles for covered services. You may not be billed for additional amounts which exceed the amounts agreed upon by Cigna and the network providers for covered services.

Below is an example of what the Member's cost could be for In-Network or Out-of Network pharmacy claim for a coinsurance plan. The scenario is for a prescription drug where the average wholesale price of the drug is \$100. For the purposes of this example the deductible has been met. Your actual out-of-pocket member responsibility may be different due to your specific plan and benefits.

For more details on your benefits, you can review your certificate.

	In-Network	Out-of-Network
A. Average Wholesale Drug Price	\$100	\$100
B. Discounted Drug Cost	\$85 (contracted amount)	\$100
C. Deductible Amount or Copay	0	0
D. Plan Coinsurance Benefit (example)	20%	50%
E. Amount Member pays out-of-pocket based on plan coinsurance of (D)	$\$85 \times 20\% = \$17$	$\$100 \times 50\% = \$50$

## Prescription Drug Benefits

### For You and Your Dependents

#### Covered Expenses

If you or any one of your Dependents, while insured for Prescription Drug Benefits, incurs expenses for charges made by a Pharmacy, for Medically Necessary Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies ordered by a Physician, Cigna will provide coverage for those expenses as shown in The Schedule. Coverage also includes Medically Necessary Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies dispensed for a prescription issued to you or your Dependents by a licensed dentist for the prevention of infection or pain in conjunction with a dental procedure.

When you or a Dependent is issued a prescription for Medically Necessary Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies as part of the rendering of Emergency Services and that prescription cannot reasonably be filled by a Participating Pharmacy, the prescription will be covered.

#### Limitations

Each Prescription Order or refill shall be limited as follows:

- up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a retail Pharmacy, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging; or
- up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a home delivery Pharmacy, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging; or
- to a dosage and/or dispensing limit as determined by the P&T Committee.

You cannot refill a prescription until the 30 day retail, or 90 day mail order supply has been used, except under certain circumstances during a state of emergency or disaster.

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Coverage for certain Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies requires your Physician to obtain authorization prior to prescribing. Prior authorization may include, for example, a step therapy determination. Step therapy determines the specific usage progression of therapeutically equivalent drug products or supplies appropriate for treatment of a specific condition. If your Physician wishes to request coverage for Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies for which prior authorization is required, your Physician may call or complete the appropriate prior authorization form and fax it to Cigna to

request a prior authorization for coverage of the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies. Your Physician should make this request before writing the prescription.

If the request is approved, your Physician will receive confirmation. The authorization will be processed in our claim system to allow you to have coverage for those Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies. The length of the authorization will depend on the diagnosis and Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies. When your Physician advises you that coverage for the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies has been approved, you should contact the Pharmacy to fill the prescription(s).

If the request is denied, your Physician and you will be notified that coverage for the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies is not authorized. If you disagree with a coverage decision, you may appeal that decision in accordance with the provisions of the policy, by submitting a written request stating why the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies should be covered.

If you have questions about a specific prior authorization request, you should call Member Services at the toll-free number on the ID card.

All drugs newly approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are designated as either non-Preferred or non-Prescription Drug List drugs until the P&T Committee clinically evaluates the Prescription Drug for a different designation. Prescription Drugs that represent an advance over available therapy according to the FDA will be reviewed by the P&T Committee within six months after FDA approval. Prescription Drugs that appear to have therapeutic qualities similar to those of an already marketed drug according to the FDA, will not be reviewed by the P&T Committee for at least six months after FDA approval. In the case of compelling clinical data, an ad hoc group will be formed to make an interim decision on the merits of a Prescription Drug.

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#### Your Payments

Coverage for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies purchased at a Pharmacy is subject to the Copayment or Coinsurance shown in the Schedule, after you have satisfied your Prescription Drug Deductible, if applicable. Please refer to the Schedule for any required Copayments, Coinsurance, Deductibles or Maximums if applicable.

When a treatment regimen contains more than one type of Prescription Drugs which are packaged together for you, or

your Dependent's convenience, a Copayment will apply to each Prescription Drug.

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## Exclusions

No payment will be made for the following expenses:

- drugs available over the counter that do not require a prescription by federal or state law, unless state or federal law requires coverage of such drugs;
- drugs that do not require a federal legend (a federal designation for drugs requiring supervision of a Physician) other than insulin;
- any drug that is a pharmaceutical alternative to an over-the-counter drug other than insulin;
- a drug class in which at least one of the drugs is available over the counter and the drugs in the class are deemed to be therapeutically equivalent as determined by the P&T Committee;
- injectable infertility drugs and any injectable drugs that require Physician supervision and are not typically considered self-administered drugs. The following are examples of Physician supervised drugs: Injectables used to treat hemophilia and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), chemotherapy injectables and endocrine and metabolic agents;
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs used for purposes other than those approved by the FDA unless the drug is recognized for the treatment of the particular indication in one of the standard reference compendia (The United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information, The American Medical Association Drug Evaluations; or The American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information) or in medical literature. Medical literature means scientific studies published in a peer-reviewed national professional medical journal;
- prescription and nonprescription supplies (such as ostomy supplies), devices, and appliances other than Related Supplies;
- implantable contraceptive products;
- any fertility drug;
- drugs used for the treatment of sexual dysfunction, including, but not limited to erectile dysfunction, delayed ejaculation, anorgasm, and decreased libido;
- prescription vitamins (other than prenatal vitamins), dietary supplements, unless state or federal law requires coverage of such drugs;

- diet pills or appetite suppressants (anorectics);
- prescription smoking cessation products;
- drugs used for cosmetic purposes such as drugs used to reduce wrinkles, drugs to promote hair growth as well as drugs used to control perspiration and fade cream products;
- immunization agents, biological products for allergy immunization, biological sera, blood, blood plasma and other blood products or fractions and medications used for travel prophylaxis;
- replacement of Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies due to loss or theft;
- drugs used to enhance athletic performance;
- drugs which are to be taken by or administered to you while you are a patient in a licensed Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, rest home or similar institution which operates on its premises or allows to be operated on its premises a facility for dispensing pharmaceuticals;
- prescriptions more than one year from the original date of issue;
- any drugs that are experimental or investigational as described under the Medical "Exclusions" section of your certificate.

Other limitations are shown in the Medical "Exclusions" section of your certificate.

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## Reimbursement/Filing a Claim

When you or your Dependents purchase your Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies through a retail Participating Pharmacy, you pay any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible shown in the Schedule at the time of purchase. You do not need to file a claim form.

If you or your Dependents purchase your Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies through a non-Participating Pharmacy, you pay the full cost at the time of purchase. You must submit a claim form to be reimbursed.

To purchase Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies from a home delivery Participating Pharmacy, see your home delivery drug introductory kit for details, or contact member services for assistance.

See your Employer's Benefit Plan Administrator to obtain the appropriate claim form.

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## Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations

### Exclusions and Expenses Not Covered

**Additional coverage limitations determined by plan or provider type are shown in the Schedule. Payment for the following is specifically excluded from this plan:**

- care for health conditions that are required by state or local law to be treated in a public facility.
- care required by state or federal law to be supplied by a public school system or school district.
- care for military service disabilities treatable through governmental services if you are legally entitled to such treatment and facilities are reasonably available.
- treatment of an Injury or Sickness which is due to war, declared, or undeclared.
- charges which you are not obligated to pay or for which you are not billed or for which you would not have been billed except that they were covered under this plan.
- assistance in the activities of daily living, including but not limited to eating, bathing, dressing or other Custodial Services or self-care activities, homemaker services and services primarily for rest, domiciliary or convalescent care.
- for or in connection with experimental, investigational or unproven services.

Experimental, investigational and unproven services are medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, substance abuse or other health care technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies or devices that are determined by the utilization review Physician to be:

- not demonstrated, through existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to be safe and effective for treating or diagnosing the condition or sickness for which its use is proposed;
- not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or other appropriate regulatory agency to be lawfully marketed for the proposed use;
- the subject of review or approval by an Institutional Review Board for the proposed use except as provided in the “Clinical Trials” section(s) of this plan; or
- the subject of an ongoing phase I, II or III clinical trial, except for routine patient care costs related to qualified clinical trials as provided in the “Clinical Trials” section(s) of this plan.
- cosmetic surgery and therapies. Cosmetic surgery or therapy is defined as surgery or therapy performed to improve or

alter appearance or self-esteem or to treat psychological symptomatology or psychosocial complaints related to one’s appearance.

- The following services are excluded from coverage regardless of clinical indications: Macromastia or Gynecomastia Surgeries; Surgical treatment of varicose veins; Abdominoplasty; Panniculectomy; Rhinoplasty; Blepharoplasty; Removal of skin tags; Acupressure; Craniosacral/cranial therapy; Dance therapy, Movement therapy; Applied kinesiology; Rolfing; Prolotherapy; and Extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) for musculoskeletal and orthopedic conditions.
- Orthognathic surgeries and redundant skin surgeries unless Medically Necessary to correct for congenital defect, or as may be covered under Covered Expenses.
- dental treatment of the teeth, gums or structures directly supporting the teeth, including dental X-rays, examinations, repairs, orthodontics, periodontics, casts, splints and services for dental malocclusion, for any condition. Charges made for services or supplies provided for or in connection with an accidental injury to sound natural teeth are covered provided a continuous course of dental treatment is started within six months of an accident. Sound natural teeth are defined as natural teeth that are free of active clinical decay, have at least 50% bony support and are functional in the arch.
- medical and surgical services, initial and repeat, intended for the treatment or control of obesity, except for treatment of clinically severe (morbid) obesity as shown in Covered Expenses, including: medical and surgical services to alter appearance or physical changes that are the result of any surgery performed for the management of obesity or clinically severe (morbid) obesity; and weight loss programs or treatments, whether prescribed or recommended by a Physician or under medical supervision.
- unless otherwise covered in this plan, for reports, evaluations, physical examinations, or hospitalization not required for health reasons including, but not limited to, employment, insurance or government licenses, and court-ordered, forensic or custodial evaluations.
- court-ordered treatment or hospitalization, unless such treatment is prescribed by a Physician and listed as covered in this plan.
- transsexual surgery including medical or psychological counseling and hormonal therapy in preparation for, or subsequent to, any such surgery.
- any services or supplies for the treatment of male or female sexual dysfunction such as, but not limited to, treatment of erectile dysfunction (including penile implants), anorgasm, and premature ejaculation.

