BENEFIT PLAN

Prepared Exclusively for
Yale University - Yale Police
Benevolent Association

Aetna Choice POS II with Base
Prescription Drug Plan

Yale University
# Table of Contents

Schedule of Benefits ................................................................................................................... Issued with Your Booklet

Preface ........................................................................................................................................ 1  
Coverage for You and Your Dependents .................................................................................. 1  
Health Expense Coverage ....................................................................................................... 1  
Treatment Outcomes of Covered Services ............................................................................. 1  

**When Your Coverage Begins** .............................................................................................. 2  
Who Can Be Covered .............................................................................................................. 2  
Employees ................................................................................................................................ 2  
Determining if You Are in an Eligible Class .......................................................................... 2  
Obtaining Coverage for Dependents ...................................................................................... 3  
How and When to Enroll .......................................................................................................... 3  
Initial Enrollment in the Plan .................................................................................................... 3  
Late Enrollment ......................................................................................................................... 4  
Annual Enrollment .................................................................................................................. 4  
Special Enrollment Periods ..................................................................................................... 4  
When Your Coverage Begins ................................................................................................... 6  
Your Effective Date of Coverage ............................................................................................ 6  
Your Dependent’s Effective Date of Coverage ....................................................................... 6  
Retired Employees .................................................................................................................. 6  

**How Your Medical Plan Works** .......................................................................................... 7  
Common Terms ......................................................................................................................... 7  
About Your Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan ...................................................................... 7  
Availability of Providers .......................................................................................................... 8  
How Your Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan Works .............................................................. 8  
Understanding Precertification ............................................................................................... 12  
Services and Supplies Which Require Precertification .......................................................... 13  
Emergency and Urgent Care .................................................................................................. 14  
In Case of a Medical Emergency ............................................................................................. 14  
Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions .................................................................... 14  
In Case of an Urgent Condition ............................................................................................. 14  
Coverage for an Urgent Condition ......................................................................................... 14  
Non-Urgent Care .................................................................................................................... 15  
Follow-Up Care After Treatment of an Emergency or Urgent Medical Condition .............. 15  

**Requirements For Coverage** ............................................................................................. 16  

**What The Plan Covers** ........................................................................................................ 17  
Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan .......................................................................................... 17  
Preventive Care ....................................................................................................................... 17  
Routine Physical Exams .......................................................................................................... 17  
Routine Cancer Screenings .................................................................................................... 18  
Screening and Counseling Services ....................................................................................... 18  
Prenatal Care ............................................................................................................................ 19  
Family Planning Services - Female Contraceptives .............................................................. 19  
Family Planning - Other ......................................................................................................... 20  
Vision Care Services .............................................................................................................. 20  
Limitations .................................................................................................................................. 20  
Hearing Exam ........................................................................................................................... 20  
Physician Services ................................................................................................................... 21  

Physician Visits ......................................................................................................................... 21  
Surgery ...................................................................................................................................... 21  
Anesthetics ................................................................................................................................. 21  
Alternatives to Physician Office Visits ................................................................................... 21  
Hospital Expenses .................................................................................................................. 22  
Room and Board ....................................................................................................................... 22  
Other Hospital Services and Supplies .................................................................................... 22  
Outpatient Hospital Expenses ................................................................................................. 22  
Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions .................................................................... 23  
Coverage for Urgent Conditions ............................................................................................ 23  
Alternatives to Hospital Stays .................................................................................................. 23  
Outpatient Surgery and Physician Surgical Services ............................................................ 23  
Birthing Center ........................................................................................................................ 24  
Home Health Care .................................................................................................................. 24  
Private Duty Nursing ............................................................................................................... 26  
Skilled Nursing Facility ........................................................................................................... 26  
Hospice Care ............................................................................................................................. 27  
Other Covered Health Care Expenses .................................................................................... 28  
Acupuncture ............................................................................................................................. 28  
Ambulance Service .................................................................................................................. 28  
Ground Ambulance .................................................................................................................. 28  
Air or Water Ambulance .......................................................................................................... 29  
Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing ..................................................................................... 29  
Diagnostic Complex Imaging Expenses ................................................................................. 29  
Outpatient Diagnostic Lab Work and Radiological Services .............................................. 29  
Outpatient Preoperative Testing .............................................................................................. 30  
Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME) ................................................................. 30  
Experimental or Investigational Treatment .......................................................................... 31  
Pregnancy Related Expenses ................................................................................................. 31  
Prescription Drugs ................................................................................................................... 31  
Prosthetic Devices .................................................................................................................... 32  
Hearing Aids ............................................................................................................................ 32  
Benefits After Termination of Coverage ................................................................................. 33  
Short-Term Rehabilitation Therapy Services ......................................................................... 33  
Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Benefits .................................................................. 33  
Outpatient Cognitive Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Rehabilitation Benefits ................................................................. 33  
Reconstructive or Cosmetic Surgery and Supplies ................................................................. 34  
Reconstructive Breast Surgery ............................................................................................... 35  
Specialized Care ...................................................................................................................... 35  
Chemotherapy ........................................................................................................................ 35  
Radiation Therapy Benefits .................................................................................................... 35  
Outpatient Infusion Therapy Benefits .................................................................................... 35  
Treatment of Infertility ............................................................................................................. 36  
Basic Infertility Expenses ....................................................................................................... 36
Preface

The medical benefits plan described in this Booklet is a benefit plan of the Employer. These benefits are not insured with Aetna or any of its affiliates, but will be paid from the Employer's funds. Aetna and its HMO affiliates will provide certain administrative services under the Aetna medical benefits plan.

Aetna agrees with the Employer to provide administrative services in accordance with the conditions, rights, and privileges as set forth in this Booklet. The Employer selects the products and benefit levels under the Aetna medical benefits plan.

The Booklet describes your rights and obligations, what the Aetna medical benefits plan covers, and how benefits are paid for that coverage. It is your responsibility to understand the terms and conditions in this Booklet. Your Booklet includes the Schedule of Benefits and any amendments.

This Booklet replaces and supercedes all Aetna Booklets describing coverage for the medical benefits plan described in this Booklet that you may previously have received.

Employer: Yale University
Contract Number: 877076
Effective Date: January 1, 2013
Issue Date: October 24, 2013
Booklet Number: 9
Coverage for You and Your Dependents

Health Expense Coverage

Benefits are payable for covered health care expenses that are incurred by you or your covered dependents while coverage is in effect. An expense is “incurred” on the day you receive a health care service or supply.

Coverage under this plan is non-occupational. Only non-occupational injuries and non-occupational illnesses are covered.

Refer to the What the Plan Covers section of the Booklet for more information about your coverage.

Treatment Outcomes of Covered Services

Aetna is not a provider of health care services and therefore is not responsible for and does not guarantee any results or outcomes of the covered health care services and supplies you receive. Except for Aetna RX Home Delivery LLC, providers of health care services, including hospitals, institutions, facilities or agencies, are independent contractors and are neither agents nor employees of Aetna or its affiliates.
When Your Coverage Begins

Throughout this section you will find information on who can be covered under the plan, how to enroll and what to do when there is a change in your life that affects coverage. In this section, “you” means the employee.

Who Can Be Covered

Employees
To be covered by this plan, the following requirements must be met:

- You will need to be in an “eligible class,” as defined below; and
- You will need to meet the “eligibility date criteria” described below.

Determining if You Are in an Eligible Class
You are in an eligible class if:

- You are a regular full-time Yale Police Benevolent Association employee with less than three years of service, as defined by your employer, electing the Base Prescription Drug plan.

You may continue in an eligible class if:

- You are a retired employee of an employer participating in this plan, and you:
  - Retired before the effective date of this plan and were covered under the prior plan for health care coverage on the day before you retired; or
  - Were covered under this plan or another plan sponsored by your employer on the day before you retired; and
  - Retire under your employer’s IRS-qualified retirement plan.

Probationary Period
Once you enter an eligible class, you will need to complete the probationary period before your coverage under this plan begins.

Determining When You Become Eligible
You become eligible for the plan on your eligibility date, which is determined as follows.

On the Effective Date of the Plan
If you are in an eligible class on the effective date of this plan, your coverage eligibility date is the effective date of the plan.

After the Effective Date of the Plan
If you are hired or enter an eligible class after the effective date of this plan, your coverage eligibility date is the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date you complete 30 days of continuous service with your employer. This is defined as the probationary period. If you had already satisfied the probationary period before you entered the eligible class, your coverage eligibility date is the date you enter the eligible class.
Obtaining Coverage for Dependents
Your dependents can be covered under this Plan. You may enroll the following dependents:

- Your spouse.
- Your dependent children.
- Your domestic partner who meets the rules set by your employer.
- Dependent children of your domestic partner.

Aetna will rely upon your employer to determine whether or not a person meets the definition of a dependent for coverage under this Plan. This determination will be conclusive and binding upon all persons for the purposes of this Plan.

Coverage for a Domestic Partner
To be eligible for coverage, you and your domestic partner will need to complete and sign a Declaration of Domestic Partnership.

Coverage for Dependent Children
To be eligible for coverage, a dependent child must be under 26 years of age.

An eligible dependent child includes:

- Your biological children;
- Your stepchildren;
- Your legally adopted children;
- Your foster children, including any children placed with you for adoption;
- Any children for whom you are responsible under court order;
- Your grandchildren in your court-ordered custody; and
- Any other child with whom you have a parent-child relationship.

Coverage for a handicapped child may be continued past the age limits shown above. See Handicapped Dependent Children for more information.

Important Reminder
Keep in mind that you cannot receive coverage under this Plan as:

- Both an employee and a dependent; or
- A dependent of more than one employee.

How and When to Enroll

Initial Enrollment in the Plan
You will be provided with plan benefit and enrollment information when you first become eligible to enroll. You will need to enroll in a manner determined by Aetna and your employer. To complete the enrollment process, you will need to provide all requested information for yourself and your eligible dependents. You will also need to agree to make required contributions for any contributory coverage. Your employer will determine the amount of your plan contributions, which you will need to agree to before you can enroll. Your employer will advise you of the required amount of your contributions and will deduct your contributions from your pay. Remember plan contributions are subject to change.

You will need to enroll within 31 days of your eligibility date. Otherwise, you may be considered a Late Enrollee. If you miss the enrollment period, you will not be able to participate in the plan until the next annual enrollment period, unless you qualify under a Special Enrollment Period, as described below.
If you do not enroll for coverage when you first become eligible, but wish to do so later, your employer will provide you with information on when and how you can enroll.

Newborns are automatically covered for 31 days after birth. To continue coverage after 31 days, you will need to complete a change form and return it to your employer within the 31-day enrollment period.

**Late Enrollment**

If you do not enroll during the Initial Enrollment Period, or a subsequent annual enrollment period, you and your eligible dependents may be considered **Late Enrollees** and coverage may be deferred until the next annual enrollment period. If, at the time of your initial enrollment, you elect coverage for yourself only and later request coverage for your eligible dependents, they may be considered **Late Enrollees**.

You must return your completed enrollment form before the end of the next annual enrollment period as described below.

However, you and your eligible dependents may not be considered **Late Enrollees** if you qualify for one of the circumstances described in the “Special Enrollment Periods” section below.

**Annual Enrollment**

During the annual enrollment period, you will have the opportunity to review your coverage needs for the upcoming year. During this period, you have the option to change your coverage. The choices you make during this annual enrollment period will become effective the following year.

If you do not enroll yourself or a dependent for coverage when you first become eligible, but wish to do so later, you will need to do so during the next annual enrollment period, unless you qualify under one of the Special Enrollment Periods, as described below.

**Special Enrollment Periods**

You will not be considered a **Late Enrollee** if you qualify under a Special Enrollment Period as defined below. If one of these situations applies, you may enroll before the next annual enrollment period.

**Loss of Other Health Care Coverage**
You or your dependents may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if:

- You did not enroll yourself or your dependent when you first became eligible or during any subsequent annual enrollments because, at that time:
  - You or your dependents were covered under other **creditable coverage**; and
  - You refused coverage and stated, in writing, at the time you refused coverage that the reason was that you or your dependents had other **creditable coverage**; and
- You or your dependents are no longer eligible for other **creditable coverage** because of one of the following:
  - The end of your employment;
  - A reduction in your hours of employment (for example, moving from a full-time to part-time position);
  - The ending of the other plan’s coverage;
  - Death;
  - Divorce or legal separation;
  - Employer contributions toward that coverage have ended;
  - COBRA coverage ends;
  - The employer’s decision to stop offering the group health plan to the eligible class to which you belong;
- Cessation of a dependent’s status as an eligible dependent as such is defined under this Plan;
- With respect to coverage under Medicaid or an S-CHIP Plan, you or your dependents no longer qualify for such coverage; or
- You or your dependents have reached the lifetime maximum of another Plan for all benefits under that Plan.

- You or your dependents become eligible for premium assistance, with respect to coverage under the group health plan, under Medicaid or an S-CHIP Plan.

You will need to enroll yourself or a dependent for coverage within:

- 31 days of when other **creditable coverage** ends;
- within 60 days of when coverage under Medicaid or an S-CHIP Plan ends; or
- within 60 days of the date you or your dependents become eligible for Medicaid or S-CHIP premium assistance.

Evidence of termination of **creditable coverage** must be provided to your employer or the party it designates. If you do not enroll during this time, you will need to wait until the next annual enrollment period.

**New Dependents**

You and your dependents may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if:

- You did not enroll when you were first eligible for coverage; and
- You later acquire a dependent, as defined under the plan, through marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption; and
- You elect coverage for yourself and your dependent within 31 days of acquiring the dependent.

Your spouse or child who meets the definition of a dependent under the plan may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if:

- You did not enroll them when they were first eligible; and
- You later elect coverage for them within 31 days of a court order requiring you to provide coverage.

You will need to report any new dependents by completing a change form, which is available from your employer. The form must be completed and returned to your employer within 31 days of the change. If you do not return the form within 31 days of the change, you will need to make the changes during the next annual enrollment period.

**If You Adopt a Child**

Your plan will cover a child who is placed for adoption. This means you have taken on the legal obligation for total or partial support of a child whom you plan to adopt.

