

**VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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Prudent Buyer[®]

NOTE: If you are 65 years or older at the time your certificate is issued, you may examine your certificate and, within 30 days, decide to cancel and request a refund of premiums paid.

GRANDFATHERED HEALTH PLAN

Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company believes this *plan* is a “grandfathered health plan” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered plan means that your *plan* may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to your employer.

If you are enrolled in an employer health plan that is subject to ERISA, you may also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at 1-866-444-3272 or at www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. This web site has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered health plans.

COMPLAINT NOTICE

Should you have any complaints or questions regarding your coverage or about your health care provider, including your ability to access needed health care in a timely manner, and this certificate was delivered by a broker, you may first contact the broker. You may also contact us at:

**Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company
Member Services
21555 Oxnard Street
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
818-234-2700**

If the problem is not resolved, you may also contact the California Department of Insurance at:

**California Department of Insurance
Consumer Services Division, 11th Floor
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90013**

1-800-927-HELP (4357) – In California

1-213-897-8921 – Out of California

1-800-482-4833 – Telecommunication Device for the Deaf

**E-mail Inquiry: “Consumer Services” link at
www.insurance.ca.gov**

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company
21555 Oxnard Street
Woodland Hills, California 91367

This Certificate of Insurance, including any amendments and endorsements to it, is a summary of the important terms of your health plan. It replaces any older certificates issued to you for the coverages described in the Summary of Benefits. The Group Policy, of which this certificate is a part, must be consulted to determine the exact terms and conditions of coverage. If you have special health care needs, you should read those sections of the Certificate of Insurance that apply to those needs. Your employer will provide you with a copy of the Group Policy upon request.

Your health care coverage is insured by Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company (Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health). The following pages describe your health care benefits and includes the limitations and all other *policy* provisions which apply to you. The *insured person* is referred to as "you" or "your," and Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health as "we," "us" or "our." All italicized words have specific *policy* definitions. These definitions can be found in the DEFINITIONS section of this certificate.

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TYPES OF PROVIDERS

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SO YOU WILL KNOW FROM WHOM OR WHAT GROUP OF PROVIDERS HEALTH CARE MAY BE OBTAINED. THE MEANINGS OF WORDS AND PHRASES IN ITALICS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE SECTION OF THIS BOOKLET ENTITLED DEFINITIONS.

Participating Providers. There are two kinds of *participating providers* in this *plan*:

- **PPO Providers** are providers who participate in a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan. PPO Providers have agreed to a rate they will accept as reimbursement for covered services that is generally lower than the rate charged by Traditional Providers. *Participating providers* have agreed to a rate they will accept as reimbursement for covered services.
- **Traditional Providers** are providers who might not participate in a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan, but have agreed to a rate they will accept as reimbursement for covered services for PPO members.

The level of benefits we will pay under this *plan* is determined as follows:

- If your *plan* identification card (ID card) shows a PPO suitcase logo and:
 - You go to a PPO Provider, you will get the higher level of benefits of this *plan*.
 - You go to a Traditional Provider because there are no PPO Providers in your area, you will get the higher level of benefits of this *plan*.
- If your ID card does NOT have a PPO suitcase logo, you must go to a Traditional Provider to get the higher level of benefits of this *plan*.
- **How to Access Primary and Specialty Care Services**
- Your health plan covers care provided by primary care *physicians* and specialty care providers. To see a primary care *physician*, simply visit any *participating provider physician* who is a general or family practitioner, internist or pediatrician. Your health plan also covers care provided by any *participating provider* specialty care provider you choose (certain providers' services are covered only upon referral of an M.D. (medical doctor) or D.O. (doctor of osteopathy), see "Physician," below). Referrals are never needed to visit any *participating provider* specialty care provider including a behavioral health care provider.

- To make an appointment call your *physician's* office:
- Tell them you are a Prudent Buyer Plan *member*.
- Have your Member ID card handy. They may ask you for your group number, member I.D. number, or office visit copay.
- Tell them the reason for your visit.
- When you go for your appointment, bring your Member ID card.
- After hours care is provided by your *physician* who may have a variety of ways of addressing your needs. Call your *physician* for instructions on how to receive medical care after their normal business hours, on weekends and holidays. This includes information about how to receive *non-emergency* Care and *non-urgent care* within the service area for a condition that is not life threatening, but that requires prompt medical attention. If you have an *emergency*, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

Please call the toll-free BlueCard Provider Access number on your ID card to find a *participating provider* in your area. A directory of PPO Providers is available. You can get a directory from your plan administrator (usually your employer).

Certain categories of providers defined in this certificate as *participating providers* may not be available in the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in the service area where you receive services. See "Co-Payments" in the SUMMARY OF BENEFITS section and "Maximum Allowed Amount" in the YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS section for additional information on how health care services you obtain from such providers are covered.

Non-Participating Providers. *Non-participating providers* are providers which have not agreed to participate in a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan. They have not agreed to the reimbursement rates and other provisions.

Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health has processes to review claims before and after payment to detect fraud, waste, abuse and other inappropriate activity. *Members* seeking services from *non-participating providers* could be balance billed by the *non-participating provider* for those services that are determined to be not payable as a result of these review processes and meets the criteria set forth in any applicable state regulations adopted pursuant to state law. A claim may also be determined to be not payable due to a provider's failure to submit medical records with the claims that are under review in these processes.

Physicians. "Physician" means more than an M.D. Certain other practitioners are included in this term as it is used throughout the *plan*. This doesn't mean they can provide every service that a medical doctor could; it just means that we'll cover expense you incur from them when they're practicing within their specialty the same as we would if the care were provided by a medical doctor.

Other Health Care Providers. *Other health care providers* are neither *physicians* nor *hospitals*. See the definition of "Other Health Care Providers" in the DEFINITIONS section for a complete list of those providers. *Other health care providers* are not *participating providers*.

Reproductive Health Care Services. Some *hospitals* and other providers do not provide one or more of the following services that may be covered under your *plan* contract and that you or your family member might need: family planning; contraceptive services, including emergency contraception; sterilization, including tubal ligation at the time of labor and delivery; infertility treatments; or abortion. You should obtain more information before you enroll. Call your prospective *physician* or clinic, or call us at the Member Services telephone number listed on your ID card to ensure that you can obtain the health care services that you need.

Participating and Non-Participating Pharmacies. "Participating Pharmacies" agree to charge only the *prescription drug maximum allowed amount* to fill the *prescription*. You pay only your co-payment amount. After you have met your Prescription Drug Deductible, you pay only your co-payment amount.

"Non-Participating Pharmacies" have not agreed to the *prescription drug maximum allowed amount*. The amount that will be covered as *prescription drug covered expense* is significantly lower than what these providers customarily charge.

Care Outside the United States—Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core

Prior to travel outside the United States, call the Member Services telephone number listed on your ID card to find out if your plan has Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core benefits. Your coverage outside the United States is limited and we recommend:

- Before you leave home, call the Member Services number on your ID card for coverage details. **You have coverage for services and supplies furnished in connection only with urgent care or an emergency when travelling outside the United States.**
- Always carry your current ID card.
- In an emergency, seek medical treatment immediately.

- **The Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week toll-free at (800) 810-BLUE (2583) or by calling collect at (804) 673-1177.** An assistance coordinator, along with a medical professional, will arrange a *physician* appointment or hospitalization, if needed.

Payment Information

- **Participating Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core hospitals.** In most cases, you should not have to pay upfront for inpatient care at participating Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core *hospitals* except for the out-of-pocket costs you normally pay (noncovered services, deductible, copays, and coinsurance). The *hospital* should submit your claim on your behalf.
- **Doctors and/or non-participating hospitals.** You will have to pay upfront for outpatient services, care received from a *physician*, and inpatient care from a *hospital* that is not a participating Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core *hospital*. Then you can complete a Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core claim form and send it with the original bill(s) to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center (the address is on the form).

Claim Filing

- **Participating Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core hospitals will file your claim on your behalf.** You will have to pay the *hospital* for the out-of-pocket costs you normally pay.
- **You must file the claim** for outpatient and *physician* care, or inpatient *hospital* care not provided by a participating Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core *hospital*. You will need to pay the health care provider and subsequently send an international claim form with the original bills to us.

Additional Information About Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Claims.

- You are responsible, at your expense, for obtaining an English-language translation of foreign country provider claims and medical records.
- Exchange rates are determined as follows:
 - For inpatient *hospital* care, the rate is based on the date of admission.
 - For outpatient and professional services, the rate is based on the date the service is provided.

Claim Forms

- International claim forms are available from us, from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center, or online at:

www.bcbsglobalcore.com.

The address for submitting claims is on the form.

Timely Access to Care

Anthem has contracted with health care service providers to provide covered services in a manner appropriate for your condition, consistent with good professional practice. Anthem ensures that its contracted provider networks have the capacity and availability to offer appointments within the following timeframes:

- **Urgent Care appointments for services that do not require prior authorization:** within forty-eight (48) hours of the request for an appointment;
- **Urgent Care appointments for services that require prior authorization:** within ninety-six (96) hours of the request for an appointment;
- **Non-Urgent appointments for primary care:** within ten (10) business days of the request for an appointment;
- **Non-Urgent appointments with specialists:** within fifteen (15) business days of the request for an appointment;
- **Appointments for ancillary services (diagnosis or treatment of an injury, illness or other health condition) that are not urgent care:** within fifteen (15) business days of the request for an appointment.

For Mental Health Conditions and Substance Abuse care:

- **Urgent Care appointments for services that do not require prior authorization:** within forty-eight (48) hours of the request for an appointment;
- **Urgent Care appointments for services that require prior authorization:** within ninety-six (96) hours of the request for an appointment;
- **Non-Urgent appointments with mental health and substance abuse providers who are not psychiatrists:** within ten (10) business days of the request for an appointment;
- **Non-Urgent appointments with mental health and substance abuse providers who are psychiatrists:** within fifteen (15) business days of the request for an appointment. Due to

accreditation standards, the date will be ten (10) business days for the initial appointment only.

If a provider determines that the waiting time for an appointment can be extended without a detrimental impact on your health, the provider may schedule an appointment for a later time than noted above.

Anthem arranges for telephone triage or screening services for you twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week with a waiting time of no more than thirty (30) minutes. If Anthem contracts with a provider for telephone triage or screening services, the provider will utilize a telephone answering machine and/or an answering service and/or office staff, during and after business hours, to inform you of the wait time for a return call from the provider or how the *member* may obtain *urgent care* or *emergency services* or how to contact another provider who is on-call for telephone triage or screening services.

If you need the services of an interpreter, the services will be coordinated with scheduled appointments and will not result in a delay of an appointment with a *participating provider*.

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

YOUR EMPLOYER HAS AGREED TO BE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANTHEM'S PROVIDER AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY INCLUDE PRECERTIFICATION AND UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS, TIMELY FILING LIMITS, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO ADMINISTER THE BENEFITS UNDER THIS PLAN.

THE BENEFITS OF THIS CERTIFICATE ARE PROVIDED ONLY FOR SERVICES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE MEDICALLY NECESSARY. THE FACT THAT A PHYSICIAN PRESCRIBES OR ORDERS THE SERVICE DOES NOT, IN ITSELF, MAKE IT MEDICALLY NECESSARY OR A COVERED EXPENSE.

This summary provides a brief outline of your benefits. You need to refer to the entire certificate for complete information about the benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions of your *plan*.

Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act requires that the financial requirements and treatment limitations imposed on mental health and substance use disorder (MH/SUD) benefits cannot be more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations that apply to substantially all medical and surgical benefits in the same classification or sub-classification.

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act provides for parity in the application of aggregate treatment limitations (day or visit limits) on mental health and substance abuse benefits with day or visit limits on medical and surgical benefits. In general, group health plans offering mental health and substance abuse benefits cannot set day/visit limits on mental health or substance abuse benefits that are lower than any such day or visit limits for medical and surgical benefits. A plan that does not impose day or visit limits on medical and surgical benefits may not impose such day or visit limits on mental health and substance abuse benefits offered under the Plan.

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act also provides for parity in the application of nonquantitative treatment limitations (NQTL). An example of a nonquantitative treatment limitation is a precertification requirement.

Medical Necessity criteria and other plan documents showing comparative criteria, as well as the processes, strategies, evidentiary standards, and other factors used to apply an NQTL are available upon request.

See the “Summary of Benefits” and “Benefits for Mental Health Conditions and Substance Abuse” sections for cost share and benefit information.

Second Opinions. If you have a question about your condition or about a plan of treatment which your *physician* has recommended, you may receive a second medical opinion from another *physician*. This second opinion visit will be provided according to the benefits, limitations, and exclusions of this *plan*. If you wish to receive a second medical opinion, remember that greater benefits are provided when you choose a *participating provider*. You may also ask your *physician* to refer you to a *participating provider* to receive a second opinion.

Triage or Screening Services. If you have questions about a particular health condition or if you need someone to help you determine whether or not care is needed, triage or screening services are available to you from us by telephone. Triage or screening services are the evaluation of your health by a *physician* or a nurse who is trained to screen for the purpose of determining the urgency of your need for care. Please contact the 24/7 NurseLine at the telephone number listed on your identification card 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

After Hours Care. After hours care is provided by your *physician* who may have a variety of ways of addressing your needs. You should call your *physician* for instructions on how to receive medical care after their normal business hours, on weekends and holidays, or to receive non-*emergency* care and non-*urgent care* within the service area for a condition that is not life threatening but that requires prompt medical attention. If you have an *emergency*, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

Telehealth. This *plan* provides benefits for covered services that are appropriately provided through telehealth, subject to the terms and conditions of the *plan*. In-person contact between a health care provider and the patient is not required for these services, and the type of setting where these services are provided is not limited. “Telehealth” is the means of providing health care services using information and communication technologies in the consultation, diagnosis, treatment, education, care management and self-management of a patient’s physical and mental health care when the patient is located at a distance from the health care provider. Telehealth does not include consultations between the patient and the health care provider, or between health care providers, by telephone, facsimile machine, or electronic mail.

All benefits are subject to coordination with benefits under certain other plans.

The benefits of this <i>plan</i> may be subject to the REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTS OF THIRD PARTIES section.

MEDICAL BENEFITS

DEDUCTIBLES

The amounts listed also apply to services provided for the treatment of *mental health conditions* and substance abuse disorders.

Calendar Year Deductibles

- Insured Person Deductible **\$200**
- Family Deductible **\$600**

Exceptions: In certain circumstances, one or more of these Deductibles may not apply, as described below:

- The Calendar Year Deductible will not apply to services provided under the Preventive Care Services (Insured Persons Age 7 and Over) benefit when provided by a *participating provider*.
- The Calendar Year Deductible will not apply to the following Well Baby and Well Child Care services provided by a *participating provider*: (a) *physician's* services for routine examinations; or (b) immunizations.
- The Calendar Year Deductible will not apply to transgender travel expense in connection with an approved transgender surgery.

CO-PAYMENTS

Medical Co-Payments and Co-insurance*. After you have met your Calendar Year Deductible, you will be responsible for paying either a co-payment or co-insurance for services you receive. A co-payment is a fixed dollar amount you must pay as part of your responsibility for the cost of the services you received. A co-insurance is a specified percentage of the *maximum allowed amount* for services you receive. Your *plan's* co-payments and co-insurance, as well as any exceptions, are specified below.

- *Participating Providers* **20%**
- *Other Health Care Providers* **20%**
- *Non-Participating Providers* **40%**

Note: In addition to the Co-Payment shown above, you will be required to pay any amount in excess of the *maximum allowed amount* for the services of an *other health care provider* or *non-participating provider*.

***Exceptions for Medical Co-Payments and Co-insurance:**

- There will be no Co-Payment for any covered services provided under the Preventive Care Services (Insured Persons Age 7 and Over) benefit.
- Your Co-Payment for a routine examination provided by a *participating provider* under the Well Baby and Well Child Care benefit will be **\$25**. This Co-Payment will not apply toward the satisfaction of any deductible. There will be no Co-Payment for immunizations provided by a *participating provider* under the Well Baby and Well Child Care benefit.
- No Co-Payment is required for the following services when provided by a *participating provider*:
 - a. Hospital medical services (other than emergency room care)
 - b. Outpatient surgery, services and supplies provided by an ambulatory surgical center that is a *participating provider*.
 - c. Services provided under the skilled nursing facility benefit.
 - d. Outpatient diagnostic imaging and laboratory services.
 - e. Emergency room services and supplies.
 - f. Facility based care for the treatment of *mental or nervous disorders* or substance abuse.
 - g. Sterilization procedures.
- No Co-Payment is required for services provided under the Hospice Care benefit.
- No Co-Payment is required for services provided under the Ambulance benefit.
- No Co-Payment is required for services provided by a *participating provider* for a normal or complicated delivery under the Pregnancy and Maternity Care benefit.
- Your Co-Payment for services provided by a *non-participating provider* under the Pregnancy and Maternity Care benefit for a normal or complicated delivery will be **30%**. You will be responsible for charges which exceed the *maximum allowed amount*.
- Your Co-Payment for the services provided by a *non-participating provider* for outpatient diagnostic radiology or laboratory services

will be **20%**. You may be responsible for charges which exceed the *maximum allowed amount*.

- Your Co-Payment for services provided by a *non-participating provider* under the Prosthetic Devices benefit will be **20%**. You may be responsible for charges which exceed the *maximum allowed amount*.
- Your Co-Payment for *non-participating providers* will be the same as for *participating providers* for the following services. You may be responsible for charges which exceed the *maximum allowed amount*.
 - a. All *emergency services*;
 - b. An *authorized referral* from a *physician* who is a *participating provider* to a *non-participating provider*;
 - c. Charges by a type of *physician* not represented in the Prudent Buyer Plan network or the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan;
 - d. Cancer Clinical Trials; or
 - e. *Non-emergency services* received at a *participating hospital* or facility at which, or as a result of which, you receive services from a *non-participating provider*, in specified circumstances. Please see “Cost Share” in the YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS section for more information.
- If you receive services from a category of provider defined in this certificate as an *other health care provider* but such a provider participates in the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that service area, your Co-Payment will be as follows:
 - a. if you go to a *participating provider*, your Co-payment will be the same as for *participating providers*.
 - b. if you go to a *non-participating provider*, your Co-Payment will be the same as for *non-participating providers*.
- If you receive services from a category of provider defined in this certificate as a *participating provider* that is **not** available in the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that service area, your Co-Payment will be the same as for *participating providers*.
- Your Co-Payment for services provided by a *non-participating provider* under the Hospital, Ambulatory Surgical Center and Skilled Nursing Facility benefits will be **30%**. You may be responsible for charges which exceed the *maximum allowed amount*.

- Your Co-Payment for *hospital* or *day treatment center* care provided by a *non-participating provider* under the Mental or Nervous and Substance Abuse benefits will be **30%**. You may be responsible for charges which exceed the *maximum allowed amount*.
- Co-Payments do not apply to transgender travel expenses authorized by us. Transgender travel expense coverage is available when the facility at which the surgery or series of surgeries will be performed is 75 miles or more from the *insured person's* residence.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Co-Payments and Co-Insurance.* After you have met your Calendar Year Deductible, you will be responsible for paying either a co-payment or co-insurance for services you receive. A co-payment is a fixed dollar amount you must pay as part of your responsibility for the cost of the services you received. A co-insurance is a specified percentage of the *maximum allowed amount* for services you receive. Your *plan's* co-payments and co-insurance, as well as any exceptions, are specified below. See also the section titled "Benefits for Mental Health Conditions and Substance Abuse" for details on these benefits.

Inpatient Services

- *Participating Providers*.....**20%**
- *Non-Participating Providers*.....**40%**

Outpatient Office Visit Services

- *Participating Providers*.....**20%**
- *Non-Participating Providers*.....**40%**

Other Outpatient Items and Services

- *Participating Providers*..... **20%**
- *Non-Participating Providers*.....**40%**

***Exceptions for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Co-Payments and Co-insurance:**

- There will be no Co-Payment for any covered services provided under the Preventive Care Services (Insured Persons Age 7 and Over) benefit.

- Your Co-Payment for a routine examination provided by a *participating provider* under the Well Baby and Well Child Care benefit will be **\$25**. This Co-Payment will not apply toward the satisfaction of any deductible. There will be no Co-Payment for immunizations provided by a *participating provider* under the Well Baby and Well Child Care benefit.
- Your Co-Payment for *non-participating providers* will be the same as for *participating providers* for the following services. You may be responsible for charges which exceed the *maximum allowed amount*.
 - a. All *emergency services*;
 - b. An *authorized referral* from a *physician* who is a *participating provider* to a *non-participating provider*;
 - c. Charges by a type of *physician* not represented in the Prudent Buyer Plan network or the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan;
 - d. Cancer Clinical Trials; or
 - e. *Non-emergency services* received at a *participating hospital* or facility at which, or as a result of which, you receive services from a *non-participating provider*, in specified circumstances. Please see “Cost Share” in the YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS section for more information.
- If you receive services from a category of provider defined in this certificate as an *other health care provider* but such a provider participates in the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that service area, your Co-Payment will be as follows:
 - a. if you go to a *participating provider*, your Co-payment will be the same as for *participating providers*.
 - b. if you go to a *non-participating provider*, your Co-Payment will be the same as for *non-participating providers*.
- If you receive services from a category of provider defined in this certificate as a *participating provider* that is **not** available in the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that service area, your Co-Payment will be the same as for *participating providers*.
- Co-Payments do not apply to transgender travel expenses authorized by us. Transgender travel expense coverage is available when the facility at which the surgery or series of surgeries will be performed is 75 miles or more from the *insured person’s* residence.

OUT-OF-POCKET AMOUNT

Out-of-Pocket Amount*. After you have made the following total out-of-pocket payments for covered services or supplies during a *calendar year*, you will no longer be required to pay a Co-Payment for the remainder of that year, but you remain responsible for costs in excess of the *maximum allowed amount* or the *prescription drug maximum allowed amount*. The amounts listed also apply to services provided for the treatment of *mental health conditions* and substance abuse disorders.

Per *insured person*:

- *Participating providers and other health care providers*.....**\$1,500/insured person**
- *Non-participating providers*.....**\$3,000/insured person**

Per family:

- *Participating providers and other health care providers*.....**\$4,500/insured person**
- *Non-participating providers*.....**\$9,000/insured person**

***Exception:**

- Expense which is applied toward any deductible, which is incurred for non-covered services or supplies, or which is in excess of the *maximum allowed amount*, will not be applied toward your Out-of-Pocket Amount, and is always your responsibility.

Important Note About Maximum Allowed Amount And Your Co-Payment: The *maximum allowed amount* for *non-participating providers* is significantly lower than what providers customarily charge. You must pay all of this excess amount in addition to your Co-Payment. See the "Cost Share" provision under YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS for exceptions.

MEDICAL BENEFIT MAXIMUMS

We will pay, for the following services and supplies, up to the maximum amounts, or for the maximum number of days or visits shown below:

Accidental Injury Benefit

- Co-Payment for each *accidental injury*.....**No Charge**
- Medical Benefit Maximum**\$500**
for all covered services incurred
within 90 days of the injury
date for treatment of each
accidental injury per member

Lifetime Maximum

- For all medical benefits..... **Unlimited**

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DEDUCTIBLES

Calendar Year Deductible

- Member Deductible..... **\$50**

PRESCRIPTION DRUG CO-PAYMENTS. The following co-payments apply for each *prescription* after you have met your Prescription Drug Deductible:

Note: For FDA-approved, *self-administered hormonal contraceptives*, up to a 12-month supply is covered when dispensed or furnished at one time by a provider or pharmacist, or at a location licensed or otherwise authorized to dispense *drugs* or supplies.

Retail Pharmacies: The following co-payments apply for a 30-day supply of medication. **Note:** Specified *specialty drugs* must be obtained through the specialty pharmacy program. However, the first two month supply of a *specialty drug* may be obtained through a retail pharmacy, after which the drug is available only through the specialty pharmacy program unless an exception is made.

Participating Pharmacies

- *Generic Drugs*..... **\$10**
- *Brand Name Drugs:*
 - When no *generic drug* equivalent is available, or the prescriber has specified “dispense as written” **\$30**
 - When a *generic drug* equivalent is available, and the prescriber has not specified “dispense as written” **\$30**
plus the difference of
prescription drug covered expense between the generic drug and the brand name drug
- *Compound medications*..... **\$30**

Please note that presentation of a prescription to a pharmacy or pharmacist does not constitute a claim for benefit coverage. If you present a *prescription* to a *participating pharmacy*, and the *participating pharmacy* indicates your *prescription* cannot be filled, your deductible, if any, needs to be satisfied, or requires an additional Co-Payment, this is not considered an adverse claim decision. If you want the *prescription* filled, you will have to pay either the full cost, or the additional Co-Payment, for the *prescription drug*. If you believe you are entitled to some *plan* benefits in connection with the *prescription drug*, submit a claim for reimbursement to the *pharmacy benefits manager*.

Non-Participating Pharmacies*

- *Generic Drugs*..... **\$10**
 plus **50%** of the remaining *prescription drug covered expense*

- *Brand Name Drugs*:
 - When no *generic drug* equivalent is available, or the prescriber has specified “dispense as written” **\$30**
 plus **50%** of the remaining *prescription drug covered expense*

 - When a *generic drug* equivalent is available, and the prescriber has not specified “dispense as written” **\$30**
 plus **50%** of the remaining *prescription drug covered expense* and the difference of *prescription drug covered expense* between the *generic drug* and the *brand name drug*

Home Delivery Prescriptions: The following co-payments apply for a 90-day supply of medication.

- *Generic Drugs*..... **\$20**
- *Brand Name Drugs:*
 - When no *generic drug* equivalent is available, or the prescriber has specified “dispense as written” **\$60**
 - When a *generic drug* equivalent is available, and the prescriber has not specified “dispense as written” **\$60**

plus the difference of
prescription drug covered
 expense between the *generic*
drug and the *brand name drug*

Exceptions to Prescription Drug Co-Payments.

- “Preventive Prescription Drugs and Other Items” covered under YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS **No charge**

In addition, the copayment for orally administered anti-cancer medications will not exceed the lesser of any applicable copayment listed above or:

- For a 30-day supply from a retail *pharmacy*..... **\$200**
- For a 90-day supply through home delivery **\$600**

Your cost share will be prorated for partial fills of prescribed oral, solid dosage forms of Schedule II controlled substances. A partial fill means a part of a *prescription* filled that is of a quantity less than the entire *prescription*.

Out-of-Pocket Amounts - Home Delivery Prescriptions ONLY. After each *insured person* has made the following total out-of-pocket payments for home delivery prescriptions, each *insured person* will no longer be required to pay a Co-Payment for home delivery prescriptions for the remainder of that year.

- *Per member*..... **\$500**
- *Per family* **\$1,000**

***Important Note About Prescription Drug Covered Expense and Your Co-Payment:** *Prescription drug covered expense for non-participating pharmacies is significantly lower than what providers customarily charge, so you will almost always have a higher out-of-pocket expense when you use a non-participating pharmacy.*

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY YOUR CO-PAYMENT AMOUNT TO THE PARTICIPATING PHARMACY AT THE TIME YOUR PRESCRIPTION IS FILLED.

Note: If your pharmacy's retail price for a *drug* is less than the co-payment shown above, you will not be required to pay more than that retail price.

Preferred Generic Program

Prescription drugs will always be dispensed by a *pharmacist* as prescribed by your *physician*. Your *physician* may order a *brand name drug* or a *generic drug* for you. You may request your *physician* to prescribe a *brand name drug* for you or you may request the *pharmacist* to give you a *brand name drug* instead of a *generic drug*. Under this *plan*, if a *generic drug* is available, and it is not determined that the *brand name drug* is *medically necessary* for you to have, you will have to pay the co-payment for the *generic drug* plus the difference in cost between the *prescription drug maximum allowed amount* for the *generic drug* and the *brand name drug*, but, not more than **50%** of the cost of the *drug*. If your *physician* specifies "dispense as written," in lieu of paying the co-payment for the *generic drug* plus the difference, as previously stated, you will pay just the applicable co-payment shown for the *brand name drug* you get.

Therapeutic Substitution

Therapeutic substitution is an optional program that tells you and your *physicians* about alternatives to certain *prescription drugs*. We may contact you and your *physician* to make you aware of these choices. Only you and your *physician* can determine if the therapeutic substitute is right for you. For questions or issues about therapeutic *drug* substitutes, please call the toll-free number on your member ID card.

Day Supply and Refill Limits

Certain day supply limits apply to prescription drugs as listed in the "PRESCRIPTION DRUG COPAYMENTS" and "PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONDITIONS OF SERVICE" sections of this plan. In most cases, you must use a certain amount of your prescription before it can be refilled. In some cases we may let you get an early refill. For example, we may let you refill your prescription early if it is decided that you need a larger dose. We will work with the pharmacy to decide when this should happen.

If you are going on vacation and you need more than the day supply allowed, you should ask your pharmacist to call the pharmacy benefits manager and ask for an override for one early refill. If you need more than one early refill, please call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

You may be able to also get partial fills of prescribed Schedule II controlled substances, if requested by you or your *physician*. A partial fill means a part of a *prescription* filled that is of a quantity less than the entire *prescription*. For oral, solid dosage forms of prescribed Schedule II controlled substances that are partially filled, your cost share will be prorated accordingly.

YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS

MAXIMUM ALLOWED AMOUNT

General

This section describes the term “*maximum allowed amount*” as used in this Certificate of Insurance, and what the term means to you when obtaining covered services under this plan. The *maximum allowed amount* is the total reimbursement payable under your plan for covered services you receive from *participating* and *non-participating providers*. It is our payment towards the services billed by your provider combined with any Deductible or Co-Payment owed by you. In some cases, you may be required to pay the entire *maximum allowed amount*. For instance, if you have not met your Deductible under this plan, then you could be responsible for paying the entire *maximum allowed amount* for covered services. In addition, if these services are received from a *non-participating provider*, you may be billed by the provider for the difference between their charges and our *maximum allowed amount*. In many situations, this difference could be significant.

We have provided two examples below, which illustrate how the *maximum allowed amount* works. These examples are for illustration purposes only.

Example: The plan has an *insured person* Co-Payment of 30% for *participating provider* services after the Deductible has been met.

- The *insured person* receives services from a *participating* surgeon. The charge is \$2,000. The *maximum allowed amount* under the plan for the surgery is \$1,000. The *insured person's* Co-Payment responsibility when a *participating* surgeon is used is 30% of \$1,000, or \$300. This is what the *insured person* pays. We pay 70% of \$1,000, or \$700. The *participating* surgeon accepts the total of \$1,000 as reimbursement for the surgery regardless of the charges.

Example: The plan has an *insured person* Co-Payment of 50% for *non-participating provider* services after the Deductible has been met.

- The *insured person* receives services from a *non-participating* surgeon. The charge is \$2,000. The *maximum allowed amount* under the plan for the surgery is \$1,000. The *insured person's* Co-Payment responsibility when a *non-participating* surgeon is used is 50% of \$1,000, or \$500. We pay the remaining 50% of \$1,000, or \$500. In addition, the *non-participating* surgeon could bill the *insured person* the difference between \$2,000 and \$1,000. So the *insured person's* total out-of-pocket charge would be \$500 plus an additional \$1,000, for a total of \$1,500.