- medical and Hospital care and costs for the infant child of a Dependent, unless this infant child is otherwise eligible under this plan.
- nonmedical counseling or ancillary services, including but not limited to Custodial Services, education, training, vocational rehabilitation, behavioral training, biofeedback, neurofeedback, hypnosis, sleep therapy, employment counseling, back school, return to work services, work hardening programs, driving safety, and services, training, educational therapy or other nonmedical ancillary services for learning disabilities, developmental delays, autism or mental retardation.
- therapy or treatment intended primarily to improve or maintain general physical condition or for the purpose of enhancing job, school, athletic or recreational performance, including but not limited to routine, long term, or maintenance care which is provided after the resolution of the acute medical problem and when significant therapeutic improvement is not expected.
- consumable medical supplies other than ostomy supplies and urinary catheters. Excluded supplies include, but are not limited to bandages and other disposable medical supplies, skin preparations and test strips, except as specified in the “Home Health Services” or “Breast Reconstruction and Breast Prostheses” sections of this plan.
- private Hospital rooms and/or private duty nursing except as provided under the Home Health Services provision.
- personal or comfort items such as personal care kits provided on admission to a Hospital, television, telephone, newborn infant photographs, complimentary meals, birth announcements, and other articles which are not for the specific treatment of an Injury or Sickness.
- artificial aids including, but not limited to, corrective orthopedic shoes, arch supports, elastic stockings, garter belts, corsets, dentures and wigs.
- hearing aids, except as shown in the “Covered Expenses” and “The Schedule” sections of this plan.
- aids or devices that assist with nonverbal communications, including but not limited to communication boards, prerecorded speech devices, laptop computers, desktop computers, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), Braille typewriters, visual alert systems for the deaf and memory books.
- eyeglass lenses and frames and contact lenses (except for the first pair of contact lenses for treatment of keratoconus or post-cataract surgery).
- routine refractions, eye exercises and surgical treatment for the correction of a refractive error, including radial keratotomy.
- treatment by acupuncture.
- all noninjectable prescription drugs, injectable prescription drugs that do not require Physician supervision and are typically considered self-administered drugs, nonprescription drugs, and investigational and experimental drugs, except as provided in this plan.
- routine foot care, including the paring and removing of corns and calluses or trimming of nails. However, services associated with foot care for diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are covered when Medically Necessary.
- membership costs or fees associated with health clubs, weight loss programs and smoking cessation programs.
- genetic screening or pre-implantations genetic screening. General population-based genetic screening is a testing method performed in the absence of any symptoms or any significant, proven risk factors for genetically linked inheritable disease.
- dental implants for any condition.
- fees associated with the collection or donation of blood or blood products, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services where in the utilization review Physician’s opinion the likelihood of excess blood loss is such that transfusion is an expected adjunct to surgery.
- blood administration for the purpose of general improvement in physical condition.
- cost of biologicals that are immunizations or medications for the purpose of travel, or to protect against occupational hazards and risks.
- cosmetics, dietary supplements and health and beauty aids.
- all nutritional supplements and formulae except for infant formula needed for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism.
- medical treatment for a person age 65 or older, who is covered under this plan as a retiree, or their Dependent, when payment is denied by the Medicare plan because treatment was received from a nonparticipating provider.
- medical treatment when payment is denied by a Primary Plan because treatment was received from a nonparticipating provider.
- for or in connection with an Injury or Sickness arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit.
- telephone, e-mail, and Internet consultations, and telemedicine.
- massage therapy.

## **General Limitations**

No payment will be made for expenses incurred for you or any one of your Dependents:

- for charges made by a Hospital owned or operated by or which provides care or performs services for, the United States Government, if such charges are directly related to a military-service-connected Injury or Sickness.
- to the extent that you or any one of your Dependents is in any way paid or entitled to payment for those expenses by or through a public program, other than Medicaid.
- to the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred.
- for charges which would not have been made if the person had no insurance.
- to the extent that they are more than Maximum Reimbursable Charges.
- to the extent of the exclusions imposed by any certification requirement shown in this plan.
- expenses for supplies, care, treatment, or surgery that are not Medically Necessary.
- charges made by any covered provider who is a member of your family or your Dependent's Family.
- expenses incurred outside the United States other than expenses for medically necessary urgent or emergent care while temporarily traveling abroad.

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## **Coordination of Benefits**

This section applies if you or any one of your Dependents is covered under more than one Plan and determines how benefits payable from all such Plans will be coordinated. You should file all claims with each Plan.

### **Definitions**

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

#### **Plan**

Any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical care or treatment:

- Group insurance and/or group-type coverage, whether insured or self-insured which neither can be purchased by the general public, nor is individually underwritten, including closed panel coverage.

- Coverage under Medicare and other governmental benefits as permitted by law, excepting Medicaid and Medicare supplement policies.

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

#### **Closed Panel Plan**

A Plan that provides medical or dental benefits primarily in the form of services through a panel of employed or contracted providers, and that limits or excludes benefits provided by providers outside of the panel, except in the case of emergency or if referred by a provider within the panel.

#### **Primary Plan**

The Plan that determines and provides or pays benefits without taking into consideration the existence of any other Plan.

#### **Secondary Plan**

A Plan that determines, and may reduce its benefits after taking into consideration, the benefits provided or paid by the Primary Plan. A Secondary Plan may also recover from the Primary Plan the Reasonable Cash Value of any services it provided to you.

#### **Allowable Expense**

A necessary, reasonable and customary service or expense, including deductibles, coinsurance or copayments, that is covered in full or in part by any Plan covering you. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the Reasonable Cash Value of each service is the Allowable Expense and is a paid benefit.

Examples of expenses or services that are not Allowable Expenses include, but are not limited to the following:

- An expense or service or a portion of an expense or service that is not covered by any of the Plans is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are confined to a private Hospital room and no Plan provides coverage for more than a semiprivate room, the difference in cost between a private and semiprivate room is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are covered by two or more Plans that provide services or supplies on the basis of reasonable and customary fees, any amount in excess of the highest reasonable and customary fee is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are covered by one Plan that provides services or supplies on the basis of reasonable and customary fees and one Plan that provides services and supplies on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's fee arrangement shall be the Allowable Expense.
- If your benefits are reduced under the Primary Plan (through the imposition of a higher copayment amount, higher coinsurance percentage, a deductible and/or a penalty)

because you did not comply with Plan provisions or because you did not use a preferred provider, the amount of the reduction is not an Allowable Expense. Such Plan provisions include second surgical opinions and precertification of admissions or services.

#### **Claim Determination Period**

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

#### **Reasonable Cash Value**

An amount which a duly licensed provider of health care services usually charges patients and which is within the range of fees usually charged for the same service by other health care providers located within the immediate geographic area where the health care service is rendered under similar or comparable circumstances.

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

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

- The Plan that covers you as an enrollee or an employee shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as a Dependent shall be the Secondary Plan;
- If you are a Dependent child whose parents are not divorced or legally separated, the Primary Plan shall be the Plan which covers the parent whose birthday falls first in the calendar year as an enrollee or employee;
- If you are the Dependent of divorced or separated parents, benefits for the Dependent shall be determined in the following order:
  - first, if a court decree states that one parent is responsible for the child's healthcare expenses or health coverage and the Plan for that parent has actual knowledge of the terms of the order, but only from the time of actual knowledge;
  - then, the Plan of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the Plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the Plan of the parent not having custody of the child, and
  - finally, the Plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child.
- The Plan that covers you as an active employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as laid-off or retired employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a

result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.

- The Plan that covers you under a right of continuation which is provided by federal or state law shall be the Secondary Plan and the Plan that covers you as an active employee or retiree (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
- If one of the Plans that covers you is issued out of the state whose laws govern this Policy, and determines the order of benefits based upon the gender of a parent, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefit determination, the Plan with the gender rules shall determine the order of benefits.

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

When coordinating benefits with Medicare, this Plan will be the Secondary Plan and determine benefits after Medicare, where permitted by the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended. However, when more than one Plan is secondary to Medicare, the benefit determination rules identified above, will be used to determine how benefits will be coordinated.

#### **Effect on the Benefits of This Plan**

If this Plan is the Secondary Plan, this Plan may reduce benefits so that the total benefits paid by all Plans during a Claim Determination Period are not more than 100% of the total of all Allowable Expenses.

The difference between the amount that this Plan would have paid if this Plan had been the Primary Plan, and the benefit payments that this Plan had actually paid as the Secondary Plan, will be recorded as a benefit reserve for you. Cigna will use this benefit reserve to pay any Allowable Expense not otherwise paid during the Claim Determination Period.

As each claim is submitted, Cigna will determine the following:

- Cigna's obligation to provide services and supplies under this policy;
- whether a benefit reserve has been recorded for you; and
- whether there are any unpaid Allowable Expenses during the Claims Determination Period.

If there is a benefit reserve, Cigna will use the benefit reserve recorded for you to pay up to 100% of the total of all Allowable Expenses. At the end of the Claim Determination Period, your benefit reserve will return to zero and a new benefit reserve will be calculated for each new Claim Determination Period.

### **Recovery of Excess Benefits**

If Cigna pays charges for benefits that should have been paid by the Primary Plan, or if Cigna pays charges in excess of those for which we are obligated to provide under the Policy, Cigna will have the right to recover the actual payment made or the Reasonable Cash Value of any services.

Cigna will have sole discretion to seek such recovery from any person to, or for whom, or with respect to whom, such services were provided or such payments made by any insurance company, healthcare plan or other organization. If we request, you must execute and deliver to us such instruments and documents as we determine are necessary to secure the right of recovery.

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

Cigna, without consent or notice to you, may obtain information from and release information to any other Plan with respect to you in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. You must provide us with any information we request in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. This request may occur in connection with a submitted claim; if so, you will be advised that the "other coverage" information, (including an Explanation of Benefits paid under the Primary Plan) is required before the claim will be processed for payment. If no response is received within 90 days of the request, the claim will be denied. If the requested information is subsequently received, the claim will be processed.

## **Medicare Eligibles**

Cigna will pay as the Secondary Plan as permitted by the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended for the following:

- (a) a former Employee who is eligible for Medicare and whose insurance is continued for any reason as provided in this plan;
- (b) a former Employee's Dependent, or a former Dependent Spouse, who is eligible for Medicare and whose insurance is continued for any reason as provided in this plan;
- (c) an Employee whose Employer and each other Employer participating in the Employer's plan have fewer than 100 Employees and that Employee is eligible for Medicare due to disability;
- (d) the Dependent of an Employee whose Employer and each other Employer participating in the Employer's plan have fewer than 100 Employees and that Dependent is eligible for Medicare due to disability;
- (e) an Employee or a Dependent of an Employee of an Employer who has fewer than 20 Employees, if that person is eligible for Medicare due to age;

- (f) an Employee, retired Employee, Employee's Dependent or retired Employee's Dependent who is eligible for Medicare due to End Stage Renal Disease after that person has been eligible for Medicare for 30 months;

Cigna will assume the amount payable under:

- Part A of Medicare for a person who is eligible for that Part without premium payment, but has not applied, to be the amount he would receive if he had applied.
- Part B of Medicare for a person who is entitled to be enrolled in that Part, but is not, to be the amount he would receive if he were enrolled.
- Part B of Medicare for a person who has entered into a private contract with a provider, to be the amount he would receive in the absence of such private contract.