Your plan will provide coverage for a child who is placed with you for adoption if:

- The child meets the plan’s definition of an eligible dependent on the date he or she is placed for adoption; and
- You request coverage for the child in writing within 31 days of the placement;
- Proof of placement will need to be presented to your employer prior to the dependent enrollment;
- Any coverage limitations for a preexisting condition will not apply to a child placed with you for adoption provided that the placement occurs on or after the effective date of your coverage.

**When You Receive a Qualified Child Support Order**

A Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) is a court order requiring a parent to provide health care coverage to one or more children. Your plan will provide coverage for a child who is covered under a QMCSO, if:

- The child meets the plan’s definition of an eligible dependent; and
- You request coverage for the child in writing within 31 days of the court order.
Coverage for the dependent will become effective on the date of the court order. Any coverage limitations for a preexisting condition will not apply, as long as you submit a written request for coverage within the 31-day period.

If you do not request coverage for the child within the 31-day period, you will need to wait until the next annual enrollment period.

Under a QMCSO, if you are the non-custodial parent, the custodial parent may file claims for benefits. Benefits for such claims will be paid to the custodial parent.

**When Your Coverage Begins**

**Your Effective Date of Coverage**
If you have met all the eligibility requirements, your coverage takes effect on the later of:

- The date you are eligible for coverage; and
- The date you return your completed enrollment information; and
- Your application is received and approved in writing by Aetna; and
- The date your required contribution is received by Aetna.

If you do not return your completed enrollment information within 31 days of your eligibility date, the rules under the Special or Late Enrollment Periods section will apply.

**Important Notice:**
You must pay the required contribution in full or coverage will not be effective.

**Your Dependent’s Effective Date of Coverage**
Your dependent’s coverage takes effect on the same day that your coverage becomes effective, if you have enrolled them in the plan.

**Note:** New dependents need to be reported to your employer within 31 days because they may affect your contributions. If you do not report a new dependent within 31 days of his or her eligibility date, the rules under the Special or Late Enrollment Periods section will apply.

**Retired Employees**
In lieu of corresponding rules which apply to employees:

- If any health expense benefits are payable based on a "period of disability", the rule which applies to determine when a dependent's period of disability ends will also apply to you.
- The rule which applies to a dependent to determine if total disability exists when health expense insurance ends will also apply to you.
How Your Medical Plan Works

It is important that you have the information and useful resources to help you get the most out of your Aetna medical plan. This Booklet explains:

- Definitions you need to know;
- How to access care, including procedures you need to follow;
- What expenses for services and supplies are covered and what limits may apply;
- What expenses for services and supplies are not covered by the plan;
- How you share the cost of your covered services and supplies; and
- Other important information such as eligibility, complaints and appeals, termination, continuation of coverage, and general administration of the plan.

Important Notes

- Unless otherwise indicated, “you” refers to you and your covered dependents.
- Your health plan pays benefits only for services and supplies described in this Booklet as covered expenses that are medically necessary.
- This Booklet applies to coverage only and does not restrict your ability to receive health care services that are not or might not be covered benefits under this health plan.
- Store this Booklet in a safe place for future reference.

Common Terms

Many terms throughout this Booklet are defined in the Glossary section at the back of this document. Defined terms appear in bolded print. Understanding these terms will also help you understand how your plan works and provide you with useful information regarding your coverage.

About Your Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

This Aetna Choice POS II medical plan provides coverage for a wide range of medical expenses for the treatment of illness or injury. It does not provide benefits for all medical care. The plan also provides coverage for certain preventive and wellness benefits. With your Aetna Choice POS II plan, you can directly access any network or out-of-network physician, hospital or other health care provider for covered services and supplies under the plan. The plan pays benefits differently when services and supplies are obtained through network providers or out-of-network providers under this plan.

Important Note

Network providers have contracted with Aetna, an affiliate or third party vendor to provide health care services and supplies to Aetna plan members. Network providers are generally identified in the printed directory and the on-line version of the directory via DocFind at www.aetna.com unless otherwise noted in this section. Out-of-network providers are not listed in the Aetna directory.

The plan will pay for covered expenses up to the maximum benefits shown in this Booklet.
Coverage is subject to all the terms, policies and procedures outlined in this Booklet. Not all medical expenses are covered under the plan. Exclusions and limitations apply to certain medical services, supplies and expenses. Refer to the What the Plan Covers, Exclusions, Limitations sections and Schedule of Benefits to determine if medical services are covered, excluded or limited.

This Aetna Choice POS II plan provides access to covered benefits through a broad network of health care providers and facilities. This Aetna Choice POS II plan is designed to lower your out-of-pocket costs when you use network providers for covered expenses. Your deductibles, copayments, and payment percentage will generally be lower when you use network providers and facilities.

You also have the choice to access licensed providers, hospitals and facilities outside the network for covered services and supplies. Your out-of-pocket costs will generally be higher when you use out-of-network providers because the deductibles, copayments, and payment percentage that you are required to pay are usually higher when you utilize out-of-network providers. Out-of-network providers have not agreed to accept the negotiated charge and may balance bill you for charges over the amount Aetna pays under the plan.

Some services and supplies may only be covered through network providers. Refer to the Covered Benefit sections and your Schedule of Benefits to determine if any services are limited to network coverage only.

Your out-of-pocket costs may vary between network and out-of-network benefits. Read your Schedule of Benefits carefully to understand the cost sharing charges applicable to you.

Availability of Providers
Aetna cannot guarantee the availability or continued participation of a particular provider. Either Aetna or any network provider may terminate the provider contract or limit the number of patients accepted in a practice. If the physician initially selected cannot accept additional patients, you will be notified and given an opportunity to make another selection.

Ongoing Reviews
Aetna conducts ongoing reviews of those services and supplies which are recommended or provided by health professionals to determine whether such services and supplies are covered expenses under this Booklet. If Aetna determines that the recommended services or supplies are not covered expenses, you will be notified. You may appeal such determinations by contacting Aetna to seek a review of the determination. Please refer to the Reporting of Claims and the Claims and Appeals sections of this Booklet.

To better understand the choices that you have with your Aetna Choice POS II plan, please carefully review the following information.

How Your Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan Works
The Primary Care Physician:
To access network benefits, you are encouraged to select a Primary Care Physician (PCP) from Aetna’s network of providers at the time of enrollment. Each covered family member may select his or her own PCP. If your covered dependent is a minor, or otherwise incapable of selecting a PCP, you should select a PCP on their behalf.

You may search online for the most current list of participating providers in your area by using DocFind, Aetna’s online provider directory at www.aetna.com. You can choose a PCP based on geographic location, group practice, medical specialty, language spoken, or hospital affiliation. DocFind is updated several times a week. You may also request a printed copy of the provider directory through your employer or by contacting Member Services through e-mail or by calling the toll free number on your ID card.

A PCP may be a general practitioner, family physician, internist, or pediatrician. Your PCP provides routine preventive care and will treat you for illness or injury.
A PCP coordinates your medical care, as appropriate either by providing treatment or may direct you to other network providers for other covered services and supplies. The PCP can also order lab tests and x-rays, prescribe medicines or therapies, and arrange hospitalization.

Changing Your PCP
You may change your PCP at any time on Aetna’s website, www.aetna.com, or by calling the Member Services toll-free number on your identification card. The change will become effective upon Aetna’s receipt and approval of the request.

Specialists and Other Network Providers
You may directly access specialists and other health care professionals in the network for covered services and supplies under this Booklet. Refer to the Aetna provider directory to locate network specialists, providers and hospitals in your area. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits section for benefit limitations and out-of-pocket costs applicable to your plan.

Important Note
ID Card: You will receive an ID card. It identifies you as a member when you receive services from health care providers. If you have not received your ID card or if your card is lost or stolen, notify Aetna immediately and a new card will be issued.

Accessing Network Providers and Benefits
- You may select a PCP or other direct access network provider from the network provider directory or by logging on to Aetna’s website at www.aetna.com. You can search Aetna’s online directory, DocFind, for names and locations of physicians, hospitals and other health care providers and facilities. You can change your PCP at anytime.
- If a service or supply you need is covered under this Plan but not available from a network provider in your area, your PCP may refer you to an out-of-network provider. As long as your PCP has provided you with a referral that has been approved by Aetna, you will receive the network benefit level as shown in your Schedule of Benefits.
- If a service or supply you need is covered under this Plan but not available from a network provider in your area, please contact Member Services by email or at the toll-free number on your ID card for assistance.
- Certain health care services such as hospitalization, outpatient surgery and certain other outpatient services, require precertification with Aetna to verify coverage for these services. You do not need to precertify services provided by a network provider. Network providers will be responsible for obtaining necessary precertification for you. Since precertification is the provider’s responsibility, there are no additional out-of-pocket costs to you as a result of a network provider’s failure to precertify services. Refer to the Understanding Precertification section for more information on the precertification process and what to do if your request for precertification is denied.
- Except for your prescription drug expenses, you will not have to submit medical claims for treatment received from network health care professionals and facilities. Your network provider will take care of claim submission. Aetna will directly pay the network provider or facility less any cost sharing required by you. You will be responsible for deductibles, payment percentage and copayments, if any.
- You may be required to pay some network providers at the time of service. When you pay a network provider directly, you will be responsible for completing a claim form to receive reimbursement of covered expenses from Aetna. You must submit a completed claim form and proof of payment to Aetna. Refer to the General Provisions section of this Booklet for a complete description of how to file a claim under this Plan.
- You will receive notification of what the plan has paid toward your covered expenses. It will indicate any amounts you owe towards your deductible, copayments, or payment percentage or other non-covered expenses you have incurred. You may elect to receive this notification by e-mail, or through the mail. Call or e-mail Member Services if you have questions regarding your statement.
Cost Sharing For Network Benefits
You share in the cost of your benefits. Cost Sharing amounts and provisions are described in the Schedule of Benefits.

- Network providers have agreed to accept the negotiated charge. Aetna will reimburse you for a covered expense, incurred from a network provider, up to the negotiated charge and the maximum benefits under this Plan, less any cost sharing required by you such as deductibles, copayments and payment percentage. Your payment percentage is based on the negotiated charge. You will not have to pay any balance bills above the negotiated charge for that covered service or supply. You must satisfy any applicable deductibles before the plan will begin to pay benefits.

- Deductibles and payment percentage are usually lower when you use network providers than when you use out-of-network providers.

- For certain types of services and supplies, you will be responsible for any copayments shown in your Schedule of Benefits. The copayments will vary depending upon the type of service and whether you obtain covered health care services from a provider who is a specialist or non-specialist. You will be subject to the PCP copayments shown on the Schedule of Benefits when you obtain covered health care services from any PCP who is a network provider. If the provider is a network specialist, then the specialist copayment will apply.

- After you satisfy any applicable deductible, you will be responsible for any applicable payment percentage for covered expenses that you incur. You will be responsible for your payment percentage up to the payment limit applicable to your plan.

- Once you satisfy any applicable payment limit, the plan will pay 100% of the covered expenses that apply toward the limits for the rest of the Calendar Year. Certain designated out-of-pocket expenses may not apply to the payment limits. Refer to your Schedule of Benefits for information on what covered expenses do not apply to the payment limits and for the specific payment limit amounts that apply to your plan.

- The plan will pay for covered expenses, up to the benefit maximums shown in the What the Plan Covers section or the Schedule of Benefits. You are responsible for any expenses incurred over the maximum limits outlined in the What the Plan Covers section or the Schedule of Benefits.

- You may be billed for any deductible, copayment, or payment percentage amounts, or any non-covered expenses that you incur.
Accessing Out-of-Network Providers and Benefits

- Certain health care services such as hospitalization, outpatient surgery and certain other outpatient services, require precertification with Aetna to verify coverage for these services. When you receive services from an out-of-network provider, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary precertification from Aetna. Your provider may precertify the services for you. However, you should verify with Aetna prior to the service, that the provider has obtained precertification from Aetna. If the service is not precertified, the benefit payable may be significantly reduced or may not be covered. This means you will be responsible for the unpaid balance of any bills. You must call the precertification toll-free number on your ID card to precertify services. Refer to the Understanding Precertification section for more information on the precertification process and what to do if your request for precertification is denied.

- When you use out-of-network providers, you may have to pay for services at the time they are rendered. You may be required to pay the full charges and submit a claim form to Aetna for reimbursement. You are responsible for completing and submitting claim forms for reimbursement of covered expenses that you paid directly to an out-of-network provider.

- When you pay an out-of-network provider directly, you will be responsible for completing a claim form to receive reimbursement of covered expenses from Aetna. You must submit a completed claim form and proof of payment to Aetna. Refer to the General Provisions section of this Booklet for a complete description of how to file a claim under this plan.

- You will receive notification of what the plan has paid toward your covered expenses. It will indicate any amounts you owe towards any deductible, or payment percentage amounts or other non-covered expenses you have incurred. You may elect to receive this notification by e-mail, or through the mail. Call or e-mail Member Services if you have questions regarding your statement.

Important Note
Failure to precertify services and supplies will result in a reduction of benefits or no coverage for the services or supplies under this Booklet. Please refer to the Understanding Precertification section for information on how to request precertification.

Cost Sharing for Out-of-Network Benefits
You share in the cost of your benefits. Cost Sharing amounts and provisions are described in the Schedule of Benefits.

- Out-of-network providers have not agreed to accept the negotiated charge. Aetna will reimburse you for a covered expense, incurred from an out-of-network provider, up to the recognized charge and the maximum benefits under this Plan, less any cost-sharing required by you such as deductibles and payment percentage. The recognized charge is the maximum amount Aetna will pay for a covered expense from an out-of-network provider. Your payment percentage is based on the recognized charge. If your out-of-network provider charges more than the recognized charge, you will be responsible for any expenses incurred above the recognized charge. Except for emergency services, Aetna will only pay up to the recognized charge.

- You must satisfy any applicable deductibles before the plan begins to pay benefits.

- Deductibles and payment percentage are usually higher when you use out-of-network providers than when you use network providers.

- After you satisfy any applicable deductible, you will be responsible for any applicable payment percentage for covered expenses that you incur. You will be responsible for your payment percentage up to the payment limits that apply to your plan.

- Once you satisfy any applicable payment limit, the plan will pay 100% of the covered expenses that apply toward the limits for the rest of the Calendar Year. Certain designated out-of-pocket expenses may not apply to the payment limit. Refer to your Schedule of Benefits for information on what covered expenses do not apply to the payment limits and for the specific payment limit amounts that apply to your plan.