When you receive covered services, we will, to the extent applicable, apply claim processing rules to the claim submitted. We use these rules to evaluate the claim information and determine the accuracy and appropriateness of the procedure and diagnosis codes included in the submitted claim. Applying these rules may affect the *maximum allowed amount* if we determine that the procedure and/or diagnosis codes used were inconsistent with procedure coding rules and/or reimbursement policies. For example, if your provider submits a claim using several procedure codes when there is a single procedure code that includes all of the procedures that were performed, the *maximum allowed amount* will be based on the single procedure code.

Provider Network Status

The *maximum allowed amount* may vary depending upon whether the provider is a *participating provider*, a *non-participating provider* or *other health care provider*.

Participating Providers. For covered services performed by a *participating provider* the *maximum allowed amount* for this *plan* will be the rate the *participating provider* has agreed with us to accept as reimbursement for the covered services. Because *participating providers* have agreed to accept the *maximum allowed amount* as payment in full for those covered services, they should not send you a bill or collect for amounts above the *maximum allowed amount*. However, you may receive a bill or be asked to pay all or a portion of the *maximum allowed amount* to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Co-Payment. Please call the Member Services telephone number on your ID card for help in finding a *participating provider* or visit www.anthem.com/ca.

If you go to a *hospital* which is a *participating provider*, you should not assume all providers in that *hospital* are also *participating providers*. To receive the greater benefits afforded when covered services are provided by a *participating provider*, you should request that all your provider

services (such as services by an anesthesiologist) be performed by *participating providers* whenever you enter a *hospital*.

If you are planning to have outpatient surgery, you should first find out if the facility where the surgery is to be performed is an *ambulatory surgical center*. An *ambulatory surgical center* is licensed as a separate facility even though it may be located on the same grounds as a *hospital* (although this is not always the case). If the center is licensed separately, you should find out if the facility is a *participating provider* before undergoing the surgery.

Note: If an *other health care provider* is participating in a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan at the time you receive services, such provider will be considered a *participating provider* for the purposes of determining the *maximum allowed amount*.

If a provider defined in this certificate as a *participating provider* is of a type not represented in the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan at the time you receive services, such provider will be considered a *non-participating provider* for the purposes of determining the *maximum allowed amount*.

Non-Participating Providers and Other Health Care Providers.*

Providers who are not in our Prudent Buyer network are *non-participating providers* or *other health care providers*, subject to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association rules governing claims filed by certain ancillary providers. For covered services you receive from a *non-participating provider* or *other health care provider*, the *maximum allowed amount* will be based on the applicable Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health *non-participating provider* rate or fee schedule for this plan, an amount negotiated by us or a third party vendor which has been agreed to by the *non-participating provider*, an amount derived from the total charges billed by the *non-participating provider*, an amount based on information provided by a third party vendor, or an amount based on reimbursement or cost information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"). When basing the *maximum allowed amount* upon the level or method of reimbursement used by CMS, Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health will update such information, which is unadjusted for geographic locality, no less than annually.

Providers who are not contracted for this product, but are contracted for other products, are also considered *non-participating providers*. For this *plan*, the *maximum allowed amount* for services from these providers will be one of the methods shown above unless the provider's contract specifies a different amount.

For covered services rendered outside the Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health service area by *non-participating providers*, claims may be priced using the local Blue Cross Blue Shield plan's *non-participating provider*

fee schedule / rate or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In certain situations, the *maximum allowed amount* for out of area claims may be based on billed charges, the pricing we would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health service area, or a special negotiated price.

Unlike *participating providers*, *non-participating providers* and *other health care providers* may send you a bill and collect for the amount of the *non-participating provider's* or *other health care provider's* charge that exceeds our *maximum allowed amount under this plan*. You may be responsible for paying the difference between the *maximum allowed amount* and the amount the *non-participating provider* or *other health care provider* charges. This amount can be significant. Choosing a *participating provider* will likely result in lower out of pocket costs to you. Please call the Member Services number on your ID card for help in finding a *participating provider* or visit our website at www.anthem.com/ca. Member Services is also available to assist you in determining this *plan's maximum allowed amount* for a particular *covered service* from a *non-participating provider* or *other health care provider*.

Please see the "Inter-Plan Arrangements" section in the Part entitled "GENERAL PROVISIONS" for additional information.

***Exceptions:**

- **Emergency Services Provided by Non-Participating Providers.** For *emergency services* provided by *non-participating providers*, reimbursement is based on the greater of the following:
 1. the median of our *participating provider* rates for the *emergency service*, excluding any *participating provider* copayment or coinsurance;
 2. the amount for the *emergency service* calculated using the same method we generally use to determine payments for *non-participating provider* services, excluding any *participating provider* copayment or coinsurance;
 3. the amount that would be paid under Medicare for the *emergency service*, excluding any *participating provider* copayment or coinsurance

- **Cancer Clinical Trials.** The *maximum allowed amount* for services and supplies provided in connection with Cancer Clinical Trials will be the lesser of the billed charge or the amount that ordinarily applies when services are provided by a *participating provider*.

- **If Medicare is the primary payor, the *maximum allowed amount* does not include any charge:**
 1. By a *hospital*, in excess of the approved amount as determined by Medicare; or
 2. By a *physician* who is a *participating provider* who accepts Medicare assignment, in excess of the approved amount as determined by Medicare; or
 3. By a *physician* who is a *non-participating provider* or *other health care provider* who accepts Medicare assignment, in excess of the lesser of *maximum allowed amount* stated above, or the approved amount as determined by Medicare; or
 4. By a *physician* or *other health care provider* who does not accept Medicare assignment, in excess of the lesser of the *maximum allowed amount* stated above, or the limiting charge as determined by Medicare.
- **Services received in *participating hospitals* or facilities from *non-participating providers*.** If you receive covered non-emergency services at a *participating hospital* or facility at which, or as a result of which, you receive services from a *non-participating provider*, the *maximum allowed amount* will be based on the greater of the average contracted rate or 125 percent of the amount Medicare reimburses on a fee-for-service basis for the same or similar services in the general geographic region in which the services were rendered.

You will always be responsible for expense incurred which is not covered under this *plan*.

Cost Share

For certain covered services, and depending on your plan design, you may be required to pay all or a part of the *maximum allowed amount* as your cost share amount (Deductibles or Co-Payments). Your cost share amount and the Out-Of-Pocket Amounts may be different depending on whether you received covered services from a *participating provider* or *non-participating provider*. Specifically, you may be required to pay higher cost-sharing amounts or may have limits on your benefits when using *non-participating providers*. Please see the SUMMARY OF BENEFITS section for your cost share responsibilities and limitations, or call the Member Services telephone number on your ID card to learn how this *plan's* benefits or cost share amount may vary by the type of provider you use.

Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health will not provide any reimbursement for non-covered services. You may be responsible for the total amount billed by your provider for non-covered services, regardless of whether such

services are performed by a *participating provider* or *non-participating provider*. Non-covered services include services specifically excluded from coverage by the terms of your plan and services received after benefits have been exhausted. Benefits may be exhausted by exceeding, for example, Medical Benefit Maximums or day/visit limits.

In some instances you may only be asked to pay the lower *participating provider* cost share percentage when you use a *non-participating provider*. For example, if you receive covered non-emergency services at a *participating* hospital or facility at which, or as a result of which, you receive covered services provided by a *non-participating provider* such as a radiologist, anesthesiologist or pathologist, you will pay the *participating provider* cost share percentage of the *maximum allowed amount* for those covered services, and you will not be liable for the difference between the *maximum allowed amount* and the *non-participating provider's* charge. Such *participating provider* cost share percentage will apply to the *participating provider* deductible (if any) and the *participating provider* out-of-pocket amount. This paragraph does not apply, however, if the *non-participating provider* has your written consent, satisfying the following criteria:

(1) At least 24 hours in advance of care, you consent in writing to receive services from the identified *non-participating provider*.

(2) The consent shall be obtained by the *non-participating provider* in a document that is separate from the document used to obtain the consent for any other part of the care or procedure. The consent shall not be obtained by the facility or any representative of the facility. The consent shall not be obtained at the time of admission or at any time when the member is being prepared for surgery or any other procedure.

(3) At the time consent is provided the *non-participating provider* shall give you a written estimate of your total out-of-pocket cost of care. The written estimate shall be based on the professional's billed charges for the service to be provided. The *non-participating provider* shall not attempt to collect more than the estimated amount without receiving separate written consent from you or your authorized representative, unless circumstances arise during delivery of services that were unforeseeable at the time the estimate was given that would require the provider to change the estimate.

(4) The consent shall advise you that you may elect to seek care from a *participating provider* or may contact Anthem in order to arrange to receive the health service from a *participating provider* for lower out-of-pocket costs.

(5) The consent and estimate shall be provided to you in the language spoken by you, if the language is a Medi-Cal threshold language, as defined in state law (subdivision (d) of Section 128552 of the Health and Safety Code).

(6) The consent shall also advise you that any costs incurred as a result of your use of the *non-participating provider* benefit shall be in addition to *participating provider* cost-sharing amounts and may not count toward the annual out-of-pocket maximum for *participating provider* benefits or a deductible, if any, for *participating provider* benefits.

We and/or our designated *pharmacy benefits manager* may receive discounts, rebates, or other funds from *drug* manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and/or similar vendors which may be related to certain *prescription drug* purchases under this *plan* and which positively impact the cost effectiveness of covered services and are included when our costs are calculated. However, these amounts are retained by us and will not be applied to your deductible, if any, or taken into account in determining your co-payment or co-insurance for a particular *prescription drug*.

Authorized Referrals

In some circumstances we may authorize *participating provider* cost share amounts (Deductibles or Co-Payments) to apply to a claim for a covered service you receive from a *non-participating provider*. In such circumstance, you or your *physician* must contact us in advance of obtaining the covered service. It is your responsibility to ensure that we have been contacted. If we authorize a *participating provider* cost share amount to apply to a covered service received from a *non-participating provider*, you also may still be liable for the difference between the *maximum allowed amount* and the *non-participating provider's* charge. In certain situations, however, if you receive non-emergency covered services at a *participating hospital* or facility at which, or as a result of which, you receive services from a *non-participating provider*, you will pay no more than the cost sharing that you would pay for the same covered services received from a *participating provider*. Please see "Cost Share" in the YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS section for more information. If you receive prior authorization for a *non-participating provider* due to network adequacy issues, you will not be responsible for the difference between the *non-participating provider's* charge and the *maximum allowed amount*. Please call the Member Services telephone number on your ID card for *authorized referral* information or to request authorization.

DEDUCTIBLES, CO-PAYMENTS, OUT-OF-POCKET AMOUNTS AND MEDICAL BENEFIT MAXIMUMS

After we subtract any applicable deductible and your Co-Payment, we will pay benefits up to the *maximum allowed amount*, not to exceed the applicable Medical Benefit Maximum. The Deductible amounts, Co-Payments, Out-Of-Pocket Amounts and Medical Benefit Maximums are set forth in the SUMMARY OF BENEFITS.

DEDUCTIBLES

Each deductible under this *plan* is separate and distinct from the other. Only the covered charges that make up the *maximum allowed amount* will apply toward the satisfaction of any deductible except as specifically indicated in this booklet.

Calendar Year Deductible. Each *year*, you will be responsible for satisfying the *insured person's* Calendar Year Deductible before we begin to pay benefits. If *insured person's* of an enrolled family pay deductible expense in a *year* equal to the Family Deductible, the Calendar Year Deductible for all *family members* will be considered to have been met.

Covered charges incurred during the last quarter of a *calendar year* and applied toward the *Calendar Year* Deductible for that *calendar year* is also applied toward the deductible for the next *calendar year*.

Prior Plan Calendar Year Deductibles. If you were covered under the *prior plan* any amount paid during the same *calendar year* toward your calendar year deductible under the *prior plan*, will be applied toward your Calendar Year Deductible under this *plan*; provided that, such payments were for charges that would be covered under this *plan*.

CO-PAYMENTS

After you have satisfied any applicable deductible, we will subtract your Co-Payment from the *maximum allowed amount* remaining.

If your Co-Payment is a percentage, we will apply the applicable percentage to the *maximum allowed amount* remaining after any deductible has been met. This will determine the dollar amount of your Co-Payment.

OUT-OF-POCKET AMOUNTS

Satisfaction of the Out-of-Pocket Amount. If, after you have met your Calendar Year Deductible, you pay Co-Payments equal to your Out-of-Pocket Amount per *insured person* during a *calendar year*, you will no longer be required to make Co-Payments for any additional covered services or supplies you incur during the remainder of that *year* except as

specifically stated under Charges Which Do Not Apply Toward the Out-of-Pocket Amount below.

If enrolled *insured persons* of a family pay amounts applied to Deductibles and Co-Payments in a *year* equal to the Out-of-Pocket Amount per family, the Out-of-Pocket Amount for all *insured persons* of that family will be considered to have been met. Once the family Out-of-Pocket Amount is satisfied, no *insured person* of that family will be required to make Co-Payments for any additional covered services or supplies during the remainder of that *year*, except as specifically stated under Charges Which Do Not Apply Toward the Out-of-Pocket Amount below. However, we will not credit any expense previously applied to the Out-of-Pocket Amount per *insured person* in the same *year* for any other *insured person* of that family.

Participating Providers and Other Health Care Providers. Only covered charges up to the *maximum allowed amount* for the services of a *participating provider* or *other health care provider* will be applied to the *participating provider* and *other health care provider* Out-Of-Pocket Amount.

After this Out-Of-Pocket Amount per *insured person* has been satisfied during a *calendar year*, you will no longer be required to make any Co-Payment for the covered services provided by a *participating provider* or *other health care provider* for the remainder of that *year*.

Non-Participating Providers. Only covered charges up to the *maximum allowed amount* for the services of a *non-participating provider* will be applied to the *non-participating provider* Out-Of-Pocket Amount. After this Out-Of-Pocket Amount per *insured person* has been satisfied during a *calendar year*, you will no longer be required to make any Co-Payment for the covered services provided by a *non-participating provider* for the remainder of that *year*.

Charges Which Do Not Apply Toward the Out-of-Pocket Amount. The following charges will not be applied toward satisfaction of an Out-of-Pocket Amount:

- Charges for services or supplies not covered under this plan;
- Charges which exceed the *maximum allowed amount*; and
- Any expense applied to a deductible.

MEDICAL BENEFIT MAXIMUMS

We do not make benefit payments for any *insured person* in excess of any of the Medical Benefit Maximums.

Prior Plan Maximum Benefits. If you were covered under the *prior plan*, any benefits paid to you under the *prior plan* will reduce any maximum amounts you are eligible for under this *plan* which apply to the same benefit.

CREDITING PRIOR PLAN COVERAGE

If you were covered by the *group's prior plan* immediately before the *group* signs up with us, with no lapse in coverage, then you will get credit for any accrued Calendar Year Deductible and, if applicable and approved by us, Out of Pocket Amounts under the *prior plan*. This does not apply to individuals who were not covered by the *prior plan* on the day before the *group's* coverage with us began, or who join the *group* later.

If your *group* moves from one of our plans to another, (for example, changes its coverage from HMO to PPO), and you were covered by the other product immediately before enrolling in this product with no break in coverage, then you may get credit for any accrued Calendar Year Deductible and Out of Pocket Amounts, if applicable and approved by us. Any maximums, when applicable, will be carried over and charged against the Medical Benefit Maximums under this *plan*.

If your *group* offers more than one of our products, and you change from one product to another with no break in coverage, you will get credit for any accrued Calendar Year Deductible and, if applicable, Out of Pocket Amounts and any maximums will be carried over and charged against Medical Benefit Maximums under this *plan*.

If your *group* offers coverage through other products or carriers in addition to ours, and you change products or carriers to enroll in this product with no break in coverage, you will get credit for any accrued Calendar Year Deductible, Out of Pocket Amount, and any Medical Benefit Maximums under this *plan*.

This Section Does Not Apply To You If:

- Your *group* moves to this *plan* at the beginning of a *calendar year*;
- You change from one of our individual policies to a *group* plan;
- You change employers; or
- You are a new *insured person* of the *group* who joins after the *group's* initial enrollment with us.

CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE

The following conditions of coverage must be met for expense incurred for services or supplies to be covered under this *plan*.

1. You must incur this expense while you are covered under this *plan*. Expense is incurred on the date you receive the service or supply for which the charge is made.
2. The expense must be for a medical service or supply furnished to you as a result of illness or injury or pregnancy, unless a specific exception is made.
3. The expense must be for a medical service or supply included in MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED. Additional limits on covered charges are included under specific benefits and in the SUMMARY OF BENEFITS.
4. The expense must not be for a medical service or supply listed in MEDICAL CARE THAT IS NOT COVERED. If the service or supply is partially excluded, then only that portion which is not excluded will be covered under this plan.
5. The expense must not exceed any of the maximum benefits or limitations of this *plan*.
6. Any services received must be those which are regularly provided and billed by the provider. In addition, those services must be consistent with the illness, injury, degree of disability and your medical needs. Benefits are provided only for the number of days required to treat your illness or injury.
7. All services and supplies must be ordered by a *physician*.

MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED

Subject to the Medical Benefit Maximums in the SUMMARY OF BENEFITS, the requirements set forth under CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE and the exclusions or limitations listed under MEDICAL CARE THAT IS NOT COVERED, we will provide benefits for the following services and supplies:

Hospital

1. Inpatient services and supplies, provided by a *hospital*. The *maximum allowed amount* will not include charges in excess of the *hospital's* prevailing two-bed room rate unless your *physician* orders, and we authorize, a private room as *medically necessary*.
2. Services in *special care units*.
3. Outpatient services and supplies provided by a *hospital*, including outpatient surgery.

Skilled Nursing Facility. Inpatient services and supplies provided by a *skilled nursing facility*. The amount by which your room charge exceeds the prevailing two-bed room rate of the *skilled nursing facility* is not considered covered under this plan.

Skilled nursing facility services and supplies are subject to pre-service review to determine medical necessity. Please refer to UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM for information on how to obtain the proper reviews.

Home Health Care. Benefits are available for covered services performed by a *home health agency* or other provider in your home. The following services provided by a *home health agency*:

1. Services of a registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse under the supervision of a registered nurse or a *physician*.
2. Services of a licensed therapist for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, or respiratory therapy.
3. Services of a medical social service worker.
4. Services of a health aide who is employed by (or who contracts with) a *home health agency*. Services must be ordered and supervised by a registered nurse employed by the *home health agency* as professional coordinator. These services are covered only if you are also receiving the services listed in 1 or 2 above. Other organizations may give services only when approved by us, and their duties must be assigned and supervised by a professional nurse on the staff of the *home health agency* or other provider as approved by us.
5. *Medically necessary* supplies provided by the *home health agency*.

When available in your area, benefits are also available for *intensive in-home behavioral health services*. These do not require confinement to the home.

Home health care services are not covered if received while you are receiving benefits under the "Hospice Care" provision of this section.

Hospice Care. You are eligible for *hospice* care if your *physician* and the *hospice* medical director certify that you are terminally ill and likely have less than twelve (12) months to live. You may access *hospice* care while participating in a clinical trial or continuing disease modifying therapy, as ordered by your treating *physician*. Disease modifying therapy treats the underlying terminal illness.

The services and supplies listed below are covered when provided by a *hospice* for the palliative treatment of pain and other symptoms associated with a terminal disease. Palliative care is care that controls pain and relieves symptoms but is not intended to cure the illness. Covered services include:

1. Interdisciplinary team care with the development and maintenance of an appropriate plan of care.
2. Short-term inpatient *hospital* care when required in periods of crisis or as respite care. Coverage of inpatient respite care is provided on an occasional basis and is limited to a maximum of five consecutive days per admission.
3. Skilled nursing services provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse. Certified home health aide services and homemaker services provided under the supervision of a registered nurse.
4. Social services and counseling services provided by a qualified social worker.
5. Dietary and nutritional guidance. Nutritional support such as intravenous feeding or hyperalimentation.
6. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and respiratory therapy provided by a licensed therapist.
7. Volunteer services provided by trained *hospice* volunteers under the direction of a *hospice* staff member.
8. Pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and supplies necessary for the management of your condition. Oxygen and related respiratory therapy supplies.
9. Bereavement services, including assessment of the needs of the bereaved family and development of a care plan to meet those needs, both prior to and following the *employee's* or the *insured family member's* death. Bereavement services are available to surviving members of the immediate family for a period of one year after the death. Your immediate family means your spouse, children, step-children, parents, and siblings.
10. Palliative care (care which controls pain and relieves symptoms, but does not cure) which is appropriate for the illness.

Your *physician* must consent to your care by the *hospice* and must be consulted in the development of your treatment plan. The *hospice* must submit a written treatment plan to us every 30 days.

Benefits for services beyond those listed above that are given for disease modification or palliation, such as but not limited to chemotherapy and radiation therapy, are available to a *member* in *hospice*. These services are covered under other parts of this *plan*.

Infusion Therapy. The following services and supplies when provided by a *home infusion therapy provider* in your home or in any other outpatient

setting by a qualified health care provider, for the intravenous administration of your total daily nutritional intake or fluid requirements, including but not limited to Parenteral Therapy and Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), medication related to illness or injury, chemotherapy, antibiotic therapy, aerosol therapy, tocolytic therapy, special therapy, intravenous hydration, or pain management:

1. Medication, ancillary medical supplies and supply delivery, (not to exceed a 14-day supply); however, medication which is delivered but not administered is not covered;
2. Pharmacy compounding and dispensing services (including pharmacy support) for intravenous solutions and medications (if outpatient prescription drug benefits are provided under this *plan, compound medications* must be obtained from a *participating pharmacy*);
3. Hospital and home clinical visits related to the administration of infusion therapy, including skilled nursing services including those provided for: (a) patient or alternative caregiver training; and (b) visits to monitor the therapy;
4. Rental and purchase charges for durable medical equipment; maintenance and repair charges for such equipment;
5. Laboratory services to monitor the patient's response to therapy regimen.
6. Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), Enteral Nutrition Therapy, antibiotic therapy, pain management, chemotherapy, and may also include injections (intra-muscular, subcutaneous, or continuous subcutaneous).

Home infusion therapy provider services are subject to pre-service review to determine medical necessity. See UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM for details.

Ambulatory Surgical Center. Services and supplies provided by an *ambulatory surgical center* in connection with outpatient surgery.

Professional Services

1. Services of a *physician*.
2. Services of an anesthetist (M.D. or C.R.N.A.).

Reconstructive Surgery. Reconstructive surgery performed to correct or repair abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors, or disease to do either of the following: (a) improve function; or (b) create a normal appearance, to the extent possible. This includes surgery performed to

restore and achieve symmetry following a *medically necessary* mastectomy. This also includes *medically necessary* dental or orthodontic services that are an integral part of *reconstructive surgery* for cleft palate procedures. “Cleft palate” means a condition that may include cleft palate, cleft lip, or other craniofacial anomalies associated with cleft palate.

This does not apply to orthognathic surgery. Please see the “Dental Care” provision below for a description of this service.

Ambulance. Ambulance services are covered when you are transported by a state licensed vehicle that is designed, equipped, and used to transport the sick and injured and is staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), paramedics, or other licensed or certified medical professionals. Ambulance services are covered when one or more of the following criteria are met:

- For ground ambulance, you are transported:
 - From your home, or from the scene of an accident or medical *emergency*, to a *hospital*,
 - Between *hospitals*, including when you are required to move from a *hospital* that does not contract with us to one that does, or
 - Between a *hospital* and a *skilled nursing facility* or other approved facility.
- For air or water ambulance, you are transported:
 - From the scene of an accident or medical *emergency* to a *hospital*,
 - Between hospitals, including when you are required to move from a hospital that does not contract with us to one that does, or
 - Between a hospital and another approved facility.

Non-emergency ambulance services are subject to medical necessity reviews. *Emergency* ground ambulance services do not require pre-service review. Pre-service review is required for air ambulance in a non-medical *emergency*. When using an air ambulance in a non-emergency situation, we reserve the right to select the air ambulance provider. If you do not use the air ambulance we select in a non-emergency situation, no coverage will be provided.

You must be taken to the nearest facility that can provide care for your condition. In certain cases, coverage may be approved for transportation to a facility that is not the nearest facility.

Coverage includes *medically necessary* treatment of an illness or injury by medical professionals from an ambulance service, even if you are not transported to a *hospital*. If provided through the 911 emergency response

system*, ambulance services are covered if you reasonably believed that a medical *emergency* existed even if you are not transported to a *hospital*. Ambulance services are not covered when another type of transportation can be used without endangering your health. Ambulance services for your convenience or the convenience of your *family members* or *physician* are not a covered service.

Other non-covered ambulance services include, but are not limited to, trips to:

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

Important information about air ambulance coverage. Coverage is only provided for air ambulance services when it is not appropriate to use a ground or water ambulance. For example, if using a ground ambulance would endanger your health and your medical condition requires a more rapid transport to a *hospital* than the ground ambulance can provide, this plan will cover the air ambulance. Air ambulance will also be covered if you are in a location that a ground or water ambulance cannot reach.

Air ambulance will not be covered if you are taken to a *hospital* that is not an acute care *hospital* (such a skilled nursing facility or a rehabilitation facility), or if you are taken to a *physician's* office or to your home.

Hospital to hospital transport: If you are being transported from one *hospital* to another, air ambulance will only be covered if using a ground ambulance would endanger your health and if the *hospital* that first treats you cannot give you the medical services you need. Certain specialized services are not available at all *hospitals*. For example, burn care, cardiac care, trauma care, and critical care are only available at certain *hospitals*. For services to be covered, you must be taken to the closest *hospital* that can treat you. Coverage is not provided for air ambulance transfers because you, your family, or your *physician* prefers a specific *hospital* or *physician*.

- * If you have an *emergency* medical condition that requires an emergency response, please call the "911" emergency response system if you are in an area where the system is established and operating.

Diagnostic Services. Outpatient diagnostic imaging and laboratory services and genetic tests. Genetic tests are subject to pre-service review to determine medical necessity. Please refer to UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM for information on how to obtain the proper reviews.

Radiation Therapy. This includes treatment of disease using x-ray, radium or radioactive isotopes, other treatment methods (such as

teletherapy, brachytherapy, intra operative radiation, photon or high energy particle sources), material and supplies used in the therapy process and treatment planning. These services can be provided in a facility or professional setting.

Chemotherapy. This includes the treatment of disease using chemical or antineoplastic agents and the cost of such agents in a professional or facility setting.

Hemodialysis Treatment. This includes services related to renal failure and chronic (end-stage) renal disease, including hemodialysis, home intermittent peritoneal dialysis home continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis and home continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis.

The following renal dialysis services are covered:

- Outpatient maintenance dialysis treatments in an outpatient dialysis facility;
- Home dialysis; and
- Training for self-dialysis at home including the instructions for a person who will assist with self-dialysis done at a home setting.

Prosthetic Devices

1. Breast prostheses following a mastectomy.
2. *Prosthetic devices* to restore a method of speaking when required as a result of a covered *medically necessary* laryngectomy.
3. We will pay for other *medically necessary prosthetic devices*, including:
 - a. Surgical implants;
 - b. Artificial limbs or eyes;
 - c. The first pair of contact lenses or eye glasses when required as a result of a covered *medically necessary* eye surgery;
 - d. Therapeutic shoes and inserts for the prevention and treatment of diabetes-related foot complications; and
 - e. Benefits are available for certain types of orthotics (braces, boots, splints). Covered services include the initial purchase, fitting, and repair of a custom made rigid or semi-rigid supportive device used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body, or which limits or stops motion of a weak or diseased body part.

Durable Medical Equipment. Rental or purchase of dialysis equipment; dialysis supplies. Rental or purchase of other medical equipment and supplies which are:

1. Of no further use when medical needs end;
2. For the exclusive use of the patient;
3. Not primarily for comfort or hygiene;
4. Not for environmental control or for exercise; and
5. Manufactured specifically for medical use.

Specific durable medical equipment is subject to pre-service review to determine medical necessity. Please refer to UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM for information on how to obtain the proper reviews.

Pediatric Asthma Equipment and Supplies. The following items and services when required for the *medically necessary* treatment of asthma in a dependent *child*:

1. Nebulizers, including face masks and tubing. These items are covered under the *plan's* medical benefits and are not subject to any limitations or maximums that apply to coverage for durable medical equipment (see "Durable Medical Equipment").
2. Inhaler spacers and peak flow meters. These items are covered under your *prescription drug* benefits and are subject to the copayment for *brand name drugs* (see YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS).
3. Education for pediatric asthma, including education to enable the *child* to properly use the items listed above. This education will be covered under the *plan's* benefits for office visits to a *physician*.

Blood. Blood transfusions, including blood processing and the cost of unreplaced blood and blood products. Charges for the collection, processing and storage of self-donated blood are covered, but only when specifically collected for a planned and covered surgical procedure.

Dental Care

1. **Admissions for Dental Care.** Listed inpatient *hospital* services for up to three days during a *hospital stay*, when such *stay* is required for dental treatment and has been ordered by a *physician* (M.D.) and a dentist (D.D.S. or D.M.D.). We will make the final determination as to whether the dental treatment could have been safely rendered in another setting due to the nature of the procedure or your medical condition. *Hospital stays* for the purpose of administering general anesthesia are not considered necessary and are not covered except as specified in #2, below.

2. **General Anesthesia.** General anesthesia and associated facility charges when your clinical status or underlying medical condition requires that dental procedures be rendered in a *hospital* or *ambulatory surgical center*. This applies only if (a) the *insured person* is less than seven years old, (b) the *insured person* is developmentally disabled, or (c) the *insured person's* health is compromised and general anesthesia is *medically necessary*. Charges for the dental procedure itself, including professional fees of a dentist, may not be covered.
3. **Dental Injury.** Services of a *physician* (M.D.) or dentist (D.D.S. or D.M.D.) solely to treat an *accidental injury* to natural teeth. Coverage shall be limited to only such services that are *medically necessary* to repair the damage done by the *accidental injury* and/or restore function lost as a direct result of the *accidental injury*. Damage to natural teeth due to chewing or biting is not *accidental injury* unless the chewing or biting results from a medical or mental condition.
4. **Cleft Palate.** *Medically necessary* dental or orthodontic services that are an integral part of reconstructive surgery for cleft palate procedures. "Cleft palate" means a condition that may include cleft palate, cleft lip, or other craniofacial anomalies associated with cleft palate.
5. **Orthognathic surgery.** Orthognathic surgery for a physical abnormality that prevents normal function of the upper or lower jaw and is *medically necessary* to attain functional capacity of the affected part.

Important: If you decide to receive dental services that are not covered under this *plan*, a *participating provider* who is a dentist may charge you his or her usual and customary rate for those services. Prior to providing you with dental services that are not a covered benefit, the dentist should provide a treatment plan that includes each anticipated service to be provided and the estimated cost of each service. If you would like more information about the dental services that are covered under this *plan*, please call us at the Member Services telephone number listed on your ID card. To fully understand your coverage under this *plan*, please carefully review this Certificate of Insurance document.

