Amendment to Plan of Benefits

For Employees of: YALE UNIVERSITY
Master Services Agreement/Administrative Services Agreement/Administrative Services Contract
No.: 877076

Effective January 1, 2022, the following changes have been made to your Booklet.

The following replaces the current definition now appearing in the Glossary section in your booklet. These changes apply to members in a medical plan that do not use a network of providers and do apply to all members in a retiree only medical plan.

1. The following replaces the current definition now appearing in the Glossary section in your booklet.

Medically necessary, medical necessity
Health care services or supplies that prevent, evaluate, diagnose, or treat an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms, and that are all of the following, as determined by us within our discretion:

• In accordance with “generally accepted standards of medical practice”
• Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for your illness, injury or disease
• Not primarily for your convenience, the convenience of your physician or other health care provider
• Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of your illness, injury or disease.

Generally accepted standards of medical practice means:

• Standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, and
• Following the standards set forth in our clinical policies and applying clinical judgment.

Important note:
We develop and maintain clinical policy bulletins that describe the generally accepted standards of medical practice, credible scientific evidence, and prevailing clinical guidelines that support our decisions regarding specific services. We use these bulletins and other resources to help guide individualized coverage decisions under our plans and to determine whether an intervention is experimental or investigational. They are subject to change. You can find these bulletins and other information at https://www.aetna.com/health-care-professionals/clinical-policy-bulletins.html. You can also contact us. See the Contact us section for how.

2. The following is added to Administrative Provisions now appearing in the General Provisions – Other Things You Should Know section in your booklet.
Aetna’s authority as claim administrator
Aetna has been designated as claims administrator for benefits under the Plan with full discretion and authority to make claim and appeal determinations. The claims administrator is the appropriate named fiduciary of the plan for purposes of reviewing denied claims for benefits. In exercising this fiduciary responsibility, Aetna has full discretionary authority to make factual determinations, to determine eligibility for benefits, to determine the amount of benefits for each claim received, and to construe terms of the Plan with respect to benefits. Aetna’s decisions are final and binding upon you and any person making a claim on your behalf. Your employer retains sole and complete authority to determine eligibility of persons to participate in the Plan.

Non-Network Medical Plans
Aetna is Full Claim Fiduciary
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