- The plan will pay for covered expenses, up to the benefit maximums shown in the What the Plan Covers section or the Schedule of Benefits. You are responsible for any expenses incurred over the maximum limits outlined in the What the Plan Covers section or the Schedule of Benefits.
Understanding Precertification
Precertification
Certain services, such as inpatient stays, certain tests, procedures and outpatient surgery require precertification by Aetna. Precertification is a process that helps you and your physician determine whether the services being recommended are covered expenses under the plan. It also allows Aetna to help your provider coordinate your transition from an inpatient setting to an outpatient setting (called discharge planning), and to register you for specialized programs or case management when appropriate.

You do not need to precertify services provided by a network provider. Network providers will be responsible for obtaining necessary precertification for you. Since precertification is the provider’s responsibility, there is no additional out-of-pocket cost to you as a result of a network provider’s failure to precertify services.

When you go to an out-of-network provider, it is your responsibility to obtain precertification from Aetna for any services or supplies on the precertification list below. If you do not precertify, your benefits may be reduced, or the plan may not pay any benefits. The list of services requiring precertification follows on the next page.

Important Note
Please read the following sections in their entirety for important information on the precertification process, and any impact it may have on your coverage.

The Precertification Process
Prior to being hospitalized or receiving certain other medical services or supplies there are certain precertification procedures that must be followed.

You or a member of your family, a hospital staff member, or the attending physician, must notify Aetna to precertify the admission or medical services and expenses prior to receiving any of the services or supplies that require precertification pursuant to this Booklet in accordance with the following timelines:

Precertification should be secured within the timeframes specified below. To obtain precertification, call Aetna at the telephone number listed on your ID card. This call must be made:

| For non-emergency admissions: | You, your physician or the facility will need to call and request precertification at least 14 days before the date you are scheduled to be admitted. |
| For an emergency outpatient medical condition: | You or your physician should call prior to the outpatient care, treatment or procedure if possible; or as soon as reasonably possible. |
| For an emergency admission: | You, your physician or the facility must call within 48 hours or as soon as reasonably possible after you have been admitted. |
| For an urgent admission: | You, your physician or the facility will need to call before you are scheduled to be admitted. An urgent admission is a hospital admission by a physician due to the onset of or change in an illness, the diagnosis of an illness; or an injury. |
| For outpatient non-emergency medical services requiring precertification: | You or your physician must call at least 14 days before the outpatient care is provided, or the treatment or procedure is scheduled. |

Aetna will provide a written notification to you and your physician of the precertification decision. If your precertified expenses are approved the approval is good for 60 days as long as you remain enrolled in the plan.
When you have an inpatient admission to a facility, Aetna will notify you, your physician and the facility about your precertified length of stay. If your physician recommends that your stay be extended, additional days will need to be certified. You, your physician, or the facility will need to call Aetna at the number on your ID card as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than the final authorized day. Aetna will review and process the request for an extended stay. You and your physician will receive a notification of an approval or denial.

If precertification determines that the stay or services and supplies are not covered expenses, the notification will explain why and how Aetna’s decision can be appealed. You or your provider may request a review of the precertification decision pursuant to the Claims and Appeals section included with this Booklet.

Services and Supplies Which Require Precertification
Precertification is required for the following types of medical expenses:

Inpatient and Outpatient Care

- Stays in a hospital;
- Stays in a skilled nursing facility;
- Stays in a rehabilitation facility;
- Stays in a hospice facility;
- Outpatient hospice care;
- Stays in a Residential Treatment Facility for treatment of mental disorders and substance abuse;
- Partial Hospitalization Programs for mental disorders and substance abuse;
- Home health care;
- Private duty nursing care;
- Intensive Outpatient Programs for mental disorders and substance abuse;
- Amytal interview;
- Applied Behavioral Analysis;
- Biofeedback;
- Electroconvulsive therapy;
- Neuropsychological testing;
- Outpatient detoxification;
- Psychiatric home care services;
- Psychological testing.

How Failure to Precertify Affects Your Benefits
A precertification benefit reduction will be applied to the benefits paid if you fail to obtain a required precertification prior to incurring medical expenses. This means Aetna will reduce the amount paid towards your coverage, or your expenses may not be covered. You will be responsible for the unpaid balance of the bills.

You are responsible for obtaining the necessary precertification from Aetna prior to receiving services from an out-of-network provider. Your provider may precertify your treatment for you; however you should verify with Aetna prior to the procedure, that the provider has obtained precertification from Aetna. If your treatment is not precertified by you or your provider, the benefit payable may be significantly reduced or your expenses may not be covered.

How Your Benefits are Affected
The chart below illustrates the effect on your benefits if necessary precertification is not obtained.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>If precertification is:</th>
<th>then the expenses are:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>requested and approved by Aetna.</td>
<td>covered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>requested and denied.</td>
<td>not covered, may be appealed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• not requested, but would have been covered if requested.</td>
<td>• covered after a <strong>precertification</strong> benefit reduction is applied.*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• not requested, would not have been covered if requested.</td>
<td>• not covered, may be appealed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

It is important to remember that any additional out-of-pocket expenses incurred because your **precertification** requirement was not met will not count toward your **deductible** or **payment percentage** or **maximum out-of-pocket limit**.

*Refer to the **Schedule of Benefits** section for the amount of **precertification** benefit reduction that applies to your plan.

## Emergency and Urgent Care

You have coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere inside or outside the plan’s service area, for:

- An emergency medical condition; or
- An urgent condition.

### In Case of a Medical Emergency

When **emergency care** is necessary, please follow the guidelines below:

- Seek the nearest emergency room, or dial 911 or your local emergency response service for medical and ambulatory assistance. If possible, call your **physician** provided a delay would not be detrimental to your health.
- After assessing and stabilizing your condition, the emergency room should contact your **physician** to obtain your medical history to assist the emergency **physician** in your treatment.
- If you are admitted to an inpatient facility, notify your **physician** as soon as reasonably possible.

- If you seek care in an emergency room for a non-emergency condition, the plan will not cover the expenses you incur. Please refer to the **Schedule of Benefits** for specific details about the plan. No other plan benefits will pay for non-emergency care in the emergency room unless otherwise specified under the plan.

### Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions

Refer to **Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions** in the **What the Plan Covers** section.

**Important Reminder**

If you visit a **hospital** emergency room for a non-emergency condition, the plan will not cover your expenses, as shown in the **Schedule of Benefits**. No other plan benefits will pay for non-emergency care in the emergency room unless otherwise specified under the plan.

### In Case of an Urgent Condition

Call your **PCP** if you think you need urgent care. **Network providers** are required to provide urgent care coverage 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays. You may contact any **physician** or **urgent care provider**, in- or out-of-network, for an **urgent care condition** if you cannot reach your **physician**.

If it is not feasible to contact your **physician**, please do so as soon as possible after urgent care is provided. If you need help finding an **urgent care provider** you may call Member Services at the toll-free number on your I.D. card, or you may access **Aetna**’s online provider directory at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).

### Coverage for an Urgent Condition

Refer to **Coverage for Urgent Medical Conditions** in the **What the Plan Covers** section.
Non-Urgent Care
If you seek care from an urgent care provider for a non-urgent condition, (one that does not meet the criteria above), the plan will not cover the expenses you incur unless otherwise specified under the Plan. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for specific plan details.

Important Reminder
If you visit an urgent care provider for a non-urgent condition, the plan will not cover your expenses, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. No other plan benefits will be pay for non-urgent care received at a hospital or an urgent care provider unless otherwise specified.

Follow-Up Care After Treatment of an Emergency or Urgent Medical Condition
Follow-up care is not considered an emergency or urgent condition and is not covered as part of any emergency or urgent care visit. Once you have been treated and discharged, you should contact your physician for any necessary follow-up care.

For coverage purposes, follow-up care is treated as any other expense for illness or injury. If you access a hospital emergency room for follow-up care, your expenses will not be covered and you will be responsible for the entire cost of your treatment. Refer to your Schedule of Benefits for cost sharing information applicable to your plan.

To keep your out-of-pocket costs lower, your follow-up care should be provided by a physician.

You may use an out-of-network provider for your follow-up care. You will be subject to the deductible and payment percentage that apply to out-of-network expenses, which may result in higher out-of-pocket costs to you.

Important Notice
Follow up care, which includes (but is not limited to) suture removal, cast removal and radiological tests such as x-rays, should not be provided by an emergency room facility.

Members Traveling Overseas
National Medical Excellence (NME) coordinates care when an Aetna member develops an urgent or acute illness when traveling outside of the United States. Members should call the toll-free number on the back of their ID card or 877-212-8811 or 215-775-6445 to contact Aetna.
Requirements For Coverage

To be covered by the plan, services and supplies and prescription drugs must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The service or supply or prescription drug must be covered by the plan. For a service or supply or prescription drug to be covered, it must:

   ▪ Be included as a covered expense in this Booklet;
   ▪ Not be an excluded expense under this Booklet. Refer to the Exclusions sections of this Booklet for a list of services and supplies that are excluded;
   ▪ Not exceed the maximums and limitations outlined in this Booklet. Refer to the What the Plan Covers section and the Schedule of Benefits for information about certain expense limits; and
   ▪ Be obtained in accordance with all the terms, policies and procedures outlined in this Booklet.

2. The service or supply or prescription drug must be provided while coverage is in effect. See the Who Can Be Covered, How and When to Enroll, When Your Coverage Begins, When Coverage Ends and Continuation of Coverage sections for details on when coverage begins and ends.

3. The service or supply or prescription drug must be medically necessary. To meet this requirement, the medical services, supply or prescription drug must be provided by a physician, or other health care provider, exercising prudent clinical judgment, to a patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms. The provision of the service or supply must be:

   (a) In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
   (b) Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient’s illness, injury or disease; and
   (c) Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, physician or other health care provider;
   (d) And 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 that patient’s illness, injury, or disease.

For these purposes “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, or otherwise consistent with physician specialty society recommendations and the views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

Important Note

Not every service, supply or prescription drug that fits the definition for medical necessity is covered by the plan. Exclusions and limitations apply to certain medical services, supplies and expenses. For example some benefits are limited to a certain number of days, visits or a dollar maximum. Refer to the What the Plan Covers section and the Schedule of Benefits for the plan limits and maximums.
What The Plan Covers

Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

Many preventive and routine medical expenses as well as expenses incurred for a serious illness or injury are covered. This section describes which expenses are covered expenses. Only expenses incurred for the services and supplies shown in this section are covered expenses. Limitations and exclusions apply.

Preventive Care

This section on Preventive Care describes the covered expenses for services and supplies provided when you are well.

Routine Physical Exams

Covered expenses include charges made by your physician for routine physical exams. A routine exam is a medical exam given by a physician for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified illness or injury, and also includes:

- X-rays, lab and other tests given in connection with the exam; and
- Immunizations for infectious diseases and the materials for administration of immunizations as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control; and
- Testing for Tuberculosis; and
- Screening for Gestational Diabetes.

Covered expenses for children from birth to age 18 also include:

- An initial hospital check up and well child visits in accordance with the prevailing clinical standards of the American Academy of Pediatric Physicians.

Limitations

Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan;
- Services which are for diagnosis or treatment of a suspected or identified illness or injury;
- Exams given during your stay for medical care;
- Services not given by a physician or under his or her direction;
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams;
- Services and supplies furnished by an out-of-network provider.
Important Note:
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about any applicable deductibles, payment percentage, benefit maximums and frequency and age limits for physical exams.

Routine Cancer Screenings
Covered expenses include charges incurred for routine cancer screening as follows:

- 1 baseline mammogram for covered females age 35 to 39
- 1 mammogram every 12 months for covered females age 40 and over
- 1 Pap smear every 12 months;
- 1 gynecological exam every 12 months;
- 1 fecal occult blood test every 12 months; and
- 1 digital rectal exam and 1 prostate specific antigen (PSA) test every 12 months for covered males age 40 and older.

The following tests are covered expenses if you are age 50 and older when recommended by your physician:

- 1 Sigmoidoscopy every 5 years for persons at average risk; or
- 1 Double contrast barium enema (DCBE) every 5 years for persons at average risk; or
- 1 Colonoscopy every 10 years for persons at average risk for colorectal cancer.

Screening and Counseling Services
Covered expenses include charges made by your primary care physician in an individual or group setting for the following:

Obesity
Screening and counseling services to aid in weight reduction due to obesity. Coverage includes:
- preventive counseling visits and/or risk factor reduction intervention;
- medical nutrition therapy;
- nutrition counseling; and
- healthy diet counseling visits provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease.

Benefits for the screening and counseling services above are subject to the visit maximums shown in your Schedule of Benefits. In figuring the visit maximums, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.

Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs
Screening and counseling services to aid in the prevention or reduction of the use of an alcohol agent or controlled substance. Coverage includes preventive counseling visits, risk factor reduction intervention and a structured assessment.

Benefits for the screening and counseling services above are subject to the visit maximums shown in your Schedule of Benefits. In figuring the visit maximums, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.

Use of Tobacco Products
Screening and counseling services to aid in the cessation of the use of tobacco products. Tobacco product means a substance containing tobacco or nicotine including: cigarettes, cigars; smoking tobacco; snuff; smokeless tobacco and candy-like products that contain tobacco. Coverage includes:
- preventive counseling visits;
- treatment visits; and
- class visits;

to aid in the cessation of the use of tobacco products.
Benefits for the screening and counseling services above are subject to the visit maximums shown in your Schedule of Benefits. In figuring the visit maximums, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.

Limitations:

Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this plan;
- Services which are for diagnosis or treatment of a suspected or identified illness or injury;
- Exams given during your stay for medical care;
- Services not given by a physician or under his or her direction;
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams.
- Services and supplies furnished by an out-of-network provider.

**Prenatal Care**

Prenatal care will be covered as Preventive Care for services received by a pregnant female in a physician's, obstetrician's, or gynecologist's office but only to the extent described below.

Coverage for prenatal care under this Preventive Care benefit is limited to pregnancy-related physician office visits including the initial and subsequent history and physical exams of the pregnant woman (maternal weight, blood pressure and fetal heart rate check).

Limitations:

Unless specified above, not covered under this Preventive Care benefit are charges incurred for:

- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan;
- Pregnancy expenses (other than prenatal care as described above).