Pregnancy and Maternity Care

1. All medical benefits for an enrolled *insured person* when provided for pregnancy or maternity care, including the following services:
 - Prenatal, postnatal and postpartum care;
 - Prenatal testing administered by the California Prenatal Screening Program, which is a statewide prenatal testing program

administered by the State Department of Public Health. The *calendar year* deductible will not apply and no copayment will be required for services you receive as part of this program;

- Ambulatory care services (including ultrasounds, fetal non-stress tests, *physician* office visits, and other *medically necessary* maternity services performed outside of a *hospital*);
- Involuntary complications of pregnancy;
- Diagnosis of genetic disorders in cases of high-risk pregnancy; and,
- Inpatient *hospital* care including labor and delivery.

Inpatient *hospital* benefits in connection with childbirth will be provided for at least 48 hours following a normal delivery or 96 hours following a cesarean section, unless the mother and her *physician* decide on an earlier discharge. Please see the section entitled FOR YOUR INFORMATION for a statement of your rights under federal law regarding these services.

2. Medical *hospital* benefits for routine nursery care of a newborn *child* (for additional information, please see the “Important Note for Newborn and Newly-Adopted Children” under HOW COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS). Routine nursery care of a newborn child includes screening of a newborn for genetic diseases, congenital conditions, and other health conditions provided through a program established by law or regulation.
3. Certain services are covered under the “Preventive Care Services” benefit. Please see that provision for further details.

Organ and Tissue Transplants. Services provided in connection with a non-investigative organ or tissue transplant, if you are: (1) the organ or tissue recipient; or (2) the organ or tissue donor.

If you are the recipient, an organ or tissue donor who is not an *insured person* is also eligible for services as described. Benefits are reduced by any amounts paid or payable by that donor's own coverage.

The *maximum allowed amount* does not include charges for services received without first obtaining pre-service review from us, or which are provided at a facility other than an approved transplant center. See UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM.

Transgender Services. Services and supplies provided in connection with gender transition when you have been diagnosed with gender identity disorder or gender dysphoria by a *physician*. This coverage is provided according to the terms and conditions of the *plan* that apply to all other

covered medical conditions, including medical necessity requirements, utilization management, and exclusions for cosmetic services. Coverage includes, but is not limited to, *medically necessary* services related to gender transition such as transgender surgery, hormone therapy, psychotherapy, and vocal training.

Coverage is provided for specific services according to *plan* benefits that apply to that type of service generally, if the *plan* includes coverage for the service in question. If a specific coverage is not included, the service will not be covered. For example, transgender surgery would be covered on the same basis as any other covered, *medically necessary* surgery; hormone therapy would be covered under the *plan's prescription drug* benefits (if such benefits are included).

Inpatient admissions related to transgender surgery services are subject to prior authorization in order for coverage to be provided. Please refer to UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM for information on how to obtain the proper reviews. Prior authorization is not required for all other transgender services.

Transgender Travel Expense. Certain travel expenses incurred in connection with an approved transgender surgery, when the *hospital* at which the surgery is performed is 75 miles or more from your place of residence, provided the expenses are authorized in advance by us. The following travel expenses incurred by you and one companion are considered covered travel expenses:

- Ground transportation to and from the *hospital* when it is 75 miles or more from your place of residence.
- Coach airfare to and from the *hospital* when it is 300 miles or more from your residence.
- Lodging, limited to one room, double occupancy.
- Other reasonable expenses. Tobacco, alcohol, drug, and meal expenses are excluded.

The Calendar Year Deductible will not apply and no co-payments will be required for transgender travel expenses authorized in advance by us. We will provide benefits for lodging, transportation, and other reasonable expenses up to the current limits set forth in the Internal Revenue Code. This travel expense benefit is not available for non-surgical transgender services.

Details regarding reimbursement can be obtained by calling the Member Services number on your identification card. A travel reimbursement form will be provided for submission of legible copies of all applicable receipts in order to obtain reimbursement.

Well Baby and Well Child Care. The following services for a dependent *child* under 7 years of age:

1. A *physician's* services for routine physical examinations. For *participating providers*, you must pay a **\$25** co-payment for each examination.
2. Immunizations given as standard medical practice for children.
3. Radiology and laboratory services in connection with routine physical examinations.

Screening For Blood Lead Levels. Services and supplies provided in connection with screening for blood lead levels if your dependent *child* is at risk for lead poisoning, as determined by your *physician*, when the screening is prescribed by your *physician*.

Preventive Care Services (Members Age 7 and Over). Preventive care includes screenings and other services for adults and children. All recommended preventive services will be covered as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and applicable state law. This means for *preventive care services*, the *calendar year* deductible will not apply to these services or supplies when they are provided by a *participating provider*.

1. A *physician's* services for routine physical examinations.
2. Immunizations prescribed by the examining *physician*.
3. Radiology and laboratory services and tests ordered by the examining *physician* in connection with a routine physical examination, excluding any such tests related to an illness or injury. Those radiology and laboratory services and tests related to an illness or injury will be covered as any other medical service available under the terms and conditions of the provision "Diagnostic Services".
4. Health screenings as ordered by the examining *physician* for the following: breast cancer, including BRCA testing if appropriate (in conjunction with genetic counseling and evaluation), cervical cancer, including human papillomavirus (HPV), prostate cancer, colorectal cancer, and other medically accepted cancer screening tests, blood lead levels, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes mellitus, cholesterol, obesity, and screening for iron deficiency anemia in pregnant women.
5. Preventive services for certain high-risk populations as determined by your *physician*, based on clinical expertise.

This list of *preventive care services* is not exhaustive. Preventive tests and screenings with a rating of A or B in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), or those

supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will be covered with no copayment and will not apply to the *calendar year* deductible.

See the definition of “Preventive Care Services” in the DEFINITIONS section for more information about services that are covered by this *plan* as *preventive care services*.

Osteoporosis. Coverage for services related to diagnosis, treatment, and appropriate management of osteoporosis including, but not limited to, all Food and Drug Administration approved technologies, including bone mass measurement technologies as deemed *medically necessary*.

Breast Cancer. Services and supplies provided in connection with the screening for, diagnosis of, and treatment for breast cancer whether due to illness or injury, including:

1. Diagnostic mammogram examinations in connection with the treatment of a diagnosed illness or injury. Routine mammograms will be covered initially under the Preventive Care Services (Insured Persons Age 7 and Over) benefit.
2. Breast cancer (BRCA) testing, if appropriate, in conjunction with genetic counseling and evaluation. When done as a *preventive care service*, BRCA testing will be covered under the Preventive Care Services benefit.
3. Mastectomy and lymph node dissection; complications from a mastectomy including lymphedema.
4. Reconstructive surgery of both breasts performed to restore and achieve symmetry following a *medically necessary* mastectomy.
5. Breast prostheses following a mastectomy (see “Prosthetic Devices”).

This coverage is provided according to the terms and conditions of this *plan* that apply to all other medical conditions.

Other Cancer Screening Tests. Services and supplies provided in connection with all generally medically accepted cancer screening tests. This coverage is provided according to the terms and conditions of this *plan* that apply to all other medical conditions.

Cancer Clinical Trials. Coverage is provided for services and supplies for routine patient care costs, as defined below, in connection with phase I, phase II, phase III and phase IV cancer clinical trials if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The treatment provided in a clinical trial must either:

- a. Involve a *drug* that is exempt under federal regulations from a new drug application, or
 - b. Be approved by (i) one of the National Institutes of Health, (ii) the federal Food and Drug Administration in the form of an investigational new drug application, (iii) the United States Department of Defense, or (iv) the United States Veteran's Administration.
2. You must be diagnosed with cancer to be eligible for participation in these clinical trials.
 3. Participation in such clinical trials must be recommended by your *physician* after determining participation has a meaningful potential to benefit the *insured person*.
 4. For the purpose of this provision, a clinical trial must have a therapeutic intent. Clinical trials to just test toxicity are not included in this coverage.

Routine patient care costs means the costs associated with the provision of services, including drugs, items, devices and services which would otherwise be covered under the *plan*, including health care services which are:

1. Typically provided absent a clinical trial.
2. Required solely for the provision of the investigational drug, item, device or service.
3. Clinically appropriate monitoring of the investigational item or service.
4. Prevention of complications arising from the provision of the investigational drug, item, device, or service.
5. Reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of the investigational drug, item, device, or service, including the diagnosis or treatment of the complications.

Routine patient care costs do not include the costs associated with any of the following:

1. *Drugs* or devices not approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that are associated with the clinical trial.
2. Services other than health care services, such as travel, housing, companion expenses and other nonclinical expenses that you may require as a result of the treatment provided for the purposes of the clinical trial.

3. Any item or service provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs not used in the clinical management of the patient.
4. Health care services that, except for the fact they are provided in a clinical trial, are otherwise specifically excluded from the *plan*.
5. Health care services customarily provided by the research sponsors free of charge to *insured persons* enrolled in the trial.

Note: You will be financially responsible for the costs associated with non-covered services.

Disagreements regarding the coverage or medical necessity of possible clinical trial services may be subject to INDEPENDENT MEDICAL REVIEW OF GRIEVANCES INVOLVING A DISPUTED HEALTH CARE SERVICE.

Physical Therapy, Physical Medicine and Occupational Therapy. The following services provided by a *physician* under a treatment plan:

1. Physical therapy and physical medicine provided on an outpatient basis for the treatment of illness or injury including the therapeutic use of heat, cold, exercise, electricity, ultra violet radiation, manipulation of the spine, or massage for the purpose of improving circulation, strengthening muscles, or encouraging the return of motion. (This includes many types of care which are customarily provided by chiropractors, physical therapists and osteopaths. It does not include massage therapy services at spas or health clubs.)
2. Occupational therapy provided on an outpatient basis when the ability to perform daily life tasks has been lost or reduced by illness or injury including programs which are designed to rehabilitate mentally, physically or emotionally handicapped persons. Occupational therapy programs are designed to maximize or improve a patient's upper extremity function, perceptual motor skills and ability to function in daily living activities.

Benefits are not payable for care provided to relieve general soreness or for conditions that may be expected to improve without treatment. For the purposes of this benefit, the term "visit" shall include any visit by a *physician* in that *physician's* office, or in any other outpatient setting, during which one or more of the services covered under this limited benefit are rendered, even if other services are provided during the same visit.

Contraceptives. Services and supplies provided in connection with the following methods of contraception:

- Injectable drugs and implants for birth control, administered in a *physician's* office, if *medically necessary*.

- Intrauterine contraceptive devices (IUDs) and diaphragms, dispensed by a *physician* if *medically necessary*.
- Professional services of a *physician* in connection with the prescribing, fitting, and insertion of intrauterine contraceptive devices or diaphragms.

Contraceptive supplies prescribed by a *physician* for reasons other than contraceptive purposes for *medically necessary* treatment such as decreasing the risk of ovarian cancer, eliminating symptoms of menopause or for contraception that is necessary to preserve life or health may also be covered.

If your *physician* determines that none of these contraceptive methods are appropriate for you based on your medical or personal history, coverage will be provided for another prescription contraceptive method that is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and prescribed by your *physician*.

Note: For FDA-approved, *self-administered hormonal contraceptives*, up to a 12-month supply is covered when dispensed or furnished at one time by a provider or pharmacist, or at a location licensed or otherwise authorized to dispense *drugs* or supplies.

Hearing Aid Services. The following hearing aid services are covered when provided by or purchased as a result of a written recommendation from an otolaryngologist or a state-certified audiologist.

1. Audiological evaluations to measure the extent of hearing loss and determine the most appropriate make and model of hearing aid. These evaluations will be covered under *plan* benefits for office visits to *physicians*.
2. Hearing aids (monaural or binaural) including ear mold(s), the hearing aid instrument, batteries, cords and other ancillary equipment.
3. Visits for fitting, counseling, adjustments and repairs for a one year period after receiving the covered hearing aid.

These items and services are covered under your *plan's* benefits for durable medical equipment (see "Durable Medical Equipment").

No benefits will be provided for the following:

1. Charges for a hearing aid which exceeds specifications prescribed for the correction of hearing loss.

2. Surgically implanted hearing devices (i.e., cochlear implants, audient bone conduction devices). *Medically necessary* surgically implanted hearing devices may be covered under your *plan's* benefits for prosthetic devices (see "Prosthetic Devices").

HIV Testing. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing, regardless of whether the testing is related to a primary diagnosis. This coverage is provided according to the terms and conditions of this *plan* that apply to all other medical conditions.

Sterilization Services. Benefits include sterilization services and services to reverse a non-elective sterilization that resulted from an illness or injury. Reversals of elective sterilizations are not covered.

Sterilizations for women are covered under the "Preventive Care Services" benefit. Please see that provision for further details.

Speech Therapy and speech-language pathology (SLP) services. Services to identify, assess, and treat speech, language, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Therapy that will develop or treat communication or swallowing skills to correct a speech impairment.

Diabetes. Services and supplies provided for the treatment of diabetes, including:

1. The following equipment and supplies:
 - a. Blood glucose monitors, including monitors designed to assist the visually impaired, and blood glucose testing strips.
 - b. Insulin pumps.
 - c. Pen delivery systems for insulin administration (non-disposable).
 - d. Visual aids (but not eyeglasses) to help the visually impaired to properly dose insulin.
 - e. Podiatric devices, such as therapeutic shoes and shoe inserts, to treat diabetes-related complications.

Items a through d above are covered under your *plan's* benefits for durable medical equipment (see "Durable Medical Equipment"). Item e above is covered under your *plan's* benefits for prosthetic devices (see "Prosthetic Devices").

2. Diabetes education program which:
 - a. Is designed to teach an *insured person* who is a patient and covered members of the patient's family about the disease process and the daily management of diabetic therapy;

- b. Includes self-management training, education, and medical nutrition therapy to enable the *insured person* to properly use the equipment, supplies, and medications necessary to manage the disease; and
- c. Is supervised by a *physician*.

Diabetes education services are covered under *plan* benefits for office visits to *physicians*.

- 3. The following items are covered under your *prescription drug* benefits:
 - a. Insulin, glucagon, and other *prescription drugs* for the treatment of diabetes.
 - b. Insulin syringes, disposable pen delivery systems for insulin administration.
 - c. Testing strips, lancets, and alcohol swabs.

These items must be obtained either from a retail *pharmacy* or through the home delivery program (see YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS).

- 4. Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under your Preventive Care Services benefit. Please see that provision for further details.

Jaw Joint Disorders. We will pay for splint therapy or surgical treatment for disorders or conditions directly affecting the upper or lower jawbone or the joints linking the jawbones and the skull (the temporomandibular joints), including the complex of muscles, nerves and other tissues related to those joints.

Phenylketonuria (PKU). Benefits for the testing and treatment of phenylketonuria (PKU) are paid on the same basis as any other medical condition. Coverage for treatment of PKU shall include those formulas and special food products that are part of a diet prescribed by a licensed *physician* and managed by a health care professional in consultation with a *physician* who specializes in the treatment of metabolic disease and who participates in or is authorized by us. The diet must be deemed *medically necessary* to avert the development of serious physical or mental disabilities or to promote normal development or function as a consequence of PKU.

The cost of the necessary formulas and special food products is covered only as it exceeds the cost of a normal diet. "Formula" means an enteral product or products for use at home. The formula must be prescribed by a *physician* or nurse practitioner, or ordered by a registered dietician upon referral by a health care provider authorized to prescribe dietary treatments, and is *medically necessary* for the treatment of PKU. Formulas and special food products used in the treatment of PKU that are obtained from a *pharmacy* are covered as prescription drugs (see "Prescription Drugs and Medications"). Formulas and special food products that are not obtained from a *pharmacy* are covered under this benefit.

"Special food product" means a food product that is all of the following:

- Prescribed by a *physician* or nurse practitioner for the treatment of PKU, and
- Consistent with the recommendations and best practices of qualified *physicians* with expertise in the treatment and care of PKU, and
- Used in place of normal food products, such as grocery store foods, used by the general population.

Note: It does not include a food that is naturally low in protein, but may include a food product that is specially formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving.

Prescription Drug for Abortion. Mifepristone is covered when provided under the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved treatment regimen.

Accidental Injury Benefits. If you are accidentally injured while covered under the agreement, payment is provided for 100% of the *maximum allowed amount* incurred within 90 days of the injury date for treatment of an *accidental injury*, up to **\$500** maximum for each injury.

MEDICAL CARE THAT IS NOT COVERED

No payment will be made under this *plan* for expenses incurred for or in connection with any of the items below. (The titles given to these exclusions and limitations are for ease of reference only; they are not meant to be an integral part of the exclusions and limitations and do not modify their meaning.)

Not Medically Necessary. Services or supplies that are not *medically necessary*, as defined.

Experimental or Investigative. Any *experimental* or *investigative* procedure or medication. But, if you are denied benefits because it is determined that the requested treatment is *experimental* or *investigative*, you may request an independent medical review as described in REVIEW OF DENIALS OF EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIVE TREATMENT.

Services Received Outside of the United States Services rendered by providers located outside the United States, unless the services are for an *emergency*, emergency ambulance or *urgent care*.

Crime or Nuclear Energy. Conditions that result from: (1) your commission of or attempt to commit a felony, as long as any injuries are not a result of a medical condition or an act of domestic violence; or (2) any release of nuclear energy, whether or not the result of war, when government funds are available for treatment of illness or injury arising from such release of nuclear energy.

Uninsured. Services received before your *effective date* or after your coverage ends, except as specifically stated under EXTENSION OF BENEFITS.

Non-Licensed Providers. Treatment or services rendered by non-licensed health care providers and treatment or services for which the provider of services is not required to be licensed. This includes treatment or services from a non-licensed provider under the supervision of a licensed *physician*, except as specifically provided or arranged by us. This exclusion does not apply to the *medically necessary* treatment of pervasive developmental disorder or autism, to the extent stated in the section BENEFITS FOR PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER OR AUTISM.

Excess Amounts. Any amounts in excess of *maximum allowed amounts* or any Medical Benefit Maximum.

Waived Cost-Shares Non-Participating Provider. For any service for which you are responsible under the terms of this *plan* to pay a co-payment or deductible, and the co-payment or deductible is waived by a *non-participating provider*.

Work-Related. Any injury, condition or disease arising out of employment for which benefits or payments are covered by any worker's compensation law or similar law. If we provide benefits for such injuries, conditions or diseases we shall be entitled to establish a lien or other recovery under section 4903 of the California Labor Code or any other applicable law, and as described in REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTS OF THIRD PARTIES.

Government Treatment. Any services actually given to you by a local, state, or federal government agency, or by a public school system or school district, except when payment under this *plan* is expressly required by federal or state law. We will not cover payment for these services if you are not required to pay for them or they are given to you for free. You

are not required to seek any such services prior to receiving *medically necessary* health care services that are covered by this *plan*.

Family Members. Services prescribed, ordered, referred by or given by a member of your immediate family, including your *spouse, child*, brother, sister, parent, in-law or self.

Voluntary Payment. Services for which you are not legally obligated to pay. Services for which you are not charged. Services for which no charge is made in the absence of insurance coverage, except services received at a non-governmental charitable research *hospital*. Such a *hospital* must meet the following guidelines:

1. It must be internationally known as being devoted mainly to medical research;
2. At least **10%** of its yearly budget must be spent on research not directly related to patient care;
3. At least one-third of its gross income must come from donations or grants other than gifts or payments for patient care;
4. It must accept patients who are unable to pay; and
5. Two-thirds of its patients must have conditions directly related to the *hospital's* research.

Private Contracts. Services or supplies provided pursuant to a private contract between the *insured person* and a provider, for which reimbursement under the Medicare program is prohibited, as specified in Section 1802 (42 U.S.C. 1395a) of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

Inpatient Diagnostic Tests. Inpatient room and board charges in connection with a *hospital stay* primarily for diagnostic tests which could have been performed safely on an outpatient basis.

Residential accommodations. Residential accommodations to treat medical or behavioral health conditions, except when provided in a *hospital, hospice, skilled nursing facility or residential treatment center*. This exclusion includes procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:

- Domiciliary care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or school because an *insured person's* own home arrangements are not available or are unsuitable, and consisting chiefly of room and board, even if therapy is included.
- Care provided or billed by a hotel, health resort, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or other extended care facility home for the aged, infirmary, school infirmary, institution providing education in special environments, supervised living or halfway house, or any

similar facility or institution.

- Services or care provided or billed by a school, *custodial care* center for the developmentally disabled, or outward bound programs, even if psychotherapy is included.
- Wilderness camps.

Orthodontia. Braces and other orthodontic appliances or services, except as specifically stated in the "Reconstructive Surgery" or "Dental Care" provisions of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED.

Dental Services or Supplies. For dental treatment, regardless of origin or cause, except as specified below. "Dental treatment" includes but is not limited to preventative care and fluoride treatments; dental x rays, supplies, appliances, dental implants and all associated expenses; diagnosis and treatment related to the teeth, jawbones or gums, including but not limited to:

- Extraction, restoration, and replacement of teeth;
- Services to improve dental clinical outcomes.

This exclusion does not apply to the following:

- Services which we are required by law to cover;
- Services specified as covered in this booklet;
- Dental services to prepare the mouth for radiation therapy to treat head and/or neck cancer.

Hearing Aids or Tests. Hearing aids, except as specifically stated in the "Hearing Aid Services" provision of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED. Routine hearing tests, except as provided as part of routine physical examinations under "Preventive Care Services" or "Hearing Aid Services" provisions of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED.

Optometric Services or Supplies. Optometric services, eye exercises including orthoptics. Routine eye exams and routine eye refractions, except when provided as part of a routine exam under the "Preventive Care Services" provision of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED. Eyeglasses or contact lenses, except as specifically stated in the "Prosthetic Devices" provision of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED.

Outpatient Occupational Therapy. Outpatient occupational therapy, except as specifically stated in the "Infusion Therapy" provision of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED, or when provided by a *home health agency* or *hospice*, as specifically stated in the "Home Health Care", "Hospice Care" or "Physical Therapy, Physical Medicine and Occupational Therapy" provisions of that section. This exclusion also does not apply to the *medically necessary* treatment of *severe mental disorders*, or to the *medically necessary* treatment of pervasive developmental disorder or

autism, to the extent stated in the section BENEFITS FOR PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER OR AUTISM.

Speech Therapy. Speech therapy except as stated in the "Speech Therapy and Speech-language pathology (SLP) services" provision of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED. This exclusion also does not apply to the *medically necessary* treatment of *severe mental disorders*, or to the *medically necessary* treatment of pervasive developmental disorder or autism, to the extent stated in the section BENEFITS FOR PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER OR AUTISM.

Cosmetic Surgery. Cosmetic surgery or other services performed to alter or reshape normal (including aged) structures or tissues of the body to improve appearance.

Varicose Vein Treatment. Treatment of varicose veins or telangiectatic dermal veins (spider veins) by any method (including sclerotherapy or other surgeries) when services are rendered for cosmetic purposes.

Commercial Weight Loss Programs. Weight loss programs, whether or not they are pursued under medical or physician supervision, unless specifically listed as covered in this *plan*.

This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, LA Weight Loss) and fasting programs.

This exclusion does not apply to *medically necessary* treatments for morbid obesity or dietary evaluations and counseling, and behavioral modification programs for the treatment of anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa. Surgical treatment for morbid obesity will be covered only when criteria is met as recommended by our Medical Policy.

Sterilization Reversal. Reversal of an elective sterilization.

Infertility Treatment. Any services or supplies furnished in connection with the diagnosis and treatment of *infertility*, including, but not limited to, diagnostic tests, medication, surgery, artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, sterilization reversal, and gamete intrafallopian transfer.

In-vitro Fertilization. Services or supplies for in-vitro fertilization (IVF) for purposes of pre-implant genetic diagnosis (PGD) of embryos, regardless of whether they are provided in connection with infertility treatment.

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

Foot Orthotics. Foot orthotics, orthopedic shoes or footwear or support items unless used for a systemic illness affecting the lower limbs, such as severe diabetes.

Air Conditioners. Air purifiers, air conditioners, or humidifiers.

Custodial Care or Rest Cures. Inpatient room and board charges in connection with a *hospital stay* primarily for environmental change or physical therapy. *Custodial care* or rest cures, except as specifically provided under the "Hospice Care" or "Infusion Therapy" provisions of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED. Services provided by a rest home, a home for the aged, a nursing home or any similar facility. Services provided by a *skilled nursing facility*, except as specifically stated in the "Skilled Nursing Facility" provision of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED.

Health Club Memberships. Health club memberships, exercise equipment, charges from a physical fitness instructor or personal trainer, or any other charges for activities, equipment or facilities used for developing or maintaining physical fitness, even if ordered by a *physician*. This exclusion also applies to health spas.

Personal Items. Any supplies for comfort, hygiene or beautification.

Educational or Academic Services. This plan does not cover:

1. Educational or academic counseling, remediation, or other services that are designed to increase academic knowledge or skills.
2. Educational or academic counseling, remediation, or other services that are designed to increase socialization, adaptive, or communication skills.
3. Academic or educational testing.
4. Teaching skills for employment or vocational purposes.
5. Teaching art, dance, horseback riding, music, play, swimming, or any similar activities.
6. Teaching manners and etiquette or any other social skills.
7. Teaching and support services to develop planning and organizational skills such as daily activity planning and project or task planning.

This exclusion does not apply to the *medically necessary* treatment of pervasive developmental disorder or autism, to the extent stated in the section BENEFITS FOR PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER OR AUTISM.

Food or Dietary Supplements. Nutritional and/or dietary supplements, except as provided in this *plan* or as required by law. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, those nutritional formulas and dietary

supplements that can be purchased over the counter, which by law do not require either a written prescription or dispensing by a licensed pharmacist.

Telephone, Facsimile Machine, and Electronic Mail Consultations. Consultations provided using telephone, facsimile machine, or electronic mail.

Routine Physicals and Immunizations. Physical exams and immunizations required for travel, enrollment in any insurance program, as a condition of employment, for licensing, sports programs, or for other purposes, which are not required by law under the "Preventive Care Services" provision of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED.

Acupuncture. Acupuncture treatment. Acupressure, or massage to control pain, treat illness or promote health by applying pressure to one or more specific areas of the body based on dermatomes or acupuncture points.

Eye Surgery for Refractive Defects. Any eye surgery solely or primarily for the purpose of correcting refractive defects of the eye such as nearsightedness (myopia) and/or astigmatism. Contact lenses and eyeglasses required as a result of this surgery.

Drugs Given to you by a Medical Provider. The following exclusions apply to *drugs* you receive from a medical provider:

- **Delivery Charges.** Charges for the delivery of *prescription drugs*.
- **Clinically-Equivalent Alternatives.** Certain *prescription drugs* may not be covered if you could use a clinically equivalent *drug*, unless required by law. "Clinically equivalent" means *drugs* that for most *insured persons*, will give you similar results for a disease or condition. If you have questions about whether a certain *drug* is covered and which *drugs* fall into this group, please call the number on the back of your Identification Card, or visit our website at www.anthem.com.

If you or your *physician* believes you need to use a different *prescription drug*, please have your *physician* or pharmacist get in touch with us. We will cover the other *prescription drug* only if we agree that it is *medically necessary* and appropriate over the clinically equivalent *drug*. We will review benefits for the *prescription drug* from time to time to make sure the *drug* is still *medically necessary*.

- **Drugs Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards.** *Drugs* given to you or prescribed in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.

- **Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits.** *Drugs* which are over any quantity or age limits set by the *plan* or us.
- **Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year.** *Drugs* in amounts over the quantity prescribed or for any refill given more than one year after the date of the original *prescription*.
- **Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications, Registrations and/or Certifications.** *Prescription drugs* prescribed by a provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations and/or certifications as determined by us.
- **Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription.** *Drugs* that do not need a *prescription* by federal law (including *drugs* that need a *prescription* by state law, but not by federal law), except for injectable insulin. This exclusion does not apply to over-the-counter *drugs* that we must cover under state law, or federal law when recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, and prescribed by a *physician*.
- **Lost or Stolen Drugs.** Refills of lost or stolen *drugs*.

Physical Therapy or Physical Medicine. Services of a *physician* for physical therapy or physical medicine, except when provided during a covered inpatient confinement, or as specifically stated in the "Home Health Care", "Hospice Care", "Home Infusion Therapy" or "Physical Therapy, Physical Medicine and Occupational Therapy" provisions of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED. This exclusion also does not apply to the *medically necessary* treatment of *severe mental disorders*, or to the *medically necessary* treatment of pervasive developmental disorder or autism, to the extent stated in the section BENEFITS FOR PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER OR AUTISM.

Outpatient Prescription Drugs and Medications. Outpatient *prescription drugs* or medications and insulin, except as specifically stated in the "Infusion Therapy" or "Home Infusion Therapy" provisions of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED or under YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS section of this booklet. Non-prescription, over-the-counter patent or proprietary drugs or medicines, except as specified in "Preventive Prescription Drugs and Other Items" covered under YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS. Cosmetics, health or beauty aids. However, health aids that are *medically necessary* and meet the requirements for durable medical equipment as specified under the "Durable Medical Equipment" provision of MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED, are covered, subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to that benefit.

Contraceptive Devices. Contraceptive devices prescribed for birth control except as specifically stated in the "Contraceptives" provision in MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED.

Diabetic Supplies. Prescription and non-prescription diabetic supplies, except as specifically stated in “YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS” section of this booklet.

Private Duty Nursing. Private duty nursing services.

Lifestyle Programs. Programs to alter one’s lifestyle which may include but are not limited to diet, exercise, imagery or nutrition. This exclusion will not apply to cardiac rehabilitation programs approved by us.

Clinical Trials. Services and supplies in connection with clinical trials, except as specifically stated in the “Cancer Clinical Trials” provision under the section MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED.

BENEFITS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

This *plan* provides coverage for the *medically necessary* treatment of *mental health conditions* and substance abuse. This coverage is provided according to the terms and conditions of this *plan* that apply to all other medical conditions, except as specifically stated in this section.

Pre-service review is required for all *mental health conditions* and substance abuse inpatient facility and residential treatment services, except in a medical *emergency* (see UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM for details).

Services for the treatment of *mental health conditions* and substance abuse covered under this *plan* are subject to financial requirements (deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments) and treatment limitations that are no more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations that apply to substantially all medical and surgical benefits in the same classification or sub-classification.

SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE THAT ARE COVERED

Covered services are shown below for the *medically necessary* treatment of *mental health conditions* and substance abuse, or to prevent the deterioration of chronic conditions.