A person is considered eligible for Medicare on the earliest date any coverage under Medicare could become effective for him.

This reduction will not apply to any Employee and his Dependent or any former Employee and his Dependent unless he is listed under (a) through (f) above.

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## **Payment of Benefits**

### **To Whom Payable**

Medical Benefits are assignable to the provider. When you assign benefits to a provider, you have assigned the entire amount of the benefits due on that claim. If the provider is overpaid because of accepting a patient's payment on the charge, it is the provider's responsibility to reimburse the patient. Because of Cigna's contracts with providers, all claims from contracted providers should be assigned.

Cigna may, at its option, make payment to you for the cost of any Covered Expenses from a Non-Participating Provider even if benefits have been assigned. When benefits are paid to you or your Dependent, you or your Dependents are responsible for reimbursing the provider.

If any person to whom benefits are payable is a minor or, in the opinion of Cigna is not able to give a valid receipt for any payment due him, such payment will be made to his legal guardian. If no request for payment has been made by his legal guardian, Cigna may, at its option, make payment to the person or institution appearing to have assumed his custody and support.

When one of our participants passes away, Cigna may receive notice that an executor of the estate has been established. The

executor has the same rights as our insured and benefit payments for unassigned claims should be made payable to the executor.

Payment as described above will release Cigna from all liability to the extent of any payment made.

### **Recovery of Overpayment**

When an overpayment has been made by Cigna, Cigna will have the right at any time to: recover that overpayment from the person to whom or on whose behalf it was made; or offset the amount of that overpayment from a future claim payment.

### **Calculation of Covered Expenses**

Cigna, in its discretion, will calculate Covered Expenses following evaluation and validation of all provider billings in accordance with:

- the methodologies in the most recent edition of the Current Procedural terminology,
- the methodologies as reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.

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## **Termination of Insurance**

### **Employees**

Your insurance will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date you cease to be in a Class of Eligible Employees or cease to qualify for the insurance.
- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.
- the date the policy is canceled.
- the last day of the calendar month in which your Active Service ends except as described below.

Any continuation of insurance must be based on a plan which precludes individual selection.

### **Temporary Layoff or Leave of Absence**

If your Active Service ends due to temporary layoff or leave of absence, your insurance will be continued until the date your Employer: stops paying premium for you; or otherwise cancels your insurance. However, your insurance will not be continued for more than 60 days past the date your Active Service ends.

### **Injury or Sickness**

If your Active Service ends due to an Injury or Sickness, your insurance will be continued while you remain totally and continuously disabled as a result of the Injury or Sickness.

However, your insurance will not continue past the date your Employer stops paying premium for you or otherwise cancels your insurance.

### **Retirement**

If your Active Service ends because you retire, your insurance will be continued until the date on which your Employer stops paying premium for you or otherwise cancels the insurance.

### **Dependents**

Your insurance for all of your Dependents will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date your insurance ceases.
- the date you cease to be eligible for Dependent Insurance.
- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.
- the date Dependent Insurance is canceled.

The insurance for any one of your Dependents will cease on the date that Dependent no longer qualifies as a Dependent.

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## **Continuation**

### **Special Continuation of Medical Insurance**

If your Active Service ends because of termination of employment and if you have been insured for at least three consecutive months under the policy, the Medical Insurance will be continued, upon payment of the required premium by you to the Employer, but not beyond the earliest of:

- 18 months from the date your Active Service ends;
- the last day for which you have paid the required premium;
- the date you become eligible for insurance under another group policy for medical benefits or under Medicare;
- the date the policy cancels.

Your Employer will notify you of your right to elect such continuation. Within 60 days after the date the insurance would otherwise cease, you may elect such continuation by paying the required premium to the Employer.

If your insurance is being continued as outlined above, the Medical Insurance for any of your Dependents insured on the date your insurance would otherwise cease may be continued, subject to the above provisions. The Dependent Medical Insurance will continue until the earlier of:

- the date your insurance ceases; or

- with respect to any one Dependent, the date that Dependent no longer qualifies as a Dependent.

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## Rescissions

Your coverage may not be rescinded (retroactively terminated) by Cigna or the plan sponsor unless the plan sponsor or an individual (or a person seeking coverage on behalf of the individual) performs an act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud; or the plan sponsor or individual (or a person seeking coverage on behalf of the individual) makes an intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

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## Federal Requirements

The following pages explain your rights and responsibilities under federal laws and regulations. Some states may have similar requirements. If a similar provision appears elsewhere in this booklet, the provision which provides the better benefit will apply.

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## Notice of Provider Directory/Networks

### Notice Regarding Provider/Pharmacy Directories and Provider/Pharmacy Networks

If your Plan utilizes a network of Providers, a separate listing of Participating Providers who participate in the network is available to you without charge by visiting [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com); [mycigna.com](http://mycigna.com) or by calling the toll-free telephone number on your ID card.

Your Participating Provider/Pharmacy networks consist of a group of local medical practitioners, and Hospitals, of varied specialties as well as general practice or a group of local Pharmacies who are employed by or contracted with Cigna HealthCare.

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## Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO)

### Eligibility for Coverage Under a QMCSO

If a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) is issued for your child, that child will be eligible for coverage as required by the order and you will not be considered a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance.

You must notify your Employer and elect coverage for that child, and yourself if you are not already enrolled, within 31 days of the QMCSO being issued.

### Qualified Medical Child Support Order Defined

A Qualified Medical Child Support Order is a judgment, decree or order (including approval of a settlement agreement) or administrative notice, which is issued pursuant to a state domestic relations law (including a community property law), or to an administrative process, which provides for child support or provides for health benefit coverage to such child and relates to benefits under the group health plan, and satisfies all of the following:

- the order recognizes or creates a child's right to receive group health benefits for which a participant or beneficiary is eligible;
- the order specifies your name and last known address, and the child's name and last known address, except that the name and address of an official of a state or political subdivision may be substituted for the child's mailing address;
- the order provides a description of the coverage to be provided, or the manner in which the type of coverage is to be determined;
- the order states the period to which it applies; and
- if the order is a National Medical Support Notice completed in accordance with the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998, such Notice meets the requirements above.

The QMCSO may not require the health insurance policy to provide coverage for any type or form of benefit or option not otherwise provided under the policy, except that an order may require a plan to comply with State laws regarding health care coverage.

## Payment of Benefits

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

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## Special Enrollment Rights Under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)

If you or your eligible Dependent(s) experience a special enrollment event as described below, you or your eligible Dependent(s) may be entitled to enroll in the Plan outside of a designated enrollment period upon the occurrence of one of the special enrollment events listed below. If you are already enrolled in the Plan, you may request enrollment for you and your eligible Dependent(s) under a different option offered by the Employer for which you are currently eligible. If you are not already enrolled in the Plan, you must request special enrollment for yourself in addition to your eligible Dependent(s). You and all of your eligible Dependent(s) must be covered under the same option. The special enrollment events include:

- **Acquiring a new Dependent.** If you acquire a new Dependent(s) through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may request special enrollment for any of the following combinations of individuals if not already enrolled in the Plan: Employee only; spouse only; Employee and spouse; Dependent child(ren) only; Employee and Dependent child(ren); Employee, spouse and Dependent child(ren). Enrollment of Dependent children is limited to the newborn or adopted children or children who became Dependent children of the Employee due to marriage.
- **Loss of eligibility for State Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).** If you and/or your Dependent(s) were covered under a state Medicaid or CHIP plan and the coverage is terminated due to a loss of eligibility, you may request special enrollment for yourself and any affected Dependent(s) who are not already enrolled in the Plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days after termination of Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
- **Loss of eligibility for other coverage (excluding continuation coverage).** If coverage was declined under this Plan due to coverage under another plan, and eligibility for the other coverage is lost, you and all of your eligible

Dependent(s) may request special enrollment in this Plan. If required by the Plan, when enrollment in this Plan was previously declined, it must have been declined in writing with a statement that the reason for declining enrollment was due to other health coverage. This provision applies to loss of eligibility as a result of any of the following:

- divorce or legal separation;
  - cessation of Dependent status (such as reaching the limiting age);
  - death of the Employee;
  - termination of employment;
  - reduction in work hours to below the minimum required for eligibility;
  - you or your Dependent(s) no longer reside, live or work in the other plan's network service area and no other coverage is available under the other plan;
  - you or your Dependent(s) incur a claim which meets or exceeds the lifetime maximum limit that is applicable to all benefits offered under the other plan; or
  - the other plan no longer offers any benefits to a class of similarly situated individuals.
- **Termination of employer contributions (excluding continuation coverage).** If a current or former employer ceases all contributions toward the Employee's or Dependent's other coverage, special enrollment may be requested in this Plan for you and all of your eligible Dependent(s).
  - **Exhaustion of COBRA or other continuation coverage.** Special enrollment may be requested in this Plan for you and all of your eligible Dependent(s) upon exhaustion of COBRA or other continuation coverage. If you or your Dependent(s) elect COBRA or other continuation coverage following loss of coverage under another plan, the COBRA or other continuation coverage must be exhausted before any special enrollment rights exist under this Plan. An individual is considered to have exhausted COBRA or other continuation coverage only if such coverage ceases: due to failure of the employer or other responsible entity to remit premiums on a timely basis; when the person no longer resides or works in the other plan's service area and there is no other COBRA or continuation coverage available under the plan; or when the individual incurs a claim that would meet or exceed a lifetime maximum limit on all benefits and there is no other COBRA or other continuation coverage available to the individual. This does not include termination of an employer's limited period of contributions toward COBRA or other continuation coverage as provided under any severance or other agreement.
  - **Eligibility for employment assistance under State Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program**

**(CHIP).** If you and/or your Dependent(s) become eligible for assistance with group health plan premium payments under a state Medicaid or CHIP plan, you may request special enrollment for yourself and any affected Dependent(s) who are not already enrolled in the Plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days after the date you are determined to be eligible for assistance.

**Except as stated above, special enrollment must be requested within 30 days after the occurrence of the special enrollment event. If the special enrollment event is the birth or adoption of a Dependent child, coverage will be effective immediately on the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. Coverage with regard to any other special enrollment event will be effective on the first day of the calendar month following receipt of the request for special enrollment.**

Domestic Partners and their children (if not legal children of the Employee) are not eligible for special enrollment.

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## **Effect of Section 125 Tax Regulations on This Plan**

Your Employer has chosen to administer this Plan in accordance with Section 125 regulations of the Internal Revenue Code. Per this regulation, you may agree to a pretax salary reduction put toward the cost of your benefits. Otherwise, you will receive your taxable earnings as cash (salary).