**Important Notes:**

Refer to the *Pregnancy Expenses and Exclusions* sections of this Booklet for more information on coverage for pregnancy expenses under this Plan, including other prenatal care, delivery and postnatal care office visits.

**Family Planning Services - Female Contraceptives**

For females with reproductive capacity, covered expenses include those charges incurred for services and supplies that are provided to prevent pregnancy. All contraceptive methods, services and supplies covered under this Preventive Care benefit must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Coverage includes counseling services on contraceptive methods provided by a physician, obstetrician or gynecologist. Such counseling services are covered expenses when provided in either a group or individual setting. They are subject to the contraceptive counseling services visit maximum shown in your Schedule of Benefits.

The following contraceptive methods are covered expenses under this Preventive Care benefit:

**Voluntary Sterilization**

Covered expenses include charges billed separately by the provider for female voluntary sterilization procedures and related services and supplies including, but not limited to, tubal ligation and sterilization implants.

Covered expenses under this Preventive Care benefit would not include charges for a voluntary sterilization procedure to the extent that the procedure was not billed separately by the provider or because it was not the primary purpose of a confinement.
Family Planning Services - Other
Covered expenses include charges for certain family planning services, even though not provided to treat an illness or injury.

- Voluntary sterilization for males
- Voluntary termination of pregnancy

Limitations:
Not covered are:
- Reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures, including related follow-up care;
- Charges for services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan or any other group plans sponsored by your employer; and
- Charges incurred for family planning services while confined as an inpatient in a hospital or other facility for medical care.

Important Notes:
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about cost sharing and benefit maximums that apply to Family Planning Services - Other. For more information, see the sections on Family Planning Services - Female Contraceptives, Pregnancy Expenses and Treatment of Infertility in this Booklet.

Vision Care Services
Covered expenses include charges made by a legally qualified ophthalmologist or optometrist for the following services:

- Routine eye exam: The plan covers expenses for a complete routine eye exam that includes refraction and glaucoma testing. A routine eye exam does not include a contact lens exam. The plan covers charges for one routine eye exam in any 12 consecutive month period.

Limitations
Coverage is subject to any applicable Calendar Year deductibles, copays and payment percentages shown in your Schedule of Benefits.

Hearing Exam
Covered expenses include charges for an audiometric hearing exam if the exam is performed by:

- A physician certified as an otolaryngologist or otologist; or
- An audiologist who:
  - Is legally qualified in audiology; or
  - Holds a certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech and Hearing Association (in the absence of any applicable licensing requirements); and
  - Performs the exam at the written direction of a legally qualified otolaryngologist or otologist.

The plan will not cover expenses for charges for more than one hearing exam for any 24-month period.

All covered expenses for the hearing exam are subject to any applicable deductible, copay and payment percentage shown in your Schedule of Benefits.
Physician Services

Physician Visits
Covered medical expenses include charges made by a **physician** during a visit to treat an **illness** or **injury**. The visit may be at the **physician**’s office, in your home, in a **hospital** or other facility during your **stay** or in an outpatient facility. **Covered expenses** also include:

- Immunizations for infectious disease, but not if solely for your employment;
- Allergy testing, treatment and injections; and
- Charges made by the **physician** for supplies, radiological services, x-rays, and tests provided by the **physician**.

Surgery
Covered expenses include charges made by a **physician** for:

- Performing your surgical procedure;
- Pre-operative and post-operative visits; and
- Consultation with another **physician** to obtain a second opinion prior to the surgery.

Anesthetics
Covered expenses include charges for the administration of anesthetics and oxygen by a **physician**, other than the operating **physician**, or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (C.R.N.A.) in connection with a covered procedure.

**Important Reminder**
Certain procedures need to be **precertified** by Aetna. Refer to **How the Plan Works** for more information about **precertification**.

Alternatives to Physician Office Visits
Walk-In Clinic Visits
Covered expenses include charges made by **walk-in clinics** for:

- Unscheduled, non-emergency illnesses and injuries;
- The administration of certain immunizations administered within the scope of the clinic’s license; and
- Individual screening and counseling services to aid you:
  - to stop the use of tobacco products;
  - in weight reduction due to obesity;
  - in stress management. The stress management counseling sessions will help you to identify the life events which cause you stress (the physical and mental strain on your body.) The counseling sessions will teach you techniques and changes in behavior to reduce the stress.

Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges incurred for services and supplies furnished:

- In a group setting for screening and counseling services.

**Important Note:**
- Not all services are available at all Walk-In Clinics. The types of services offered will vary by the provider and location of the clinic.
- For a complete description of the screening and counseling services provided on the use of tobacco products and to aid in weight reduction due to obesity, refer to the Preventive Care Benefits section in this Booklet and the Screening and Counseling Services benefit for a description of these services. These services may also be obtained from your physician.
Hospital Expenses

Covered medical expenses include services and supplies provided by a hospital during your stay.

Room and Board
Covered expenses include charges for room and board provided at a hospital during your stay. Private room charges that exceed the hospital’s semi-private room rate are not covered unless a private room is required because of a contagious illness or immune system problem.

Room and board charges also include:
- Services of the hospital’s nursing staff;
- Admission and other fees;
- General and special diets; and
- Sundries and supplies.

Other Hospital Services and Supplies
Covered expenses include charges made by a hospital for services and supplies furnished to you in connection with your stay.

Covered expenses include hospital charges for other services and supplies provided, such as:
- Ambulance services.
- Physicians and surgeons.
- Operating and recovery rooms.
- Intensive or special care facilities.
- Administration of blood and blood products, but not the cost of the blood or blood products.
- Radiation therapy.
- Speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy.
- Oxygen and oxygen therapy.
- Radiological services, laboratory testing and diagnostic services.
- Medications.
- Intravenous (IV) preparations.
- Discharge planning.

Outpatient Hospital Expenses
Covered expenses include hospital charges made for covered services and supplies provided by the outpatient department of a hospital.

Important Reminders
The plan will only pay for nursing services provided by the hospital as part of its charge. The plan does not cover private duty nursing services as part of an inpatient hospital stay.

If a hospital or other health care facility does not itemize specific room and board charges and other charges, Aetna will assume that 40 percent of the total is for room and board charge, and 60 percent is for other charges.

Hospital admissions need to be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for details about precertification.

In addition to charges made by the hospital, certain physicians and other providers may bill you separately during your stay.
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable deductible, copay and payment percentage and maximum benefit limits.

Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions

Covered expenses include charges made by a hospital or a physician for services provided in an emergency room to evaluate and treat an emergency medical condition.

The emergency care benefit covers:

- Use of emergency room facilities;
- Emergency room physicians services;
- Hospital nursing staff services; and
- Radiologists and pathologists services.

Please contact your physician after receiving treatment for an emergency medical condition.

Important Reminder

With the exception of Urgent Care described below, if you visit a hospital emergency room for a non-emergency condition, the plan will not cover your expenses, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. No other plan benefits will pay for non-emergency care in the emergency room.

Coverage for Urgent Conditions

Covered expenses include charges made by a hospital or urgent care provider to evaluate and treat an urgent condition.

Your coverage includes:

- Use of emergency room facilities when network urgent care facilities are not in the service area and you cannot reasonably wait to visit your physician;
- Use of urgent care facilities;
- Physicians services;
- Nursing staff services; and
- Radiologists and pathologists services.

Please contact your PCP after receiving treatment of an urgent condition.

If you visit an urgent care provider for a non-urgent condition, the plan will not cover your expenses, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Alternatives to Hospital Stays

Outpatient Surgery and Physician Surgical Services

Covered expenses include charges for services and supplies furnished in connection with outpatient surgery made by:

- A physician or dentist for professional services;
- A surgery center; or
- The outpatient department of a hospital.
The surgery must meet the following requirements:

- The surgery can be performed adequately and safely only in a surgery center or hospital and
- The surgery is not normally performed in a physician’s or dentist’s office.

**Important Note**

Benefits for surgery services performed in a physician’s or dentist’s office are described under Physician Services benefits in the previous section.

The following outpatient surgery expenses are covered:

- Services and supplies provided by the hospital, surgery center on the day of the procedure;
- The operating physician’s services for performing the procedure, related pre- and post-operative care, and administration of anesthesia; and
- Services of another physician for related post-operative care and administration of anesthesia. This does not include a local anesthetic.

**Limitations**

Not covered under this plan are charges made for:

- The services of a physician or other health care provider who renders technical assistance to the operating physician.
- A stay in a hospital.
- Facility charges for office based surgery.

**Birthing Center**

**Covered expenses** include charges made by a birthing center for services and supplies related to your care in a birthing center for:

- Prenatal care;
- Delivery; and
- Postpartum care within 48 hours after a vaginal delivery and 96 hours after a Cesarean delivery.

**Limitations**

Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges:

- In connection with a pregnancy for which pregnancy related expenses are not included as a covered expense.

See Pregnancy Related Expenses for information about other covered expenses related to maternity care.

**Home Health Care**

**Covered expenses** include charges for home health care services when ordered by a physician as part of a home health plan and provided you are:

- Transitioning from a hospital or other inpatient facility, and the services are in lieu of a continued inpatient stay; or
- Homebound
Covered expenses include only the following:

- **Skilled nursing services** that require medical training of, and are provided by, a licensed nursing professional within the scope of his or her license. These services need to be provided during intermittent visits of four hours or less, with a daily maximum of three visits. Intermittent visits are considered periodic and recurring visits that skilled nurses make to ensure your proper care, which means they are not on site for more than four hours at a time. If you are discharged from a hospital or skilled nursing facility after an inpatient stay, the intermittent requirement may be waived to allow coverage for up to 12 hours (three visits) of continuous skilled nursing services. However, these services must be provided for within 10 days of discharge.

- Home health aide services, when provided in conjunction with skilled nursing care, that directly support the care. These services need to be provided during intermittent visits of four hours or less, with a daily maximum of three visits.

- Medical social services, when provided in conjunction with skilled nursing care, by a qualified social worker.

Benefits for home health care visits are payable up to the Home Health Care Maximum. Each visit by a nurse or therapist is one visit.

In figuring the Calendar Year Maximum Visits, each visit of up to 4 hours is one visit.

This maximum will not apply to care given by an **R.N.** or **L.P.N.** when:

- Care is provided within 10 days of discharge from a hospital or skilled nursing facility as a full-time inpatient; and
- Care is needed to transition from the hospital or skilled nursing facility to home care.

When the above criteria are met, covered expenses include up to 12 hours of continuous care by an **R.N.** or **L.P.N.** per day.

Coverage for Home Health Care services is not determined by the availability of caregivers to perform them. The absence of a person to perform a non-skilled or custodial care service does not cause the service to become covered. If the covered person is a minor or an adult who is dependent upon others for non-skilled care (e.g. bathing, eating, toileting), coverage for home health services will only be provided during times when there is a family member or caregiver present in the home to meet the person’s non-skilled needs.

**Note:** Home short-term physical, speech, or occupational therapy is covered when the above home health care criteria are met. Services are subject to the conditions and limitations listed in the Short Term Rehabilitation Therapies section of the Schedule of Benefits.

**Limitations**
Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Services or supplies that are not a part of the Home Health Care Plan.
- Services of a person who usually lives with you, or who is a member of your or your spouse’s or your domestic partner’s family.
- Services of a certified or licensed social worker.
- Services for physical, occupational and speech therapy. Refer to Short Term Rehabilitation Therapies section for coverage information.
- Services for Infusion Therapy.
- Transportation.
- Services or supplies provided to a minor or dependent adult when a family member or caregiver is not present.
- Services that are custodial care.
Important Reminders
The plan does not cover custodial care, even if care is provided by a nursing professional, and family member or other caretakers cannot provide the necessary care.

Home health care needs to be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for details about precertification.

Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about any applicable home health care visit maximums.

Private Duty Nursing
Covered expenses include private duty nursing provided by a R.N. or L.P.N. if the person's condition requires skilled nursing care and visiting nursing care is not adequate. However, covered expenses will not include private duty nursing for any shifts during a Calendar Year in excess of the Private Duty Nursing Care Maximum Shifts. Each period of private duty nursing of up to 8 hours will be deemed to be one private duty nursing shift.

The plan also covers skilled observation for up to one four-hour period per day, for up to 10 consecutive days following:

- A change in your medication;
- Treatment of an urgent or emergency medical condition by a physician;
- The onset of symptoms indicating a need for emergency treatment;
- Surgery;
- An inpatient stay.

Limitations
Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Nursing care that does not require the education, training and technical skills of a R.N. or L.P.N.
- Nursing care assistance for daily life activities, such as:
  - Transportation;
  - Meal preparation;
  - Vital sign charting;
  - Companionship activities;
  - Bathing;
  - Feeding;
  - Personal grooming;
  - Dressing;
  - Toileting; and
  - Getting in/out of bed or a chair.
- Nursing care provided for skilled observation.
- Nursing care provided while you are an inpatient in a hospital or health care facility.
- A service provided solely to administer oral medicine, except where law requires a R.N. or L.P.N. to administer medicines.

Skilled Nursing Facility
Covered expenses include charges made by a skilled nursing facility during your stay for the following services and supplies, up to the maximums shown in the Schedule of Benefits, including:

- Room and board, up to the semi-private room rate. The plan will cover up to the private room rate if it is needed due to an infectious illness or a weak or compromised immune system;
- Use of special treatment rooms;
- Radiological services and lab work;
- Physical, occupational, or speech therapy;
- Oxygen and other gas therapy;
- Other medical services and general nursing services usually given by a skilled nursing facility (this does not include charges made for private or special nursing, or physician's services); and
- Medical supplies.

**Important Reminder**
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about any applicable skilled nursing facility maximums.

Admissions to a skilled nursing facility must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to Using Your Medical Plan for details about precertification.

**Limitations**
Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Charges made for the treatment of:
  - Drug addiction;
  - Alcoholism;
  - Senility;
  - Mental retardation; or
  - Any other mental illness; and
- Daily room and board charges over the semi private rate.

**Hospice Care**
Covered expenses include charges made by the following furnished to you for hospice care when given as part of a hospice care program.

**Facility Expenses**
The charges made by a hospital, hospice or skilled nursing facility for:

- Room and Board and other services and supplies furnished during a stay for pain control and other acute and chronic symptom management; and
- Services and supplies furnished to you on an outpatient basis.