- **Inpatient Services:** Inpatient *hospital* services and services from a *residential treatment center* (including crisis residential treatment) for inpatient services and supplies, and *physician* visits during a covered inpatient *stay*.
- **Outpatient Office Visits** for the following:
 - individual and group mental health evaluation and treatment,

- nutritional counseling for the treatment of eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa,
 - drug therapy monitoring,
 - individual and group chemical dependency counseling,
 - medical treatment for withdrawal symptoms,
 - methadone maintenance treatment, and
 - Behavioral health treatment for pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism delivered in an office setting.
- **Other Outpatient Items and Services:**
 - *Partial hospitalization programs, including intensive outpatient programs and visits to a day treatment center.*
 - Psychological testing,
 - Multidisciplinary treatment in an intensive outpatient psychiatric treatment program,
 - Behavioral health treatment for Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism delivered at home.
- **Behavioral health treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism.** Inpatient services, office visits, and other outpatient items and services are covered under this section. See the section BENEFITS FOR PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER OR AUTISM for a description of the services that are covered. **Note:** You must obtain pre-service review for all inpatient facility and residential treatment related to behavioral health treatment services for pervasive developmental disorder or autism in order for these services to be covered by this *plan* (see UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM for details). No benefits are payable for these services if pre-service review is not obtained.
- Diagnosis and all *medically necessary* treatment of *severe mental disorder* of a person of any age and serious emotional disturbances of a child.
 - Treatment for substance abuse does not include smoking cessation programs, nor treatment for nicotine dependency or tobacco use. Certain services are covered under the “Preventive Care Services” benefit or as specified in the “Preventive Prescription Drugs and Other Items” covered under YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS. Please see those provisions for further details.

Coverage is also provided for *emergency services* for treatment of a *psychiatric emergency medical condition*, which is a mental disorder that manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity that it renders the patient as being either of the following: a) an immediate danger to himself or herself or to others, or b) immediately unable to provide for, or utilize, food, shelter, or clothing, due to the mental disorder. Cost sharing for *emergency services* received from *non-participating providers* will be the same as *participating providers*.

BENEFITS FOR PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER OR AUTISM

This *plan* provides coverage for behavioral health treatment for Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism. This coverage is provided according to the terms and conditions of this *plan* that apply to all other medical conditions, except as specifically stated in this section.

Behavioral health treatment services covered under this *plan* are subject to financial requirements (deductibles, co-insurance, and co-payments) and treatment limitations that are no more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations that apply to substantially all medical and surgical benefits in the same classification or sub-classification.

You must obtain pre-service review for all inpatient facility and residential treatment related to behavioral health treatment services for the treatment of Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism in order for these services to be covered by this *plan* (see UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM for details).

The meanings of key terms used in this section are shown below. Whenever any of the key terms shown below appear in this section, the first letter of each word will be capitalized. When you see these capitalized words, you should refer to this "Definitions" provision.

DEFINITIONS

Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) means the design, implementation, and evaluation of systematic instructional and environmental modifications to promote positive social behaviors and reduce or ameliorate behaviors which interfere with learning and social interaction.

Intensive Behavioral Intervention means any form of Applied Behavioral Analysis that is comprehensive, designed to address all domains of functioning, and provided in multiple settings depending on the individual's

needs and progress. Interventions can be delivered in a one-to-one ratio or small group format, as appropriate.

Qualified Autism Service Provider is either of the following:

- A person who is certified by a national entity, such as the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, with a certification that is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, and who designs, supervises, or provides treatment for Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism, provided the services are within the experience and competence of the person who is nationally certified; or
- A person licensed as a physician and surgeon (M.D. or D.O.), physical therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, educational psychologist, clinical social worker, professional clinical counselor, speech-language pathologist, or audiologist pursuant to state law, who designs, supervises, or provides treatment for Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism, provided the services are within the experience and competence of the licensee.

The network of *participating providers* is limited to licensed Qualified Autism Service Providers who contract with us or a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan and who may supervise and employ Qualified Autism Service Professionals or Qualified Autism Service Paraprofessionals who provide and administer Behavioral Health Treatment.

Qualified Autism Service Professional is a provider who meets all of the following requirements:

- Provides behavioral health treatment, which may include clinical case management and case supervision under the direction and supervision of a Qualified Autism Service Provider.
- Is supervised by a Qualified Autism Service Provider,
- Provides treatment according to a treatment plan developed and approved by the Qualified Autism Service Provider,
- Is a behavioral service provider who meets the education and experience qualifications defined in the state regulations for an associate behavior analyst, behavior analyst, behavior management assistant, behavior management consultant, or behavior management program, or who meets equivalent criteria in the state in which he or she practices if not providing services in California,
- Has training and experience in providing services for Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism pursuant to applicable state law, and

- Is employed by the Qualified Autism Service Provider or an entity or group that employs Qualified Autism Service Providers responsible for the autism treatment plan.

Qualified Autism Service Paraprofessional is an unlicensed and uncertified individual who meets all of the following requirements:

- Is supervised by a Qualified Autism Service Provider or Qualified Autism Service Professional at a level of clinical supervision that meets professionally recognized standards of practice,
- Provides treatment and implements services pursuant to a treatment plan developed and approved by the Qualified Autism Service Provider,
- Meets the education and training qualifications set forth in any applicable state regulations adopted pursuant to state law concerning the use of paraprofessionals in group practice provider behavioral intervention services,
- Has adequate education, training, and experience, as certified by a Qualified Autism Service Provider or an entity or group that employs Qualified Autism Service Providers, and
- Is employed by the Qualified Autism Service Provider or an entity or group that employs Qualified Autism Service Providers responsible for the autism treatment plan.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES COVERED

The behavioral health treatment services covered by this *plan* for the treatment of Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism are limited to those professional services and treatment programs, including Applied Behavior Analysis and evidence-based behavior intervention programs, that develop or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual with Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism and that meet all of the following requirements:

- The treatment must be prescribed by a licensed physician and surgeon (an M.D. or D.O.) or developed by a licensed psychologist,
- The treatment must be provided under a treatment plan prescribed by a Qualified Autism Service Provider and administered by one of the following: (a) Qualified Autism Service Provider, (b) Qualified Autism Service Professional supervised by the Qualified Autism Service Provider, or (c) Qualified Autism Service Paraprofessional supervised by a Qualified Autism Service Provider or Qualified Autism Service Professional, and

- The treatment plan must have measurable goals over a specific timeline and be developed and approved by the Qualified Autism Service Provider for the specific patient being treated. The treatment plan must be reviewed no less than once every six months by the Qualified Autism Service Provider and modified whenever appropriate, and must be consistent with applicable state law that imposes requirements on the provision of Applied Behavioral Analysis services and Intensive Behavioral Intervention services to certain persons pursuant to which the Qualified Autism Service Provider does all of the following:
 - ◆ Describes the patient's behavioral health impairments to be treated,
 - ◆ Designs an intervention plan that includes the service type, number of hours, and parent participation needed to achieve the intervention plan's goal and objectives, and the frequency at which the patient's progress is evaluated and reported,
 - ◆ Provides intervention plans that utilize evidence-based practices, with demonstrated clinical efficacy in treating Pervasive Developmental Disorder or autism,
 - ◆ Discontinues Intensive Behavioral Intervention services when the treatment goals and objectives are achieved or no longer appropriate, and
 - ◆ The treatment plan is not used for purposes of providing or for the reimbursement of respite care, day care, or educational services, and is not used to reimburse a parent for participating in the treatment program. The treatment plan must be made available to us upon request.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTS OF THIRD PARTIES

Under some circumstances, an *insured person* may need services under this *plan* for which a third party may be liable or legally responsible by reason of negligence, an intentional act or breach of any legal obligation. In that event, we will provide the benefits of this *plan* subject to the following:

1. We will automatically have a lien, to the extent of benefits provided, upon any recovery, whether by settlement, judgment or otherwise, that you receive from the third party, the third party's insurer, or the third party's guarantor. The lien will be in the amount of benefits we paid under this *plan* for the treatment of the illness, disease, injury or condition for which the third party is liable.

- If we paid the provider other than on a capitated basis, our lien will not be more than amount we paid for those services.
 - If we paid the provider on a capitated basis, our lien will not be more than 80% of the usual and customary charges for those services in the geographic area in which they were given.
 - If you hired an attorney to gain your recovery from the third party, our lien will not be for more than one-third of the money due you under any final judgment, compromise, or settlement agreement.
 - If you did not hire an attorney, our lien will not be for more than one-half of the money due you under any final judgment, compromise or settlement agreement.
 - If a final judgment includes a special finding by a judge, jury, or arbitrator that you were partially at fault, our lien will be reduced by the same comparative fault percentage by which your recovery was reduced.
 - Our lien is subject to a pro rata reduction equal to your reasonable attorney's fees and costs in line with the common fund doctrine.
2. You must advise us in writing, within 60 days of filing a claim against the third party and take necessary action, furnish such information and assistance, and execute such papers as we may require to facilitate enforcement of our rights. You must not take action which may prejudice our rights or interests under your *plan*. Failure to give us such notice or to cooperate with us, or actions that prejudice our rights or interests will be a material breach of this *plan* and will result in your being personally responsible for reimbursing us.
 3. We will be entitled to collect on our lien even if the amount you or anyone recovered for you (or your estate, parent or legal guardian) from or for the account of such third party as compensation for the injury, illness or condition is less than the actual loss you suffered.

YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERED EXPENSE

Prescription drug covered expense is the maximum charge for each covered service or supply that will be accepted by us for each different type of *pharmacy*. It is not necessarily the amount a *pharmacy* bills for the service.

You may avoid higher out-of-pocket expenses by choosing a *participating pharmacy*, or by utilizing the home delivery program whenever possible. In addition, you may also reduce your costs by asking your *physician*, and your pharmacist, for the more cost-effective *generic* form of *prescription drugs*.

Prescription drug covered expense will always be the lesser of the billed charge or the *prescription drug maximum allowed amount*. Expense is incurred on the date you receive the *drug* for which the charge is made.

When you choose a *participating pharmacy*, the *pharmacy benefits manager* will subtract any expense which is not covered under your *prescription drug* benefits. The remainder is the amount of *prescription drug covered expense* for that claim. You will not be responsible for any amount in excess of the *prescription maximum allowed amount* for the covered services of a *participating pharmacy*.

When the *pharmacy benefits manager* receives a claim for *drugs* supplied by a *non-participating pharmacy*, they first subtract any expense which is not covered under your *prescription drug* benefits, and then any expense exceeding the *prescription maximum allowed amount*. The remainder is the amount of *prescription drug covered expense* for that claim.

You will always be responsible for expense incurred which is not covered under this plan.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DEDUCTIBLE AND COPAYMENTS

Prescription Drug Calendar Year Deductible. After the *pharmacy benefits manager* determines *prescription drug covered expense*, they will subtract your *prescription drug deductible* from the total amount they consider *prescription drug covered expense*. Each year, you be will responsible for satisfying the *insured person's calendar year deductible* before they begin to pay *prescription drug* benefits.

Prescription Drug Copayments. After you have met the deductible for the *calendar year*, the *pharmacy benefits manager* will subtract your *prescription drug copayment* for each *prescription* during the remainder of the *year*.

If your *prescription* drug copayment includes a percentage of *prescription drug covered expense*, the *pharmacy benefits manager* will apply that percentage to such expense. This will determine the dollar amount of your *prescription* drug copayment.

The <i>Prescription Drug Deductible</i> and Copayments are set forth in the SUMMARY OF BENEFITS.
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HOW TO USE YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

When You Go to a Participating Pharmacy. To identify you as an *insured person* covered for *prescription drug* benefits, you will be issued an identification card. You must present this card to *participating pharmacies* when you have a *prescription* filled. Provided you have properly identified yourself as an *insured person*, a *participating pharmacy* will only charge your Co-Payment. For information on how to locate a *participating pharmacy* in your area, call 1-800-700-2541 (or TTY/TDD 1-800-905-9821).

Generic drugs will be dispensed by *participating pharmacies* when the *prescription* indicates a *generic drug*. When a *brand name drug* is specified, but a *generic drug* equivalent exists, the *generic drug* will be substituted. *Brand name drugs* will be dispensed by *participating pharmacies* when the *prescription* specifies a *brand name* and states “dispense as written” or no *generic drug* equivalent exists.

Please note that presentation of a prescription to a pharmacy or pharmacist does not constitute a claim for benefit coverage. If you present a *prescription* to a *participating pharmacy*, and the *participating pharmacy* indicates your *prescription* cannot be filled, or requires an additional Co-Payment, this is not considered an adverse claim decision. If you want the *prescription* filled, you will have to pay either the full cost, or the additional Co-Payment, for the *prescription drug*. If you believe you are entitled to some *plan* benefits in connection with the *prescription drug*, submit a claim for reimbursement to us at the address shown below:

**Prescription Drug Program
ATTN: Commercial Claims
P.O. Box 2872
Clinton, IA 52733-2872**

Participating pharmacies usually have claims forms, but, if the *participating pharmacy* does not have claim forms, claim forms and Member Services are available by calling 1-800-700-2541 (or TTY/TDD 1-800-905-9821). Mail your claim, with the appropriate portion completed by the pharmacist, to the *pharmacy benefits manager* within 90 days of the date of purchase. If it is not reasonably possible to submit the claim within that time frame, an extension of up to 12 months will be allowed.

Important Note: If we determine that you may be using *prescription drugs* in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your selection of *participating pharmacies* may be limited. If this happens, we may require you to select a single *participating pharmacy* that will provide and coordinate all future pharmacy services. Benefits will only be paid if you use the single *participating pharmacy*. We will contact you if we determine that use of a single *participating pharmacy* is needed and give you options as to which *participating pharmacy* you may use. If you do not select one of the *participating pharmacies* we offer within 31 days, we will select a single *participating pharmacy* for you. If you disagree with our decision, you may ask us to reconsider it as outlined in the “GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES” section.

In addition, if we determine that you may be using *controlled substance prescription drugs* in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your selection of *participating providers* for *controlled substance prescriptions* may be limited. If this happens, we may require you to select a single *participating provider* that will provide and coordinate all *controlled substance prescriptions*. Benefits for *controlled substance prescriptions* will only be paid if you use the single *participating provider*. We will contact you if we determine that use of a single *participating provider* is needed and give you options as to which *participating provider* you may use. If you do not select one of the *participating providers* we offer within 31 days, we will select a single *participating provider* for you. If you disagree with our decision, you may ask us to reconsider it as outlined in the “Grievance Procedures” section of this *plan*.

When You Go to a Non-Participating Pharmacy. If you purchase a *prescription drug* from a *non-participating pharmacy*, you will have to pay the full cost of the *drug* and submit a claim to us, at the address below:

**Prescription Drug Program
ATTN: Commercial Claims
P.O. Box 2872
Clinton, IA 52733-2872**

Non-participating pharmacies do not have our prescription drug claim forms. You must take a claim form with you to a *non-participating pharmacy*. The pharmacist must complete the *pharmacy's* portion of the form and sign it.

Claim forms and Member Services are available by calling 1-800-700-2541 (or TTY/TDD 1-800-905-9821). Mail your claim with the appropriate portion completed by the pharmacist to us within 90 days of the date of purchase. If it is not reasonably possible to submit the claim within that time frame, an extension of up to 12 months will be allowed.

When You are Out of State. If you need to purchase a *prescription drug* out of the state of California, you may locate a *participating pharmacy* by calling 1-800-700-2541 (or TTY/TDD 1-800-905-9821). If you cannot locate a *participating pharmacy*, you must pay for the *drug* and submit a claim to us. (See "When You Go to a Non-Participating Pharmacy" above.)

When You Order Your Prescription Through the Home Delivery Program. You can order your *prescription* through the home delivery *prescription drug* program. Not all medications are available through the home delivery pharmacy.

The *prescription* must state the drug name, dosage, directions for use, quantity, the *physician's* name and phone number, the patient's name and address, and be signed by a *physician*. You must submit it with the appropriate payment for the amount of the purchase, and a properly completed order form. You need only pay the cost of your Co-Payment.

Your first home delivery *prescription* must also include a completed Patient Profile questionnaire. The Patient Profile questionnaire can be obtained by calling the toll-free number shown on your ID card. You need only enclose the *prescription* or refill notice, and the appropriate payment for any subsequent home delivery prescriptions, or call the toll-free number. Co-payments can be paid by check, money order or credit card.

Order forms can be obtained by contacting us at 1-800-700-2541 (or TTY/TDD 1-800-905-9821) to request one. The form is also available online at www.anthem.com/ca.

When You Order Your Prescription Through Specialty Drug Program. Certain specified *specialty drugs* must be obtained through the specialty pharmacy program unless you are given an exception from the specialty drug program (see PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONDITIONS OF SERVICE). These specified *specialty drugs* that must be obtained through the Specialty Drug Program are limited up to a 30-day supply. The Specialty Drug Program will deliver your medication to you by mail or common carrier (you cannot pick up your medication at Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health).

The *prescription* for the *specialty drug* must state the drug name, dosage, directions for use, quantity, the *physician's* name and phone number, the patient's name and address, and be signed by a *physician*.

You or your *physician* may order your *specialty drug* by calling 1-800-700-2541. When you call the Specialty Drug Program, a Dedicated Care Coordinator will guide you through the process up to and including actual delivery of your *specialty drug* to you. (If you order your *specialty drug* by telephone, you will need to use a credit card or debit card to pay for it.) You may also submit your *specialty drug prescription* with the appropriate payment for the amount of the purchase (you can pay by check, money

order, credit card or debit card), and a properly completed order form to Specialty Drug Program. Once you have met your deductible, if any, you will only have to pay the cost of your Co-Payment.

With few exceptions, most orally administered anti-cancer medications are considered *specialty drugs*. For orally administered anti-cancer medications, the *prescription drug* deductible, if any, will not apply and the copayment will not exceed the lesser of the applicable copayment shown in the SUMMARY OF BENEFITS or \$200 for a 30-day supply for medications obtained at a retail *pharmacy* or \$600 for a 90-day supply for medications obtained through home delivery.

The first time you get a *prescription* for a *specialty drug* you must also include a completed Intake Referral Form. The Intake Referral Form is to be completed by calling the toll-free number below. You need only enclose the *prescription* or refill notice, and the appropriate payment for any subsequent *specialty drug prescriptions*, or call the toll-free number. Co-payments can be made by check, money order, credit card or debit card.

You or your *physician* may obtain order forms or a list of *specialty drugs* that must be obtained through specialty pharmacy program by contacting Member Services at the number listed on your ID card or online at www.anthem.com/ca.

Specified *specialty drugs* must be obtained through the Specialty Pharmacy Program. When these specified *specialty drugs* are not obtained through the Specialty Pharmacy Program, and you do not have an exception, you will not receive any benefits for these *drugs* under this plan.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW

Your *prescription drug* benefits include utilization review of *prescription drug* usage for your health and safety. If there are patterns of over-utilization or misuse of *drugs*, our medical consultant will notify your personal *physician* and your pharmacist. We reserve the right to limit benefits to prevent over-utilization of *drugs*.

PREVENTIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND OTHER ITEMS

Your *prescription drug* benefits include certain preventive *drugs*, medications, and other items as listed below that may be covered under this *plan* as *preventive care services*. In order to be covered as a *preventive care service*, these items must be prescribed by a *physician* and obtained from a *participating pharmacy* or through the home delivery program. This includes items that can be obtained over the counter for which a *physician's* prescription is not required by law.

When these items are covered as *preventive care services*, the Calendar Year Deductible, if any, will not apply and no co-payment will apply. In addition, any separate deductible that applies to *prescription drugs* will not apply.

- Vaccinations prescribed by a *physician* and obtained from a *participating pharmacy*.
- Tobacco cessation *drugs*, medications, and other items for *insured members* age 18 and older as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force including:
 - *Prescription drugs* to eliminate or reduce dependency on, or addiction to, tobacco and tobacco products.
 - FDA-approved smoking cessation products including over-the-counter (OTC) nicotine gum, lozenges and patches when obtained with a *physician's* prescription.
- Aspirin to reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke, for men ages 45-79 and women ages 55-79.
- Aspirin after 12 weeks of gestation in pregnant women who are at high risk for preeclampsia.
- *Generic* low to moderate dose statins for *members* that are 40-75 years and have one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease.
- Folic acid supplementation for women age 55 years and younger (folic acid supplement or a multivitamin).
- Vitamin D for women over age 65.
- Medications for risk reduction of primary breast cancer in women (such as tamoxifen or raloxifene) for women who are at increased risk for breast cancer and at low risk for adverse medication effects.
- Bowel preparations when prescribed for a preventive colon screening.
- Fluoride supplements for children from birth through 6 years old (drops or tablets).
- Dental fluoride varnish to prevent tooth decay of primary teeth for children from birth to 5 years old.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

To be covered, the *drug* or medication must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. It must be prescribed by a licensed prescriber and be dispensed within one year of being prescribed, subject to federal and state laws.
2. It must be approved for general use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
3. It must be for the direct care and treatment of your illness, injury or condition. Dietary supplements, health aids or drugs for cosmetic purposes are not included. However the following items are covered:
 - a. Formulas prescribed by a *physician* for the treatment of phenylketonuria.
 - b. Vitamins, supplements, and health aids as specified under PREVENTIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND OTHER ITEMS, subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.
4. It must be dispensed from a licensed retail *pharmacy*, through our home delivery program or through our specialty drug program.
5. **If it is an approved *compound medication*, be dispensed by a participating *pharmacy*.** Call 1-800-700-2541 (or TTY/TDD 1-800-905-9821) to find out where to take your prescription for an approved *compound medication* to be filled. (You can also find a participating *pharmacy* at www.anthem.com/ca.) **Some compound medications must be approved before you can get them (See PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARY: PRIOR AUTHORIZATION). You will have to pay the full cost of the *compound medications* you get from a *pharmacy* that is not a *participating pharmacy*.**
6. **If it is a specified *specialty drug*, be obtained by using the specialty drug program.** See the section HOW TO USE YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS: WHEN YOU ORDER YOUR PRESCRIPTION THROUGH SPECIALTY DRUG PROGRAM for how to get your *drugs* by using the specialty drug program. **You will have to pay the full cost of any *specialty drugs* you get from a retail *pharmacy* that you should have obtained from the specialty drug program. If you order a *specialty drug* that must be obtained using the specialty pharmacy program through the home delivery program, it will be forwarded to the specialty drug program for processing and will be processed according to specialty drug program rules.**

Exceptions to specialty drug program. This requirement does not apply to:

- a. The first two month's supply of a specified *specialty drug* which is available through a participating retail *pharmacy*; or
- b. *Drugs*, which due to medically necessity, must be obtained immediately; or
- c. An *insured person* who is unable to pay for delivery of their medication (i.e., no credit card); or
- d. An *insured person* for whom, according to the Coordination of Benefit rules, this *plan* is not the primary plan.

How to obtain an exception to the specialty drug program. If you believe that you should not be required to get your medication through the specialty drug program, for any of the reasons listed above, except for d., you must complete an Exception to Specialty Drug Program form to request an exception and send it to us. The form can be faxed or mailed to us. If you need a copy of the form, you may call us at 1-800-700-2541 (or TTY/TDD 1-800-905-9821) to request one. You can also get the form on-line at www.anthem.com/ca. If we have given you an exception, it will be good for a limited period of time based on the reason for the exception. When the exception period ends, if you believe that you should still not be required to get your medication through the specialty drug program, you must again request an exception. If we deny your request for an exception, it will be in writing and will tell you why we did not approve the exception.

Urgent or emergency need of a specialty drug subject to the specialty drug program. If you are out of a *specialty drug* which must be obtained through the specialty drug program, we will authorize an override of the specialty drug program requirement for 72-hours, or until the next business day following a holiday or weekend, to allow you to get an emergency supply of medication if your doctor decides that it is appropriate and *medically necessary*. You may have to pay the applicable co-payment shown SUMMARY OF BENEFITS: PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS: PRESCRIPTION DRUG CO-PAYMENTS for the 72-hour supply of your *drug*.

If you order your *specialty drug* through the specialty drug program and it does not arrive, if your *physician* decides that it is *medically necessary* for you to have the *drug* immediately, we will authorize an override of the specialty drug program requirement for 30-day supply or less, to allow you to get an emergency supply of medication from a *participating pharmacy* near you. A Dedicated Care Coordinator from the specialty drug program will coordinate the exception and you will not be required to make an additional co-payment.

- 7. It must not be used while you are confined in a *hospital*, *skilled nursing facility*, rest home, sanitarium, convalescent hospital, or similar facility.

Also, it must not be dispensed in or administered by a *hospital, skilled nursing facility, rest home, sanitarium, convalescent hospital, or similar facility*. Other *drugs* that may be prescribed by your *physician* while you are confined in a rest home, sanitarium, convalescent hospital or similar facility, may be purchased at a *pharmacy* by the member, or a friend, relative or care giver on your behalf, and are covered under this *prescription drug* benefit.

8. For a retail *pharmacy* or specialty drug program, the *prescription* must not exceed a 30-day supply.

Prescription drugs federally-classified as Schedule II which are FDA-approved for the treatment of attention deficit disorder must not exceed a 60-day supply. If the *physician* prescribes a 60-day supply for *drugs* classified as Schedule II for the treatment of attention deficit disorders, the *insured person* has to pay double the amount of co-payment for retail *pharmacies*. If the *drugs* are obtained through the home delivery program, the co-payment will remain the same as for any other *prescription drug*.

FDA-approved smoking cessation products and over-the-counter nicotine replacement products are limited as specified under PREVENTIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND OTHER ITEMS.

Note: FDA-approved, *self-administered hormonal contraceptives* must not exceed a 12-month supply when dispensed or furnished at one time by a provider or pharmacist, or at a location licensed or otherwise authorized to dispense *drugs* or supplies.

9. Certain *drugs* have specific quantity supply limits based on our analysis of prescription dispensing trends and the Food and Drug Administration dosing recommendations.

Note: FDA-approved, *self-administered hormonal contraceptives* must not exceed a 12-month supply when dispensed or furnished at one time by a provider or pharmacist, or at a location licensed or otherwise authorized to dispense *drugs* or supplies

10. For the home delivery program, the *prescription* must not exceed a 90-day supply.
11. The *drug* will be covered under YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS only if it is not covered under another benefit of your *plan*.
12. *Drugs* for the treatment of impotence and/or sexual dysfunction are limited to six tablets/units for a 30-day period and are available at retail *pharmacies* only. Documented evidence of contributing medical condition must be submitted to us for review.

13. Be prescribed by a licensed *physician* with an active Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license, if the *drug* is considered a *controlled substance*.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SERVICES AND SUPPLIES THAT ARE COVERED

1. Outpatient *drugs* and medications which the law restricts to sale by *prescription*, except as specifically stated in this section. Formulas prescribed by a *physician* for the treatment of phenylketonuria. These formulas are subject to the copayment for *brand name drugs*.
2. Insulin.
3. Syringes when dispensed for use with insulin and other self-injectable *drugs* or medications.
4. *Prescription* oral contraceptives; contraceptive diaphragms. Contraceptive diaphragms are limited to one per *year* and are subject to the copayment for *brand name drugs*.
5. Injectable *drugs* which are self-administered by the subcutaneous route (under the skin) by the patient or *family member*. *Drugs* with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) labeling for self-administration.
6. AIDS vaccine (when approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and that is recommended by the US Public Health Service).
7. All compound *prescription drugs* when a commercially available dosage form of a *medically necessary* medication is not available, all the ingredients of the *compound drug* are FDA approved in the form in which they are used in the *compound medication* and as designated in the FDA's Orange Book: *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, require a prescription to dispense and are not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a *drug* manufacturer. Non-FDA approved non-proprietary, multisource ingredients that are vehicles essential for compound administration may be covered.
8. Diabetic supplies (i.e. test strips and lancets).
9. Inhaler spacers and peak flow meters for the treatment of pediatric asthma. These items are subject to the copayment for *brand name drugs*.
10. *Prescription drugs*, vaccinations (including administration), vitamins, supplements, and certain over-the-counter items as specified under

PREVENTIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND OTHER ITEMS, subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.

10. *Prescription drugs* for treatment of impotence and/or sexual dysfunction are limited to organic (non-psychological) causes.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SERVICES AND SUPPLIES THAT ARE NOT COVERED

In addition to the exclusions and limitations listed under YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS NOT COVERED, *prescription drug* benefits are not provided for or in connection with the following:

1. Immunizing agents, biological sera, blood, blood products or blood plasma. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, these items are covered under the "Preventive Care Services" provision of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.
2. Hypodermic syringes and/or needles except when dispensed for use with insulin and other self-injectable *drugs* or medications. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, these items are covered under the "Home Health Care," "Hospice Care," "Home Infusion Therapy," and "Diabetes" provisions of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.
3. *Drugs* and medications used to induce spontaneous and non-spontaneous abortions. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, FDA approved medications that may only be dispensed by or under direct supervision of a *physician*, such as *drugs* and medications used to induce non-spontaneous abortions, are covered as specifically stated in the "Prescription Drug for Abortion" provision of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to the benefit.
4. *Drugs* and medications dispensed or administered in an outpatient setting; including, but not limited to, outpatient *hospital* facilities and *physicians'* offices. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, these services are covered as specified under the "Hospital," "Home Health Care," "Hospice Care," and "Infusion Therapy" provisions of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.

5. Professional charges in connection with administering, injecting or dispensing of *drugs*. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, these services are covered as specified under the “Professional Services” and “Home Infusion Therapy” provisions of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.

6. *Drugs* and medications, which may be obtained without a *physician’s* written *prescription*, except insulin or niacin for cholesterol reduction.

Note: Vitamins, supplements, and certain over-the-counter items as specified under PREVENTIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND OTHER ITEMS are covered under this *plan* only when obtained with a *physician’s* *prescription*, subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.

7. *Drugs* and medications dispensed by or while you are confined in a *hospital, skilled nursing facility, rest home, sanitarium, convalescent hospital, or similar facility*. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, such *drugs* are covered as specified under the “Hospital”, “Skilled Nursing Facility”, and “Hospice Care”, provisions of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits. While you are confined in a rest home, sanitarium, convalescent hospital or similar facility, *drugs* and medications supplied and administered by your *physician* are covered as specified under the “Professional Services” provision of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to the benefit. Other *drugs* that may be prescribed by your *physician* while you are confined in a rest home, sanitarium, convalescent hospital or similar facility, may be purchased at a *pharmacy* by the *insured person*, or a friend, relative or care giver on your behalf, and are covered under this *prescription drug* benefit.

8. Durable medical equipment, devices, appliances and supplies, even if prescribed by a *physician*. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, these items are covered as specified under the “Durable Medical Equipment”, “Hearing Aid Services”, and “Diabetes” provisions of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.

9. Services or supplies for which you are not charged.

10. Oxygen. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, oxygen is covered as specified under the “Hospital”, “Skilled Nursing Facility”, “Home Health Care” and “Hospice Care” provisions of YOUR

MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.