### **A. Coverage Elections**

Per Section 125 regulations, you are generally allowed to enroll for or change coverage only before each annual benefit period. However, exceptions are allowed if your Employer agrees and you enroll for or change coverage within 30 days of the following:

- the date you meet the Special Enrollment criteria described above; or
- the date you meet the criteria shown in the following Sections B through H.

### **B. Change of Status**

A change in status is defined as:

- change in legal marital status due to marriage, death of a spouse, divorce, annulment or legal separation;
- change in number of Dependents due to birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or death of a Dependent;
- change in employment status of Employee, spouse or Dependent due to termination or start of employment,

strike, lockout, beginning or end of unpaid leave of absence, including under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), or change in worksite;

- changes in employment status of Employee, spouse or Dependent resulting in eligibility or ineligibility for coverage;
- change in residence of Employee, spouse or Dependent to a location outside of the Employer's network service area; and
- changes which cause a Dependent to become eligible or ineligible for coverage.

### **C. Court Order**

A change in coverage due to and consistent with a court order of the Employee or other person to cover a Dependent.

### **D. Medicare or Medicaid Eligibility/Entitlement**

The Employee, spouse or Dependent cancels or reduces coverage due to entitlement to Medicare or Medicaid, or enrolls or increases coverage due to loss of Medicare or Medicaid eligibility.

### **E. Change in Cost of Coverage**

If the cost of benefits increases or decreases during a benefit period, your Employer may, in accordance with plan terms, automatically change your elective contribution.

When the change in cost is significant, you may either increase your contribution or elect less-costly coverage. When a significant overall reduction is made to the benefit option you have elected, you may elect another available benefit option. When a new benefit option is added, you may change your election to the new benefit option.

### **F. Changes in Coverage of Spouse or Dependent Under Another Employer's Plan**

You may make a coverage election change if the plan of your spouse or Dependent: incurs a change such as adding or deleting a benefit option; allows election changes due to Special Enrollment, Change in Status, Court Order or Medicare or Medicaid Eligibility/Entitlement; or this Plan and the other plan have different periods of coverage or open enrollment periods.

### **G. Reduction in work hours**

If an Employee's work hours are reduced below 30 hours/week (even if it does not result in the Employee losing eligibility for the Employer's coverage); and the Employee (and family) intend to enroll in another plan that provides Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC). The new coverage must be effective no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month following the month that includes the date the original coverage is revoked.

## H. Enrollment in Qualified Health Plan (QHP)

The Employee must be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a QHP through a Marketplace or the Employee wants to enroll in a QHP through a Marketplace during the Marketplace's annual open enrollment period; and the disenrollment from the group plan corresponds to the intended enrollment of the Employee (and family) in a QHP through a Marketplace for new coverage effective beginning no later than the day immediately following the last day of the original coverage.

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### Eligibility for Coverage for Adopted Children

Any child who is adopted by you, including a child who is placed with you for adoption, will be eligible for Dependent Insurance, if otherwise eligible as a Dependent, upon the date of placement with you. A child will be considered placed for adoption when you become legally obligated to support that child, totally or partially, prior to that child's adoption.

If a child placed for adoption is not adopted, all health coverage ceases when the placement ends, and will not be continued.

The provisions in the "Exception for Newborns" section of this document that describe requirements for enrollment and effective date of insurance will also apply to an adopted child or a child placed with you for adoption.

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### Coverage for Maternity Hospital Stay

Under federal law, group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage generally may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a delivery by cesarean section. However, the plan or issuer may pay for a shorter stay if the attending provider (*e.g.*, your physician, nurse midwife, or physician assistant), after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under federal law, plans and issuers 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.**

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### Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA)

Do you know that your plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including all stages of reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy, including lymphedema? Call Member Services at the toll free number listed on your ID card for more information.

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### Group Plan Coverage Instead of Medicaid

If your income and liquid resources do not exceed certain limits established by law, the state may decide to pay premiums for this coverage instead of for Medicaid, if it is cost effective. This includes premiums for continuation coverage required by federal law.

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### Requirements of Medical Leave Act of 1993 (as amended) (FMLA)

Any provisions of the policy that provide for: continuation of insurance during a leave of absence; and reinstatement of insurance following a return to Active Service; are modified by the following provisions of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, where applicable:

#### Continuation of Health Insurance During Leave

Your health insurance will be continued during a leave of absence if:

- that leave qualifies as a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended; and

- you are an eligible Employee under the terms of that Act. The cost of your health insurance during such leave must be paid, whether entirely by your Employer or in part by you and your Employer.

#### **Reinstatement of Canceled Insurance Following Leave**

Upon your return to Active Service following a leave of absence that qualifies under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, any canceled insurance (health, life or disability) will be reinstated as of the date of your return.

You will not be required to satisfy any eligibility or benefit waiting period to the extent that they had been satisfied prior to the start of such leave of absence.

Your Employer will give you detailed information about the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended.

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### **Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA)**

The Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) sets requirements for continuation of health coverage and re-employment in regard to an Employee's military leave of absence. These requirements apply to medical and dental coverage for you and your Dependents. They do not apply to any Life, Short-term or Long-term Disability or Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage you may have.

#### **Continuation of Coverage**

For leaves of less than 31 days, coverage will continue as described in the Termination section regarding Leave of Absence.

For leaves of 31 days or more, you may continue coverage for yourself and your Dependents as follows:

You may continue benefits by paying the required premium to your Employer, until the earliest of the following:

- 24 months from the last day of employment with the Employer;
- the day after you fail to return to work; and
- the date the policy cancels.

Your Employer may charge you and your Dependents up to 102% of the total premium.

Following continuation of health coverage per USERRA requirements, you may convert to a plan of individual coverage according to any "Conversion Privilege" shown in your certificate.

#### **Reinstatement of Benefits (applicable to all coverages)**

If your coverage ends during the leave of absence because you do not elect USERRA or an available conversion plan at the expiration of USERRA and you are reemployed by your current Employer, coverage for you and your Dependents may be reinstated if you gave your Employer advance written or verbal notice of your military service leave, and the duration of all military leaves while you are employed with your current Employer does not exceed 5 years.

You and your Dependents will be subject to only the balance of a waiting period that was not yet satisfied before the leave began. However, if an Injury or Sickness occurs or is aggravated during the military leave, full Plan limitations will apply.

If your coverage under this plan terminates as a result of your eligibility for military medical and dental coverage and your order to active duty is canceled before your active duty service commences, these reinstatement rights will continue to apply.

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### **Claim Determination Procedures**

**The following complies with federal law. Provisions of the laws of your state may supersede.**

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

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

Certain services require prior authorization in order to be covered. This prior authorization is called a "preservice Medical Necessity determination." The Certificate describes who is responsible for obtaining this review. You or your authorized representative (typically, your health care provider) must request Medical Necessity determinations according to the procedures described below, in the Certificate, and in your provider's network participation documents as applicable.

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

### **Preservice Medical Necessity Determinations**

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

If the determination periods above would seriously jeopardize your life or health, your ability to regain maximum function, or in the opinion of a Physician with knowledge of your health condition, cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services, Cigna will make the preservice determination on an expedited basis. Cigna's Physician will defer to the determination of the treating Physician, regarding whether an expedited determination is necessary. Cigna will notify you or your representative of an expedited determination within 72 hours after receiving the request.

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

If you or your representative fails to follow Cigna's procedures for requesting a required preservice Medical Necessity determination, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the failure and describe the proper procedures for filing within 5 days (or 24 hours, if an expedited determination is required, as described above) after receiving the request. This notice may be provided orally, unless you or your representative requests written notification.

### **Concurrent Medical Necessity Determinations**

When an ongoing course of treatment has been approved for you and you wish to extend the approval, you or your representative must request a required concurrent Medical Necessity determination at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the approved period of time or number of

treatments. When you or your representative requests such a determination, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the determination within 24 hours after receiving the request.

### **Postservice Medical Necessity Determinations**

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

If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what information is needed, and you or your representative must provide the specified information to Cigna within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on the date Cigna sends such a notice of missing information, and the determination period will resume on the date you or your representative responds to the notice.

### **Postservice Claim Determinations**

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

### **Notice of Adverse Determination**

Every notice of an adverse benefit determination will be provided in writing or electronically, and will include all of the following that pertain to the determination: information sufficient to identify the claim; the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; a description of any additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; a description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable, including a statement of a claimant's rights to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse benefit

determination on appeal; upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your claim; and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit; information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist you with the appeal process; and in the case of a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

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## **COBRA Continuation Rights Under Federal Law**

### **For You and Your Dependents**

#### **What is COBRA Continuation Coverage?**

Under federal law, you and/or your Dependents must be given the opportunity to continue health insurance when there is a “qualifying event” that would result in loss of coverage under the Plan. You and/or your Dependents will be permitted to continue the same coverage under which you or your Dependents were covered on the day before the qualifying event occurred, unless you move out of that plan’s coverage area or the plan is no longer available. You and/or your Dependents cannot change coverage options until the next open enrollment period.

#### **When is COBRA Continuation Available?**

For you and your Dependents, COBRA continuation is available for up to 18 months from the date of the following qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan:

- your termination of employment for any reason, other than gross misconduct; or
- your reduction in work hours.

For your Dependents, COBRA continuation coverage is available for up to 36 months from the date of the following qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan:

- your death;
- your divorce or legal separation; or
- for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

#### **Who is Entitled to COBRA Continuation?**

Only a “qualified beneficiary” (as defined by federal law) may elect to continue health insurance coverage. A qualified

beneficiary may include the following individuals who were covered by the Plan on the day the qualifying event occurred: you, your spouse, and your Dependent children. Each qualified beneficiary has their own right to elect or decline COBRA continuation coverage even if you decline or are not eligible for COBRA continuation.

The following individuals are not qualified beneficiaries for purposes of COBRA continuation: domestic partners, grandchildren (unless adopted by you), stepchildren (unless adopted by you). Although these individuals do not have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage, if you elect COBRA continuation coverage for yourself, you may also cover your Dependents even if they are not considered qualified beneficiaries under COBRA. However, such individuals’ coverage will terminate when your COBRA continuation coverage terminates. The sections titled “Secondary Qualifying Events” and “Medicare Extension For Your Dependents” are not applicable to these individuals.