**Outpatient Hospice Expenses**
Covered expenses include charges made on an outpatient basis by a Hospice Care Agency for:

- Part-time or intermittent nursing care by a R.N. or L.P.N. for up to eight hours a day;
- Part-time or intermittent home health aide services to care for you up to eight hours a day.
- Medical social services under the direction of a physician. These include but are not limited to:
  - Assessment of your social, emotional and medical needs, and your home and family situation;
  - Identification of available community resources; and
  - Assistance provided to you to obtain resources to meet your assessed needs.
- Physical and occupational therapy; and
- Consultation or case management services by a physician;
- Medical supplies.
- Prescription drugs;
- Dietary counseling; and
- Psychological counseling.
Charges made by the providers below if they are not an employee of a Hospice Care Agency; and such Agency retains responsibility for your care:

- A **physician** for a consultation or case management;
- A physical or occupational therapist;
- A **home health care agency** for:
  - Physical and occupational therapy;
  - Part time or intermittent home health aide services for your care up to eight hours a day;
  - Medical supplies;
  - **Prescription drugs**;
  - Psychological counseling; and
  - Dietary counseling.

**Limitations**

Unless specified above, *not* covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Daily **room and board** charges over the semi-private room rate.
- Bereavement counseling.
- Funeral arrangements.
- Pastoral counseling.
- Financial or legal counseling. This includes estate planning and the drafting of a will.
- Homemaker or caretaker services. These are services which are not solely related to your care. These include, but are not limited to: sitter or companion services for either you or other family members; transportation; maintenance of the house.
- Respite care. This is care furnished during a period of time when your family or usual caretaker cannot attend to your needs.

**Important Reminders**

Refer to the **Schedule of Benefits** for details about any applicable hospice care maximums.

Inpatient hospice care and home health care must be **precertified** by Aetna. Refer to **How the Plan Works** for details about precertification.

**Other Covered Health Care Expenses**

**Acupuncture**

The plan covers charges made for acupuncture services provided by a **physician**, if the service is performed:

- As a form of anesthesia in connection with a covered surgical procedure.

**Important Reminder**

Refer to the **Schedule of Benefits** for details about any applicable acupuncture benefit maximum.

**Ambulance Service**

**Covered expenses** include charges made by a professional **ambulance**, as follows:

**Ground Ambulance**

**Covered expenses** include charges for transportation:

- To the first **hospital** where treatment is given in a medical emergency.
- From one **hospital** to another **hospital** in a medical emergency when the first **hospital** does not have the required services or facilities to treat your condition.
- From hospital to home or to another facility when other means of transportation would be considered unsafe due to your medical condition.
- From home to hospital for covered inpatient or outpatient treatment when other means of transportation would be considered unsafe due to your medical condition. Transport is limited to 100 miles.
- When during a covered inpatient stay at a hospital, skilled nursing facility or acute rehabilitation hospital, an ambulance is required to safely and adequately transport you to or from inpatient or outpatient medically necessary treatment.

Air or Water Ambulance
Covered expenses include charges for transportation to a hospital by air or water ambulance when:

- Ground ambulance transportation is not available; and
- Your condition is unstable, and requires medical supervision and rapid transport; and
- In a medical emergency, transportation from one hospital to another hospital; when the first hospital does not have the required services or facilities to treat your condition and you need to be transported to another hospital; and the two conditions above are met.

Limitations
Not covered under this benefit are charges incurred to transport you:

- If an ambulance service is not required by your physical condition; or
- If the type of ambulance service provided is not required for your physical condition; or
- By any form of transportation other than a professional ambulance service.

Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing

Diagnostic Complex Imaging Expenses
The plan covers charges made on an outpatient basis by a physician, hospital or a licensed imaging or radiological facility for complex imaging services to diagnose an illness or injury, including:

- C.A.T. scans;
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI);
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans; and
- Any other outpatient diagnostic imaging service costing over $500.

Complex Imaging Expenses for preoperative testing will be payable under this benefit.

Limitations
The plan does not cover diagnostic complex imaging expenses under this part of the plan if such imaging expenses are covered under any other part of the plan.

Outpatient Diagnostic Lab Work and Radiological Services
Covered expenses include charges for radiological services (other than diagnostic complex imaging), lab services, and pathology and other tests provided to diagnose an illness or injury. You must have definite symptoms that start, maintain or change a plan of treatment prescribed by a physician. The charges must be made by a physician, hospital or licensed radiological facility or lab.

Important Reminder
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about any deductible, payment percentage and maximum that may apply to outpatient diagnostic testing, and lab and radiological services.
Outpatient Preoperative Testing
Prior to a scheduled covered surgery, covered expenses include charges made for tests performed by a hospital, surgery center, physician or licensed diagnostic laboratory provided the charges for the surgery are covered expenses and the tests are:

- Related to your surgery, and the surgery takes place in a hospital or surgery center;
- Completed within 14 days before your surgery;
- Performed on an outpatient basis;
- Covered if you were an inpatient in a hospital;
- Not repeated in or by the hospital or surgery center where the surgery will be performed.
- Test results should appear in your medical record kept by the hospital or surgery center where the surgery is performed.

Limitations
The plan does not cover diagnostic complex imaging expenses under this part of the plan if such imaging expenses are covered under any other part of the plan.

- If your tests indicate that surgery should not be performed because of your physical condition, the plan will pay for the tests, however surgery will not be covered.

Important Reminder
Complex Imaging testing for preoperative testing is covered under the complex imaging section. Separate cost sharing may apply. Refer to your Schedule of Benefits for information on cost sharing amounts for complex imaging.

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME)

Covered expenses include charges by a DME supplier for the rental of equipment or, in lieu of rental:

The initial purchase of DME if:

- Long term care is planned; and
- The equipment cannot be rented or is likely to cost less to purchase than to rent.

Repair of purchased equipment. Maintenance and repairs needed due to misuse or abuse are not covered.

Replacement of purchased equipment if:

- The replacement is needed because of a change in your physical condition; and
- It is likely to cost less to replace the item than to repair the existing item or rent a similar item.

The plan limits coverage to one item of equipment, for the same or similar purpose and the accessories needed to operate the item. You are responsible for the entire cost of any additional pieces of the same or similar equipment you purchase or rent for personal convenience or mobility.

Covered Durable Medical Equipment includes those items covered by Medicare unless excluded in the Exclusions section of this Booklet. Aetna reserves the right to limit the payment of charges up to the most cost efficient and least restrictive level of service or item which can be safely and effectively provided. The decision to rent or purchase is at the discretion of Aetna.
Important Reminder
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about durable medical and surgical equipment deductible, payment percentage and benefit maximums. Also refer to Exclusions for information about Home and Mobility exclusions.

Experimental or Investigational Treatment

Covered expenses include charges made for experimental or investigational drugs, devices, treatments or procedures, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- You have been diagnosed with cancer or a condition likely to cause death within one year or less;
- Standard therapies have not been effective or are inappropriate;
- Aetna determines, based on at least two documents of medical and scientific evidence, that you would likely benefit from the treatment;
- There is an ongoing clinical trial. You are enrolled in a clinical trial that meets these criteria:
- The drug, device, treatment or procedure to be investigated has been granted investigational new drug (IND) or Group c/treatment IND status;
- The clinical trial has passed independent scientific scrutiny and has been approved by an Institutional Review Board that will oversee the investigation;
- The clinical trial is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) or similar national organization (such as the Food & Drug Administration or the Department of Defense) and conforms to the NCI standards;
- The clinical trial is not a single institution or investigator study unless the clinical trial is performed at an NCI-designated cancer center; and
- You are treated in accordance with protocol.

Pregnancy Related Expenses

Covered expenses include charges made by a physician for pregnancy and childbirth services and supplies at the same level as any illness or injury. This includes prenatal visits, delivery and postnatal visits.

For inpatient care of the mother and newborn child, covered expenses include charges made by a Hospital for a minimum of:

- 48 hours after a vaginal delivery; and
- 96 hours after a cesarean section.
- A shorter stay, if the attending physician, with the consent of the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Covered expenses also include charges made by a birthing center as described under Alternatives to Hospital Care.

Note: Covered expenses also include services and supplies provided for circumcision of the newborn during the stay.

Prescription Drugs

Covered expenses include charges made for outpatient prescription drugs and insulin when prescribed in writing by a physician to treat an illness or injury. The plan covers both generic and brand-name prescription drugs.
Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

any outpatient prescription drug covered or excluded from coverage under Aetna’s prescription drug plan in accordance with the prescription drug coverage and exclusions sections of this Booklet or any separate issued Booklet.

**Prosthetic Devices**

**Covered expenses** include charges made for internal and external prosthetic devices and special appliances, if the device or appliance improves or restores body part function that has been lost or damaged by illness, injury or congenital defect. Covered expenses also include instruction and incidental supplies needed to use a covered prosthetic device.

The plan covers the first prosthesis you need that temporarily or permanently replaces all or part of a body part lost or impaired as a result of disease or injury or congenital defects as described in the list of covered devices below for an

- Internal body part or organ; or
- External body part.

Covered expenses also include replacement of a prosthetic device if:

- The replacement is needed because of a change in your physical condition; or normal growth or wear and tear; or
- It is likely to cost less to buy a new one than to repair the existing one; or
- The existing one cannot be made serviceable.

The list of covered devices includes but is not limited to:

- An artificial arm, leg, hip, knee or eye;
- Eye lens;
- An external breast prosthesis and the first bra made solely for use with it after a mastectomy;
- A breast implant after a mastectomy;
- Ostomy supplies, urinary catheters and external urinary collection devices;
- Speech generating device;
- A cardiac pacemaker and pacemaker defibrillators; and
- A durable brace that is custom made for and fitted for you.

The plan will not cover expenses and charges for, or expenses related to:

- Orthopedic shoes, therapeutic shoes, or other devices to support the feet, unless the orthopedic shoe is an integral part of a covered leg brace; or
- Trusses, corsets, and other support items; or
- any item listed in the Exclusions section.

**Hearing Aids**

Covered hearing care expenses include charges for electronic hearing aids (monaural and binaural), installed in accordance with a prescription written during a covered hearing exam.

Benefits are payable up to the hearing supply maximum listed in the Schedule of Benefits.

All covered expenses are subject to the hearing expense exclusions in this Booklet and are subject to deductible(s), copayments or coinsurance listed in the Schedule of Benefits, if any.
Benefits After Termination of Coverage
Expenses incurred for hearing aids within 30 days of termination of the person’s coverage under this benefit section will be deemed to be covered hearing care expenses if during the 30 days before the date coverage ends:

- The prescription for the hearing aid was written; and
- The hearing aid was ordered.

Short-Term Rehabilitation Therapy Services

Covered expenses include charges for short-term therapy services when prescribed by a physician as described below up to the benefit maximums listed on your Schedule of Benefits. The services have to be performed by:

- A licensed or certified physical, occupational or speech therapist;
- A hospital, skilled nursing facility, or hospice facility;
- A home health care agency; or
- A physician.

Charges for the following short term rehabilitation expenses are covered:

Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Benefits.
- Cardiac rehabilitation benefits are available as part of an inpatient hospital stay. A limited course of outpatient cardiac rehabilitation is covered when following angioplasty, cardiovascular surgery, congestive heart failure or myocardial infarction. The plan will cover charges in accordance with a treatment plan as determined by your risk level when recommended by a physician. This course of treatment is limited to a maximum of 36 sessions in a 12 week period.
- Pulmonary rehabilitation benefits are available as part of an inpatient hospital stay. A limited course of outpatient pulmonary rehabilitation is covered for the treatment of reversible pulmonary disease states. This course of treatment is limited to a maximum of 36 hours or a six week period.

Outpatient Cognitive Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Rehabilitation Benefits.
Coverage is subject to the limits, if any, shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Inpatient rehabilitation benefits for the services listed will be paid as part of your Inpatient Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility benefits provision in this Booklet.

- Physical therapy is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute illnesses and injuries, provided the therapy expects to significantly improve, develop or restore physical functions lost or impaired as a result of an acute illness, injury or surgical procedure. Physical therapy does not include educational training or services designed to develop physical function.
- Occupational therapy (except for vocational rehabilitation or employment counseling) is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute illnesses and injuries, provided the therapy expects to significantly improve, develop or restore physical functions lost or impaired as a result of an acute illness, injury or surgical procedure, or to relearn skills to significantly improve independence in the activities of daily living. Occupational therapy does not include educational training or services designed to develop physical function.
Speech therapy is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute illnesses and injuries and expected to restore the speech function or correct a speech impairment resulting from illness or injury; or for delays in speech function development as a result of a gross anatomical defect present at birth. Speech function is the ability to express thoughts, speak words and form sentences. Speech impairment is difficulty with expressing one’s thoughts with spoken words.

Cognitive therapy associated with physical rehabilitation is covered when the cognitive deficits have been acquired as a result of neurologic impairment due to trauma, stroke, or encephalopathy, and when the therapy is part of a treatment plan intended to restore previous cognitive function.

A “visit” consists of no more than one hour of therapy. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for the visit maximum that applies to the plan. Covered expenses include charges for two therapy visits of no more than one hour in a 24-hour period.

The therapy should follow a specific treatment plan that:

- Details the treatment, and specifies frequency and duration; and
- Provides for ongoing reviews and is renewed only if continued therapy is appropriate.
- Allows therapy services, provided in your home, if you are homebound.

Important Reminder
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about the short-term rehabilitation therapy maximum benefit.

Unless specifically covered above, not covered under this benefit are charges for:

- Therapies for the treatment of delays in development, unless resulting from acute illness or injury, or congenital defects amenable to surgical repair (such as cleft lip/palate), are not covered. Examples of non-covered diagnoses include Down's syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy, as they are considered both developmental and/or chronic in nature.
- Any services which are covered expenses in whole or in part under any other group plan sponsored by an employer;
- Any services unless provided in accordance with a specific treatment plan;
- Services for the treatment of delays in speech development, unless resulting from illness, injury, or congenital defect;
- Services provided during a stay in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or hospice facility except as stated above;
- Services not performed by a physician or under the direct supervision of a physician;
- Treatment covered as part of the Spinal Manipulation Treatment. This applies whether or not benefits have been paid under that section;
- Services provided by a physician or physical, occupational or speech therapist who resides in your home; or who is a member of your family, or a member of your spouse’s family; or your domestic partner;
- Special education to instruct a person whose speech has been lost or impaired, to function without that ability. This includes lessons in sign language.