11. Cosmetics and health or beauty aids. However, health aids that are *medically necessary* and meet the requirements for durable medical equipment as specified under the "Durable Medical Equipment" provision of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), are covered, subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to that benefit.
12. *Drugs* labeled "Caution, Limited by Federal Law to Investigational Use" or Non-FDA approved investigational *drugs*. Any *drugs* or medications prescribed for *experimental* indications. If you are denied a *drug* because we determine that the *drug* is *experimental* or *investigative*, you may ask that the denial be reviewed by an external independent medical review organization. (See the section "Independent Medical Review of Denials of Experimental or Investigative Treatment" (see Table of Contents) for how to ask for a review of your *drug* denial.)
13. Any expense incurred for a *drug* or medication in excess of: *prescription drug maximum allowed amount*.
14. *Drugs* which have not been approved for general use by the Food and Drug Administration. This does not apply to *drugs* that are *medically necessary* for a covered condition.
15. *Drugs* used primarily for cosmetic purposes (e.g., Retin-A for wrinkles). However, this will not apply to the use of this type of *drug* for *medically necessary* treatment of a medical condition other than one that is cosmetic.
16. *Drugs* used primarily for the purpose of treating *infertility* (including but not limited to Clomid, Pergonal, and Metrodin) unless *medically necessary* for another covered condition.
17. Anorexiant and *drugs* used for weight loss except when used to treat morbid obesity (e.g., diet pills and appetite suppressants).
18. *Drugs* obtained outside of the United States unless they are furnished in connection with *urgent care* or an *emergency*.
19. Allergy desensitization products or allergy serum. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, such *drugs* are covered as specified under the "Hospital", "Skilled Nursing Facility", and "Professional Services" provisions of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.

20. Infusion *drugs*, except *drugs* that are self-administered subcutaneously. While not covered under this *prescription drug* benefit, infusion *drugs* are covered as specified under the “Professional Services” and “Home Infusion Therapy” provisions of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED (see Table of Contents), subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.

21. Herbal supplements, nutritional and dietary supplements, except as described in this *plan* or that we must cover by law. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that you can buy over the counter and those you can get without a written *prescription* or from a licensed pharmacist.

However, formulas prescribed by a *physician* for the treatment of phenylketonuria that are obtained from a *pharmacy* are covered as specified under PRESCRIPTION DRUG SERVICES AND SUPPLIES THAT ARE COVERED. Also, vitamins, supplements, and certain over-the-counter items as specified under PREVENTIVE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND OTHER ITEMS are covered under this *plan* only when obtained with a *physician’s prescription*, subject to all terms of this *plan* that apply to those benefits.

22. *Prescription drugs* with a non-prescription (over-the-counter) chemical and dose equivalent except insulin, even if written as a *prescription*. This does not apply if an over-the-counter equivalent was tried and was ineffective.

23. All compound *prescription drugs* when a commercially available dosage form of a *medically necessary* medication is not available, all the ingredients of the *compound drug* are FDA approved in the form in which they are used in the *compound medication* and as designated in the FDA’s Orange Book: *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, require a prescription to dispense and are not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a *drug* manufacturer. Non-FDA approved non-proprietary, multisource ingredients that are vehicles essential for compound administration may be covered. **You will have to pay the full cost of the compound medications you get from a non-participating pharmacy.** If you are denied a *compound medication* because you obtained it from a *non-participating pharmacy*, you may file a grievance with us by following the procedures described in the section entitled GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.

24. *Specialty drugs* that must be obtained from the specialty pharmacy program, but, which are obtained from a retail *pharmacy* or through the home delivery program. Unless you qualify for an exception, these *drugs* are not covered by this *plan* (please see YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS: PRESCRIPTION DRUG CONDITIONS OF SERVICE). **You will**

have to pay the full cost of the *specialty drugs* you get from a retail *pharmacy* that you should have obtained from the specialty pharmacy program.

If you order a *specialty drug* through the home delivery program, it will be forwarded to the specialty pharmacy program for processing and will be processed according to specialty pharmacy program rules.

25. Charges for pharmacy services not related to conditions, diagnoses, and/or recommended medications described in your medical records.
26. Certain *prescription drugs* may not be covered if you could use a clinically equivalent *drug*, unless required by law. “Clinically equivalent” means *drugs* that for most *members*, will give you similar results for a disease or condition. If you have questions about whether a certain *drug* is covered and which *drugs* fall into this group, please call the number on the back of your Identification Card, or visit our website at www.anthem.com.

If you or your *physician* believes you need to use a different *prescription drug*, please have your *physician* or pharmacist get in touch with us. We will cover the other *prescription drug* only if we agree that it is *medically necessary* and appropriate over the clinically equivalent *drug*. We will review benefits for the *prescription drug* from time to time to make sure the *drug* is still *medically necessary*.

27. *Drugs* which are over any quantity or age limits set by the *plan* or us.
28. *Prescription drugs* prescribed by a provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations and/or certifications.
29. *Drugs* prescribed, ordered, referred by or given by a member of your immediate family, including your *spouse*, *child*, brother, sister, parent, in-law or self.
30. Services we conclude are not *medically necessary*. This includes services that do not meet our medical policy, clinical coverage, or benefit policy guidelines.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

If you are covered by more than one group medical plan, your benefits under This Plan will be coordinated with the benefits of those Other Plans, as shown below. These coordination provisions apply separately to each *insured person*, per *calendar year*, and are largely determined by California law. Any coverage you have for medical or dental benefits will be coordinated as shown below.

DEFINITIONS

The meanings of key terms used in this section are shown below. Whenever any of the key terms shown below appear in these provisions, the first letter of each word will be capitalized. When you see these capitalized words, you should refer to this "Definitions" provision.

Allowable Expense is any necessary, reasonable and customary item of expense which is at least partially covered by any plan covering the person for whom claim is made. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services rather than cash payments, the reasonable cash value of each service rendered will be deemed to be both an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any plan covering the person for whom claim is made is not an Allowable Expense.

The following are not Allowable Expense:

1. Use of a private hospital room is not an Allowable Expense unless the patient's stay in a private *hospital* room is *medically necessary* in terms of generally accepted medical practice, or one of the plans routinely provides coverage for *hospital* private rooms.
2. If you are covered by two plans that calculate benefits or services on the basis of a reasonable and customary amount or relative value schedule reimbursement method or some other similar reimbursement method, any amount in excess of the higher of the reasonable and customary amounts.
3. If a person is covered by two plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated rates or fees, an amount in excess of the lower of the negotiated rates.
4. If a person is covered by one plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of a reasonable and customary amount or relative value schedule reimbursement method or some other similar reimbursement method and another plan provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated rates or fees, any amount in excess of the negotiated rate.
5. The amount of any benefit reduction by the Principal Plan because you did not comply with the plan's provisions is not an Allowable Expense. Examples of these types of provisions include second surgical opinions, utilization review requirements, and network provider arrangements.
6. If you advise us that all plans covering you are high deductible health plans as defined by Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code, and you intend to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with Section 223 of the Internal

Revenue Code, any amount that is subject to the primary high deductible health plan's deductible.

Other Plan is any of the following:

1. Group, blanket or franchise insurance coverage;
2. Group service plan contract, group practice, group individual practice and other group prepayment coverages;
3. Group coverage under labor-management trustee plans, union benefit organization plans, employer organization plans, employee benefit organization plans or self-insured employee benefit plans.
4. Medicare. This does not include Medicare when, by law, its benefits are secondary to those of any private insurance program or other non-governmental program.

The term "Other Plan" refers separately to each agreement, policy, contract, or other arrangement for services and benefits, and only to that portion of such agreement, policy, contract, or arrangement which reserves the right to take the services or benefits of other plans into consideration in determining benefits.

Principal Plan is the plan which will have its benefits determined first.

This Plan is that portion of this *plan* which provides benefits subject to this provision.

EFFECT ON BENEFITS

This provision will apply in determining a person's benefits under This Plan for any *calendar year* if the benefits under This Plan and any Other Plans, exceed the Allowable Expenses for that *calendar year*.

1. If This Plan is the Principal Plan, then its benefits will be determined first without taking into account the benefits or services of any Other Plan.
2. If This Plan is not the Principal Plan, then its benefits may be reduced so that the benefits and services of all the plans do not exceed Allowable Expense.
3. The benefits of This Plan will never be greater than the sum of the benefits that would have been paid if you were covered under This Plan only.

ORDER OF BENEFITS DETERMINATION

The first of the following rules which applies will determine the order in which benefits are payable:

1. A plan which has no Coordination of Benefits provision pays before a plan which has a Coordination of Benefits provision. This would include Medicare in all cases, except when the law requires that This Plan pays before Medicare.
2. A plan which covers you as an *insured employee* pays before a plan which covers you as a dependent. But, if you are retired and eligible for Medicare, Medicare pays (a) after the plan which covers you as a dependent of an active employee, but (b) before the plan which covers you as a retired *employee*.

For example: You are covered as a retired employee under this plan and eligible for Medicare (Medicare would normally pay first). You are also covered as a dependent of an active employee under another plan (in which case Medicare would pay second). In this situation, the plan which covers you as a dependent will pay first, Medicare will pay second and the plan which covers you as a retired employee would pay last.

3. For a dependent *child* covered under plans of two parents, the plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the *calendar year* pays before the plan of the parent whose birthday falls later in the *calendar year*. But if one plan does not have a birthday rule provision, the provisions of that plan determine the order of benefits.

Exception to rule 3: For a dependent *child* of parents who are divorced or separated, the following rules will be used in place of Rule 3:

- a. If the parent with custody of that *child* for whom a claim has been made has not remarried, then the plan of the parent with custody that covers that *child* as a dependent pays first.
- b. If the parent with custody of that *child* for whom a claim has been made has remarried, then the order in which benefits are paid will be as follows:
 - i. The plan which covers that *child* as a dependent of the parent with custody.
 - ii. The plan which covers that *child* as a dependent of the stepparent (married to the parent with custody).
 - iii. The plan which covers that *child* as a dependent of the parent without custody.

- iv. The plan which covers that *child* as a dependent of the stepparent (married to the parent without custody).
 - c. Regardless of a and b above, if there is a court decree which establishes a parent's financial responsibility for that *child's* health care coverage, a plan which covers that *child* as a dependent of that parent pays first.
4. The plan covering you as a laid-off or retired employee or as a dependent of a laid-off or retired employee pays after a plan covering you as other than a laid-off or retired employee or the dependent of such a person. But if either plan does not have a provision regarding laid-off or retired employees, provision 6 applies.
 5. The plan covering you under a continuation of coverage provision in accordance with state or federal law pays after a plan covering you as an employee, a dependent or otherwise, but not under a continuation of coverage provision in accordance with state or federal law. If the order of benefit determination provisions of the Other Plan do not agree under these circumstances with the Order of Benefit Determination provisions of This Plan, this rule will not apply.
 6. When the above rules do not establish the order of payment, the plan on which you have been enrolled the longest pays first unless two of the plans have the same effective date. In this case, Allowable Expense is split equally between the two plans.

OUR RIGHTS UNDER THIS PROVISION

Responsibility For Timely Notice. We are not responsible for coordination of benefits unless timely information has been provided by the requesting party regarding the application of this provision.

Reasonable Cash Value. If any Other Plan provides benefits in the form of services rather than cash payment, the reasonable cash value of services provided will be considered Allowable Expense. The reasonable cash value of such service will be considered a benefit paid, and our liability reduced accordingly.

Facility of Payment. If payments which should have been made under This Plan have been made under any Other Plan, we have the right to pay that Other Plan any amount we determine to be warranted to satisfy the intent of this provision. Any such amount will be considered a benefit paid under This Plan, and such payment will fully satisfy our liability under this provision.

Right of Recovery. If payments made under This Plan exceed the maximum payment necessary to satisfy the intent of this provision, we have the right to recover that excess amount from any persons or organizations to or for whom those payments were made, or from any insurance company or service plan.

BENEFITS FOR MEDICARE ELIGIBLE INSURED PERSONS

For Active Employees and Family Members. If you are a *full-time employee* or a *family member* of a *full-time employee*, and entitled to Medicare, you will receive the full benefits of this *plan*, except as listed below:

1. You are receiving treatment for end-stage renal disease following the first 30 months you are entitled to end-stage renal disease benefits under Medicare; or
2. You are entitled to Medicare benefits as a disabled person, unless you have a current employment status as determined by Medicare rules through a *group* of 100 or more employees (according to federal OBRA legislation).

In cases where either of the above exceptions applies, our payment will be determined according to the provisions in the section entitled COORDINATION OF BENEFITS and the provision “Coordinating Benefits With Medicare”, below.

For Retired Employees and Their Spouses. If you are a *retired employee* or the spouse of a *retired employee* and you are eligible for Medicare Part A because you made the required number of quarterly contributions to the Social Security System, your benefits under this *plan* will be subject to the section entitled COORDINATION OF BENEFITS and the provision “Coordinating Benefits With Medicare”, below.

Coordinating Benefits With Medicare. We will not provide benefits under this *plan* that duplicate any benefits to which you would be entitled under Medicare. This exclusion applies to all parts of Medicare in which you can enroll without paying additional premium. If you are required to pay additional premium for any part of Medicare, this exclusion will apply to that part of Medicare only if you are enrolled in that part.

If you are entitled to Medicare, your Medicare coverage will not affect the services covered under this *plan* except as follows:

1. Medicare must provide benefits first to any services covered both by Medicare and under this *plan*.

2. For services you receive that are covered both by Medicare and under this *plan*, coverage under this *plan* will apply only to Medicare deductibles, coinsurance, and other charges for covered services over and above what Medicare pays.
3. For any given claim, the combination of benefits provided by Medicare and the benefits provided under this *plan* will not exceed the *maximum allowed amount* for the covered services.

We will apply any charges paid by Medicare for services covered under this *plan* toward your *plan* deductible, if any.

UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM

Your *plan* includes the process of utilization review to decide when services are *medically necessary* or *experimental / investigative* as those terms are defined in this booklet. Utilization review aids the delivery of cost-effective health care by reviewing the use of treatments and, when proper, level of care and/or the setting or place of service that they are performed.

REVIEWING WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED

A service must be *medically necessary* to be a covered service. When level of care, setting or place of service is reviewed, services that can be safely given to you in a lower level of care or lower cost setting / place of care, will not be *medically necessary* if they are given in a higher level of care, or higher cost setting / place of care. This means that a request for a service may be denied because it is not *medically necessary* for the service to be provided where it is being requested. When this happens the service can be requested again in another place and will be reviewed again for medical necessity. At times a different provider or facility may need to be used in order for the service to be considered *medically necessary*. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- A service may be denied on an inpatient basis at a *hospital* but may be approvable if provided on an outpatient basis at a *hospital*.
- A service may be denied on an outpatient basis at a *hospital* but may be approvable at a free standing imaging center, infusion center, ambulatory surgery center, or in a *physician's* office.
- A service may be denied at a *skilled nursing facility* but may be approvable in a home setting.

Utilization review criteria will be based on many sources including medical policy and clinical guidelines. We may decide that a treatment that was asked for is not *medically necessary* if a clinically equivalent treatment that is more cost-effective is available and appropriate. "Clinically equivalent"

means treatments that for most *members*, will give you similar results for a disease or condition.

If you have any questions about the utilization review process, the medical policies or clinical guidelines, you may call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

Coverage for or payment of the service or treatment reviewed is not guaranteed. For benefits to be covered, on the date you get service:

1. You must be eligible for benefits;
2. The service or supply must be a covered service under your *plan*;
3. The service cannot be subject to an exclusion under your *plan* (please see MEDICAL CARE THAT IS NOT COVERED for more information); and
4. You must not have exceeded any applicable limits under your *plan*.

TYPES OF REVIEWS

- **Pre-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which is done before the service or treatment begins or admission date.
 - **Precertification** – A required pre-service review for a benefit coverage determination for a service or treatment. Certain services require precertification. The benefit coverage review will include a review to decide whether the service meets the definition of medical necessity or is *experimental / investigative* as those terms are defined in this booklet.

For admissions following an *emergency*, you, your authorized representative or *physician* must tell us within 24 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time.

For childbirth admissions, precertification is not needed for the first 48 hours for a vaginal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean section. Admissions longer than 48/96 hours require precertification.

For inpatient *hospital* stays for mastectomy surgery, including the length of *hospital* stays associated with mastectomy, precertification is not needed.

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

- Both pre-service and continued stay / concurrent reviews may be considered urgent when, in the view of the treating provider or any *physician* with knowledge of your medical condition, without such care or treatment, your life or health or your ability to regain maximum function could be seriously threatened or you could be subjected to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without such care or treatment. Urgent reviews are conducted under a shorter timeframe than standard reviews.
- **Post-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage that is conducted after the service has been provided. Post-service reviews are performed when a service, treatment or admission did not need a precertification, or when a needed precertification was not obtained. Post-service reviews are done for a service, treatment or admission in which we have a related clinical coverage guideline and are typically initiated by us.

Services for which precertification is required (i.e., services that need to be reviewed by us to determine whether they are *medically necessary*) are the following:

- Scheduled, non-emergency inpatient *hospital stays* and *residential treatment center* admissions, including detoxification and rehabilitation.

Exceptions: Pre-service review is not required for inpatient *hospital stays* for the following services:

- ◆ Maternity care of 48 hours or less following a normal delivery or 96 hours or less following a cesarean section, and
- ◆ Mastectomy and lymph node dissection.
- Diagnostic treatment, wherever performed, except when needed for *mental health conditions* and substance abuse.
- Surgical procedures, wherever performed.
- Transplant services will be provided only if the *physicians* on the surgical team and the facility in which the transplant is to take place are approved for the transplant requested.
- Air ambulance in a non-medical *emergency*.
- Durable medical equipment, except when needed for *mental health conditions* and substance abuse.
- Infusion therapy or home infusion therapy, if the attending physician has submitted both a prescription and a plan of treatment before services are rendered.

- Admissions to a *skilled nursing facility*, if you require daily skilled nursing or rehabilitation, as certified by your attending *physician*.
- Advanced imaging procedures, including but not limited to: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Computerized Tomography (CT scan), Positron Emission Tomography (PET scan), Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS scan), Magnetic Resonance Angiogram (MRA scan), Echocardiography, and Nuclear Cardiac Imaging. You may call the toll-free Member Services telephone number on your identification card to find out if an imaging procedure requires pre-service review. The precertification requirement under this provision does not apply to outpatient services for *mental health conditions* and substance abuse.
- All interventional spine pain, elective hip, knee, and shoulder arthroscopic/open sports medicine, and outpatient spine surgery procedures must be authorized in advance.
- *Prescription drugs* that require prior authorization as described under the “Prescription Drugs Obtained from or Administered by a Medical Provider” provision of YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MEDICAL CARE THAT IS COVERED.
- Inpatient admission related to transgender surgery services, including transgender travel expense. Precertification is not required for all other transgender services.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRECERTIFICATION?

Typically, *participating providers* know which services need precertification and will get any precertification when needed. Your *physician* and other *participating providers* have been given detailed information about these procedures and are responsible for meeting these requirements. Generally, the ordering provider, *hospital* or attending *physician* (“requesting provider”) will get in touch with us to ask for a precertification. However, you may request a precertification or you may choose an authorized representative to act on your behalf for a specific request. The authorized representative can be anyone who is 18 years of age or older. The table below outlines who is responsible for precertification and under what circumstances.

Provider Network Status	Responsibility to Get Precertification	Comments
<i>Participating Providers</i>	Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provider must get precertification when required.
<i>Non-Participating Providers</i>	<i>Insured Person</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Insured person</i> must get precertification when required. (Call Member Services.) <i>Insured person</i> may be financially responsible for charges or costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and/or setting is found to not be <i>medically necessary</i>.
Blue Card Provider	<i>Insured Person (Except for Inpatient Admissions)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Insured person</i> must get precertification when required. (Call Member Services.) <i>Insured person</i> may be financially responsible for charges or costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and or setting is found to not be <i>medically necessary</i>. Blue Card Providers must obtain precertification for all Inpatient Admissions.

Provider Network Status	Responsibility to Get Precertification	Comments
<p>NOTE: For an <i>emergency</i> admission, precertification is not required. However, you, your authorized representative or <i>physician</i> must tell us within 24 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time.</p>		

HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE

We use our clinical coverage guidelines, such as medical policy, clinical guidelines, and other applicable policies and procedures to help make our medical necessity decisions. This includes decisions about *prescription drugs* as detailed in the section “Prescription Drugs Obtained From Or Administered By a Medical Provider.” Medical policies and clinical guidelines reflect the standards of practice and medical interventions identified as proper medical practice. We reserve the right to review and update these clinical coverage guidelines from time to time.

You are entitled to ask for and get, free of charge, reasonable access to any records concerning your request. To ask for this information, call the precertification phone number on the back of your identification card.

If you are not satisfied with our decision under this section of your benefits, please refer to the “Grievance Procedures” section to see what rights may be available to you.

DECISION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

We will review requests for medical necessity according to the timeframes listed below. The timeframes and requirements listed are based on state and federal laws. Where state laws are stricter than federal laws, we will follow state laws. If you live in and/or get services in a state other than the state where your *policy* was issued other state-specific requirements may apply. You may call the phone number on the back of your identification card for more details.

Request Category	Timeframe Requirement for Decision
Urgent Pre-Service Review	72 hours from the receipt of the request
Non-Urgent Pre-Service Review	5 business days from the receipt of the request

Request Category	Timeframe Requirement for Decision
Continued Stay / Concurrent Review when hospitalized at the time of the request and no previous authorization exists	72 hours from the receipt of the request
Urgent Continued Stay / Concurrent Review when request is received at least 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization	24 hours from the receipt of the request
Urgent Continued Stay / Concurrent Review when request is received less than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization	72 hours from the receipt of the request
Non-Urgent Continued Stay / Concurrent Review	5 business days from the receipt of the request
Post-Service Review	30 calendar days from the receipt of the request

If more information is needed to make our decision, we will tell the requesting *physician* of the specific information needed to finish the review. If we do not get the specific information we need by the required timeframe identified in the written notice, we will make a decision based upon the information we have.

We will notify you and your *physician* of our decision as required by state and federal law. Notice may be given by one or more of the following methods: verbal, written, and/or electronic.

For a copy of the medical necessity review process, please contact Member Services at the telephone number on the back of your Identification Card.

Revoking or modifying a Precertification Review decision. We will determine **in advance** whether certain services (including procedures and admissions) are *medically necessary* and are the appropriate length of stay, if applicable. These review decisions may be revoked or modified prior to the service being rendered for reasons including but not limited to the following:

- Your coverage under this *plan* ends;

- The *policy* with the *group* terminates;
- You reach a benefit maximum that applies to the service in question;
- Your benefits under the *plan* change so that the service is no longer covered or is covered in a different way.

HEALTH PLAN INDIVIDUAL CASE MANAGEMENT

The health plan individual case management program enables us to assist you to obtain medically appropriate care in a more economical, cost-effective and coordinated manner during prolonged periods of intensive medical care. Through a case manager, we discuss possible options for an alternative plan of treatment which may include services not covered under this *plan*. It is not your right to receive individual case management, nor do we have an obligation to provide it; we provide these services at our sole and absolute discretion.

HOW HEALTH PLAN INDIVIDUAL CASE MANAGEMENT WORKS

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

Our Case Management programs are confidential and voluntary, and are made available at no extra cost to you. These programs are provided by, or on behalf of and at the request of, your health plan case management staff. These Case Management programs are separate from any covered services you are receiving.

If you meet program criteria and agree to take part, we will help you meet your identified health care needs. This is reached through contact and team work with you and /or your chosen authorized representative, treating *physicians*, and other providers.

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

Alternative Treatment Plan. In certain cases of severe or chronic illness or injury, we may provide benefits for alternate care that is not listed as a covered service. We may also extend services beyond the benefit maximums of this *plan*. We will make our decision case-by-case, if in our discretion the alternate or extended benefit is in the best interest of you and us and you or your authorized representative agree to the alternate or extended benefit in writing. A decision to provide extended benefits or

approve alternate care in one case does not obligate us to provide the same benefits again to you or to any other member. We reserve the right, at any time, to alter or stop providing extended benefits or approving alternate care. In such case, we will notify you or your authorized representative in writing.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAM

From time to time, we may waive, enhance, modify, or discontinue certain medical management processes (including utilization management, case management, and disease management) if, in our discretion, such a change furthers the provision of cost effective, value based and quality services. In addition, we may select certain qualifying health care providers to participate in a program or a provider arrangement that exempts them from certain procedural or medical management processes that would otherwise apply. We may also exempt claims from medical review if certain conditions apply.

If we exempt a process, health care provider, or claim from the standards that would otherwise apply, we are in no way obligated to do so in the future, or to do so for any other health care provider, claim, or *insured person*. We may stop or modify any such exemption with or without advance notice.

We also may identify certain providers to review for potential fraud, waste, abuse or other inappropriate activity if the claims data suggests there may be inappropriate billing practices. If a provider is selected under this program, then we may use one or more clinical utilization management guidelines in the review of claims submitted by this provider, even if those guidelines are not used for all providers delivering services to this *plan's* members.

You may determine whether a health care provider participates in certain programs or a provider arrangement by checking our online provider directory on our website at www.anthem.com/ca or by calling us at the Member Services telephone number listed on your ID card.

HOW COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS

HOW COVERAGE BEGINS

ELIGIBLE STATUS

1. **Insured Employees.** You are in an eligible status if you are a *retired employee*, whose usual residence is not in the State of California. A *retired employee* is retired from active full-time employment, eligible to receive health plan benefits as part of the *group's* collective bargaining, and was covered under a *group* sponsored plan immediately prior to retirement from a California Retirement system.

2. **Family Members.** The following are eligible to enroll as *family members*: (a) Either the *employee's spouse* or *domestic partner*; and (b) A *child*.

Definition of Family Member

1. **Spouse** is the *employee's* spouse as recognized under state or federal law. This includes same sex spouses when legally married in a state that recognizes same-sex marriages. Spouse does not include any person who is: (a) covered as a *domestic partner*, or (b) in active service in the armed forces. A person may be covered as both an *insured employee* and a *family member*, if eligible as both. However, the total amount of benefits we would then pay shall not exceed the *maximum allowed amount*.
2. **Domestic partner** is the *employee's* domestic partner under a legally registered and valid domestic partnership. Domestic partner does not include any person who is: (a) covered as a *spouse*; or (b) in active service in the armed forces. A person may be covered as both an *insured employee* and a *family member*, if eligible as both. However, the total amount of benefits we would then pay shall not exceed the *maximum allowed amount*.
3. **Child** is the *employee's*, *spouse's* or *domestic partner's* natural child, stepchild, legally adopted child, or a child for whom the *employee spouse* or *domestic partner* has been appointed legal guardian by a court of law, subject to the following:
 - a. The child is under 26 years of age.
 - b. The unmarried child is 26 years of age, or older and: (i) was covered under the *prior plan*, was covered as a family member of the *employee* under another plan or health insurer, or has six or more months of other *creditable coverage*, (ii) is chiefly dependent on the *employee, spouse or domestic partner* for support and maintenance, and (iii) is incapable of self-sustaining employment due to a physical or mental condition. A *physician* must certify in writing that the child is incapable of self-sustaining employment due to a physical or mental condition. We must receive the certification, at no expense to us, within 60-days of the date the *employee* receives our request. We may request proof of continuing dependency and that a physical or mental condition still exists, but not more often than once each year after the initial certification. This exception will last until the child is no longer chiefly dependent on the *employee, spouse or domestic partner* for support and maintenance due to a continuing physical or mental condition. A child is considered chiefly dependent for

support and maintenance if he or she qualifies as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

- c. A child who is in the process of being adopted is considered a legally adopted child if we receive legal evidence of both: (i) the intent to adopt; and (ii) that the *employee, spouse or domestic partner* have either: (a) the right to control the health care of the child; or (b) assumed a legal obligation for full or partial financial responsibility for the child in anticipation of the child's adoption.

Legal evidence to control the health care of the child means a written document, including, but not limited to, a health facility minor release report, a medical authorization form, or relinquishment form, signed by the child's birth parent, or other appropriate authority, or in the absence of a written document, other evidence of the *employee's, the spouse's or domestic partner's* right to control the health care of the child.

- d. A child for whom the *employee, spouse or domestic partner* is a legal guardian is considered eligible on the date of the court decree (the "eligibility date"). We must receive legal evidence of the decree.

ELIGIBILITY DATE

1. **For Retired Employees:** You become eligible for coverage in accordance with rules established by your employer. For specific information about your employer's eligibility rules for coverage, please contact your Human Resources or Benefits Department.
2. **For Family Members:** You become eligible for coverage on the later of: (a) the date the *employee* becomes eligible for coverage; or, (b) the date you meet the *family member* definition.

ENROLLMENT

1. To enroll as a *retired employee*, or to enroll *family members*, the *retired employee* must properly file an application. An application is considered properly filed, only if it is personally signed, dated, and given to the *group* within 31 days from your eligibility date. We must receive this application from the *group* within 90 days. If any of these steps are not followed, your coverage may be denied.
2. To enroll a *domestic partner* as a *family member*, the current eligible District employee who meets the Domestic Partnership requirements listed must properly file an application. An application is considered properly filed, only if it is personally signed, dated, and given to the *group* within 31 calendar days from the effective date of the Domestic Partnership agreement to make application for Domestic Partnership

coverage. We must receive this application from the *group* within 90 days. If any of these steps are not followed, your coverage may be denied.

If application is not made within 31 calendar days, then the District employee must wait until the District's next open enrollment period to apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Your effective date of coverage is subject to the timely payment of premium on your behalf. The date you become covered is determined as follows:

1. **Timely Enrollment.** If you enroll for coverage before, on, or within 31 days after your eligibility date, then your coverage will begin as follows: (a) for *employees*, on your eligibility date; and (b) for *family members*, on the later of (i) the date the *employee's* coverage begins, or (ii) the first day of the month after the *family member* becomes eligible. If you become eligible before the *policy* takes effect, coverage begins on the effective date of the *policy*, provided the enrollment application is on time and in order.
2. **Late Enrollment.** If you fail to enroll within 31 days after your eligibility date, you must wait until the *group's* next Open Enrollment Period to enroll.
3. **Disenrollment.** If you voluntarily choose to disenroll from coverage under this *plan*, you will be eligible to reapply for coverage as set forth in the "Enrollment" provision above, during the *group's* next Open Enrollment period (see OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD).

For late enrollees and disenrollees: You may enroll earlier than the *group's* next Open Enrollment Period if you meet any of the conditions listed under SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS.

Important Note for Newborn and Newly-Adopted Children. If the *insured employee* (or *spouse* or *domestic partner*, if the *spouse* or *domestic partner* is enrolled) is already covered: (1) any *child* born to the *employee, spouse* or *domestic partner* will be enrolled from the moment of birth; and (2) any *child* being adopted by the *employee, spouse* or *domestic partner* will be enrolled from the date on which either: (a) the adoptive *child's* birth parent, or other appropriate legal authority, signs a written document granting the *employee, spouse* or *domestic partner* the right to control the health care of the *child* (in the absence of a written document, other evidence of the *employee's, spouse's* or *domestic partner's* right to control the health care of the *child* may be used); or (b) the *employee, spouse* or *domestic partner* assumed a legal obligation for full or partial financial responsibility for the *child* in anticipation of the *child's* adoption. The "written document" referred to above includes, but is not limited to, a health facility minor release report, a medical authorization form, or relinquishment form.

In both cases, coverage will be in effect for 31 days. For coverage to continue beyond this 31-day period, the *employee* must submit a membership change form to the *group* within the 31-day period. We must then receive the form from the *group* within 90 days.