#### **Secondary Qualifying Events**

If, as a result of your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, your Dependent(s) have elected COBRA continuation coverage and one or more Dependents experience another COBRA qualifying event, the affected Dependent(s) may elect to extend their COBRA continuation coverage for an additional 18 months (7 months if the secondary event occurs within the disability extension period) for a maximum of 36 months from the initial qualifying event. The second qualifying event must occur before the end of the initial 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage or within the disability extension period discussed below. Under no circumstances will COBRA continuation coverage be available for more than 36 months from the initial qualifying event. Secondary qualifying events are: your death; your divorce or legal separation; or, for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

#### **Disability Extension**

If, after electing COBRA continuation coverage due to your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, you or one of your Dependents is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be totally disabled under Title II or XVI of the SSA, you and all of your Dependents who have elected COBRA continuation coverage may extend such continuation for an additional 11 months, for a maximum of 29 months from the initial qualifying event.

To qualify for the disability extension, all of the following requirements must be satisfied:

- SSA must determine that the disability occurred prior to or within 60 days after the disabled individual elected COBRA continuation coverage; and
- A copy of the written SSA determination must be provided to the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the

date the SSA determination is made AND before the end of the initial 18-month continuation period.

If the SSA later determines that the individual is no longer disabled, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 30 days after the date the final determination is made by SSA. The 11-month disability extension will terminate for all covered persons on the first day of the month that is more than 30 days after the date the SSA makes a final determination that the disabled individual is no longer disabled.

All causes for “Termination of COBRA Continuation” listed below will also apply to the period of disability extension.

### **Medicare Extension for Your Dependents**

When the qualifying event is your termination of employment or reduction in work hours and you became enrolled in Medicare (Part A, Part B or both) within the 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage for your Dependents will last for up to 36 months after the date you became enrolled in Medicare. Your COBRA continuation coverage will last for up to 18 months from the date of your termination of employment or reduction in work hours.

### **Termination of COBRA Continuation**

COBRA continuation coverage will be terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- the end of the COBRA continuation period of 18, 29 or 36 months, as applicable;
- failure to pay the required premium within 30 calendar days after the due date;
- cancellation of the Employer’s policy with Cigna;
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary enrolls in Medicare (Part A, Part B, or both);
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary becomes covered under another group health plan, unless the qualified beneficiary has a condition for which the new plan limits or excludes coverage under a pre-existing condition provision. In such case coverage will continue until the earliest of: the end of the applicable maximum period; the date the pre-existing condition provision is no longer applicable; or the occurrence of an event described in one of the first three bullets above;
- any reason the Plan would terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary who is not receiving continuation coverage (e.g., fraud).

### **Moving Out of Employer’s Service Area or Elimination of a Service Area**

If you and/or your Dependents move out of the Employer’s service area or the Employer eliminates a service area in your location, your COBRA continuation coverage under the plan will be limited to out-of-network coverage only. In-network coverage is not available outside of the Employer’s service

area. If the Employer offers another benefit option through Cigna or another carrier which can provide coverage in your location, you may elect COBRA continuation coverage under that option.

### **Employer’s Notification Requirements**

Your Employer is required to provide you and/or your Dependents with the following notices:

- An initial notification of COBRA continuation rights must be provided within 90 days after your (or your spouse’s) coverage under the Plan begins (or the Plan first becomes subject to COBRA continuation requirements, if later). If you and/or your Dependents experience a qualifying event before the end of that 90-day period, the initial notice must be provided within the time frame required for the COBRA continuation coverage election notice as explained below.
- A COBRA continuation coverage election notice must be provided to you and/or your Dependents within the following timeframes:
  - if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the loss of coverage, 44 days after loss of coverage under the Plan;
  - if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the occurrence of a qualifying event, 44 days after the qualifying event occurs; or
  - in the case of a multi-employer plan, no later than 14 days after the end of the period in which Employers must provide notice of a qualifying event to the Plan Administrator.

### **How to Elect COBRA Continuation Coverage**

The COBRA coverage election notice will list the individuals who are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage and inform you of the applicable premium. The notice will also include instructions for electing COBRA continuation coverage. You must notify the Plan Administrator of your election no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If a written election notice is required, it must be post-marked no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If you do not make proper notification by the due date shown on the notice, you and your Dependents will lose the right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If you reject COBRA continuation coverage before the due date, you may change your mind as long as you furnish a completed election form before the due date.

Each qualified beneficiary has an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Continuation coverage may be elected for only one, several, or for all Dependents who are

qualified beneficiaries. Parents may elect to continue coverage on behalf of their Dependent children. You or your spouse may elect continuation coverage on behalf of all the qualified beneficiaries. You are not required to elect COBRA continuation coverage in order for your Dependents to elect COBRA continuation.

#### **How Much Does COBRA Continuation Coverage Cost?**

Each qualified beneficiary may be required to pay the entire cost of continuation coverage. The amount may not exceed 102% of the cost to the group health plan (including both Employer and Employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated active Employee or family member. The premium during the 11-month disability extension may not exceed 150% of the cost to the group health plan (including both employer and employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated active Employee or family member.

For example: If the Employee alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, the Employee will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If the spouse or one Dependent child alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If more than one qualified beneficiary elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the applicable family premium.

#### **When and How to Pay COBRA Premiums**

##### *First payment for COBRA continuation*

If you elect COBRA continuation coverage, you do not have to send any payment with the election form. However, you must make your first payment no later than 45 calendar days after the date of your election. (This is the date the Election Notice is postmarked, if mailed.) If you do not make your first payment within that 45 days, you will lose all COBRA continuation rights under the Plan.

##### *Subsequent payments*

After you make your first payment for COBRA continuation coverage, you will be required to make subsequent payments of the required premium for each additional month of coverage. Payment is due on the first day of each month. If you make a payment on or before its due date, your coverage under the Plan will continue for that coverage period without any break.

##### *Grace periods for subsequent payments*

Although subsequent payments are due by the first day of the month, you will be given a grace period of 30 days after the first day of the coverage period to make each monthly payment. Your COBRA continuation coverage will be provided for each coverage period as long as payment for that coverage period is made before the end of the grace period for that payment. However, if your payment is received after the due date, your coverage under the Plan may be suspended

during this time. Any providers who contact the Plan to confirm coverage during this time may be informed that coverage has been suspended. If payment is received before the end of the grace period, your coverage will be reinstated back to the beginning of the coverage period. This means that any claim you submit for benefits while your coverage is suspended may be denied and may have to be resubmitted once your coverage is reinstated. If you fail to make a payment before the end of the grace period for that coverage period, you will lose all rights to COBRA continuation coverage under the Plan.

#### **You Must Give Notice of Certain Qualifying Events**

If you or your Dependent(s) experience one of the following qualifying events, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the later of the date the qualifying event occurs or the date coverage would cease as a result of the qualifying event:

- Your divorce or legal separation; or
- Your child ceases to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.
- The occurrence of a secondary qualifying event as discussed under “Secondary Qualifying Events” above (this notice must be received prior to the end of the initial 18- or 29-month COBRA period).

(Also refer to the section titled “Disability Extension” for additional notice requirements.)

Notice must be made in writing and must include: the name of the Plan, name and address of the Employee covered under the Plan, name and address(es) of the qualified beneficiaries affected by the qualifying event; the qualifying event; the date the qualifying event occurred; and supporting documentation (e.g., divorce decree, birth certificate, disability determination, etc.).

#### **Newly Acquired Dependents**

If you acquire a new Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption while your coverage is being continued, you may cover such Dependent under your COBRA continuation coverage. However, only your newborn or adopted Dependent child is a qualified beneficiary and may continue COBRA continuation coverage for the remainder of the coverage period following your early termination of COBRA coverage or due to a secondary qualifying event. COBRA coverage for your Dependent spouse and any Dependent children who are not your children (e.g., stepchildren or grandchildren) will cease on the date your COBRA coverage ceases and they are not eligible for a secondary qualifying event.

#### **COBRA Continuation for Retirees Following Employer’s Bankruptcy**

If you are covered as a retiree, and a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the Employer under Title 11 of the

United States Code, you may be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage. If the bankruptcy results in a loss of coverage for you, your Dependents or your surviving spouse within one year before or after such proceeding, you and your covered Dependents will become COBRA qualified beneficiaries with respect to the bankruptcy. You will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage until your death. Your surviving spouse and covered Dependent children will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage for up to 36 months following your death. However, COBRA continuation coverage will cease upon the occurrence of any of the events listed under “Termination of COBRA Continuation” above.

### Conversion Available Following Continuation

If your or your Dependents’ COBRA continuation ends due to the expiration of the maximum 18-, 29- or 36-month period, whichever applies, you and/or your Dependents may be entitled to convert to the coverage in accordance with the Medical Conversion benefit then available to Employees and the Dependents. Please refer to the section titled “Conversion Privilege” for more information.

### Interaction With Other Continuation Benefits

You may be eligible for other continuation benefits under state law. Refer to the Termination section for any other continuation benefits.

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## Clinical Trials

This benefit plan covers routine patient care costs related to a qualified clinical trial for an individual who meets the following requirements:

- (a) is eligible to participate in an approved clinical trial according to the trial protocol with respect to treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition; and
- (b) either
  - the referring health care professional is a participating health care provider and has concluded that the individual’s participation in such trial would be appropriate based upon the individual meeting the conditions described in paragraph (a); or
  - the individual provides medical and scientific information establishing that the individual’s participation in such trial would be appropriate based upon the individual meeting the conditions described in paragraph (a).

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

The clinical trial must meet the following requirements:

The study or investigation must:

- be approved or funded by any of the agencies or entities authorized by federal law to conduct clinical trials;
- be conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration; or
- involve a drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application.

Routine patient care costs are costs associated with the provision of health care items and services including drugs, items, devices and services otherwise covered by this benefit plan for an individual who is not enrolled in a clinical trial and, in addition:

- services required solely for the provision of the investigational drug, item, device or service;
- services required for the clinically appropriate monitoring of the investigational drug, device, item or service;
- services provided for the prevention of complications arising from the provision of the investigational drug, device, item or service; and
- reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of the investigational drug, device, item or service, including the diagnosis or treatment of complications.

Routine patient care costs do not include:

- the investigational drug, device, item, or service, itself; or
- items and services that are provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient.

Clinical trials conducted by non-participating providers will be covered at the In-Network benefit level if:

- there are not In-Network providers participating in the clinical trial that are willing to accept the individual as a patient, or
- the clinical trial is conducted outside the individual’s state of residence.

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## Notice of an Appeal or a Grievance

The appeal or grievance provision in this certificate may be superseded by the law of your state. Please see your explanation of benefits for the applicable appeal or grievance procedure.

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## When You Have A Complaint Or An Appeal

### Quality of Clinical Care Complaints

For complaints concerning the quality of clinical care delivered by your provider, we shall acknowledge the complaint within 10 working days. The acknowledgment shall advise you that: Cigna will refer the complaint to its quality assurance committee for review and consideration or any appropriate action against your provider and the North Carolina law does not allow for a second-level complaint review for complaints concerning quality of care.