Reconstructive or Cosmetic Surgery and Supplies

Covered expenses include charges made by a physician, hospital, or surgery center for reconstructive services and supplies, including:

- Surgery needed to improve a significant functional impairment of a body part.
- Surgery to correct the result of an accidental injury, including subsequent related or staged surgery, provided that the surgery occurs no more than 24 months after the original injury. For a covered child, the time period for coverage may be extended through age 18.
- Surgery to correct the result of an injury that occurred during a covered surgical procedure provided that the reconstructive surgery occurs no more than 24 months after the original injury.
Note: Injuries that occur as a result of a medical (i.e., non surgical) treatment are not considered accidental injuries, even if unplanned or unexpected.

- Surgery to correct a gross anatomical defect present at birth or appearing after birth (but not the result of an illness or injury) when
  - the defect results in severe facial disfigurement, or
  - the defect results in significant functional impairment and the surgery is needed to improve function

Reconstructive Breast Surgery

Covered expenses include reconstruction of the breast on which a mastectomy was performed, including an implant and areolar reconstruction. Also included is surgery on a healthy breast to make it symmetrical with the reconstructed breast and physical therapy to treat complications of mastectomy, including lymphedema.

Important Notice

A benefit maximum may apply to reconstructive or cosmetic surgery services. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits.

Specialized Care

Chemotherapy

Covered expenses include charges for chemotherapy treatment. Coverage levels depend on where treatment is received. In most cases, chemotherapy is covered as outpatient care. Inpatient hospitalization for chemotherapy is limited to the initial dose while hospitalized for the diagnosis of cancer and when a hospital stay is otherwise medically necessary based on your health status.

Radiation Therapy Benefits

Covered expenses include charges for the treatment of illness by x-ray, gamma ray, accelerated particles, mesons, neutrons, radium or radioactive isotopes.

Outpatient Infusion Therapy Benefits

Covered expenses include charges made on an outpatient basis for infusion therapy by:

- A free-standing facility;
- The outpatient department of a hospital; or
- A physician in his/her office or in your home.

Infusion therapy is the intravenous or continuous administration of medications or solutions that are a part of your course of treatment. Charges for the following outpatient Infusion Therapy services and supplies are covered expenses:

- The pharmaceutical when administered in connection with infusion therapy and any medical supplies, equipment and nursing services required to support the infusion therapy;
- Professional services;
- Total parenteral nutrition (TPN);
- Chemotherapy;
- Drug therapy (includes antibiotic and antivirals);
- Pain management (narcotics); and
- Hydration therapy (includes fluids, electrolytes and other additives).

Not included under this infusion therapy benefit are charges incurred for:

- Enteral nutrition;
- Blood transfusions and blood products;
- Dialysis; and
- Insulin.

Coverage is subject to the maximums, if any, shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Coverage for inpatient infusion therapy is provided under the Inpatient Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility Benefits sections of this Booklet.

Benefits payable for infusion therapy will not count toward any applicable Home Health Care maximums.

**Important Reminder**
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details on any applicable deductible, payment percentage and maximum benefit limits.

### Treatment of Infertility

**Basic Infertility Expenses**

Covered expenses include charges made by a **physician** to diagnose and to surgically treat the underlying medical cause of **infertility**.

**Comprehensive Infertility Expenses**

To be an eligible covered female for benefits you must be covered under this Booklet- as an employee, or be a covered dependent who is the employee's spouse.

Even though not incurred for treatment of an **illness** or **injury**, **covered expenses** will include expenses incurred by an eligible covered female for **infertility** if all of the following tests are met:

- A condition that is a demonstrated cause of **infertility** which has been recognized by a gynecologist, or an infertility specialist, and your **physician** who diagnosed you as **infertile**, and it has been documented in your medical records.
- The procedures are done while not confined in a hospital or any other facility as an inpatient.
- Your FSH levels are less than, 19 miU on day 3 of the menstrual cycle.
- The **infertility** is not caused by voluntary sterilization of either one of the partners (with or without surgical reversal); or a hysterectomy.
- A successful pregnancy cannot be attained through less costly treatment for which coverage is available under this Booklet.

**Comprehensive Infertility Services Benefits**

If you meet the eligibility requirements above, the following comprehensive infertility services expenses are payable when provided by an infertility specialist, subject to all the exclusions and limitations of this Booklet:

- Ovulation induction with menotropins is subject to the maximum benefit, if any, shown in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Booklet and has a maximum of 4 cycles per lifetime; (where lifetime is defined to include services received, provided or administered by Aetna or any affiliated company of Aetna); and
- Intrauterine insemination is subject to the maximum benefit, if any, shown in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Booklet and has a maximum of 4 cycles per lifetime; (where lifetime is defined to include services received, provided or administered by Aetna or any affiliated company of Aetna).
Exclusions and Limitations

Unless otherwise specified above, the following charges will not be payable as covered expenses under this Booklet:

- **Infertility** services for couples in which 1 of the partners has had a previous sterilization procedure, with or without surgical reversal;
- Reversal of sterilization surgery;
- **Infertility** services for females with FSH levels 19 or greater mIU/ml on day 3 of the menstrual cycle;
- The purchase of donor sperm and any charges for the storage of sperm; the purchase of donor eggs and any charges associated with care of the donor required for donor egg retrievals or transfers or gestational carriers (or surrogacy); all charges associated with a gestational carrier program for the covered person or the gestational carrier;
- Charges associated with cryopreservation or storage of cryopreserved eggs and embryos (e.g., office, hospital, ultrasounds, laboratory tests, etc.);
- Home ovulation prediction kits;
- Drugs related to the treatment of non-covered benefits;
- Injectable **infertility** medications, including but not limited to, menotropins, hCG, GnRH agonists, and IVIG;
- **Infertility** Services that are not reasonably likely to result in success;
- Ovulation induction and intrauterine insemination services if you are not **infertile**;
- Any ART procedure or services related to such procedures, including but not limited to in vitro fertilization (“IVF”), gamete intra-fallopian transfer (“GIFT”), zygote intra-fallopian transfer (“ZIFT”), and intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection (“ICSI”); or
- Any charges associated with care required to obtain ART services (e.g., office, hospital, ultrasounds, laboratory tests, etc.); and any charges associated with obtaining sperm for any ART procedures.

**Important Note**
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about the maximums that apply to **infertility** services. The lifetime maximums that apply to **infertility** services apply differently than other lifetime maximums under the plan.

Sex Reassignment Surgery

Covered expenses include charges in connection with a medically necessary Sex Reassignment Surgery as long you or a covered dependent have obtained precertification from Aetna and have met the following conditions:

- You or your dependent is at least 18 years old; and
- You or your dependent have met criteria for the diagnosis of "true" transsexualism including:
  - A life-long sense of belonging to the opposite sex and of having been born into the wrong sex, often since childhood; and
  - A sense of estrangement from one's own body, so that any evidence of one's own biological sex is regarded as repugnant; and
  - A desire to make his or her body as congruent as possible with the preferred sex through surgery and hormone treatment; and
  - A stable transsexual orientation evidenced by a desire to be rid of one's genitals and to live in society as a member of the other sex for at least 2 years, (i.e. not limited to periods of stress); and
  - There is no sexual arousal from cross-dressing; and
  - There is an absence of physical inter-sex of genetic abnormality; and
  - This is not due to another biological, chromosomal or associated psychiatric disorder, such as schizophrenia; and
- You or your dependent must have completed a recognized program of transgender identity treatment as evidenced by all of the following:
  - Has successfully lived and worked within the desired gender role full-time for at least 12 months (so-called real-life experience), without periods of returning to the original gender; and
• Unless medically contraindicated, has received at least 12 months of continuous hormonal sex change therapy recommended by a behavioral health provider and carried out by an endocrinologist (which can be simultaneous with the real-life experience); and

• A behavioral health provider who has been acquainted with you [or your dependent] for at least 18 months recommends sex change surgery documented in the form of a written comprehensive evaluation; and

• For genital surgical sex change, a second concurring recommendation by another qualified behavioral health provider must be documented in the form of a written expert opinion as long as one of the two behavioral health providers possess a doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.Sc., D.S.W., Psy.D., or M.D.); and

• Psychotherapy is not an absolute requirement for surgery unless the behavioral health provider's initial assessment leads to a recommendation for psychotherapy that specifies the goals of treatment, estimates its frequency and duration throughout the real life experience (usually a minimum of 3 months); and

• For genital surgical sex change, you or your dependent has undergone a urological examination for the purpose of identifying and perhaps treating abnormalities of the genitourinary tract, since genital surgical sex change includes the invasion of, and the alteration of, the genitourinary tract (urological examination is not required for persons not undergoing genital change); and

• You or your dependent have demonstrated an understanding of the proposed male-to-female or female-to-male sex change surgery with its attendant costs, required lengths of hospitalization, likely complications, and post surgical rehabilitation requirements of the planned surgery.

• The covered person has obtained precertification from Aetna.

Covered expenses include:

• Charges made by a physician for:
  • Performing the surgical procedure; and
  • Pre-operative and post-operative hospital and office visits.

• Charges made by a hospital for inpatient and outpatient services (including outpatient surgery). Room and board charges in excess of the hospital’s semi-private rate will not be covered unless a private room is ordered by your physician and precertification has been obtained.

• Charges made by a Skilled Nursing Facility for inpatient services and supplies. Room and board charges in excess of the hospital’s semi-private rate will not be covered.

• Charges made for the administration of anesthetics.

• Charges for outpatient diagnostic laboratory and x-rays.

• Charges for blood transfusion and the cost of unreplaced blood and blood products. Also included are the charges for collecting, processing and storage of self-donated blood after the surgery has been scheduled.

Important Reminders
No payment will be made for any covered expenses under this benefit unless they have been precertified by Aetna.

Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about deductibles, coinsurance or benefit maximums.

Limitations:
Rhinoplasty, face-lifting, lip enhancement, facial bone reduction, blepharoplasty, breast augmentation (surgery), liposuction of the waist (body contouring), reduction thyroid chondroplasty, hair removal, voice modification surgery (laryngoplasty or shortening of the vocal cords), and skin resurfacing, which have been used in feminization, are
considered cosmetic. Similarly, chin implants, nose implants, and lip reduction, which have been used to assist masculinization, are considered cosmetic.

**Spinal Manipulation Treatment**

**Covered expenses** include charges made by a physician on an outpatient basis for manipulative (adjustive) treatment or other physical treatment for conditions caused by (or related to) biomechanical or nerve conduction disorders of the spine.

Your benefits are subject to the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits. However, this maximum does not apply to expenses incurred:

- During your hospital stay; or
- For surgery. This includes pre- and post-surgical care provided or ordered by the operating physician.

**Transplant Services**

**Covered expenses** include charges incurred during a transplant occurrence. The following will be considered to be one transplant occurrence once it has been determined that you or one of your dependents may require an organ transplant. Organ means solid organ; stem cell; bone marrow; and tissue.

- Heart;
- Lung;
- Heart/Lung;
- Simultaneous Pancreas Kidney (SPK);
- Pancreas;
- Kidney;
- Liver;
- Intestine;
- Bone Marrow/Stem Cell;
- Multiple organs replaced during one transplant surgery;
- Tandem transplants (Stem Cell);
- Sequential transplants;
- Re-transplant of same organ type within 180 days of the first transplant;
- Any other single organ transplant, unless otherwise excluded under the plan.

The following will be considered to be more than one Transplant Occurrence:

- Autologous blood/bone marrow transplant followed by allogenic blood/bone marrow transplant (when not part of a tandem transplant);
- Allogenic blood/bone marrow transplant followed by an autologous blood/bone marrow transplant (when not part of a tandem transplant);
- Re-transplant after 180 days of the first transplant;
- Pancreas transplant following a kidney transplant;
- A transplant necessitated by an additional organ failure during the original transplant surgery/process;
- More than one transplant when not performed as part of a planned tandem or sequential transplant, (e.g., a liver transplant with subsequent heart transplant).

The network level of benefits is paid only for a treatment received at a facility designated by the plan as an Institute of Excellence™ (IOE) for the type of transplant being performed. Each IOE facility has been selected to perform only certain types of transplants.
Services obtained from a facility that is not designated as an IOE for the transplant being performed will be covered as out-of-network services and supplies, even if the facility is a network facility or IOE for other types of services.

The plan covers:

- Charges made by a physician or transplant team.
- Charges made by a hospital, outpatient facility or physician for the medical and surgical expenses of a live donor, but only to the extent not covered by another plan or program.
- Related supplies and services provided by the facility during the transplant process. These services and supplies may include: physical, speech and occupational therapy; bio-medicals and immunosuppressants; home health care expenses and home infusion services.
- Charges for activating the donor search process with national registries.
- Compatibility testing of prospective organ donors who are immediate family members. For the purpose of this coverage, an “immediate” family member is defined as a first-degree biological relative. These are your biological parents, siblings or children.
- Inpatient and outpatient expenses directly related to a transplant.

Covered transplant expenses are typically incurred during the four phases of transplant care described below. Expenses incurred for one transplant during these four phases of care will be considered one transplant occurrence.

A transplant occurrence is considered to begin at the point of evaluation for a transplant and end either 180 days from the date of the transplant; or upon the date you are discharged from the hospital or outpatient facility for the admission or visit(s) related to the transplant, whichever is later.

The four phases of one transplant occurrence and a summary of covered transplant expenses during each phase are:

1. Pre-transplant evaluation/screening: Includes all transplant-related professional and technical components required for assessment, evaluation and acceptance into a transplant facility’s transplant program;
2. Pre-transplant/candidacy screening: Includes HLA typing/compatibility testing of prospective organ donors who are immediate family members;
3. Transplant event: Includes inpatient and outpatient services for all covered transplant-related health services and supplies provided to you and a donor during the one or more surgical procedures or medical therapies for a transplant; prescription drugs provided during your inpatient stay or outpatient visit(s), including bio-medical and immunosuppressant drugs; physical, speech or occupational therapy provided during your inpatient stay or outpatient visit(s); cadaveric and live donor organ procurement; and
4. Follow-up care: Includes all covered transplant expenses; home health care services; home infusion services; and transplant-related outpatient services rendered within 180 days from the date of the transplant event.