Special Enrollment Periods

You may enroll without waiting for the *group's* next open enrollment period if you are otherwise eligible under any one of the circumstances set forth below:

1. You have met all of the following requirements:
 - a. You were covered as an individual or dependent under either:
 - i. Another employer group health plan or health insurance coverage, including coverage under a COBRA or CalCOBRA continuation; or
 - ii. A state Medicaid plan or under a state child health insurance program (SCHIP), including the Healthy Families Program or the Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) Program.
 - b. You certified in writing at the time you became eligible for coverage under this *plan* that you were declining coverage under this *plan* or disenrolling because you were covered under another health plan as stated above and you were given written notice that if you choose to enroll later, you may be required to wait until the *group's* next open enrollment period to do so.
 - c. Your coverage under the other health plan wherein you were covered as an individual or dependent ended as follows:
 - i. If the other health plan was another employer group health plan or health insurance coverage, including coverage under a COBRA or CalCOBRA continuation, coverage ended because you lost eligibility under the other plan, your coverage under a COBRA or CalCOBRA continuation was exhausted, or employer contributions toward coverage under the other plan terminated. You must properly file an application with the *group* within 31 days after the date your coverage ends or the date employer contributions toward coverage under the other plan terminate.

Loss of eligibility for coverage under an employer group health plan or health insurance includes loss of eligibility due to termination of employment or change in employment status, reduction in the number of hours worked, loss of dependent status under the terms of the *plan*, termination of the other plan, legal separation, divorce, death of the person through whom you were covered, and any loss of eligibility for coverage after a period of time that is measured by reference to any of the foregoing.

- ii. If the other health plan was a state Medicaid plan or a state child health insurance program (SCHIP), including the Healthy Families Program or the Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) Program, coverage ended because you lost eligibility under the program. You must properly file an application with the *group* within 60 days after the date your coverage ended.
- 2. A court has ordered coverage be provided for a *spouse*, *domestic partner* or dependent *child* under your employee health plan and an application is filed within 31 days from the date the court order is issued.
- 3. We do not have a written statement from the *group* stating that prior to declining coverage or disenrolling, you received and signed acknowledgment of a written notice specifying that if you do not enroll for coverage within 31 days after your eligibility date, or if you disenroll, and later file an enrollment application, your coverage may not begin until July 1st.
- 4. You have a change in family status through either marriage or domestic partnership, or the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption of a *child*:
 - a. If you are enrolling following marriage or domestic partnership, you and your new *spouse* or *domestic partner* must enroll within 31 days of the date of marriage or domestic partnership. Your new *spouse* or *domestic partner's* children may also enroll at that time. Other children may not enroll at that time unless they qualify under another of these circumstances listed above.
 - b. If you are enrolling following the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption of a *child*, your *spouse* (if you are already married) or *domestic partner*, who is eligible but not enrolled, may also enroll at that time. Other children may not enroll at that time unless they qualify under another of these circumstances listed above. Application must be made within 31 days of the birth or date of adoption or placement for adoption.
- 5. You meet or exceed a lifetime limit on all benefits under another health plan. Application must be made within 31 days of the date a claim or a portion of a claim is denied due to your meeting or exceeding the lifetime limit on all benefits under the other plan.
- 6. You become eligible for assistance, with respect to the cost of coverage under the employer's *group plan*, under a state Medicaid or SCHIP health plan, including any waiver or demonstration project conducted under or in relation to these plans. You must properly file

an application with the *group* within 60 days after the date you are determined to be eligible for this assistance.

7. You are an employee who is a reservist as defined by state or federal law, who terminated coverage as a result of being ordered to military service as defined under state or federal law, and apply for reinstatement of coverage following reemployment with your employer. Your coverage will be reinstated without any waiting period. The coverage of any dependents whose coverage was also terminated will also be reinstated. For dependents, this applies only to dependents who were covered under the plan and whose coverage terminated when the employee's coverage terminated. Other dependents who were not covered may not enroll at this time unless they qualify under another of the circumstances listed above.

Effective date of coverage. For enrollments during a special enrollment period as described above, coverage will be effective on the first day of the month following the date you file the enrollment application, except as specified below:

1. If a court has ordered that coverage be provided for a dependent *child*, coverage will become effective for that *child* on the earlier of (a) the first day of the month following the date you file the enrollment application or (b) within 30 days after we receive a copy of the court order or of a request from the district attorney, either parent or the person having custody of the *child*, the employer, or the *group* administrator.
2. For enrollments following the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption of a *child*, coverage will be effective as of the date of birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
3. For reservists and their dependents applying for reinstatement of coverage following reemployment with the employer, coverage will be effective as of the date of reemployment.

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

The *group* has an open enrollment period once each *year*, during the month of May. During that time, an individual who meets the eligibility requirements as an *employee* under this *plan* may enroll. An *employee* may also enroll any eligible *family members* at that time. Persons eligible to enroll as *family members* may enroll only under the *employee's plan*.

For anyone so enrolling, coverage under this *plan* will begin on the first day of July following the end of the Open Enrollment Period. Coverage under the former plan ends when coverage under this *plan* begins.

HOW COVERAGE ENDS

Your coverage ends without notice from us as provided below:

1. If the *policy* terminates, your coverage ends at the same time. This *policy* may be cancelled or changed without notice to you.
2. If the *group* no longer provides coverage for the class of *insured persons* to which you belong, your coverage ends on the effective date of that change. If this *policy* is amended to delete coverage for *family members*, a *family member's* coverage ends on the effective date of that change.
3. Coverage for *family members* ends when *employee's* coverage ends.
4. Coverage ends at the end of the period for which premium has been paid to us on your behalf when the required premium for the next period is not paid.
5. If you voluntarily cancel coverage at any time, coverage ends on the premium due date coinciding with or following the date of voluntary cancellation, as provided by written notice to us.
6. If you no longer meet the requirements set forth in the "Eligible Status" provision of HOW COVERAGE BEGINS, your coverage ends as of the premium due date coinciding with or following the date you cease to meet such requirements.

Exception to item 6:

- a. **Handicapped Children.** If a *child* reaches the age limits shown in the "Eligible Status" provision of this section, the *child* will continue to qualify as a *family member* if he or she is (i) covered under this *plan*, (ii) chiefly dependent on the *insured employee*, *spouse*, or *domestic partner* for support and maintenance, and (iii) incapable of self-sustaining employment due to a physical or mental condition. A *physician* must certify in writing that the *child* has a physical or mental condition that makes the *child* incapable of obtaining self-sustaining employment. We will notify the *insured employee* that the *child's* coverage will end when the *child* reaches the *plan's* upper age limit at least 90-days prior to the date the *child* reaches that age. The *insured employee* must send proof of the *child's* physical or mental condition within 60-days of the date the *insured employee* receives our request. If we do not complete our determination of the *child's* continuing eligibility by the date the *child* reaches the *plan's* upper age limit, the *child* will remain covered pending our determination. When a period of two years has passed, we may request proof of continuing dependency due to a continuing physical or mental condition, but

not more often than once each year. This exception will last until the *child* is no longer chiefly dependent on the *insured employee, spouse or domestic partner* for support and maintenance or a physical or mental condition no longer exists. A *child* is considered chiefly dependent for support and maintenance if he or she qualifies as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

Note: If a marriage or domestic partnership terminates, the *employee* must give or send to the *group* written notice of the termination. Coverage for a former *spouse or domestic partners*, and their dependent *children*, if any, ends according to the "Eligible Status" provisions. If Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health suffers a loss because of the *employee* failing to notify the *group* of the termination of their marriage or domestic partnership, Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health may seek recovery from the *employee* for any actual loss resulting thereby. Failure to provide written notice to the *group* will not delay or prevent termination of the marriage or domestic partnership. If the *employee* notifies the *group* in writing to cancel coverage for a former *spouse or domestic partner* and the *children* of the *spouse or domestic partner*, if any, immediately upon termination of the *employee's* marriage or domestic partnership, such notice will be considered compliance with the requirements of this provision.

You may be entitled to continued benefits under terms which are specified elsewhere under CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE, CALCOBRA CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE, COVERAGE FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES and EXTENSION OF BENEFITS.

Unfair Termination of Coverage. If you believe that your coverage has been or will be improperly terminated, you may request a review of the matter by the California Department of Insurance (CDI). You may contact the CDI using the address and telephone numbers listed in the COMPLAINT NOTICE. You must make your request for review with the CDI within 180 days from the date you receive notice that your coverage will end, or the date your coverage is actually cancelled, whichever is later, but you should make your request as soon as possible after you receive notice that your coverage will end. This 180 day timeframe will not apply if, due to substantial health reasons or other incapacity, you are unable to understand the significance of the cancellation notice and act upon it. If you make your request for review within 30 days after you receive notice that your coverage will end, or your coverage is still in effect when you make your request, we will continue to provide coverage to you under the terms of this *plan* until a final determination of your request for review has been made by the CDI (this does not apply if your coverage is cancelled for non-payment of premium). If your coverage is maintained in force pending outcome of the review, premium must still be paid to us on your behalf.

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

Most employers who employ 20 or more people on a typical business day are subject to The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). If the employer who provides coverage under the *policy* is subject to the federal law which governs this provision (Title X of P. L. 99-272), you may be entitled to a period of continuation of coverage. Check with your employer for details.

DEFINITIONS

The meanings of key terms used in this section are shown below. Whenever any of the terms shown below appear in these provisions, the first letter of each word will be capitalized. When you see these capitalized words, you should refer to this Definitions provision.

Initial Enrollment Period is the period of time following the original Qualifying Event, as indicated in the "Terms of COBRA Continuation" provisions below.

Qualified Beneficiary means: (a) a person enrolled for this COBRA continuation coverage who, on the day before the Qualifying Event, was covered under this *policy* as either an *insured employee* or *insured family member*; and (b) a *child* who is born to or placed for adoption with the *insured employee* during the COBRA continuation period. Qualified Beneficiary does not include: (a) any person who was not enrolled during the Initial Enrollment Period, including any *family members* acquired during the COBRA continuation period, with the exception of newborns and adoptees as specified above; or (b) a *domestic partner*, or a *child* of a *domestic partner*, if they are eligible under HOW COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS.

Qualifying Event means any one of the following circumstances which would otherwise result in the termination of your coverage under the *policy*. The events will be referred to throughout this section by number.

1. For Insured Employees and Insured Family Members:

- a. The *employee's* termination of employment, for any reason other than gross misconduct; or
- b. Loss of coverage under an employer's health plan due to a reduction in the *employee's* work hours.

2. For Retired Employees and their Insured Family Members.

Cancellation or a substantial reduction of retiree benefits under the *plan* due to the *group's* filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, provided:

- a. The *policy* expressly includes coverage for retirees; and

- b. Such cancellation or reduction of benefits occurs within one year before or after the *group's* filing for bankruptcy.

3. **For Insured Family Members:**

- a. The death of the *insured employee*;
- b. The *spouse's* divorce or legal separation from the *employee*;
- c. The end of a *child's* status as a dependent *child*, as defined by the *policy*; or
- d. The *employee's* entitlement to Medicare.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COBRA CONTINUATION

An *insured employee* or *insured family member*, **other than a *domestic partner*, and a *child of a domestic partner***, may choose to continue coverage under the *policy* if his or her coverage would otherwise end due to a Qualifying Event.

TERMS OF COBRA CONTINUATION

Notice. The *group* or its administrator (we are not the administrator) will notify either the *insured employee* or *insured family member* of the right to continue coverage under COBRA, as provided below:

1. For Qualifying Events 1, or 2, the *group* or its administrator will notify the *employee* of the right to continue coverage.
2. For Qualifying Events 3(a) or 3(d) above, a *family member* will be notified of the COBRA continuation right.
3. You must inform the *group* within 60 days of Qualifying Events 3(b) or 3(c) above, if you wish to continue coverage. The *group*, in turn, will promptly give you official notice of the COBRA continuation right.

If you choose to continue coverage you must notify the *group* within 60 days of the date you receive notice of your COBRA continuation right. The COBRA continuation coverage may be chosen for all *insured persons* within a family, or only for selected *insured persons*.

If you fail to elect the COBRA continuation during the Initial Enrollment Period, you may not elect the COBRA continuation at a later date.

Notice of continued coverage, along with the initial premium, must be delivered to us by the *group* within 45 days after you elect COBRA continuation coverage.

Additional Insured Family Members. A *spouse* or *child* acquired during the COBRA continuation period is eligible to be enrolled as a *family member*. The standard enrollment provisions of the *policy* apply to enrollees during the COBRA continuation period.

Cost of Coverage. The *group* may require that you pay the entire cost of your COBRA continuation coverage. This cost, called the "premium", must be remitted to the *group* each month during the COBRA continuation period. We must receive payment of the premium each month from the *group* in order to maintain the coverage in force.

Besides applying to the *insured employee*, the *employee's* premium rate will also apply to:

1. A *spouse* whose COBRA continuation began due to divorce, separation or death of the *employee*;
2. A *child*, if neither the *employee* nor the *spouse* has enrolled for this COBRA continuation coverage (if more than one *child* is so enrolled, the premium will be the two-party or three-party rate depending on the number of *children* enrolled); and
3. A *child* whose COBRA continuation began due to the person no longer meeting the dependent *child* definition.

Subsequent Qualifying Events. Once covered under the COBRA continuation, it's possible for a second Qualifying Event to occur. If that happens, an *insured person*, who is a Qualified Beneficiary, may be entitled to an extended COBRA continuation period. This period will in no event continue beyond 36 months from the date of the first qualifying event.

For example, a *child* may have been originally eligible for this COBRA continuation due to termination of the *insured employee's* employment, and was enrolled for this COBRA continuation as a Qualified Beneficiary. If, during the COBRA continuation period, the *child* reaches the upper age limit of the *plan*, the *child* is eligible for an extended continuation period which would end no later than 36 months from the date of the original Qualifying Event (the termination of employment).

When COBRA Continuation Coverage Begins. When COBRA continuation coverage is elected during the Initial Enrollment Period and the premium is paid, coverage is reinstated back to the date of the original Qualifying Event, so that no break in coverage occurs.

For *family members* properly enrolled during the COBRA continuation, coverage begins according to the enrollment provisions of the *policy*.

When the COBRA Continuation Ends. This COBRA continuation will end on the earliest of:

1. The end of 18 months from the Qualifying Event, if the Qualifying Event was termination of employment or reduction in work hours;*
2. The end of 36 months from the Qualifying Event, if the Qualifying Event was the death of the *insured employee*, divorce or legal separation, or the end of dependent *child* status;*
3. The end of 36 months from the date the *insured employee* became entitled to Medicare, if the Qualifying Event was the *employee's* entitlement to Medicare. If entitlement to Medicare does not result in coverage terminating and Qualifying Event 1 occurs within 18 months after Medicare entitlement, coverage for Qualified Beneficiaries other than the *insured employee* will end 36 months from the date the *insured employee* became entitled to Medicare;
4. The date the *policy* terminates;
5. The end of the period for which premiums are last paid;
6. The date, following the election of COBRA, the *insured person* first becomes covered under any other group health plan; or
7. The date, following the election of COBRA, the *insured person* first becomes entitled to Medicare. However, entitlement to Medicare will not preclude a person from continuing coverage which the person became eligible for due to Qualifying Event 2.

*For an *insured person* whose COBRA continuation coverage began under a *prior plan*, this term will be dated from the time of the Qualifying Event under that *prior plan*. Additional note: If your COBRA continuation under this *plan* began on or after January 1, 2003 and ends in accordance with item 1, you may further elect to continue coverage for medical benefits only under CalCOBRA for the balance of 36 months (COBRA and CalCOBRA combined). All COBRA eligibility must be exhausted before you are eligible to further continue coverage under CalCOBRA. Please see CALCOBRA CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE in this booklet for more information.

Subject to the *policy* remaining in effect, a retired *employee* whose COBRA continuation coverage began due to Qualifying Event 2 may be covered for the remainder of his or her life; that person's covered *family members* may continue coverage for 36 months after the *employee's* death. However, coverage could terminate prior to such time for either *employee* or *family member* in accordance with items 4, 5 or 6 above.

If continuation coverage ends due to items 2 or 7 above, the surviving spouse of a certificated *retired employee* is eligible for the coverage specified in this *plan* under COVERAGE FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES.

Other Coverage Options Besides COBRA Continuation Coverage.

Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a *spouse's* plan) through the conditions listed under the SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS provision. Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at www.healthcare.gov.

EXTENSION OF CONTINUATION DURING TOTAL DISABILITY

If at the time of termination of employment or reduction in hours, or at any time during the first 60 days of the COBRA continuation, a Qualified Beneficiary is determined to be disabled for Social Security purposes, all covered *insured persons* may be entitled to up to 29 months of continuation coverage after the original Qualifying Event.

Eligibility for Extension. To continue coverage for up to 29 months from the date of the original Qualifying Event, the disabled *insured person* must:

1. Satisfy the legal requirements for being totally and permanently disabled under the Social Security Act; and
2. Be determined and certified to be so disabled by the Social Security Administration.

Notice. The *insured person* must furnish the *group* with proof of the Social Security Administration's determination of disability during the first 18 months of the COBRA continuation period and no later than 60 days after the later of the following events:

1. The date of the Social Security Administration's determination of the disability;
2. The date on which the original Qualifying Event occurs;
3. The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary loses coverage; or
4. The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary is informed of the obligation to provide the disability notice.

Cost of Coverage. For the 19th through 29th months that the total disability continues, the *group* must remit the cost for the extended

continuation coverage to us. This cost (called the "premium") shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. If the disabled *insured person* continues coverage during this extension, this rate shall be **150%** of the applicable rate for the length of time the disabled *insured person* remains covered, depending upon the number of covered dependents. If the disabled *insured person* does not continue coverage during this extension, this charge shall remain at **102%** of the applicable rate.
2. The cost for extended continuation coverage must be remitted to us by the *group* each month during the period of extended continuation coverage. We must receive timely payment of the premium each month from the *group* in order to maintain the extended continuation coverage in force.
3. The *group* may require that you pay the entire cost of the extended continuation coverage.

If a second Qualifying Event occurs during this extended continuation, the total COBRA continuation may continue for up to 36 months from the date of the first Qualifying Event. The premium rate shall then be **150%** of the applicable rate for the 19th through 36th months if the disabled *insured person* remains covered. The charge will be **102%** of the applicable rate for any periods of time the disabled *insured person* is not covered following the 18th month.

When The Extension Ends. This extension will end at the earlier of:

1. The end of the month following a period of 30 days after the Social Security Administration's final determination that you are no longer totally disabled;
2. The end of 29 months from the Qualifying Event*;
3. The date the *policy* terminates;
4. The end of the period for which premiums are last paid;
5. The date, following the election of COBRA, the *insured person* first becomes covered under the other group health plan; or
6. The date, following the election of COBRA, the *insured person* first becomes entitled to Medicare. However, entitlement to Medicare will not preclude a person from continuing coverage which the person became eligible for due to Qualifying Event 2.

You must inform the *group* within 30 days of a final determination by the Social Security Administration that you are no longer totally disabled.

*Note: If your COBRA continuation under this *plan* began on or after January 1, 2003 and ends in accordance with item 2, you may further elect to continue coverage for medical benefits only under CalCOBRA for the balance of 36 months (COBRA and CalCOBRA combined). All COBRA eligibility must be exhausted before you are eligible to further continue coverage under CalCOBRA. Please see CALCOBRA CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE in this booklet for more information.

CALCOBRA CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

If your continuation coverage under federal COBRA began on or after January 1, 2003, you have the option to further continue coverage under CalCOBRA for medical benefits only if your federal COBRA ended following:

1. 18 months after the qualifying event, if the qualifying event was termination of employment or reduction in work hours; or
2. 29 months after the qualifying event, if you qualified for the extension of COBRA continuation during total disability.

All federal COBRA eligibility must be exhausted before you are eligible to further continue coverage under CalCOBRA. You are not eligible to further continue coverage under CalCOBRA if you (a) are entitled to Medicare; (b) have other coverage or become covered under another group plan; or (c) are eligible for or covered under federal COBRA. Coverage under CalCOBRA is available for medical benefits only.

TERMS OF CALCOBRA CONTINUATION

Notice. Within 180 days prior to the date federal COBRA ends, we will notify you of your right to further elect coverage under CalCOBRA. If you choose to elect CalCOBRA coverage, you must notify us in writing within 60 days of the date your coverage under federal COBRA ends or when you are notified of your right to continue coverage under CalCOBRA, whichever is later. If you don't give us written notification within this time period you will not be able to continue your coverage.

Please examine your options carefully before declining this coverage. You should be aware that companies selling individual health insurance typically require a review of your medical history that could result in higher cost or you could be denied coverage entirely.

Additional Family Members. A dependent acquired during the CalCOBRA continuation period is eligible to be enrolled as a *family member*. The standard enrollment provisions of the *policy* apply to enrollees during the CalCOBRA continuation period.

Cost of Coverage. You will be required to pay the entire cost of your CalCOBRA continuation coverage (this is the “premium”). This cost will be:

1. 110% of the applicable *group* rate if your coverage under federal COBRA ended after 18 months; or
2. 150% of the applicable *group* rate if your coverage under federal COBRA ended after 29 months.

You must make payment to us within the timeframes specified below. We must receive payment of your premium each month to maintain your coverage in force.

Payment Dates. The first payment is due along with your enrollment form within 45 days after you elect continuation coverage. You must make this payment by first-class mail or other reliable means of delivery, in an amount sufficient to pay any required premium and premium due. Failure to submit the correct amount within this 45-day period will disqualify you from receiving continuation coverage under CalCOBRA. Succeeding premium payments are due on the first day of each following month.

If premium payments are not received when due, your coverage will be cancelled. We will cancel your coverage only upon sending you written notice of cancellation at least 30 days prior to cancelling your coverage (or any longer period of time required by applicable federal law, rule, or regulation). If you make payment in full within this time period, your coverage will not be cancelled. If you do not make the required payment in full within this time period, your coverage will be cancelled as of 12:00 midnight on the thirtieth day after the date on which the notice of cancellation is sent (or any longer period of time required by applicable federal law, rule, or regulation) and will not be reinstated. Any payment we receive after this time period runs out will be refunded to you within 20 business days. Note: You are still responsible for any unpaid premium payments that you owe to us, including premium payments that apply during any grace period.

Premium Rate Change. The premium rates may be changed by us as of any premium due date. We will provide you with written notice at least 60 days prior to the date any premium rate increase goes into effect.

Accuracy of Information. You are responsible for supplying up-to-date eligibility information. We shall rely upon the latest information received as correct without verification; but we maintain the right to verify any eligibility information you provide.

CalCOBRA Continuation Coverage Under the Prior Plan. If you were covered through CalCOBRA continuation under the *prior plan*, your coverage may continue under this *plan* for the balance of the continuation period. However your coverage shall terminate if you do not comply with the enrollment requirements and premium payment requirements of this *plan* within 30 days of receiving notice that your continuation coverage under the *prior plan* will end.

When CalCOBRA Continuation Coverage Begins. When you elect CalCOBRA continuation coverage and pay the premium, coverage is reinstated back to the date federal COBRA ended, so that no break in coverage occurs.

For *family members* properly enrolled during the CalCOBRA continuation, coverage begins according to the enrollment provisions of the *policy*.

When the CalCOBRA Continuation Ends. This CalCOBRA continuation will end on the earliest of:

1. The date that is 36 months after the date of your qualifying event under federal COBRA*;
2. The date the *policy* terminates;
3. The date the *group* no longer provides coverage to the class of employees to which you belong;
4. The end of the period for which premium is last paid (your coverage will be cancelled upon written notification, as explained under "Payment Dates", above);
5. The date you become covered under any other health plan;
6. The date you become entitled to Medicare; or
7. The date you become covered under a federal COBRA continuation.

CalCOBRA continuation will also end if you move out of our service area or if you commit fraud.

*If your CalCOBRA continuation coverage began under a *prior plan*, this term will be dated from the time of the qualifying event under that *prior plan*.

COVERAGE FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

If the *employee* dies while covered under this *plan* as a certificated *retired employee*, coverage continues for an enrolled *spouse* until one of the following occurs:

1. Premium is not paid to us on the *insured person's* behalf, or
2. The *group* cancels coverage for the class of *employees* to which the *insured person* belongs, or
3. The *policy* between the *group* and us terminates.

Note: The cost of continuing coverage under this provision may be more than the cost of coverage the *group* provides to its employees or their *family members*. The *insured person* may be responsible for all or part of the premium.

EXTENSION OF BENEFITS

If you are a *totally disabled employee* or a *totally disabled family member* and under the treatment of a *physician* on the date of discontinuance of the *policy*, your benefits may be continued for treatment of the totally disabling condition. This extension of benefits is not available if you become covered under another group health plan that provides coverage without limitation for your disabling condition. Extension of benefits is subject to the following conditions:

1. If you are confined as an inpatient in a *hospital* or *skilled nursing facility*, you are considered totally disabled as long as the inpatient *stay* is *medically necessary*, and no written certification of the total disability is required. If you are discharged from the *hospital* or *skilled nursing facility*, you may continue your total disability benefits by submitting written certification by your *physician* of the total disability within 90 days of the date of your discharge. Thereafter, we must receive proof of your continuing total disability at least once every 90 days while benefits are extended.
2. If you are not confined as an inpatient but wish to apply for total disability benefits, you must do so by submitting written certification by your *physician* of the total disability. We must receive this certification within 90 days of the date coverage ends under this *plan*. At least once every 90 days while benefits are extended, we must receive proof that your total disability is continuing.
3. Your extension of benefits will end when any one of the following circumstances occurs:
 - a. You are no longer totally disabled.

- b. The maximum benefits available to you under this *plan* are paid.
- c. You become covered under another group health plan that provides benefits without limitation for your disabling condition.
- d. A period of up to 12 months has passed since your extension began.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Providing of Care. We are not responsible for providing any type of *hospital*, medical or similar care, nor are we responsible for the quality of any such care received.

Independent Contractors. Our relationship with providers is that of an independent contractor. *Physicians*, and other health care professionals, *hospitals*, *skilled nursing facilities* and other community agencies are not our agents nor are we, or any of our employees, an employee or agent of any *hospital*, medical group or medical care provider of any type.

Non-Regulation of Providers. The benefits of this *plan* do not regulate the amounts charged by providers of medical care, except to the extent that rates for covered services are regulated with *participating providers*.

Inter-Plan Arrangements

Out-of-Area Services

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

When you receive care outside of the Anthem Blue Cross Service Area, you will receive it from one of two kinds of providers. Most providers (“participating providers”) contract with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that geographic area (“Host Blue”). Some providers (“non-participating providers”) do not contract with the Host Blue. We explain below how we pay both kinds of providers.

Inter-Plan Arrangements Eligibility – Claim Types

Most claim types are eligible to be processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements, as described above. Examples of claims that are not included are *prescription drugs* that you obtain from a *pharmacy* and most dental or vision benefits.

A. BlueCard[®] Program

Under the BlueCard[®] Program, when you receive covered services within the geographic area served by a Host Blue, we will still fulfill our contractual obligations. But, the Host Blue is responsible for: (a) contracting with its providers; and (b) handling its interactions with those providers.

When you receive covered services outside the Anthem Blue Cross Service Area and the claim is processed through the BlueCard Program, the amount you pay is calculated based on the lower of:

- The billed charges for covered services; or
- The negotiated price that the Host Blue makes available to us.

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

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

B. Negotiated (non–BlueCard Program) Arrangements

With respect to one or more Host Blues, instead of using the BlueCard Program, Anthem Blue Cross may process your claims for covered services through Negotiated Arrangements for National Accounts.

The amount you pay for covered services under this arrangement will be calculated based on the lower of either billed charges for covered services or the negotiated price (refer to the description of negotiated price under Section A. BlueCard Program) made available to Anthem Blue Cross by the Host Blue.

C. Special Cases: Value-Based Programs

BlueCard[®] Program

If you receive covered services under a Value-Based Program inside a Host Blue’s Service Area, you will not be responsible for paying any of the provider Incentives, risk-sharing, and/or Care Coordinator Fees that are a

part of such an arrangement, except when a Host Blue passes these fees to Anthem Blue Cross through average pricing or fee schedule adjustments. Additional information is available upon request.

Value-Based Programs: Negotiated (non-BlueCard Program) Arrangements

If Anthem Blue Cross has entered into a Negotiated Arrangement with a Host Blue to provide Value-Based Programs to the *group* on your behalf, Anthem Blue Cross will follow the same procedures for Value-Based Programs administration and Care Coordinator Fees as noted above for the BlueCard Program.

D. Inter-Plan Programs: Federal/State Taxes/Surcharges/Fees

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

E. Non-participating Providers Outside Our Service Area

1. Allowed Amounts and Member Liability Calculation

When covered services are provided outside of Anthem Blue Cross's Service Area by non-participating providers, we may determine benefits and make payment based on pricing from either the Host Blue or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In these situations, the amount you pay for such services as deductible or copayment will be based on that allowed amount. Also, you may be responsible for the difference between the amount that the non-participating provider bills and the payment we will make for the covered services as set forth in this paragraph. Federal or state law, as applicable, will govern payments for out-of-network *emergency* services.

2. Exceptions

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

F. Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core[®] Program

If you plan to travel outside the United States, call Member Services to find out your Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core benefits. Benefits for

services received outside of the United States may be different from services received in the United States. Remember to take an up to date health ID card with you.

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

If you need inpatient hospital care, you or someone on your behalf, should contact us for preauthorization. Keep in mind, if you need *emergency* medical care, go to the nearest hospital. There is no need to call before you receive care.

Please refer to the "Utilization Review Program" section in this booklet for further information. You can learn how to get pre-authorization when you need to be admitted to the hospital for *emergency* or non-emergency care.

How Claims are Paid with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core

In most cases, when you arrange inpatient hospital care with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core, claims will be filed for you. The only amounts that you may need to pay up front are any copayment or deductible amounts that may apply.

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

- *Physician* services;
- Inpatient hospital care not arranged through Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core; and
- Outpatient services.

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

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

- Call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center at the numbers above; or
- Online at www.bcbsglobalcore.com.

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

Terms of Coverage

1. In order for you to be entitled to benefits under the *policy*, both the *policy* and your coverage under the *policy* must be in effect on the date the expense giving rise to a claim for benefits is incurred.

2. The benefits to which you may be entitled will depend on the terms of coverage in effect on the date the expense giving rise to a claim for benefits is incurred. An expense is incurred on the date you receive the service or supply for which the charge is made.
3. The *policy* is subject to amendment, modification or termination according to the provisions of the *policy* without your consent or concurrence.

Nondiscrimination. No person who is eligible to enroll will be refused enrollment based on health status, health care needs, genetic information, previous medical information, disability, sexual orientation or identity, gender, or age.

Protection of Coverage. We do not have the right to cancel your coverage under this *plan* while: (1) this *plan* is in effect; (2) you are eligible; and (3) your premiums are paid according to the terms of the *policy*.

Free Choice of Provider. This *plan* in no way interferes with your right as an *insured person* entitled to *hospital* benefits to select a *hospital*. You may choose any *physician* who holds a valid *physician* and surgeon's certificate and who is a member of, or acceptable to, the attending staff and board of directors of the *hospital* where services are received. You may also choose any other health care professional or facility which provides care covered under this *plan*, and is properly licensed according to appropriate state and local laws. But your choice may affect the benefits payable according to this *plan*.