### When You Have a Complaint or an Appeal

For the purposes of this section, any reference to "you," "your" or "Member" also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf, unless otherwise noted.

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

### Start with Member Services

We are here to listen and help. If you have a concern regarding a person, a service, the quality of care, or contractual benefits, you can call our toll-free number and explain your concern to one of our Customer Service representatives. You can also express that concern in writing. Please call or write to us at the following:

Customer Services toll-free number or address that appears on your Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

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

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

### Appeals Procedure

Cigna has a two step appeals procedure for coverage decisions. To initiate an appeal, you must submit a request for an appeal in writing within 365 days of receipt of a denial notice. You should state the reason why you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information supporting your appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask to register your appeal by telephone. Call or write to us at the toll-free number or address on your Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

### Level One Appeal

Your appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial decision. Appeals involving Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness will be considered by a health care professional who is licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina.

For level one appeals we will provide you, within three working days after receiving your request for review, with the name, address and telephone number of the Appeal Coordinator and information on how to submit written material. We will respond in writing with a decision within 15 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a required preservice or concurrent care coverage determination (decision). We will respond within 30 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a postservice coverage determination. Cigna will remain liable for charges during a concurrent review until you are notified of Cigna's decision. You will receive a detailed response in writing for the coverage determination decision in clear terms describing the contractual basis or medical rationale.

You may request that the appeal process be expedited if, the time frames under this process would seriously jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function or in the opinion of your Physician would cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services; or your appeal involves nonauthorization of an admission or continuing inpatient Hospital stay. Cigna's Physician reviewer, in consultation with the treating Physician, will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, we will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing no later than the lesser of 2 working days or four calendar days after all necessary information is received.

### Level Two Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with our level one appeal decision, you may request a second review. To start a level two appeal, follow the same process required for a level one appeal.

Most requests for a second review will be conducted by the Appeals Committee, which consists of at least three people. Anyone involved in the prior decision may not vote on the Committee. For appeals involving Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness, the Committee will consult with at least one Physician reviewer in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration and who is licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina, as determined by Cigna's Physician reviewer. You may present your situation to the Committee in person or by conference call.

For level two appeals we will acknowledge in writing within 10 working days after we received your request and schedule a Committee review. The acknowledgement will include the name, address, and telephone number of the Appeal

Coordinator. The acknowledgement will also include a description of your appeal rights, including the right to: request and receive all information relevant to the review; attend the Committee meeting; present your case to the Committee and submit supporting materials before and at the Committee meeting; ask questions of any Committee member; and be assisted by a representative of your choice such as a Physician, family member, Employer representative, or attorney. An attorney representing Cigna may also attend. For required preservice and concurrent care coverage determinations, the Committee review will be completed within 15 calendar days. For postservice claims, the Committee review will be completed within 30 calendar days. You will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision within five working days after the Committee meeting, and within the Committee review time frames above if the Committee does not approve the requested coverage.

You may request in writing or verbally that the appeal process be expedited if, the time frames under this process would seriously jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function or in the opinion of your Physician would cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services; or your appeal involves nonauthorization of an admission or continuing inpatient Hospital stay. Cigna's Physician reviewer, in consultation with the treating Physician will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, we will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing within the lesser of two working days or four calendar days.

### **External Review**

North Carolina law provides for review of Noncertification Decisions (denials based on Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness), by an external, Independent Review Organization (IRO). The North Carolina Department of Insurance (NCDOI) administers this service at no charge to you, arranging for an IRO to review your case once the NCDOI establishes that your request is complete and eligible for review. You or someone you authorized to represent you may request an external review. Cigna will notify you in writing of your right to request an external review each time you receive a Noncertification Decision or you receive a level one or level two appeal decision upholding a Noncertification Decision.

In order to consider your request eligible for external review, the NCDOI must determine the following: your request is about a Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness determination that resulted in a Noncertification Decision; you have coverage with Cigna in effect when the Noncertification Decision was issued; the service for which the Noncertification was issued does not appear to be excluded under your Plan; and you have exhausted Cigna's internal review process as described below.

External review is performed on a standard or expedited timetable, depending on which is requested and on whether medical circumstances meet the criteria for expedited review.

The external review process is a voluntary program.

### **Standard External Review Procedure**

For a standard external review, you will be considered to have exhausted Cigna's internal appeal process if you have: completed Cigna's level one and level two appeal reviews and received a written level two decision from Cigna, filed a level two appeal and, except to the extent that you have requested or agreed to a delay, have not received Cigna's written decision within 60 days of the date you submitted the request, or received notification that Cigna has agreed to waive the requirement to exhaust Cigna's level one and/or level two appeal process. If your request for a standard external review is related to a postservice Noncertification Decision (a Noncertification which occurs after you have already received the services in question), you will not be eligible to request a standard review until you have completed Cigna's internal review process and received a written final determination from Cigna.

If you wish to request a standard external review, you (or your representative) must make this request to the NCDOI within 120 days of receiving Cigna's final notice of determination that the services in question are not approved. When processing your request for external review, the NCDOI will require you to provide the NCDOI with a written, signed authorization for the release of any of your medical records that may need to be reviewed for the purpose of reaching a decision on the external review.

Within 10 days of receipt of the request for a standard external review, the NCDOI will notify you and your provider of whether your request is complete and whether it is accepted. If the NCDOI notifies you that your request is incomplete, you must provide all requested additional information to the NCDOI within 150 days of the date of Cigna's written notice of final determination. If the NCDOI accepts your request, the acceptance notice will include: the name and contact for the IRO assigned to your case; a copy of the information about your case that Cigna has provided to the NCDOI and the assigned IRO; and notification that you may submit additional written information and supporting documentation relevant to the initial Noncertification to the assigned IRO within seven days of the date of the acceptance notice.

If you choose to provide additional information to the IRO, you must provide the same information to Cigna at the same time using the same means of communication (e.g., you must fax the information to Cigna if you faxed it to the IRO). Please note that you may also provide this additional information to the NCDOI within the seven-day deadline rather than sending it directly to the IRO and Cigna. The NCDOI will forward this

information to the IRO and Cigna within two working days of receiving your additional information.

The IRO will send you written notice of the determination within 45 days of the date the NCDOI received your standard external review request. If the IRO's decision is to reverse the Noncertification, Cigna will reverse the Noncertification Decision within three working days of receiving notice of the IRO's decision and provide coverage or payment for the requested service or supply that was the subject of the Noncertification Decision. If you are no longer covered by Cigna at the time Cigna receives notice of the IRO's decision to reverse the Noncertification, Cigna will only provide coverage for those services or supplies you actually received or would have received prior to disenrollment if the service had not been noncertified when first requested.

#### **Expedited External Review Procedure**

An expedited external review of a Noncertification may be available if you have a medical condition where the time required to complete either the expedited internal appeal or review process or a standard external review would reasonably be expected to seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function. If you meet this requirement, you may make a written or verbal request to the NCDOI for an expedited review after you: receive a Noncertification Decision from Cigna AND file a request with Cigna for an expedited appeal, receive an appeal decision upholding a Noncertification Decision AND file a request with Cigna for an expedited level two appeal, or receive a level two review decision upholding the original Noncertification. You may also make a request for an expedited external review if you receive an adverse level one or level two appeal decision concerning a Noncertification of an admission, availability of care, continued stay or emergency care, but have not been discharged from the inpatient facility.

In consultation with a medical professional, the NCDOI will review your request and determine whether it qualifies for expedited review. You and your provider will be notified within three days if your request is accepted for expedited external review. If your request is not accepted for expedited review, the NCDOI may: accept the case for standard external review if Cigna's internal appeal process was already completed, or require the completion of Cigna's internal appeal process before you make another request for an external review with the NCDOI. An expedited external review is not available for postservice Noncertifications.

The IRO will communicate its decision to you within four days of the date the NCDOI received your request for an expedited external review. If the IRO's decision is to reverse the Noncertification, Cigna will, within one day of receiving notice of the IRO's decision, reverse the Noncertification Decision and provide coverage or payment for the requested

service or supply. If you are no longer covered by Cigna at the time Cigna receives notice of the IRO's decision to reverse the Noncertification, Cigna will only provide coverage for those services or supplies you actually received or would have received prior to disenrollment if the service had not been noncertified when first requested.

#### **External Review Contact**

For further information about external review or to request an external review, contact the NCDOI at the following:

By Mail: North Carolina Department of Insurance  
Healthcare External Review Program  
1201 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1201  
(fax) 919-807-6865

In Person: Dobbs Building  
430 N. Salisbury Street  
4th Floor, Suite 4105  
Raleigh, NC

The IRO's external review decision is binding on Cigna and you, except to the extent you may have other remedies available under applicable federal or state law. You may not file a subsequent request for an external review involving the same Noncertification Decision for which you have already received an external review decision.

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

Every notice of a determination on appeal will be provided in writing or electronically and, if an adverse determination, will include: the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other Relevant Information as defined; a statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the plan and the claimant's right to bring an action under ERISA section 502(a); upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your appeal, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit.

You also have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA if you are not satisfied with the decision on review. You or your plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options such as Mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor office and your state insurance regulatory agency. You may also contact the Plan Administrator.

**Relevant Information**

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

**Legal Action**

If your plan is governed by ERISA, you have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA if you are not satisfied with the outcome of the Appeals Procedure. In most instances, you may not initiate a legal action against Cigna until you have completed the level one and level two appeal processes. If your Appeal is expedited, there is no need to complete the level two process prior to bringing legal action.

If your plan is not governed by ERISA and you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the Appeals Procedure, you may have the right to pursue other remedies in state court.

**Managed Care Patient Assistance Program**

If you feel you need additional assistance with your appeal you may contact the Managed Care Patient Assistance Program. Services provided by the Managed Care Patient Assistance Program are available through the North Carolina Department of Insurance.

To reach this program, contact:

North Carolina Department of Insurance  
 Health Insurance Smart NC  
 1201 Mail Service Center  
 Raleigh, NC 27699-1201  
 Toll Free Telephone: (855) 408-1212  
[www.ncdoi.com/smart](http://www.ncdoi.com/smart)

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**Definitions**

**Active Service**

You will be considered in Active Service:

- on any of your Employer's scheduled work days if you are performing the regular duties of your work on a full-time basis on that day either at your Employer's place of business

or at some location to which you are required to travel for your Employer's business.

- on a day which is not one of your Employer's scheduled work days if you were in Active Service on the preceding scheduled work day.

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**Bed and Board**

The term Bed and Board includes all charges made by a Hospital on its own behalf for room and meals and for all general services and activities needed for the care of registered bed patients.

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**Charges**

The term "charges" means the actual billed charges; except when the provider has contracted directly or indirectly with Cigna for a different amount.