If you are a participant in the IOE program, the program will coordinate all solid organ and bone marrow transplants and other specialized care you need. Any covered expenses you incur from an IOE facility will be considered network care expenses.

Important Reminders

To ensure coverage, all transplant procedures need to be precertified by Aetna. Refer to the How the Plan Works section for details about precertification.

Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about transplant expense maximums, if applicable.
Limitations
Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges incurred for:

- Outpatient drugs including bio-medicals and immunosuppressants not expressly related to an outpatient transplant occurrence;
- Services that are covered under any other part of this plan;
- Services and supplies furnished to a donor when the recipient is not covered under this plan;
- Home infusion therapy after the transplant occurrence;
- Harvesting or storage of organs, without the expectation of immediate transplantation for an existing illness;
- Harvesting and/or storage of bone marrow, tissue or stem cells, without the expectation of transplantation within 12 months for an existing illness;
- Cornea (Corneal Graft with Amniotic Membrane) or Cartilage (autologous chondrocyte or autologous osteochondral mosaicplasty) transplants, unless otherwise authorized by Aetna.

Network of Transplant Specialist Facilities
Through the IOE network, you will have access to a provider network that specializes in transplants. Benefits may vary if an IOE facility or non-IOE or out-of-network provider is used. In addition, some expenses are payable only within the IOE network. The IOE facility must be specifically approved and designated by Aetna to perform the procedure you require. Each facility in the IOE network has been selected to perform only certain types of transplants, based on quality of care and successful clinical outcomes.

Obesity Treatment
Covered expenses include charges made by a physician, licensed or certified dietician, nutritionist or hospital for the non-surgical treatment of obesity for the following outpatient weight management services:

- An initial medical history and physical exam;
- Diagnostic tests given or ordered during the first exam; and
- Prescription drugs.

Morbid Obesity Surgical Expenses
Covered medical expenses include charges made by a hospital or a physician for the surgical treatment of morbid obesity of a covered person.

Coverage includes the following expenses as long as they are incurred within a two-year period:

- One morbid obesity surgical procedure including complications directly related to the surgery;
- Pre-surgical visits;
- Related outpatient services; and
- One follow-up visit.

This two-year period begins with the date of the first morbid obesity surgical procedure, unless a multi-stage procedure is planned.

Complications, other than those directly related to the surgery, will be covered under the related medical plan's covered medical expenses, subject to plan limitations and maximums.
Limitations
Unless specified above, not covered under this benefit are charges incurred for:

- Weight control services including surgical procedures, medical treatments, weight control/loss programs, dietary regimens and supplements, food or food supplements, appetite suppressants and other medications; exercise programs, exercise or other equipment; and other services and supplies that are primarily intended to control weight or treat obesity, including morbid obesity, or for the purpose of weight reduction, regardless of the existence of comorbid conditions; except as provided in the Booklet; and.
- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan.

Important Reminder
Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for information about any applicable benefit maximums that apply to morbid obesity treatment.

Treatment of Mental Disorders and Substance Abuse

Treatment of Mental Disorders
Covered expenses include charges made for the treatment of mental disorders by behavioral health providers.

Important Note
Not all types of services are covered. For example, educational services and certain types of therapies are not covered. See Medical Plan Exclusions for more information.

In addition to meeting all other conditions for coverage, the treatment must meet the following criteria:

- There is a written treatment plan supervised by a physician or licensed provider; and
- The Plan is for a condition that can favorably be changed.

Benefits are payable for charges incurred in a hospital, psychiatric hospital, residential treatment facility or behavioral health provider’s office for the treatment of mental disorders as follows:

Inpatient Treatment
Covered expenses include charges for room and board at the semi-private room rate, and other services and supplies provided during your stay in a hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility. Inpatient benefits are payable only if your condition requires services that are only available in an inpatient setting.

Important Reminder
Inpatient care and outpatient treatment must be precertified by Aetna. Refer to How the Plan Works for more information about precertification.

Outpatient Treatment
Covered expenses include charges for treatment received while not confined as a full-time inpatient in a hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility.

The plan covers partial hospitalization services (more than 4 hours, but less than 24 hours per day) provided in a facility or program for the intermediate short-term or medically-directed intensive treatment. The partial hospitalization will only be covered if you would need inpatient care if you were not admitted to this type of facility.
Important Reminder
- Inpatient care and outpatient treatment must be **precertified** by Aetna. Refer to *How the Plan Works* for more information about **precertification**.
- Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any **copayments/deductibles**, maximums and Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit that may apply to your **mental disorder** benefits.

### Treatment of Substance Abuse

Covered expenses include charges made for the treatment of **substance abuse** by **behavioral health providers**.

**Important Note**
Not all types of services are covered. For example, educational services and certain types of therapies are not covered. See *Medical Plan Exclusions* for more information.

### Substance Abuse

In addition to meeting all other conditions for coverage, the treatment must meet the following criteria:

- There is a written treatment plan supervised by a **physician** or licensed provider; and
- The plan is for a condition that can be favorably changed.

Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any **substance abuse deductibles**, maximums and Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit that may apply to your **substance abuse** benefits.

### Inpatient Treatment

This Plan covers **room and board** at the **semi-private room rate** and other services and supplies provided during your **stay** in a **psychiatric hospital** or **residential treatment facility**, appropriately licensed by the state Department of Health or its equivalent.

Coverage includes:

- Treatment in a **hospital** for the medical complications of **substance abuse**.
- “Medical complications” include **detoxification**, electrolyte imbalances, malnutrition, cirrhosis of the liver, delirium tremens and hepatitis.
- Treatment in a **hospital** is covered only when the **hospital** does not have a separate treatment facility section.

**Important Reminder**
Inpatient care and outpatient treatment must be **precertified** by Aetna. Refer to *How the Plan Works* for more information about **precertification**.

### Outpatient Treatment

**Outpatient treatment** includes charges for treatment received for **substance abuse** while not confined as a full-time inpatient in a **hospital**, **psychiatric hospital** or **residential treatment facility**.

**Important Reminders:**
- Inpatient care and outpatient treatment must be **precertified** by Aetna. Refer to *How the Plan Works* for more information about **precertification**.
- Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any **copayments/deductibles**, maximums and Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit that may apply to your **substance abuse** benefits.
Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)

Covered expenses include charges made by a physician, a dentist and hospital for:

- Non-surgical treatment of infections or diseases of the mouth, jaw joints or supporting tissues.

Services and supplies for treatment of, or related conditions of, the teeth, mouth, jaws, jaw joints or supporting tissues, (this includes bones, muscles, and nerves), for surgery needed to:

- Treat a fracture, dislocation, or wound.
- Cut out cysts, tumors, or other diseased tissues.
- Cut into gums and tissues of the mouth. This is only covered when not done in connection with the removal, replacement or repair of teeth.
- Alter the jaw, jaw joints, or bite relationships by a cutting procedure when appliance therapy alone cannot result in functional improvement.

Hospital services and supplies received for a stay required because of your condition.

Dental work, surgery and orthodontic treatment needed to remove, repair, restore or reposition:

(a) Natural teeth damaged, lost, or removed; or
(b) Other body tissues of the mouth fractured or cut
due to injury.

Any such teeth must have been free from decay or in good repair, and are firmly attached to the jaw bone at the time of the injury.

The treatment must be completed in the Calendar Year of the accident or in the next Calendar Year.

If crowns, dentures, bridges, or in-mouth appliances are installed due to injury, covered expenses only include charges for:

- The first denture or fixed bridgework to replace lost teeth;
- The first crown needed to repair each damaged tooth; and
- An in-mouth appliance used in the first course of orthodontic treatment after the injury.

Medical Plan Exclusions

Not every medical service or supply is covered by the plan, even if prescribed, recommended, or approved by your physician or dentist. The plan covers only those services and supplies that are medically necessary and included in the What the Plan Covers section. Charges made for the following are not covered except to the extent listed under the What the Plan Covers section or by amendment attached to this Booklet.

Important Note:

You have medical and prescription drug coverage. The exclusions listed below apply to all coverage under your plan. Additional exclusions apply to specific prescription drug coverage. Those additional exclusions are listed separately under the What The Plan Covers section for each of these benefits.

Acupuncture, acupressure and acupuncture therapy, except as provided in the What the Plan Covers section.

Allergy: Specific non-standard allergy services and supplies, including but not limited to, skin titration (Rinkel method), cytotoxicity testing (Bryan’s Test) treatment of non-specific candida sensitivity, and urine autoinjections.
Any charges in excess of the benefit, dollar, day, visit or supply limits stated in this Booklet.

Any non-emergency charges incurred outside of the United States if you traveled to such location to obtain prescription drugs or supplies, even if otherwise covered under this Booklet. This also includes prescription drugs or supplies if:

- such prescription drugs or supplies are unavailable or illegal in the United States; or
- the purchase of such prescription drugs or supplies outside the United States is considered illegal.

Applied Behavioral Analysis, the LEAP, TEACCH, Denver and Rutgers programs.

**Behavioral Health Services:**

- Alcoholism or substance abuse rehabilitation treatment on an inpatient or outpatient basis, except to the extent coverage for detoxification or treatment of alcoholism or substance abuse is specifically provided in the What the Medical Plan Covers Section.
- Treatment of a covered health care provider who specializes in the mental health care field and who receives treatment as a part of their training in that field.
- Treatment of impulse control disorders such as pathological gambling, kleptomania, pedophilia, caffeine or nicotine use.
- Treatment of antisocial personality disorder.
- Treatment in wilderness programs or other similar programs.
- Treatment of mental retardation, defects, and deficiencies. This exclusion does not apply to mental health services or to medical treatment of mentally retarded in accordance with the benefits provided in the What the Plan Covers section of this Booklet.

Blood, blood plasma, synthetic blood, blood products or substitutes, including but not limited to, the provision of blood, other than blood derived clotting factors. Any related services including processing, storage or replacement costs, and the services of blood donors, apheresis or plasmapheresis are not covered. For autologous blood donations, only administration and processing costs are covered.

Charges for a service or supply furnished by a network provider in excess of the negotiated charge.

Charges for a service or supply furnished by an out-of-network provider in excess of the recognized charge.

Charges submitted for services that are not rendered, or rendered to a person not eligible for coverage under the plan.

Charges submitted for services by an unlicensed hospital, physician or other provider or not within the scope of the provider’s license.

Contraception, except as specifically described in the What the Plan Covers Section:

- Over the counter contraceptive supplies including but not limited to: condoms, contraceptive foams, jellies and ointments;
- any drug, or supply to prevent pregnancy, including: birth control pills, patches and implantable contraceptive drugs;
- contraceptive devices such as: inter-uterine devices (IUDs) and diaphragms, including initial fitting and insertion; and
- Services associated with the prescribing, monitoring and/or administration of contraceptives.
Cosmetic services and plastic surgery: any treatment, surgery (cosmetic or plastic), service or supply to alter, improve or enhance the shape or appearance of the body whether or not for psychological or emotional reasons including:

- Face lifts, body lifts, tummy tucks, liposuctions, removal of excess skin, removal or reduction of non-malignant moles, blemishes, varicose veins, cosmetic eyelid surgery and other surgical procedures;
- Procedures to remove healthy cartilage or bone from the nose (even if the surgery may enhance breathing) or other part of the body;
- Chemical peels, dermabrasion, laser or light treatments, bleaching, creams, ointments or other treatments or supplies to alter the appearance or texture of the skin;
- Insertion or removal of any implant that alters the appearance of the body (such as breast or chin implants); except removal of an implant will be covered when medically necessary;
- Removal of tattoos (except for tattoos applied to assist in covered medical treatments, such as markers for radiation therapy); and
- Repair of piercings and other voluntary body modifications, including removal of injected or implanted substances or devices;
- Surgery to correct Gynecomastia;
- Breast augmentation;
- Otoplasty.

Counseling: Services and treatment for marriage, religious, family, career, social adjustment, pastoral, or financial counselor except as specifically provided in the What the Plan Covers section.

Court ordered services, including those required as a condition of parole or release.

Custodial Care

Dental Services: any treatment, services or supplies related to the care, filling, removal or replacement of teeth and the treatment of injuries and diseases of the teeth, gums, and other structures supporting the teeth. This includes but is not limited to:

- services of dentists, oral surgeons, dental hygienists, and orthodontists including apicoectomy (dental root resection), root canal treatment, soft tissue impactions, removal of bony impacted teeth, treatment of periodontal disease, alveolectomy, augmentation and vestibuloplasty and fluoride and other substances to protect, clean or alter the appearance of teeth;
- dental implants, false teeth, prosthetic restoration of dental implants, plates, dentures, braces, mouth guards, and other devices to protect, replace or reposition teeth; and
- non-surgical treatments to alter bite or the alignment or operation of the jaw, including treatment of malocclusion or devices to alter bite or alignment.

Disposable outpatient supplies: Any outpatient disposable supply or device, including sheaths, bags, elastic garments, support hose, bandages, bedpans, syringes, blood or urine testing supplies, and other home test kits; and splints, neck braces, compresses, and other devices not intended for reuse by another patient.

Drugs, medications and supplies:

- Over-the-counter drugs, biological or chemical preparations and supplies that may be obtained without a prescription including vitamins;
- Any services related to the dispensing, injection or application of a drug;
- Any prescription drug purchased illegally outside the United States, even if otherwise covered under this plan within the United States;
- Immunizations related to work;
- Needles, syringes and other injectable aids, except as covered for diabetic supplies;
- Drugs related to the treatment of non-covered expenses;
- Performance enhancing steroids;
Injectable drugs if an alternative oral drug is available;
Outpatient prescription drugs;
Self-injectable prescription drugs and medications;
Any prescription drugs, injectables, or medications or supplies provided by the customer or through a third party vendor contract with the customer; and
Any expenses for prescription drugs, and supplies covered under an Aetna Pharmacy plan will not be covered under this medical expense plan. Prescription drug exclusions that apply to the Aetna Pharmacy plan will apply to the medical expense coverage; and
Charges for any prescription drug for the treatment of erectile dysfunction, impotence, or sexual dysfunction or inadequacy.