Continuity of Care after Termination of Provider: Subject to the terms and conditions set forth below, we will provide benefits at the *participating provider* level for covered services (subject to applicable copayments, coinsurance, deductibles and other terms) received from a provider at the time the provider's contract is terminated by a Blue Cross or Blue Shield plan (unless the provider's contract is terminated for reasons of medical disciplinary cause or reason, fraud, or other criminal activity). This does not apply to a provider who voluntarily terminates his or her contract.

You must be under the care of the *participating provider* at the time the provider's contract terminates. The terminated provider must agree in writing to provide services to you in accordance with the terms and conditions of his or her agreement with the Blue Cross or Blue Shield plan prior to termination. The provider must also agree in writing to accept the terms and reimbursement rates under his or her agreement with the Blue Cross or Blue Shield plan prior to termination. If the provider does not agree with these contractual terms and conditions, we are not required to continue the provider's services beyond the contract termination date.

We will provide such benefits for the completion of covered services by a terminated provider only for the following conditions:

1. An acute condition. An acute condition is a medical condition that involves a sudden onset of symptoms due to an illness, injury, or other medical problem that requires prompt medical attention and that has a limited duration. Completion of covered services shall be provided for the duration of the acute condition.
2. A serious chronic condition. A serious chronic condition is a medical condition caused by a disease, illness, or other medical problem or medical disorder that is serious in nature and that persists without full cure or worsens over an extended period of time or requires ongoing treatment to maintain remission or prevent deterioration. Completion of covered services shall be provided for a period of time necessary to complete a course of treatment and to arrange for a safe transfer to another provider, as determined by us in consultation with you and the terminated provider and consistent with good professional practice. Completion of covered services shall not exceed twelve (12) months from the date the provider's contract terminates.
3. A pregnancy. A pregnancy is the three trimesters of pregnancy and the immediate postpartum period. Completion of covered services shall be provided for the duration of the pregnancy.
4. A terminal illness. A terminal illness is an incurable or irreversible condition that has a high probability of causing death within one (1) year or less. Completion of covered services shall be provided for the duration of the terminal illness.
5. The care of a newborn *child* between birth and age thirty-six (36) months. Completion of covered services shall not exceed twelve (12) months from the date the provider's contract terminates.
6. Performance of a surgery or other procedure that we have authorized as part of a documented course of treatment and that has been recommended and documented by the provider to occur within 180 days of the date the provider's contract terminates.

Please contact Member Services at the telephone number listed on your ID card to request continuity of care or to obtain a copy of the written policy. Eligibility is based on your clinical condition and is not determined by diagnostic classifications. Continuity of care does not provide coverage for services not otherwise covered under the *plan*.

We will notify you by telephone, and the provider by telephone and fax, as to whether or not your request for continuity of care is approved. If approved, you will be financially responsible only for applicable deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments under the *plan*. Financial arrangements with terminated providers are negotiated on a case-by-case basis. We will request that the terminated provider agree to accept reimbursement and contractual requirements that apply to *participating*

providers, including payment terms. If the terminated provider does not agree to accept the same reimbursement and contractual requirements, we are not required to continue that provider's services. If you disagree with our determination regarding continuity of care, you may file a complaint with us as described in the COMPLAINT NOTICE.

Provider Reimbursement. *Physicians* and other professional providers are paid on a fee-for-service basis, according to an agreed schedule. A participating *physician* may, after notice from us, be subject to a reduced negotiated rate in the event the participating *physician* fails to make routine referrals to *participating providers*, except as otherwise allowed (such as for *emergency services*). *Hospitals* and other health care facilities may be paid either a fixed fee or on a discounted fee-for-service basis.

Other forms of payment arrangement are Payment Innovation Programs. These programs may include financial incentives to help improve quality of care and promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner. The programs may vary in methodology and subject area of focus and may be modified by us from time to time, but they will be generally designed to tie a certain portion of a *participating provider's* total compensation to pre-defined quality, cost, efficiency or service standards or metrics. In some instances, *participating providers* may be required to make payment to us under the program as a consequence of failing to meet these pre-defined standards. The programs are not intended to affect the *insured person's* access to health care. The program payments are not made as payment for specific covered services provided to the *insured person*, but instead, are based on the *participating provider's* achievement of these pre-defined standards. The *insured person* is not responsible for any co-payment amounts related to payments made by us or to us under the programs and the member does not share in any payments made by *participating providers* to us under the programs.

Availability of Care. If there is an epidemic or public disaster and you cannot obtain care for covered services, we refund the unearned part of the premium charge paid for you. A written request for that refund and satisfactory proof of the need for care must be sent to us within 31 days. This payment fulfills our obligation under this *plan*.

Medical Necessity. The benefits of this *plan* are provided only for services which are *medically necessary*. The services must be ordered by the attending *physician* for the direct care and treatment of a covered condition. They must be standard medical practice where received for the condition being treated and must be legal in the United States. The process used to authorize or deny health care services under this *plan* is available to you upon request.

Expense in Excess of Benefits. We are not liable for any expense you incur in excess of the benefits of this *plan*.

Benefits Not Transferable. Only *insured persons* are entitled to receive benefits under this *plan*. The right to benefits cannot be transferred.

Notice of Claim. You, the provider of service or someone on your behalf, must give us written notice of a claim within 20 days after you incur covered charges under this plan, or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter.

Claim Forms. After we receive a written notice of claim, we will give you any forms you need to file proof of loss. If we do not give you these forms within 15 days after you have filed your notice of claim, you will not have to use these forms, and you may file proof of loss by sending us written proof of the occurrence giving rise to the claim. Such written proof must include the extent and character of the loss.

Note: To obtain a claim form you or someone on your behalf may call the Member Services phone number shown on your ID Card or go to our website at www.anthem.com/ca and download and print one.

Proof of Loss. You or the provider of service must send us properly and fully completed claim forms within 90 days of the date you receive the service or supply for which a claim is made. If it is not reasonably possible to submit the claim within that time frame, an extension of up to 12 months will be allowed. Except in the absence of legal capacity, we are not liable for the benefits of the *plan* if you do not file claims within the required time period. We will not be liable for benefits if we do not receive written proof of loss on time.

Services received and charges for the services must be itemized, and clearly and accurately described. Claim forms must be used; canceled checks or receipts are not acceptable.

Timely Payment of Claims. Any benefits due under this plan shall be payable, as soon as practical, but no later than 30 working days after we have received proper, written proof of loss, together with such reasonably necessary additional information we may require to determine our obligation. If a claim is contested or denied, Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health shall notify the *insured person* in writing, within 30 working days after receipt of the claim, that the claim is contested or denied. This will be done through a letter or an explanation of benefits (EOB), identifying the portion of the claim that is contested or denied and describing the reasons for the contention or denial of the claim. A copy of the letter or EOB will also be sent to the health care provider who rendered the services at issue. Any balance remaining unpaid at termination of the period of liability will be paid to the *insured person* or health care provider, as applicable, immediately upon receipt of due written proof.

Payment to Providers. We will pay the benefits of this *plan* directly to *contracting hospitals, participating providers*, and medical transportation

providers. Also, we may pay *non-contracting hospitals* and other providers of service directly when you assign benefits in writing. If another party pays for your medical care and you assign benefits in writing, we may pay the benefits of this *plan* to that party. These payments will fulfill our obligation to you for those covered services.

Exception: Under certain circumstances we will pay the benefits of this *plan* directly to a provider or third party even without your assignment of benefits in writing. To receive direct payment, the provider or third party must provide us the following:

1. Proof of payment of medical services and the provider's itemized bill for such services;
2. If the *insured employee* does not reside with the patient, either a copy of the judicial order requiring the *insured employee* to provide coverage for the patient or a state approved form verifying the existence of such judicial order which would be filed with us on an annual basis;
3. If the *insured employee* does not reside with the patient, and if the provider is seeking direct reimbursement, an itemized bill with the signature of the custodian or guardian certifying that the services have been provided and supplying on an annual basis, either a copy of the judicial order requiring the *insured employee* to provide coverage for the patient or a state approved form verifying the existence of such judicial order;
4. The name and address of the person to be reimbursed, the name and policy number of the *insured employee*, the name of the patient, and other necessary information related to the coverage.

Care Coordination. We pay *participating providers* in various ways to provide covered services to you. For example, sometimes we may pay *participating providers* a separate amount for each covered service they provide. We may also pay them one amount for all covered services related to treatment of a medical condition. Other times, we may pay a periodic, fixed pre-determined amount to cover the costs of covered services. In addition, we may pay *participating providers* financial incentives or other amounts to help improve quality of care and/or promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner, or compensate *participating providers* for coordination of your care. In some instances, *participating providers* may be required to make payment to us because they did not meet certain standards. You do not share in any payments made by *participating providers* to us under these programs.

Right of Recovery. Whenever payment has been made in error, we will have the right to make appropriate adjustment to claims, recover such payment from you or, if applicable, the provider, in accordance with

applicable laws and regulations. In the event we recover a payment made in error from the provider, except in cases of fraud or misrepresentation on the part of the provider, we will only recover such payment from the provider within 365 days of the date we made the payment on a claim submitted by the provider. We reserve the right to deduct or offset any amounts paid in error from any pending or future claim.

Under certain circumstances, if we pay your healthcare provider amounts that are your responsibility, such as deductibles, co-payments or co-insurance, we may collect such amounts directly from you. You agree that we have the right to recover such amounts from you.

We have oversight responsibility for compliance with provider and vendor and subcontractor contracts. We may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a provider, vendor, or subcontractor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible.

We have established recovery policies to determine which recoveries are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses, and whether to settle or compromise recovery amounts. We will not pursue recoveries for overpayments if the cost of collection exceeds the overpayment amount. We may not provide you with notice of overpayments made by us or you if the recovery method makes providing such notice administratively burdensome.

Plan Administrator - COBRA and ERISA. In no event will we be plan administrator for the purposes of compliance with the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) or the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). The term "plan administrator" refers either to the *group* or to a person or entity other than us, engaged by the *group* to perform or assist in performing administrative tasks in connection with the *group's* health plan. In providing notices and otherwise performing under the CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE section of this booklet, the *group* is fulfilling statutory obligations imposed on it by federal law and, where applicable, acting as your agent.

Workers' Compensation Insurance. The *policy* does not affect any requirement for coverage by workers' compensation insurance. It also does not replace that insurance.

Entire Contract. This certificate, including any amendments and endorsements to it, is a summary of your benefits. It replaces any older certificates issued to you for the coverages described in the Summary of Benefits. All benefits are subject in every way to the entire *policy* which includes this certificate. The terms of the *policy* may be changed only by a written endorsement signed by one of our authorized officers. No agent or employee has any authority to change any of the terms, or waive the provisions of, the *policy*.

Liability For Statements. No statements made by you, unless they appear on a written form signed by you or are fraudulent, will be used to deny a claim under the *policy*. Statements made by you will not be deemed warranties. With regard to each statement, no statement will be used by us in defense to a claim unless it appears in a written form signed by you and then only if a copy has been furnished to you. After two years following the filing of such claim, if the coverage under which such claim is filed has been in force during that time, no such statement will be used to deny such a claim, unless the statement is fraudulent.

Physical Examination. At our expense, we have the right and opportunity to examine any *insured person* claiming benefits when and as often as reasonably necessary while a claim is pending.

Legal Actions. No attempt to recover on the *plan* through legal or equity action may be made until at least 60 days after the written proof of loss has been furnished as required by this *plan*. No such action may be started later than three years from the time written proof of loss is required to be furnished.

Conformity with Laws. Any provision of the *policy* which, on its effective date, is in conflict with the laws of the governing jurisdiction, is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such laws.

Financial Arrangements with Providers. Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health or an affiliate has contracts with certain health care providers and suppliers (hereafter referred to together as "Providers") for the provision of and payment for health care services rendered to its *insured persons* and members entitled to health care benefits under individual certificates and group policies or contracts to which Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health or an affiliate is a party, including all persons covered under the *policy*.

Under the above-referenced contracts between Providers and Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health or an affiliate, the negotiated rates paid for certain medical services provided to persons covered under the *policy* may differ from the rates paid for persons covered by other types of products or programs offered by Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health or an affiliate for the same medical services. In negotiating the terms of the *policy*, the *group* was aware that Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health or its affiliates offer several types of products and programs. The *insured employees*, *family members*, and the *group* are entitled to receive the benefits of only those discounts, payments, settlements, incentives, adjustments and/or allowances specifically set forth in the *policy*.

Under arrangements with some health care providers and suppliers (hereafter referred to together as "Providers") certain discounts, payments, rebates, settlements, incentives, adjustments and/or allowances, including, but not limited to, pharmacy rebates, may be based

on aggregate payments made by Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health or an affiliate in respect to all health care services rendered to all persons who have coverage through a program provided or administered by Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health or an affiliate. They are not attributed to specific claims or plans and do not inure to the benefit of any covered individual or group, but may be considered by Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health or an affiliate in determining its fees or subscription charges or premiums.

Value-Added Programs. We may offer health or fitness related programs, through which you may access discounted rates from certain vendors for products and services available to the general public. Products and services available under this program are not covered services under your *plan* but are in addition to *plan* benefits. As such, program features are not guaranteed under your health *plan* contract and could be discontinued at any time. We do not endorse any vendor, product or service associated with this program. Program vendors are solely responsible for the products and services you receive.

Voluntary Clinical Quality Programs. We may offer additional opportunities to assist you in obtaining certain covered preventive or other care (e.g., well child check-ups or certain laboratory screening tests) that you have not received in the recommended timeframe. These opportunities are called voluntary clinical quality programs. They are designed to encourage you to get certain care when you need it and are separate from covered services under your *plan*. These programs are not guaranteed and could be discontinued at any time. We will give you the choice and if you choose to participate in one of these programs, and obtain the recommended care within the program's timeframe, you may receive incentives such as gift cards or retailer coupons, which we encourage you to use for health and wellness related activities or items. Under other clinical quality programs, you may receive a home test kit that allows you to collect the specimen for certain covered laboratory tests at home and mail it to the laboratory for processing. You may also be offered a home visit appointment to collect such specimens and complete biometric screenings. You may need to pay any cost shares that normally apply to such covered laboratory tests (e.g., those applicable to the laboratory processing fee) but will not need to pay for the home test kit or the home visit. If you have any questions about whether receipt of a gift card or retailer coupon results in taxable income to you, we recommend that you consult your tax advisor.

Voluntary Wellness Incentive Programs. We may offer health or fitness related program options for purchase by your *group* to help you achieve your best health. These programs are not covered services under your *plan*, but are separate components, which are not guaranteed under this *plan* and could be discontinued at any time. If your *group* has selected

one of these options to make available to all employees, you may receive incentives such as gift cards by participating in or completing such voluntary wellness promotion programs as health assessments, weight management or tobacco cessation coaching. Under other options a *group* may select, you may receive such incentives by achieving specified standards based on health factors under wellness programs that comply with applicable law. If you think you might be unable to meet the standard, you might qualify for an opportunity to earn the same reward by different means. You may contact us at the Member Services number on your ID card and we will work with you (and, if you wish, your *physician*) to find a wellness program with the same reward that is right for you in light of your health status. If you receive a gift card as a wellness reward and use it for purposes other than for qualified medical expenses, this may result in taxable income to you. For additional guidance, please consult your tax advisor.

Program Incentives. We may offer incentives from time to time at our discretion in order to introduce you to new programs and services available under this *plan*. The purpose of these incentives include, but is not limited to, making you aware of cost effective benefit options or services, helping you achieve your best health, and encouraging you to update member-related information. These incentives may be offered in various forms such as retailer coupons, gift cards and health-related merchandise. Acceptance of these incentives is voluntary as long as we offer the incentives program. We may discontinue an incentive for a particular new service or program at any time. If you have any questions about whether receipt of an incentive or retailer coupon results in taxable income to you, we recommend that you consult your tax advisor.

Policies and Procedures. We are able to introduce new policies, procedures, rules and interpretations, as long as they are reasonable. Such changes are introduced to make the *plan* more orderly and efficient. *Insured persons* must follow and accept any new policies, procedures, rules, and interpretations.

Under the terms of the *policy*, we have the authority to introduce or terminate from time to time, pilot or test programs for disease management, care management or wellness initiatives which may result in the payment of benefits not otherwise specified in this booklet. We reserve the right to discontinue a pilot or test program at any time.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Except where an *insured person's* life or health would be seriously jeopardized, you must first exhaust our internal grievance process before we will grant your request for an external review (see the COMPLAINT NOTICE at the end of this booklet). In no event shall your rights to an

external review be any more restrictive than those set forth in the Uniform External Review Model Act established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), by the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), or within the California state external review act, as applicable under state and federal law. There is no fee for an external review. If you have a question about our internal grievance process, filing a grievance, or the external review process, please call Member Services at the Member Services number listed on your ID card or you may write to us at Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company, 21555 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

If, after our denial, we consider, rely on or generate any new or additional evidence in connection with your claim, we will provide you with that new or additional evidence, free of charge. We will not base our appeal decision on a new or additional rationale without first providing you (free of charge) with, and a reasonable opportunity to respond to, any such new or additional rationale. If we fail to follow the appeal procedures outlined under this section the appeals process may be deemed exhausted. However, the appeals process will not be deemed exhausted due to minor violations that do not cause, and are not likely to cause, prejudice or harm so long as the error was for good cause or due to matters beyond our control.

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL REVIEW OF DENIALS OF EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIVE TREATMENT

If coverage for a proposed treatment is denied because we determine that the treatment is *experimental* or *investigative*, you may ask that the denial be reviewed by an external independent medical review organization contracting with the California Department of Insurance ("CDI"). Your request for this review may be submitted to the CDI. You pay no application or processing fees of any kind for this review. You have the right to provide information in support of your request for review. A decision not to participate in this review process may cause you to forfeit any statutory right to pursue legal action against us regarding the disputed health care service. We will send you an application form and an addressed envelope for you to use to request this review with any grievance disposition letter denying coverage for this reason. You may also request an application form by calling us at the telephone number listed on your identification card or write to us at Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company, P.O. Box 4310, Woodland Hills, CA 91365-4310. To qualify for this review, all of the following conditions must be met:

- You have a life-threatening or seriously debilitating condition, described as follows:

- ◆ A life-threatening condition is a condition or disease where the likelihood of death is high unless the course of the disease is interrupted or a condition or disease with a potentially fatal outcome where the end point of clinical intervention is the patient's survival.
- ◆ A seriously debilitating condition is a disease or condition that causes major, irreversible morbidity.
- Your *physician* must certify that either (a) standard treatment has not been effective in improving your condition, (b) standard treatment is not medically appropriate, or (c) there is no more beneficial standard treatment covered by this *plan* than the proposed treatment.
- The proposed treatment must either be:
 - ◆ Recommended by a *participating provider* who certifies in writing that the treatment is likely to be more beneficial than standard treatments, or
 - ◆ Requested by you or by a licensed board certified or board eligible *physician* qualified to treat your condition. The treatment requested must be likely to be more beneficial for you than standard treatments based on two documents of scientific and medical evidence from the following sources:
 - a) Peer-reviewed scientific studies published in or accepted for publication by medical journals that meet nationally recognized standards;
 - b) Medical literature meeting the criteria of the National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine for indexing in Index Medicus, Excerpta Medicus (EMBASE), Medline, and MEDLARS database of Health Services Technology Assessment Research (HSTAR);
 - c) Medical journals recognized by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, under Section 1861(t)(2) of the Social Security Act;
 - d) Either of the following: (i) The American Hospital Formulary Service's Drug Information, or (ii) the American Dental Association Accepted Dental Therapeutics;

- e) Any of the following references, if recognized by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as part of an anticancer chemotherapeutic regimen: (i) the Elsevier Gold Standard's Clinical Pharmacology, (ii) the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drug and Biologics Compendium, or (iii) the Thomson Micromedex DrugDex;
- f) Findings, studies or research conducted by or under the auspices of federal governmental agencies and nationally recognized federal research institutes, including the Federal Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, National Academy of Sciences, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, and any national board recognized by the National Institutes of Health for the purpose of evaluating the medical value of health services; and
- g) Peer reviewed abstracts accepted for presentation at major medical association meetings.

In all cases, the certification must include a statement of the evidence relied upon.

You are not required to go through our grievance process for more than 30 days. If your grievance needs expedited review, you are not required to go through our grievance process for more than three days.

You must request this review within six months of the date you receive a denial notice from us in response to your grievance, or from the end of the 30 day or three day grievance period, whichever applies. This application deadline may be extended by the CDI for good cause.

Within three business days of receiving notice from the CDI of your request for review we will send the reviewing panel all relevant medical records and documents in our possession, as well as any additional information submitted by you or your *physician*. Any newly developed or discovered relevant medical records identified by us or by a *participating provider* after the initial documents are sent will be immediately forwarded to the reviewing panel. The external independent review organization will complete its review and render its opinion within 30 days of its receipt of request for review (or within seven days if your *physician* determines that the proposed treatment would be significantly less effective if not provided promptly). This timeframe may be extended by up to three days for any delay in receiving necessary records.

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL REVIEW OF GRIEVANCES INVOLVING A DISPUTED HEALTH CARE SERVICE

You may request an independent medical review ("IMR") of disputed health care services from the California Department of Insurance ("CDI") if you believe that we have improperly denied, modified, or delayed health care services. A "disputed health care service" is any health care service eligible for coverage and payment under your *plan* that has been denied, modified, or delayed by us, in whole or in part because the service is not *medically necessary*.

The IMR process is in addition to any other procedures or remedies that may be available to you. You pay no application or processing fees of any kind for IMR. You have the right to provide information in support of the request for IMR. We must provide you with an IMR application form and an addressed envelope for you to use to request IMR with any grievance disposition letter that denies, modifies, or delays health care services. A decision not to participate in the IMR process may cause you to forfeit any statutory right to pursue legal action against us regarding the disputed health care service.

Eligibility: The CDI will review your application for IMR to confirm that:

1. (a) Your provider has recommended a health care service as *medically necessary*, or
(b) You have received *urgent care* or *emergency services* that a provider determined was *medically necessary*, or
(c) You have been seen by a *participating provider* for the diagnosis or treatment of the medical condition for which you seek independent review;
2. The disputed health care service has been denied, modified, or delayed by us, based in whole or in part on a decision that the health care service is not *medically necessary*; and
3. You have filed a grievance with us and the disputed decision is upheld or the grievance remains unresolved after 30 days. If your grievance requires expedited review you need not participate in our grievance process for more than three days. The CDI may waive the requirement that you follow our grievance process in extraordinary and compelling cases.

You must apply for IMR within six months of the date you receive a denial notice from us in response to your grievance or from the end of the 30 day or three day grievance period, whichever applies. This application deadline may be extended by the CDI for good cause.

If your case is eligible for IMR, the dispute will be submitted to a medical specialist or specialists who will make an independent determination of whether or not the care is *medically necessary*. You will receive a copy of the assessment made in your case. If the IMR determines the service is *medically necessary*, we will provide benefits for the health care service.

For non-urgent cases, the IMR organization designated by the CDI must provide its determination within 30 days of receipt of your application and supporting documents. For urgent cases involving an imminent and serious threat to your health, including, but not limited to, serious pain, the potential loss of life, limb, or major bodily function, or the immediate and serious deterioration of your health, the IMR organization must provide its determination within 3 days.

For more information regarding the IMR process, or to request an application form, please call us at the Member Services telephone number listed on your ID card.

BINDING ARBITRATION

ALL DISPUTES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DISPUTES RELATING TO THE DELIVERY OF SERVICE UNDER THE PLAN/POLICY OR ANY OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO THE PLAN/POLICY AND CLAIMS OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE MUST BE RESOLVED BY BINDING ARBITRATION, IF THE AMOUNT IN DISPUTE EXCEEDS THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMIT OF SMALL CLAIMS COURT AND THE DISPUTE CAN BE SUBMITTED TO BINDING ARBITRATION UNDER APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

It is understood that any dispute including disputes relating to the delivery of services under the plan/Policy or any other issues related to the plan/Policy, including any dispute as to medical malpractice, that is as to whether any medical services rendered under this contract were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly, negligently or incompetently rendered, will be determined by submission to arbitration as permitted and provided by federal and California law, including but not limited to, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and not by a lawsuit or resort to court process except as California law provides for judicial review of arbitration proceedings. Both parties to this contract, by entering into it, are giving up their constitutional right to have any such dispute decided in a court of law before a jury, and instead are accepting the use of arbitration.

THIS MEANS THAT YOU AND ANTHEM BLUE CROSS LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY AND/OR ANTHEM BLUE CROSS

AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS ARBITRATION PROVISION AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL OR TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION IS WAIVED FOR BOTH DISPUTES RELATING TO THE DELIVERY OF SERVICE UNDER THE PLAN/POLICY OR ANY OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO THE PLAN/POLICY AND MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS.

Any dispute or claim, of whatever nature, arising out of, in connection with, or in relation to this *plan* or the *policy*, or breach or rescission thereof, or in relation to care or delivery of care, including any claim based on contract, tort or statute, must be resolved by arbitration if the amount sought exceeds the jurisdictional limit of the small claims court. Any dispute regarding a claim for damages within the jurisdictional limits of the small claims court will be resolved in such court.

The Federal Arbitration Act shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of all proceedings under this BINDING ARBITRATION provision. To the extent that the Federal Arbitration Act is inapplicable, or is held not to require arbitration of a particular claim, state law governing agreements to arbitrate shall apply.

The arbitration findings will be final and binding except to the extent that state or federal law provides for the judicial review of arbitration proceedings.

The arbitration is initiated by the Insured making written demand on Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health and/or Anthem Blue Cross. The arbitration will be conducted by Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services ("JAMS"), according to its applicable Rules and Procedures. If for any reason JAMS is unavailable to conduct the arbitration, the arbitration will be conducted by another neutral arbitration entity, by agreement of the Insured and Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health and/or Anthem Blue Cross, or by order of the court, if the Insured and Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health and/or Anthem Blue Cross cannot agree.

Should damages claimed be \$50,000 or less, the arbitration shall be held by a single, neutral arbitrator mutually agreed to by the parties. Such arbitrator shall have no jurisdiction to award more than \$50,000. The arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the applicable rules of the arbitration administration entity. With respect to an arbitration held in California, if the parties are unable to agree on the selection of an arbitrator using the rules of the arbitration administration entity, the method provided in Code of Civil Procedure Section 1281.6 shall be used.

The costs of the arbitration will be allocated per the JAMS Policy on Consumer Arbitrations. If the arbitration is not conducted by JAMS, the costs will be shared equally by the parties, except in cases of extreme financial hardship, upon application to the neutral arbitration entity to which the parties have agreed, in which cases, we will assume all or a portion of

the Insured's costs of the arbitration. Unless you, Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company and/or Anthem Blue Cross agree otherwise, the arbitrator may not consolidate more than one person's claims, and may not otherwise preside over any form of a representative or class proceeding. Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health and/or Anthem Blue Cross will provide Insureds, upon request, with an application, or information on how to obtain an application from the neutral arbitration entity, for relief of all or a portion of their share of the fees and expenses of the neutral arbitration entity. Approval or denial of an application in the case of extreme financial hardship will be determined by the neutral arbitration entity.

Please send all Binding Arbitration demands in writing to Anthem Blue Cross, P.O. Box 4310, Woodland Hills, CA 91365-4310 marked to the attention of the Member Services listed on your identification card.

DEFINITIONS

The meanings of key terms used in this certificate are shown below. Whenever any of the key terms shown below appear, it will appear in italicized letters. When any of the terms below are italicized in your certificate, you should refer to this section.

Accidental injury is physical harm or disability which is the result of a specific unexpected incident caused by an outside force. The physical harm or disability must have occurred at an identifiable time and place. Accidental injury does not include illness or infection, except infection of a cut or wound.

Ambulatory surgical center is a freestanding outpatient surgical facility. It must be licensed as an outpatient clinic according to state and local laws and must meet all requirements of an outpatient clinic providing surgical services. It must also meet accreditation standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care.

Authorized referral occurs when you, because of your medical needs, require the services of a specialist who is a *non-participating provider*, or require special services or facilities not available at a *contracting hospital*, but only when the referral has been authorized by us before services are rendered and when the following conditions are met:

- there is no *participating provider* who practices in the appropriate specialty, or there is no *contracting hospital* which provides the required services or has the necessary facilities;
- that meets the adequacy and accessibility requirements of state or federal law; and

- you are referred to *hospital* or *physician* that does not have an agreement with Anthem for a covered service by a *participating provider*.

You or your *physician* must call the toll-free telephone number printed on your identification card prior to scheduling an admission to, or receiving the services of, a *non-participating provider*.

You or your *physician* must call the toll-free telephone number printed on your identification card prior to scheduling an admission to, or receiving the services of, a *non-participating provider*.

Brand name prescription drugs (brand name drugs) are *prescription drugs* that we classify as *brand name drugs* or our *pharmacy benefit manager* has classified as *brand name drugs* through use of an independent proprietary industry database.

Child meets the *plan's* eligibility requirements for children as outlined under HOW COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS.

Compound Medication is a mixture of prescription drugs when a commercially available dosage form of a medically necessary medication is not available, all the ingredients of the compound drug are FDA approved in the form in which they are used in the compound medication and as designated in the FDA's Orange Book: *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, require a prescription to dispense and are not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a drug manufacturer. Non-FDA approved non-proprietary, multisource ingredients that are vehicles essential for compound administration may be covered.

Controlled Substances are *drugs* and other substances that are considered controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) which are divided into five schedules.

Cosmetic services are services or surgery performed solely for beautification or to alter or reshape normal (including aged) structures or tissues of the body to improve appearance.

Creditable coverage is any individual or group plan that provides medical, hospital and surgical coverage, including continuation coverage, coverage under Medicare or Medicaid, TRICARE, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, programs of the Indian Health Service or of a tribal organization, a state health benefits risk pool, coverage through the Peace Corps, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, or a public health plan established or maintained by a state, the United States government, or a foreign country. Creditable coverage does not include accident only, credit, coverage for on-site medical clinics, disability income, coverage only for a specified disease or condition, hospital indemnity or other fixed

indemnity insurance, Medicare supplement, long-term care insurance, dental, vision, workers' compensation insurance, automobile insurance, no-fault insurance, or any medical coverage designed to supplement other private or governmental plans. Creditable coverage is used to set up eligibility rules for children who cannot get a self-sustaining job due to a physical or mental condition. In addition, eligible children were covered under one of the above types of health coverage on his or her own and not as a dependent *child*.

If your prior coverage was through an employer, you will receive credit for that coverage if it ended because your employment ended, the availability of medical coverage offered through employment or sponsored by the employer terminated, or the employer's contribution toward medical coverage terminated, and any lapse between the date that coverage ended and the date you become eligible under this *plan* is no more than 180 days (not including any waiting period imposed under this *plan* by the employer).

If your prior coverage was not through an employer, you will receive credit for that coverage if any lapse between the date that coverage ended and the date you become eligible under this *plan* is no more than 63 days (not including any waiting period imposed under this *plan* by the employer).