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**Custodial Services**

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

- Services related to watching or protecting a person;
- Services related to performing or assisting a person in performing any activities of daily living, such as: walking, grooming, bathing, dressing, getting in or out of bed, toileting, eating, preparing foods, or taking medications that can be self administered, and

- Services not required to be performed by trained or skilled medical or paramedical personnel.

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**Dependent**

Dependents are:

- your lawful spouse; and
- any child of yours who is
  - less than 26 years old.
  - 26 or more years old, unmarried, and primarily supported by you and incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical disability which arose while the child was covered as a Dependent under this Plan, or while covered as a dependent under a prior plan with no break in coverage.

Proof of the child's condition and dependence must be submitted to Cigna within 31 days after the date the child ceases to qualify above. From time to time, but not more frequently than once a year, Cigna may require proof of the continuation of such condition and dependence.

The term child means a child born to you. A child includes an adopted child or foster child including that child from the first day of placement in your home regardless of whether the adoption has become final. It also includes a stepchild, or a child for whom you are the legal guardian.

Benefits for a Dependent child will continue until the last day of the calendar month in which the limiting age is reached.

Anyone who is eligible as an Employee will not be considered as a Dependent spouse. A child under age 26 may be covered as either an Employee or as a Dependent child. You cannot be covered as an Employee while also covered as a Dependent of an Employee. No one may be considered as a Dependent of more than one Employee.

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**Emergency Medical Condition**

Emergency medical condition means a medical condition which manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to

bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

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**Emergency Services**

Emergency services means, with respect to an emergency medical condition, a medical screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate the emergency medical condition; and such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the hospital, to stabilize the patient.

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**Employee**

The term Employee means a nonseasonal person who works on a full-time basis, with a normal work week of 30 or more hours and who is otherwise eligible for coverage, but does not include a person who works on a part-time, temporary, or substitute basis.

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**Employer**

The term Employer means the Policyholder and all Affiliated Employers.

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### Essential Health Benefits

Essential health benefits means, to the extent covered under the plan, expenses incurred with respect to covered services, in at least the following categories: ambulatory patient services, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

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### Expense Incurred

An expense is incurred when the service or the supply for which it is incurred is provided.

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### Free-Standing Surgical Facility

The term Free-standing Surgical Facility means an institution which meets all of the following requirements:

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

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### Hospice Care Program

The term Hospice Care Program means:

- a coordinated, interdisciplinary program to meet the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of dying persons and their families;

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

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### Hospice Care Services

The term Hospice Care Services means any services provided by: a Hospital, a Skilled Nursing Facility or a similar institution, a Home Health Care Agency, a Hospice Facility, or any other licensed facility or agency under a Hospice Care Program.

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### Hospice Facility

The term Hospice Facility means an institution or part of it which:

- primarily provides care for Terminally Ill patients;
- is accredited by the National Hospice Organization;
- meets standards established by Cigna; and
- fulfills any licensing requirements of the state or locality in which it operates.

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### Hospital

The term Hospital means:

- an institution licensed as a hospital, which: maintains, on the premises, all facilities necessary for medical and surgical treatment; provides such treatment on an inpatient basis, for compensation, under the supervision of Physicians; and provides 24-hour service by Registered Graduate Nurses;
- an institution which qualifies as a hospital, a psychiatric hospital or a tuberculosis hospital, and a provider of services under Medicare, if such institution is accredited as a hospital by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; or
- an institution which: specializes in treatment of Mental Health and Substance Abuse or other related illness; provides residential treatment programs; and is licensed in

accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

The term Hospital will not include an institution which is primarily a place for rest, a place for the aged, or a nursing home.

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### Hospital Confinement or Confined in a Hospital

A person will be considered Confined in a Hospital if he is:

- a registered bed patient in a Hospital upon the recommendation of a Physician;
- receiving treatment for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in a Partial Hospitalization program;
- receiving treatment for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in a Mental Health or Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center.

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### Injury

The term Injury means an accidental bodily injury.

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### Maximum Reimbursable Charge - Medical

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:

- the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or
- a policyholder-selected percentage of a schedule developed by Cigna that is based upon a methodology similar to a methodology utilized by Medicare to determine the allowable fee for the same or similar service within the geographic market.

The percentage used to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is listed in The Schedule.

In some cases, a Medicare based schedule will not be used and the Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:

- the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or

- the 80th percentile of charges made by providers of such service or supply in the geographic area where it is received as compiled in a database selected by Cigna.

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge is subject to all other benefit limitations and applicable coding and payment methodologies determined by Cigna. Additional information about how Cigna determines the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is available upon request.

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### Medicaid

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

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### Medically Necessary/Medical Necessity

Medically Necessary Covered Services and Supplies are those determined by the Medical Director to be:

- provided for the diagnosis, treatment, cure, or relief of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease; and, except as allowed under G.S. 58-3-255, not for experimental, investigational, or cosmetic purposes.
- necessary for and appropriate to the diagnosis, treatment, cure, or relief of a health condition, illness, injury, disease, or its symptoms.
- within generally accepted standards of medical care in the community.
- not solely for the convenience of the insured, the insured's family, or the provider.

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### Medicare

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

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**Necessary Services and Supplies**

The term Necessary Services and Supplies includes any charges, except charges for Bed and Board, made by a Hospital on its own behalf for medical services and supplies actually used during Hospital Confinement, any charges, by whomever made, for licensed ambulance service to or from the nearest Hospital where the needed medical care and treatment can be provided; and any charges, by whomever made, for the administration of anesthetics during Hospital Confinement.

The term Necessary Services and Supplies will not include any charges for special nursing fees, dental fees or medical fees.

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**Nurse**

The term Nurse means a Registered Graduate Nurse, a Licensed Practical Nurse or a Licensed Vocational Nurse who has the right to use the abbreviation "R.N.," "L.P.N." or "L.V.N."

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**Other Health Care Facility/Other Health Professional**

The term Other Health Care Facility means a facility other than a Hospital or hospice facility. Examples of Other Health Care Facilities include, but are not limited to, licensed skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation Hospitals and subacute facilities. The term Other Health Professional means an individual other than a Physician who is licensed or otherwise authorized under the applicable state law to deliver medical services and supplies. Other Health Professionals include, but are not limited to physical therapists, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Other Health Professionals do not include providers such as Certified First Assistants, Certified Operating Room Technicians, Certified Surgical Assistants/Technicians, Licensed Certified Surgical Assistants/Technicians, Licensed Surgical Assistants, Orthopedic Physician Assistants and Surgical First Assistants.

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**Participating Pharmacy**

The term Participating Pharmacy means a retail Pharmacy with which Cigna has contracted to provide prescription services to insureds, or a designated home delivery Pharmacy with which Cigna has contracted to provide home delivery prescription services to insureds. A home delivery Pharmacy is a Pharmacy that provides Prescription Drugs through mail order.

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**Participating Provider**

The term Participating Provider means a hospital, a Physician or any other health care practitioner or entity that has a direct or indirect contractual arrangement with Cigna to provide covered services with regard to a particular plan under which the participant is covered.

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

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

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**Pharmacy**

The term Pharmacy means a retail Pharmacy, or a home delivery Pharmacy.

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### Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P & T) Committee

A committee of Cigna Participating Providers, Medical Directors and Pharmacy Directors which regularly reviews Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies for safety and efficacy. The P&T Committee evaluates Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies for potential addition to or deletion from the Prescription Drug List and may also set dosage and/or dispensing limits on Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies.

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### Physician

The term Physician means a licensed medical practitioner who is practicing within the scope of his license and who is licensed to prescribe and administer drugs or to perform surgery. It will also include any other licensed medical practitioner whose services are required to be covered by law in the locality where the policy is issued if he is:

- operating within the scope of his license; and
- performing a service for which benefits are provided under this plan when performed by a Physician.

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### Prescription Drug

Prescription Drug means; a drug which has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for safety and efficacy; certain drugs approved under the Drug Efficacy Study Implementation review; or drugs marketed prior to 1938 and not subject to review, and which can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only pursuant to a Prescription Order.

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### Prescription Drug List

Prescription Drug List means a listing of approved Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies. The Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies included in the Prescription Drug List have been approved in accordance with parameters established by the P&T Committee. The Prescription Drug List is regularly reviewed and updated.

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### Prescription Order

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

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### Primary Care Physician

The term Primary Care Physician means a Physician who qualifies as a Participating Provider in general practice, internal medicine, family practice or pediatrics; and who has been selected by you, as authorized by Cigna, to provide or arrange for medical care for you or any of your insured Dependents.

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### Psychologist

The term Psychologist means a person who is licensed or certified as a clinical psychologist. Where no licensure or certification exists, the term Psychologist means a person who is considered qualified as a clinical psychologist by a recognized psychological association. It will also include any other licensed counseling practitioner whose services are required to be covered by law in the locality where the policy is issued if he is operating within the scope of his license and performing a service for which benefits are provided under this plan when performed by a Psychologist.

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### Related Supplies

Related Supplies means diabetic supplies (insulin needles and syringes, lancets and glucose test strips), needles and syringes for injectables covered under the pharmacy plan, and spacers for use with oral inhalers.

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### Review Organization

The term Review Organization refers to an affiliate of Cigna or another entity to which Cigna has delegated responsibility for performing utilization review services. The Review Organization is an organization with a staff of clinicians which may include Physicians, Registered Graduate Nurses, licensed mental health and substance abuse professionals, and other trained staff members who perform utilization review services.

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### Sickness – For Medical Insurance

The term Sickness means a physical or mental illness. It also includes pregnancy. Expenses incurred for routine Hospital and pediatric care of a newborn child prior to discharge from the Hospital nursery will be considered to be incurred as a result of Sickness.

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### Skilled Nursing Facility

The term Skilled Nursing Facility means a licensed institution (other than a Hospital, as defined) which specializes in:

- physical rehabilitation on an inpatient basis; or
- skilled nursing and medical care on an inpatient basis;

but only if that institution: maintains on the premises all facilities necessary for medical treatment; provides such treatment, for compensation, under the supervision of Physicians; and provides Nurses' services.

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### Specialist

The term Specialist means a Physician who provides specialized services, and is not engaged in general practice, family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology or pediatrics.

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### Stabilize

Stabilize means, with respect to an emergency medical condition, to provide such medical treatment of the condition as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the individual from a facility.

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### Terminal Illness

A Terminal Illness will be considered to exist if a person becomes terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less to live, as diagnosed by a Physician.

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### Urgent Care

Urgent Care is medical, surgical, Hospital and related health care service and testing which is provided to treat a condition that is: less severe than an Emergency Medical Condition; requires immediate medical attention; and is unforeseen. Care which could have been foreseen as needed before leaving the provider network area where the insured ordinarily receives and/or was scheduled to receive services does not meet the definition of Urgent Care. Such foreseeable care includes, but is not limited to, delivery beyond the 35th week of pregnancy, dialysis, scheduled medical treatments or therapy, or care received after a Physician's recommendation that the insured should not travel due to any medical condition.

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The following pages describe the features of your Cigna Choice Fund - Health Reimbursement Account.  
Please read them carefully.

## What You Should Know About Cigna Choice Fund<sup>®</sup> – Health Reimbursement Account

**Cigna Choice Fund is designed to give you:**

### *Control*

More control over how your health care dollars are spent. The health services you get and where you get them are up to you.

### *Choice*

You have the freedom to choose any licensed doctor. However, your costs will be lower for services from Cigna contracted health care professionals because they have agreed to accept discounted payments to help you make the most of your health care dollars.

### *Flexibility*

Flexibility to help you proactively manage your health and maximize your plan coverage. By using our cost and quality tools to find a higher quality and more cost effective doctor, lab or facility, you can reduce the costs that are paid out of your HRA. And if you don't use all of the money in your health reimbursement account, some or all of the unused money may be added to your account for the following year, as long as you stay in the plan. Ask your employer, call Cigna, or log into [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) to find out if your HRA limits the amount that can roll over to the next year.

Your plan covers medical care when you're sick, but also includes coverage for preventive care services to help keep you well. Your preventive care is covered at 100% in-network; therefore no HRA funds will need to be used for these services. Preventive health coverage is one of the most important benefits of your health plan. Getting the right preventive services at the right time can help you stay healthy by preventing diseases or by detecting a health problem at a stage that may be easier to treat. Make sure you take advantage of your fully covered in-network preventive care coverage. Log in to [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) and read the Preventive Care Quick Reference Guide under the Review My Medical Coverage section.

### *Health Information and Education*

Is it late at night, and you're not sure if you should go to the Emergency Room for an injury or just wait until your doctor is available the next day? Just call the toll-free number on your ID card to reach Cigna's 24-Hour Health Information Line. You'll have access to trained nurses who can help! You also have access to an audio library of health topics 24 hours a day. In addition, the Cigna Healthy Pregnancies, Healthy Babies<sup>®</sup> program provides prenatal education and support for mothers-to-be.

### *Tools & Support*

We help you keep track with online benefits information, transactions, and account activity; medical and drug cost comparisons; monthly statements; and more. You also have toll-free access to dedicated Customer Service teams, specially trained to answer your questions and address your needs. Customer Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year!

### *Savings on Health and Wellness Products and Services*

Through Cigna Healthy Rewards<sup>®</sup>, you can save money on a variety of health-related products and services. Offerings include laser vision correction, acupuncture, chiropractic care, weight loss programs, fitness club and equipment discounts and more.

### *Opportunity to earn funds for future use*

If your employer offers the Cigna Healthy Future Account<sup>®</sup>, you can earn funds to cover qualified expenses for future use, such as retirement. All or a portion of unused HRA funds at the end of each plan year will transfer to this account until you meet the eligibility requirements (such as retirement, reaching age 65, or accumulating a certain number of years of service with your employer). Once you reach your qualifying event, you may then use the Healthy Future Account to pay yourself back for certain expenses defined by your employer. See your benefits administrator for more details.

## **The Basics**

### **How does it work?**

The Cigna Choice Fund Health Reimbursement Account combines medical coverage with a reimbursement account that includes contributions from your employer.

- 1. Employer contribution:** Your employer deposits a specific amount of money in a health account to help you pay for some of the costs of covered medical expenses. The health services you receive and where you get them are up to you. The health care costs paid from your HRA typically count toward your deductible (an annual amount you'll pay before the health plan begins to pay for covered health care costs), reducing your share.
- 2. Your share:** Once you've used the money in your health account, you pay your expenses up to the deductible.
- 3. Your health plan:** After your deductible is met, you pay pre-determined coinsurance or copayments for eligible expenses and the plan pays the rest. When you meet your out-of-pocket maximum (the most you can pay in a plan year), your plan pays eligible expenses at 100%.

If you leave the plan or your employer, the account stays behind.

### **Which services are covered by my Health Reimbursement Account?**

According to federal law, HRA funds can be used to cover only qualified medical expenses for you and your dependents. However, your employer may choose not to allow coverage for certain qualified expenses. Please refer to [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) for information on the services for which your HRA funds may be used.

### **Which services are covered by my medical plan, and which will I have to pay out of my own pocket?**

Covered services vary depending on your plan, so visit [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) or check your plan materials in this booklet for specific information. In addition to your premiums deducted from your paycheck, you'll be responsible for paying:

- Costs for any services needed after you've spent your health fund, if you haven't met your deductible.
- Your coinsurance or copayments after you meet the deductible and your medical plan coverage begins.

If all of your medical expenses are covered services and the total cost doesn't exceed the amount in your HRA, you may not have additional out-of-pocket costs. Unused money may be available to you if you enroll in the plan again the following year. Check with your employer, call Cigna, or log into [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) to see if this option is available to you.

### **Are services covered if I use out-of-network doctors?**

You can visit any licensed doctor or facility. However, if you choose a doctor who participates with Cigna, your costs will be lower.

### **Tools and Resources at Your Fingertips**

#### **Cigna Healthy Awards Account**

If your employer offers a Healthy Awards Account, take advantage of certain Cigna incentive award programs, and earn extra award dollars toward your health care expenses, all for taking charge of your health.

To encourage healthy lifestyles and wellness, your employer will deposit the incentive rewards into your health account upon completion of each activity. Your employer may limit how often you can earn awards. For details on these programs you can log into [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com), or call Cigna 24/7/365. Always consult with your doctor before beginning or changing your treatment plan or exercise routines.

#### **[www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com)**

[www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) provides fast, reliable and personalized information and services, including:

- Online access to your current account balance, past transactions and claim status, as well as your Explanation of Benefits and health statements.

- Medical cost and drug cost information, including cost estimates specific to you and your plan.
- Frequently asked questions about health care in general and Cigna Choice Fund specifically.
- A number of convenient, helpful tools that let you:

#### ***Compare costs***

Use tools to compare costs and help you decide where to get care. You can compare out-of-pocket estimates, specific to your coverage plan, for actual treatment, procedures and costs.

#### ***Find out more about your local hospitals***

Learn how hospitals rank by number of procedures performed, patients' average length of stay, and cost. Go to our online healthcare professional directory for average costs for certain procedures, including total charges and your out-of-pocket expense, based on your Cigna plan. You can also find hospitals that earn the Centers of Excellence designation based on effectiveness in treating selected procedures/conditions and cost.

#### ***Get the facts about your medication, cost, treatment options and side effects***

Use the pharmacy tools to: check your prescription drug costs, listed by specific pharmacy and location (including Cigna Home Delivery Pharmacy); and review your claims history for the past 16 months. Look at condition-specific drug treatments and compare characteristics of more than 200 common medications. Evaluate up to 10 medications at once to better understand side effects, drug interactions and alternatives.

#### ***Take control of your health***

Take the health risk assessment, an online questionnaire that can help you identify and monitor your health status. You can learn about preventive care and check your progress toward healthy goals. And if your results show that you may benefit from other services, you can learn about related Cigna programs on the same site.

#### ***Explore topics on medicine, health and wellness***

Get information on more than 5,000 health conditions, health and wellness, first aid and medical exams through **Healthwise®** Medical Encyclopedia, an interactive library.

#### ***Keep track of your personal health information***

**Health Record** is your central, secure location for your medical conditions, medications, allergies, surgeries, immunizations, and emergency contacts. You can add your health risk assessment results to **Health Record**, so you can easily print and share the information with your doctor. Your lab results from certain facilities can be automatically entered into your Personal Health Record.

### ***Chart progress of important health indicators***

Input key data such as blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol (Total/LDL/HDL), height and weight, and exercise regimen. **Health Tracker** makes it easy to chart the results and share them with your doctor.

### **Getting the Most from Your HRA**

You make decisions every day, from buying the family car to choosing the breakfast cereal. Make yourself a more educated health care consumer and you'll find that you, too, can make a difference in the health care services you receive and what you ultimately pay.

#### **Fast Facts**

**If you choose to see a Cigna participating health care professional, the cost is based on discounted rates, so your costs will be lower. If you visit a health care professional or facility not in the network, you may still use your HRA to pay for the cost of those services, but you will pay a higher rate, and you may have to file claims.**

**If you need hospital care, there are several tools to help you make informed decisions about quality and cost.**

- With the Hospital Comparison tool on [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com), you can learn how hospitals rank by number of procedures performed, patients' average length of stay, and cost.
- Visit our healthcare professional directory for Cigna Centers of Excellence, providing hospital scores for specific procedures/conditions, such as cardiac care, hip and knee replacement, and bariatric surgery. Scores are based on cost and effectiveness in treating the procedure/condition, based on publicly available data.
- [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) also includes a Healthcare Professional Excellence Recognition Directory. This directory includes information on:
  - Participating physicians who have achieved recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for diabetes and/or heart and stroke care.
  - Hospitals that fully meet The Leapfrog Group patient safety standards.

**If you're not sure where to begin, you have access to health advocates.**

You now have access to health specialists, including individuals trained as nurses, coaches, nutritionists and clinicians, who will listen, understand your needs and help you find solutions, even when you're not sure where to begin. Partner with a health coach and get help to maintain good eating and exercise habits; support and encouragement to set and reach health improvement goals; and guidance to better manage conditions, including coronary artery disease, low back pain, osteoarthritis, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and more. From quick answers to health questions to

assistance with managing more serious health needs, call the toll-free number on your Cigna ID card or visit [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com). See your benefits administrator for more details about all of the services you have access to through your plan.

**Wherever you go in the U.S., you take the Cigna 24-Hour Health Information Line<sup>SM</sup> with you.**

Whether it's late at night, and your child has a fever, or you're traveling and you're not sure where to get care, or you don't feel well and you're unsure about the symptoms, you can call the Cigna 24-Hour Health Information Line whenever you have a question. Call the toll-free number on your Cigna ID card and you will speak to a nurse who will help direct you to the appropriate care.

**A little knowledge goes a long way.**

Getting the facts about your care, such as treatment options and health risks is important to your health and well-being, and your pocketbook. For instance:

- Getting appropriate preventive care is key to staying healthy. Visit [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) to learn more about proper preventive care and what's covered under your plan.
- When it comes to medications, talk to your doctor about whether generic drugs are right for you. The brand name drugs you are prescribed may have generic alternatives that could lower your costs. If a generic version of your brand name drug is not available, other generic drugs with the same treatment effect may meet your needs.
- Tools on [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) can help you take control of your health and health care spending. You can learn about medical topics and wellness, and keep track of your personal health information. You can also print personalized reports to discuss with your doctor.