Custodial care is care provided primarily to meet your personal needs. This includes help in walking, bathing or dressing. It also includes: preparing food or special diets; feeding by utensil, tube or gastrostomy; suctioning and administration of medicine which is usually self-administered or any other care which does not require continuing services of medical personnel.

If *medically necessary*, benefits will be provided for feeding (by tube or gastrostomy) and suctioning.

Day treatment center is an outpatient psychiatric facility which is licensed according to state and local laws to provide outpatient programs and treatment of *mental or nervous disorders* or substance abuse under the supervision of *physicians*.

Domestic partner meets the *plan's* eligibility requirements for domestic partners as outlined under HOW COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS: HOW COVERAGE BEGINS.

Drug (prescription drug) means a drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for general use by the public which requires a prescription before it can be obtained. For the purposes of this *plan*, insulin will be considered a prescription drug.

Effective date is the date your coverage begins under this *plan*.

Emergency (medical condition) is a medical condition manifesting 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 a condition placing the health of the individual in serious jeopardy, with serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

Emergency services are services provided in connection with the initial treatment of a medical or psychiatric *emergency*.

Experimental procedures are those that are mainly limited to laboratory and/or animal research.

Full-time employee meets the *plan's* eligibility requirements for full-time employees as outlined under HOW COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS.

Generic prescription drugs (generic drugs) are *prescription drugs* that we classify as *generic drugs* or that our PBM has classified as *generic drugs* through use of an independent proprietary industry database. *Generic drugs* have the same active ingredients, must meet the same FDA rules for safety, purity and potency, and must be given in the same form (tablet, capsule, cream) as the *brand name drug*.

Group refers to the business entity to which we have issued this *policy*. The name of the group is VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.

Home health agencies are home health care providers which are licensed according to state and local laws to provide skilled nursing and other services on a visiting basis in your home, and recognized as home health providers under Medicare and/or accredited by a recognized accrediting agency such as the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Home infusion therapy provider is a provider licensed according to state and local laws as a pharmacy, and must be either certified as a home health care provider by Medicare, or accredited as a home pharmacy by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

Hospice is an agency or organization primarily engaged in providing palliative care (pain control and symptom relief) to terminally ill persons and supportive care to those persons and their families to help them cope with terminal illness. This care may be provided in the home or on an inpatient basis. A hospice must be: (1) certified by Medicare as a hospice; (2) recognized by Medicare as a hospice demonstration site; or (3) accredited as a hospice by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. A list of hospices meeting these criteria is available upon request.

Hospital is a facility which provides diagnosis, treatment and care of persons who need acute inpatient hospital care under the supervision of *physicians*. It must be licensed as a general acute care hospital according to state and local laws. It must also be registered as a general hospital by the American Hospital Association and meet accreditation standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

For the limited purpose of inpatient care, the definition of hospital also includes: (1) *psychiatric health facilities* (only for the acute phase of a *mental or nervous disorder* or substance abuse), and (2) *residential treatment centers*.

Infertility is: (1) the presence of a condition recognized by a *physician* as a cause of infertility; or (2) the inability to conceive a pregnancy or to carry a pregnancy to a live birth after a year or more of regular sexual relations without contraception or after 3 cycles of artificial insemination.

Insured employee (employee) is the primary insured; that is, the person who is allowed to enroll under this *plan* for himself or herself and his or her eligible *family members*.

Insured family member (family member) meets the *plan's* eligibility requirements for family members as outlined under HOW COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS.

Insured person is the *insured employee* or *insured family member*.

Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Program is a range of therapy services provided in the home to address symptoms and behaviors that, as the result of a *mental health condition* or substance abuse disorder, put you and others at risk of harm.

Intensive Outpatient Program is a structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that provides a combination of individual, group and family therapy in a program that operates no less than 3 hours per day, 3 days per week.

Interchangeable Biologic Product is a type of biological product that is licensed (approved) by FDA because it is highly similar to an already FDA-approved biological product, known as the biological reference product (reference product), and has been shown to have no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product. In addition to meeting the biosimilarity standard, it is expected to produce the same clinical result as the reference product in any given patient.

Investigative procedures or medications are those that have progressed to limited use on humans, but which are not widely accepted as proven and effective within the organized medical community.

Maximum allowed amount is the maximum amount of reimbursement we will allow for covered medical services and supplies under this *plan*. See YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MAXIMUM ALLOWED AMOUNT.

Medically necessary procedures, supplies, equipment or services are those considered to be:

1. Appropriate and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of the medical condition;
2. Clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration and considered effective for the patient's illness, injury or disease;
3. Provided for the diagnosis or direct care and treatment of the medical condition;
4. Within standards of good medical practice within the organized medical community;
5. Not primarily for your convenience, or for the convenience of your *physician* or another provider;
6. Not more costly than an equivalent service, including the same service in an alternative setting, or sequence of services that is medically appropriate and is likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results in regard to the diagnosis or treatment of the patient's illness, injury, or condition; and
7. The most appropriate procedure, supply, equipment or service which can safely be provided. The most appropriate procedure, supply, equipment or service must satisfy the following requirements:
 - a. There must be valid scientific evidence demonstrating that the expected health benefits from the procedure, supply, equipment or service are clinically significant and produce a greater likelihood of benefit, without a disproportionately greater risk of harm or complications, for you with the particular medical condition being treated than other possible alternatives; and
 - b. Generally accepted forms of treatment that are less invasive have been tried and found to be ineffective or are otherwise unsuitable.

When setting or place of service is part of the review, services that can be safely provided to you in a lower cost setting will not be *medically necessary* if they are performed in a higher cost setting. For example we will not provide coverage for an inpatient admission for surgery if the surgery could have been performed on an outpatient basis or an infusion or injection of a *specialty drug* provided in the outpatient department of a hospital if the *drug* could be provided in a *physician's* office or the home setting.

Mental health conditions, including substance abuse, for the purposes of this *plan*, are those that are listed in the most current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) of Mental Disorders. *Mental health conditions* include *severe mental disorders* as defined in this plan (see definition of “severe mental disorders”).

Non-participating pharmacy is a *pharmacy* which does not have a contract in effect with the *pharmacy benefits manager* at the time services are rendered. In most cases, you will be responsible for a larger portion of your pharmaceutical bill when you go to a non-participating pharmacy.

Non-participating provider is one of the following providers which is NOT participating in a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan at the time services are rendered:

1. A *hospital*;
2. A *physician*;
3. An *ambulatory surgical center*;
4. A *home health agency*;
5. A facility which provides diagnostic imaging services;
6. A durable medical equipment outlet;
7. A *skilled nursing facility*;
8. A clinical laboratory;
9. A *home infusion therapy provider*; or
10. A licensed qualified autism service provider.

They are not *participating providers*. Remember that the *maximum allowed amount* may only represent a portion of the amount which a *non-participating provider* charges for services. See YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS: MAXIMUM ALLOWED AMOUNT.

Other health care provider is one of the following providers:

1. A certified registered nurse anesthetist;
2. A blood bank;
3. A licensed ambulance company; or

4. A *hospice*.
5. A licensed birth center.

The provider must be licensed according to state and local laws to provide covered medical services.

Partial Hospitalization Program is a structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that offers nursing care and active individual, group and family treatment in a program that operates no less than 6 hours per day, 5 days per week.

Participating pharmacy is a *pharmacy* which has a Participating Pharmacy Agreement in effect with the *pharmacy benefit manager* at the time services are rendered. Call your local *pharmacy* to determine whether it is a participating pharmacy or call the toll-free Member Services telephone number.

Participating provider is one of the following providers or other licensed health care professionals who are participating in a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan at the time services are rendered:

1. A *hospital*;
2. A *physician*;
3. An *ambulatory surgical center*;
4. A *home health agency*;
5. A facility which provides diagnostic imaging services;
6. A durable medical equipment outlet;
7. A *skilled nursing facility*;
8. A clinical laboratory;
9. A *home infusion therapy provider*, or
10. A licensed qualified autism service provider.

Participating providers agree to accept the *maximum allowed amount* as payment for covered services. A directory of *participating providers* is available upon request.

Pharmacy means a licensed retail pharmacy.

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Process is a process in which health care professionals including nurses, pharmacists, and *physicians* determine the clinical appropriateness of *drugs* and promote access to quality medications. The process also reviews *drugs* to determine the most cost effective use of benefits and advise on programs to help improve care. Our programs include, but are not limited to, *drug* utilization programs, prior authorization criteria, therapeutic conversion programs, cross-branded initiatives, and *drug* profiling initiatives.

Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) is a company that manages pharmacy benefits on Anthem's behalf. Anthem's PBM has a nationwide network of *retail pharmacies*, a *home delivery* pharmacy, and clinical services that include prescription drug list management.

The management and other services the PBM provides include, but are not limited to, managing a network of *retail pharmacies* and operating a mail service pharmacy. Anthem's PBM, in consultation with Anthem, also provides services to promote and assist you in the appropriate use of pharmacy benefits, such as review for possible excessive use, proper dosage, drug interactions or drug/pregnancy concerns.

Physician means:

1. A doctor of medicine (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathy (D.O.) who is licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy where the care is provided; or
2. One of the following providers, but only when the provider is licensed to practice where the care is provided, is rendering a service within the scope of that license and such license is required to render that service, and is providing a service for which benefits are specified in this booklet:
 - A dentist (D.D.S. or D.M.D.)
 - An optometrist (O.D.)
 - A dispensing optician
 - A podiatrist or chiropodist (D.P.M., D.S.P. or D.S.C.)
 - A licensed clinical psychologist
 - A licensed educational psychologist or other provider permitted by California law to provide behavioral health treatment services for the treatment of pervasive developmental disorder or autism only
 - A chiropractor (D.C.)
 - An acupuncturist (A.C.)
 - A nurse midwife
 - A nurse practitioner
 - A physician assistant
 - A licensed clinical social worker (L.C.S.W.)
 - A marriage and family therapist (M.F.T.)
 - A licensed professional clinical counselor (L.P.C.C.)*
 - A physical therapist (P.T. or R.P.T.)*
 - A speech pathologist*
 - An audiologist*

- An occupational therapist (O.T.R.)*
- A respiratory care practitioner (R.C.P.)*
- A *psychiatric mental health nurse* (R.N.)*
- A registered dietitian (R.D.)* or another nutritional professional* with a master's or higher degree in a field covering clinical nutrition sciences, from a college or university accredited by a regional accreditation agency, who is deemed qualified to provide these services by the referring M.D. or D.O. A registered dietitian or other nutritional professional as described here are covered for the provision of diabetic medical nutrition therapy and nutritional counseling for the treatment of eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa only.
- A qualified autism service provider, qualified autism service professional, and a qualified autism service paraprofessional, as described under the benefits for pervasive developmental disorder or autism section.

***Note:** The providers indicated by asterisks (*) are covered only by referral of a physician as defined in 1 above.

Plan is the set of benefits described in this booklet and in the amendments to this booklet (if any). This plan is subject to the terms and conditions of the *policy* we have issued to the *group*. If changes are made to the plan, an amendment or revised booklet will be issued to the *group* for distribution to each *employee* affected by the change. (The word "plan" here does not mean the same as "plan" as used in ERISA.)

Policy is the Group Policy we have issued to the *group*.

Prescription means a written order or refill notice issued by a licensed prescriber.

Prescription drug covered expense is the expense you incur for a covered *prescription drug*, but not more than the *prescription drug maximum allowed amount*. Expense is incurred on the date you receive the service or supply.

Prescription drug maximum allowed amount is the maximum amount allowed for any *drug*. The amount is determined by using prescription drug cost information provided to us by the *pharmacy benefits manager*. The amount is subject to change. You may determine the prescription drug maximum allowed amount of a particular drug by calling 1-800-700-2541 (or TTY/TDD 1-800-905-9821).

Preventive Care Services include routine examinations, screenings, tests, education, and immunizations administered with the intent of preventing future disease, illness, or injury. Services are considered

preventive if you have no current symptoms or prior history of a medical condition associated with that screening or service. These services shall meet requirements as determined by federal and state law. Sources for determining which services are recommended include the following:

1. Services with an "A" or "B" rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF);
2. Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
3. Preventive care and screenings for infants, children, and adolescents as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and
4. Additional preventive care and screening for women provided for in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Please call us at the Member Services number listed on your ID card for additional information about services that are covered by this *plan* as preventive care services. You may also refer to the following websites that are maintained by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

<https://www.healthcare.gov/what-are-my-preventive-care-benefits>

<http://www.ahrq.gov>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>

Prior plan is a plan sponsored by the *group* which was replaced by this *plan* within 60 days. You are considered covered under the prior plan if you: (1) were covered under the prior plan on the date that plan terminated; (2) properly enrolled for coverage within 31 days of this *plan's* Effective Date; and (3) had coverage terminate solely due to the prior plan's termination.

Prosthetic devices are appliances which replace all or part of a function of a permanently inoperative, absent or malfunctioning body part. The term "prosthetic devices" includes orthotic devices, rigid or semi-supportive devices which restrict or eliminate motion of a weak or diseased part of the body.

Psychiatric emergency medical condition is a mental disorder that manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity that the patient is either (1) an immediate danger to himself or herself or to others, or (2) immediately unable to provide for or utilize food, shelter, or clothing due to the mental disorder.

Psychiatric health facility is an acute 24-hour facility as defined in California Health and Safety Code 1250.2. It must be:

1. Licensed by the California Department of Health Services;
2. Qualified to provide short-term inpatient treatment according to state law;
3. Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations; and
4. Staffed by an organized medical or professional staff which includes a *physician* as medical director.

Psychiatric mental health nurse is a registered nurse (R.N.) who has a master's degree in psychiatric mental health nursing, and is registered as a psychiatric mental health nurse with the state board of registered nurses.

Reconstructive surgery is surgery performed to correct or repair abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors, or disease to do either of the following: (a) improve function; or (b) create a normal appearance, to the extent possible.

Residential treatment center is a provider licensed and operated as required by law, which includes:

- Room, board and skilled nursing care (either an RN or LVN/LPN) available on-site at least eight hours daily with 24 hour availability;
- A staff with one or more *doctors* available at all times;
- Residential treatment that takes place in a structured facility-based setting;
- The resources and programming to adequately diagnose, care and treat a *mental health conditions* or substance abuse;
- Facilities that are designated for residential, sub-acute, or intermediate care and that may occur in care systems that provide multiple levels of care; and
- Accreditation by The Joint Commission (TJC), the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (NIAHO), or the Council on Accreditation (COA).

The term Residential Treatment Center/Facility does not include a provider, or that part of a provider, used mainly for:

- Nursing care

- Rest care
- Convalescent care
- Care of the aged
- *Custodial Care*
- Educational care

Retired employee is a former *full-time employee* who meets the eligibility requirements described in the "Eligible Status" provision in HOW COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS.

Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptives are products with the following routes of administration:

- Oral;
- Transdermal;
- Vaginal;
- Depot Injection.

Severe mental disorders include severe mental illness specified in California Insurance Code section 10144.5: schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, pervasive developmental disorder or autism, anorexia, and bulimia.

"Severe mental disorders" also includes serious emotional disturbances of a child as indicated by the presence of one or more mental disorders as identified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) of Mental Disorders, other than primary substance abuse or developmental disorder, resulting in behavior inappropriate to the *child's* age according to expected developmental norms. The child must also meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. As a result of the mental disorder, the child has substantial impairment in at least two of the following areas: self-care, school functioning, family relationships, or ability to function in the community and is at risk of being removed from the home or has already been removed from the home or the mental disorder has been present for more than six months or is likely to continue for more than one year without treatment.
2. The child is psychotic, suicidal, or potentially violent.
3. The child meets special education eligibility requirements under California law (Education Code Section 56320).

Single source brand name drugs are drugs with no generic substitute.

Skilled nursing facility is an institution that provides continuous skilled nursing services. It must be licensed according to state and local laws and be recognized as a skilled nursing facility under Medicare.

Special care units are special areas of a *hospital* which have highly skilled personnel and special equipment for acute conditions that require constant treatment and observation.

Specialist is a *physician* who focuses on a specific area of medicine or group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent, or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-physician specialist is a provider who has added training in a specific area of health care.

Specialty drugs are typically high-cost, injectable, infused, oral or inhaled medications that generally require close supervision and monitoring of their effect on the patient by a medical professional. Certain specified *specialty drugs* may require special handling, such as temperature controlled packaging and overnight delivery, and therefore, certain specified *specialty drugs* will be required to be obtained through the specialty pharmacy program, unless you qualify for an exception.

Spouse meets the *plan's* eligibility requirements for spouses as outlined under HOW COVERAGE BEGINS AND ENDS.

Stay is inpatient confinement which begins when you are admitted to a facility and ends when you are discharged from that facility.

Substance abuse conditions are defined under the definition for *mental health conditions*.

Totally disabled employee is an *employee* who, because of illness or injury, is unable to work for income in any job for which he/she is qualified or for which he/she becomes qualified by training or experience, and who is in fact unemployed.

Totally disabled family members are *family members* who are unable to perform all activities usual for persons of that age.

Totally disabled retired employee is a *retired employee* who is unable to perform all activities usual for persons of that age.

Urgent care is the services received for a sudden, serious, or unexpected illness, injury or condition, other than one which is life threatening, which requires immediate care for the relief of severe pain or diagnosis and treatment of such condition.

We (us, our) refers to Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company or Anthem Blue Cross (an affiliate of Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health).

Year or **calendar year** is a 12 month period starting January 1 at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

You (your) refers to the *insured employee* and *insured family members* who are enrolled for benefits under this *plan*.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Your Rights and Responsibilities as an Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insured Person

As an Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health *insured person* you have rights and responsibilities when receiving health care. As your health care partner, we want to make sure your rights are respected while providing your health benefits. That means giving you access to our network health care providers and the information you need to make the best decisions for your health. As an *insured person*, you should also take an active role in your care.

These are your rights and responsibilities:

You have the right to:

- Speak freely and privately with your health care providers about all health care options and treatment needed for your condition, no matter what the cost or whether it is covered under your plan.
- Work with your doctors to make choices about your health care.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Expect us to keep your personal health information private by following our privacy policies, and state and federal laws.
- Get the information you need to help make sure you get the most from your health plan, and share your feedback. This includes information on:
 - Our company and services
 - Our network of health care providers
 - Your rights and responsibilities
 - The rules of your health plan
 - The way your health plan works
- Make a complaint or file an appeal about:
 - Your health plan and any care you receive
 - Any covered service or benefit decision that your health plan makes
- Say no to care, for any condition, sickness or disease, without having an effect on any care you may get in the future. This includes asking

your doctor to tell you how that may affect your health now and in the future.

- Get the most up-to-date information from a health care provider about the cause of your illness, your treatment and what may result from it. You can ask for help if you do not understand this information.

You have the responsibility to:

- Read all information about your health benefits and ask for help if you have questions.
- Follow all health plan rules and policies.
- Choose any primary care physician, also called a PCP, who is in our network if your health plan requires it.
- Treat all doctors, health care providers, and staff with respect.
- Keep all scheduled appointments. Call your health care provider's office if you may be late or need to cancel.
- Understand your health problems as well as you can and work with your health care providers to make a treatment plan that you all agree on.
- Inform your health care providers if you don't understand any type of care you're getting or what they want you to do as part of your care plan.
- Follow the health care plan that you have agreed on with your health care providers.
- Give us, your doctors and other health care providers the information needed to help you get the best possible care and all the benefits you are eligible for under your health plan. This may include information about other health insurance benefits you have along with your coverage with us.
- Let our Member Services department know if you have any changes to your name, address or family members covered under your plan.

For details about your coverage and benefits, please read your Certificate.

If you would like more information, have comments, or would like to contact us, please go to www.anthem.com/ca and select "Contact Us", or you may call the Member Services number on your ID card.

We want to provide high quality benefits and Member Services to our *insured persons*. Benefits and coverage for services given under the plan

are governed by the Certificate and not by this Member Rights and Responsibilities statement.

WEB SITE

Information specific to your benefits and claims history are available by calling the 800 number on your identification card. Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health is an affiliate of Anthem Blue Cross. You may use Anthem Blue Cross' web site to access benefit information, claims payment status, benefit maximum status, participating providers or to order an ID card. Simply log on to **www.anthem.com/ca**, select "Member", and click the "Register" button on your first visit to establish a User ID and Password to access the personalized and secure MemberAccess Web site. Once registered, simply click the "Login" button and enter your User ID and Password to access the MemberAccess Web site. Our privacy statement can also be viewed on our website.

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Anthem introduced its Language Assistance Program to provide certain written translation and oral interpretation services to Californian *insured persons* with limited English proficiency.

The Language Assistance Program makes it possible for you to access oral interpretation services and certain written materials vital to understanding your health coverage at no additional cost to you and in a timely manner.

Written materials available for translation include grievance and appeal letters, consent forms, claim denial letters, and explanations of benefits. These materials are available in the top 15 languages as determined by state law.

Oral interpretation services are also available in these languages.

In addition, appropriate auxiliary aids and services, including qualified interpreters for individuals with disabilities and information in alternate formats are also available, free of charge and in a timely manner, when those aids and services are necessary to ensure an equal opportunity to participate for individuals with disabilities.

Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

For information on how to file a complaint, please see COMPLAINT NOTICE at the front of this certificate. To file a discrimination complaint, please see GET HELP IN YOUR LANGUAGE at the end of this certificate.

Requesting a written or oral translation is easy. Just contact Member Services by calling the phone number on your ID card to update your language preference to receive future translated documents or to request interpretation assistance. Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health also sends/receives TDD/TTY messages at **1-866-333-4823** or by using the National Relay Service through **711**.

For more information about the Language Assistance Program visit www.anthem.com/ca.

IDENTITY PROTECTION SERVICES

Identity protection services are available with our Anthem health plans. To learn more about these services, please visit www.anthem.com/resources.

STATEMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER THE NEWBORNS AND MOTHERS HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

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 *physician* (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).

STATEMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER THE WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT OF 1998

This *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). If you have any questions about this coverage, please call us at the Member Services telephone number listed on your ID card.



Get help in your language

Notice of Language Assistance

Curious to know what all this says? We would be too. Here's the English version:

No Cost Language Services. You can get an interpreter. You can get documents read to you and some sent to you in your language. For help, call us at the number listed on your ID card or 1-888-254-2721. For more help call the CA Dept. of Insurance at 1-800-927-4357. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Separate from our language assistance program, we make documents available in alternate formats for members with visual impairments. If you need a copy of this document in an alternate format, please call the customer service telephone number on the back of your ID card.

Spanish

Servicios lingüísticos sin costo. Puede tener un intérprete. Puede solicitar que le lean los documentos y algunos puede recibirlos en su idioma. Para obtener ayuda, llámenos al número que figura en su tarjeta de identificación o al 1-888-254-2721. Para obtener ayuda adicional, llame al Departamento de Seguros de California al 1-800-927-4357. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Arabic

يتم تقديم خدمات اللغة دون مقابل. يمكنك الاستعانة بمترجم. ويمكنك المطالبة بأن تُقرأ لك بعض المستندات وأن يُرسل بعضها بلغتك. للحصول على المساعدة، اتصل بنا على الرقم الموجود على بطاقة التعريف الخاصة بك أو على الرقم 1-888-254-2721. للحصول على مزيد من المساعدة، يُرجى الاتصال بإدارة كاليفورنيا للتأمين على الرقم 927-4357-1-800 (TTY/TDD: 711).

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Armenian

Թարգմանչական անվճար ծառայություններ: Մենք կարող ենք Ձեզ թարգմանչի ծառայություններ առաջարկել Կարող ենք տրամադրել ինչ-որ մեկին, ով փաստաթղթերը կկարդա Ձեզ համար և կուղարկի դրանք Ձեր լեզվով: Օգնություն ստանալու համար զանգահարեք մեզ Ձեզ ID քարտի վրա նշված հեռախոսահամարով կամ 1-888-254-2721 համարով: Լրացուցիչ օգնության համար զանգահարեք Կալիֆոռնիայի ապահովագրության նախարարություն հետևյալ հեռախոսահամարով՝ 1-800-927-4357: (TTY/TDD: 711)

Chinese

免費語言服務。您能獲得免費的譯員。您能聽到以您的語言讀出的文件內容，也能獲得以您的語言而寫的部分文件。如需協助，請撥打您的 ID 卡上的號碼或者1-888-254-2721聯絡我們。如需更多協助，請撥打1-800-927-4357 聯絡CA Dept. of Insurance。 (TTY/TDD: 711)

Farsi

خدمات رایگان زبانی. می‌توانید یک مترجم شفاهی بگیرید. می‌توانید بخوانید اسناد را برای شما بخوانند و برخی اسناد نیز به زبان خودتان برایتان ارسال شود. برای دریافت کمک، از طریق شماره فهرست شده در کارت شناسایی‌تان و یا از طریق 1-888-254-2721 با ما تماس بگیرید. برای دریافت کمکهای بیشتر با اداره بیمه کالیفرنیا به شماره 1-800-927-4357 تماس بگیرید. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Hindi

बिना लागत की भाषा सेवाएँ। आप दुभाषिया प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। आप दस्तावेज़ पढ़वा सकते हैं और कुछ दस्तावेज़ आपको आपकी भाषा में भेजे जा सकते हैं। मदद के लिए, हमें अपने ID कार्ड पर सूचीबद्ध नंबर पर या 1-888-254-2721 पर कॉल करें। अधिक मदद के लिए 1-800-927-4357 पर CA बीमा विभाग को कॉल करें। (TTY/TDD: 711)

Hmong

Tsis Xam Tus Nqi Cov Kev Pab Cuam Ntsig Txog Hom Lus. Koj muaj peev xwm tau txais ib tus neeg txhais lus. Koj muaj peev xwm tau txais cov ntaub ntawv nyem ua koj hom lus rau koj mloog thiab yuav xa ib co ntaub ntawv sau ua koj hom lus tuaj rau koj. Txog rau kev pab, hu rau peb tus nab npawb xov tooj teev tseg cia nyob rau ntawm koj daim ID los sis 1-888-254-2721. Txog rau kev pab

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Japanese

無料言語サービス。通訳サービスを受けられます。希望する言語で文書を読み上げたり、文書を送るサービスも可能です。支援を受けるには、IDカードに記載された番号、または 1-888-254-2721 にお電話ください。支援の詳細は、カリフォルニア州保険局(1-800-927-4357)にお電話ください。(TTY/TDD: 711)

Khmer

សេវាភាសាភីត្លែង។ អ្នកអាចទទួលបានអ្នកបកប្រែម្នាក់។ អ្នកអាចឱ្យគេអានឯកសារផ្សេងៗជូនអ្នក និងផ្ញើឯកសារជូនអ្នកជាភាសារបស់អ្នក។ ដើម្បីទទួលបានជំនួយ សូមហៅទូរស័ព្ទមកលើឯកសារនៃលេខធានារាយនៅលើប័ណ្ណ ID របស់អ្នក ឬក៏លេខ 1-888-254-2721។ ដើម្បីទទួលបានជំនួយបន្ថែម សូមហៅទូរស័ព្ទទៅ CA Dept. of Insurance តាមលេខ 1-800-927-4357។(TTY/TDD: 711)

Korean

무료 언어 서비스. 번역사를 이용하실 수 있습니다. 귀하의 언어로 녹음되어 작성된 문서를 받아보실 수 있습니다. 도움을 받으시려면 ID 카드에 기재된 번호 또는 1-888-254-2721로 전화하십시오. 다른 도움이 필요하시면 1-800-927-4357로 보험 CA 부서에 문의 주십시오. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Punjabi

ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਲਾਗਤ ਦੇ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ। ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇੱਕ ਦੁਆਬੀਆ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ। ਕੋਈ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਸੁਣਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਕੁਝ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਮਦਦ ਲਈ, ਸਾਨੂੰ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਆਈਡੀ ਕਾਰਡ ਉੱਤੇ ਸੂਚੀਬੱਧ ਨੰਬਰ ਜਾਂ 1-888-254-2721 ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਮਦਦ ਲਈ, ਸੀਏ ਡਿਪਾਰਟਮੈਂਟ ਔਫ ਇਨਸੂਰੈਂਸ ਨੂੰ 1-800-927-4357 ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।(TTY/TDD: 711)

Russian

Бесплатные языковые услуги. Вы можете получить услуги устного переводчика. Вам могут прочесть документы или направить некоторые из них на вашем языке. Для получения помощи звоните нам по телефону, указанному на вашей идентификационной карте, или по номеру 1-888-254-2721. Для получения дополнительной помощи звоните в Департамент страхования штата Калифорния по номеру 1-800-927-4357. (TTY/TDD: 711)

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Tagalog

Mga Libreng Serbisyo para sa Wika. Maaari kayong kumuha ng interpreter. Maaari ninyong ipabasa ang mga dokumento at ipadala ang ilan sa mga ito sa inyo sa wikang ginagamit ninyo. Para sa tulong, tawagan kami sa numerong nakalista sa inyong ID card o sa 1-888-254-2721. Para sa higit pang tulong, tawagan ang CA Dept. of Insurance sa 1-800-927-4357. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Thai

ไม่มีค่าบริการเกี่ยวกับภาษา ท่านสามารถขอใช้บริการล่ามได้
ท่านสามารถขอให้เจ้าหน้าที่อ่านเอกสารได้ท่านฟังและเอกสารบางอย่างจะส่งถึง
ท่านโดยใช้ภาษาของท่าน หากต้องการความช่วยเหลือ
โปรดโทรหาเราตามหมายเลขที่ระบุอยู่บนบัตรประจำตัวของท่านหรือที่หมายเลข
1-888-254-2721 หากต้องการความช่วยเหลือเพิ่มเติม โปรดโทรติดตามแผนก CA
Dept. of Insurance ที่หมายเลข 1-800-927-4357. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Vietnamese

Các Dịch Vụ Ngôn Ngữ Miễn Phí. Quý vị có thể có thông dịch viên. Quý vị có thể yêu cầu đọc tài liệu cho quý vị nghe và yêu cầu gửi một số tài liệu bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị cho quý vị. Để được trợ giúp, hãy gọi cho số được ghi trên thẻ ID của quý vị hoặc số 1-888-254-2721. Để được giúp đỡ thêm, hãy gọi cho Sở Bảo Hiểm California (California Department of Insurance) theo số 1-800-927-4357. (TTY/TDD: 711)

It's important we treat you fairly

That's why we follow federal civil rights laws in our health programs and activities. We don't discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For people with disabilities, we offer free aids and services. For people whose primary language isn't English, we offer free language assistance services through interpreters and other written languages. Interested in these services? Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help (TTY/TDD: 711). If you think we failed to offer these services or discriminated based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a complaint, also known as a grievance. You can file a complaint with our Compliance Coordinator in writing to Compliance Coordinator, P.O. Box 27401, Mail Drop VA2002-N160, Richmond, VA 23279. Or you can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights at 200 Independence Avenue, SW; Room 509F, HHH Building; Washington, D.C. 20201 or by calling 1-800-368-1019 (TDD: 1- 800-537-7697) or online at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>. Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