Educational services:

Any services or supplies related to education, training or retraining services or testing, including: special education, remedial education, job training and job hardening programs;
Evaluation or treatment of learning disabilities, minimal brain dysfunction, developmental, learning and communication disorders, behavioral disorders, (including pervasive developmental disorders) training or cognitive rehabilitation, regardless of the underlying cause; and
Services, treatment, and educational testing and training related to behavioral (conduct) problems, learning disabilities and delays in developing skills.

Examinations:

Any health examinations required:
- by a third party, including examinations and treatments required to obtain or maintain employment, or which an employer is required to provide under a labor agreement;
- by any law of a government;
- for securing insurance, school admissions or professional or other licenses;
- to travel;
- to attend a school, camp, or sporting event or participate in a sport or other recreational activity; and

Any special medical reports not directly related to treatment except when provided as part of a covered service.

Experimental or investigational drugs, devices, treatments or procedures, except as described in the What the Plan Covers section.

Facility charges for care services or supplies provided in:

- rest homes;
- assisted living facilities;
- similar institutions serving as an individuals primary residence or providing primarily custodial or rest care;
- health resorts;
- spas, sanitariums; or
- infirmaries at schools, colleges, or camps.

Food items: Any food item, including infant formulas, nutritional supplements, vitamins, including prescription vitamins, medical foods and other nutritional items, even if it is the sole source of nutrition.
Foot care: Any services, supplies, or devices to improve comfort or appearance of toes, feet or ankles, including but not limited to:

- Treatment of calluses, bunions, toenails, hammer-toes, subluxations, fallen arches, weak feet, chronic foot pain or conditions caused by routine activities such as walking, running, working or wearing shoes; and
- Shoes (including orthopedic shoes), arch supports, shoe inserts, ankle braces, guards, protectors, creams, ointments and other equipment, devices and supplies, even if required following a covered treatment of an illness or injury.

Growth/Height: Any treatment, device, drug, service or supply (including surgical procedures, devices to stimulate growth and growth hormones), solely to increase or decrease height or alter the rate of growth.

Hearing:

- Any hearing service or supply that does not meet professionally accepted standards;
- Hearing exams given during a stay in a hospital or other facility;
- Replacement parts or repairs for a hearing aid; and
- Any tests, appliances, and devices for the improvement of hearing (including hearing aids and amplifiers), or to enhance other forms of communication to compensate for hearing loss or devices that simulate speech, except otherwise provided under the What the Plan Covers section.

Home and mobility: Any addition or alteration to a home, workplace or other environment, or vehicle and any related equipment or device, such as:

- Purchase or rental of exercise equipment, air purifiers, central or unit air conditioners, water purifiers, waterbeds, and swimming pools;
- Exercise and training devices, whirlpools, portable whirlpool pumps, sauna baths, or massage devices;
- Equipment or supplies to aid sleeping or sitting, including non-hospital electric and air beds, water beds, pillows, sheets, blankets, warming or cooling devices, bed tables and reclining chairs;
- Equipment installed in your home, workplace or other environment, including stair-glides, elevators, wheelchair ramps, or equipment to alter air quality, humidity or temperature;
- Other additions or alterations to your home, workplace or other environment, including room additions, changes in cabinets, countertops, doorways, lighting, wiring, furniture, communication aids, wireless alert systems, or home monitoring;
- Services and supplies furnished mainly to provide a surrounding free from exposure that can worsen your illness or injury;
- Removal from your home, worksite or other environment of carpeting, hypo-allergenic pillows, mattresses, paint, mold, asbestos, fiberglass, dust, pet dander, pests or other potential sources of allergies or illness; and
- Transportation devices, including stair-climbing wheelchairs, personal transporters, bicycles, automobiles, vans or trucks, or alterations to any vehicle or transportation device.

Home births: Any services and supplies related to births occurring in the home or in a place not licensed to perform deliveries.

Infertility: except as specifically described in the What the Plan Covers Section, any services, treatments, procedures or supplies that are designed to enhance fertility or the likelihood of conception, including but not limited to:

- Drugs related to the treatment of non-covered benefits;
- Injectable infertility medications, including but not limited to menotropins, hCG, GnRH agonists, and IVIG;
- Any advanced reproductive technology (“ART”) procedures or services related to such procedures, including but not limited to in vitro fertilization (“IVF”), gamete intra-fallopian transfer (“GIFT”), zygote intra-fallopian transfer (“ZIFT”), and intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection (“ICSI”); Artificial Insemination for covered females attempting to become pregnant who are not infertile as defined by the plan;
• Infertility services for couples in which 1 of the partners has had a previous sterilization procedure, with or without surgical reversal;
• Procedures, services and supplies to reverse voluntary sterilization;
• Infertility services for females with FSH levels 19 or greater mIU/ml on day 3 of the menstrual cycle;
• The purchase of donor sperm and any charges for the storage of sperm; the purchase of donor eggs and any charges associated with care of the donor required for donor egg retrievals or transfers or gestational carriers or surrogacy; donor egg retrieval or fees associated with donor egg programs, including but not limited to fees for laboratory tests;
• Charges associated with cryopreservation or storage of cryopreserved eggs and embryos (e.g., office, hospital, ultrasounds, laboratory tests, etc.); any charges associated with a frozen embryo or egg transfer, including but not limited to thawing charges;
• Home ovulation prediction kits or home pregnancy tests;
• Any charges associated with care required to obtain ART Services (e.g., office, hospital, ultrasounds, laboratory tests); and any charges associated with obtaining sperm for any ART procedures; and
• Ovulation induction and intrauterine insemination services if you are not infertile.

**Maintenance Care.**

Medicare: Payment for that portion of the charge for which Medicare or another party is the primary payer.

Miscellaneous charges for services or supplies including:

• Annual or other charges to be in a physician's practice;
• Charges to have preferred access to a physician's services such as boutique or concierge physician practices;
• Cancelled or missed appointment charges or charges to complete claim forms;
• Charges the recipient has no legal obligation to pay; or the charges would not be made if the recipient did not have coverage (to the extent exclusion is permitted by law) including:
  - Care in charitable institutions;
  - Care for conditions related to current or previous military service;
  - Care while in the custody of a governmental authority;
  - Any care a public hospital or other facility is required to provide; or
  - Any care in a hospital or other facility owned or operated by any federal, state or other governmental entity, except to the extent coverage is required by applicable laws.

Nursing and home health aide services provided outside of the home (such as in conjunction with school, vacation, work or recreational activities).

Non-medically necessary services, including but not limited to, those treatments, services, prescription drugs and supplies which are not medically necessary, as determined by Aetna, for the diagnosis and treatment of illness, injury, restoration of physiological functions, or covered preventive services. This applies even if they are prescribed, recommended or approved by your physician or dentist.

Personal comfort and convenience items: Any service or supply primarily for your convenience and personal comfort or that of a third party, including: Telephone, television, internet, barber or beauty service or other guest services; housekeeping, cooking, cleaning, shopping, monitoring, security or other home services; and travel, transportation, or living expenses, rest cures, recreational or diversional therapy.

Private duty nursing during your stay in a hospital, and outpatient private duty nursing services, except as specifically described in the Private Duty Nursing provision in the What the Plan Covers Section.

Sex change: Any treatment, drug, service or supply related to changing sex or sexual characteristics, including:

• Surgical procedures to alter the appearance or function of the body;
• Hormones and hormone therapy;
- Prosthetic devices; and
- Medical or psychological counseling.

Services provided by a spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, step-child, brother, sister, in-law or any household member.

Services of a resident **physician** or intern rendered in that capacity.

Services provided where there is no evidence of pathology, dysfunction, or disease; except as specifically provided in connection with covered routine care and cancer screenings.

Sexual dysfunction/enhancement: Any treatment, drug, service or supply to treat sexual dysfunction, enhance sexual performance or increase sexual desire, including:

- Surgery, drugs, implants, devices or preparations to correct or enhance erectile function, enhance sensitivity, or alter the shape or appearance of a sex organ; and
- Sex therapy, sex counseling, marriage counseling or other counseling or advisory services.

Services, including those related to pregnancy, rendered before the effective date or after the termination of coverage, unless coverage is continued under the *Continuation of Coverage* section of this Booklet.

Services that are not covered under this Booklet.

Services and supplies provided in connection with treatment or care that is not covered under the plan.

Speech therapy for treatment of delays in speech development, except as specifically provided in the *What the Medical Plan Covers Section*. For example, the plan does not cover therapy when it is used to improve speech skills that have not fully developed.

Spinal disorder, including care in connection with the detection and correction by manual or mechanical means of structural imbalance, distortion or dislocation in the human body or other physical treatment of any condition caused by or related to biomechanical or nerve conduction disorders of the spine including manipulation of the spine treatment, except as specifically provided in the *What the Plan Covers* section.

Strength and performance: Services, devices and supplies to enhance strength, physical condition, endurance or physical performance, including:

- Exercise equipment, memberships in health or fitness clubs, training, advice, or coaching;
- Drugs or preparations to enhance strength, performance, or endurance; and
- Treatments, services and supplies to treat **illnesses, injuries** or disabilities related to the use of performance-enhancing drugs or preparations.

Therapies for the treatment of delays in development, unless resulting from acute illness or injury, or congenital defects amenable to surgical repair (such as cleft lip/palate), are not covered. Examples of non-covered diagnoses include Pervasive Developmental Disorders (including Autism), Down Syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy, as they are considered both developmental and/or chronic in nature.

Therapies and tests: Any of the following treatments or procedures:

- Aromatherapy;
- Bio-feedback and bioenergetic therapy;
- Carbon dioxide therapy;
- Chelation therapy (except for heavy metal poisoning);
- Computer-aided tomography (CAT) scanning of the entire body;
- Educational therapy;
- Gastric irrigation;
- Hair analysis;
- Hyperbaric therapy, except for the treatment of decompression or to promote healing of wounds;
- Hypnosis, and hypnotherapy, except when performed by a **physician** as a form of anesthesia in connection with covered surgery;
- Lovaas therapy;
- Massage therapy;
- Megavitamin therapy;
- Primal therapy;
- Psychodrama;
- Purging;
- Recreational therapy;
- Rolfing;
- Sensory or auditory integration therapy;
- Sleep therapy;
- Thermograms and thermography.

**Tobacco Use:** Any treatment, drug, service or supply to stop or reduce smoking or the use of other tobacco products or to treat or reduce nicotine addiction, dependence or cravings, including counseling, hypnosis and other therapies, medications, nicotine patches and gum except as specifically provided in the **What the Plan Covers** section.

**Transplant**—The transplant coverage does not include charges for:

- Outpatient drugs including bio-medicals and immunosuppressants not expressly related to an outpatient transplant occurrence;
- Services and supplies furnished to a donor when recipient is not a covered person;
- Home infusion therapy after the transplant occurrence;
- Harvesting and/or storage of organs, without the expectation of immediate transplantation for an existing **illness**;
- Harvesting and/or storage of bone marrow, tissue or stem cells without the expectation of transplantation within 12 months for an existing **illness**;
- Cornea (corneal graft with amniotic membrane) or cartilage (autologous chondrocyte or autologous osteochondral mosaicplasty) transplants, unless otherwise **precertified** by Aetna.

**Transportation costs,** including **ambulance** services for routine transportation to receive outpatient or inpatient services except as described in the **What the Plan Covers** section.

**Unauthorized services,** including any service obtained by or on behalf of a covered person without Precertification by Aetna when required. This exclusion does not apply in a Medical Emergency or in an Urgent Care situation.

**Vision-related services and supplies,** except as described in the **What the Plan Covers** section. The plan does not cover:

- Special supplies such as non-**prescription** sunglasses and subnormal vision aids;
- Vision service or supply which does not meet professionally accepted standards;
- Eye exams during your **stay** in a **hospital** or other facility for health care;
- Eye exams for contact lenses or their fitting;
- Eyeglasses or duplicate or spare eyeglasses or lenses or frames;
- Replacement of lenses or frames that are lost or stolen or broken;
- Acuity tests;
- Eye surgery for the correction of vision, including radial keratotomy, LASIK and similar procedures;
- Services to treat errors of refraction.
Weight: Any treatment, drug service or supply intended to decrease or increase body weight, control weight or treat obesity, including morbid obesity, regardless of the existence of comorbid conditions; except as specifically provided in the What the Plan Covers section, including but not limited to:

- Liposuction, banding, gastric stapling, gastric by-pass and other forms of bariatric surgery; surgical procedures medical treatments, weight control/loss programs and other services and supplies that are primarily intended to treat, or are related to the treatment of obesity, including morbid obesity;
- Drugs, stimulants, preparations, foods or diet supplements, dietary regimens and supplements, food or food supplements, appetite suppressants and other medications;
- Counseling, coaching, training, hypnosis or other forms of therapy; and
- Exercise programs, exercise equipment, membership to health or fitness clubs, recreational therapy or other forms of activity or activity enhancement.

Work related: Any illness or injury related to employment or self-employment including any illness or injury that arises out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit, unless no other source of coverage or reimbursement is available to you for the services or supplies. Sources of coverage or reimbursement may include your employer, workers’ compensation, or an occupational illness or similar program under local, state or federal law. A source of coverage or reimbursement will be considered available to you even if you waived your right to payment from that source. If you are also covered under a workers’ compensation law or similar law, and submit proof that you are not covered for a particular illness or injury under such law, that illness or injury will be considered “non-occupational” regardless of cause.
Your Pharmacy Benefit

How the Pharmacy Plan Works

It is important that you have the information and useful resources to help you get the most out of your Aetna prescription drug plan. This Booklet explains:

- Definitions you need to know;
- How to access network pharmacies and procedures you need to follow;
- What prescription drug expenses are covered and what limits may apply;
- What prescription drug expenses are not covered by the plan;
- How you share the cost of your covered prescription drug expenses; and
- Other important information such as eligibility, complaints and appeals, termination, and general administration of the plan.

A few important notes to consider before moving forward:

- Unless otherwise indicated, “you” refers to you and your covered dependents.
- Your prescription drug plan pays benefits only for prescription drug expenses described in this Booklet as covered expenses that are medically necessary.
- This Booklet applies to coverage only and does not restrict your ability to receive prescription drugs that are not or might not be covered benefits under this prescription drug plan.
- Store this Booklet in a safe place for future reference.

Notice

The plan does not cover all prescription drugs, medications and supplies. Refer to the Limitations section of this coverage and Exclusions section of your Booklet.

- Covered expenses are subject to cost sharing requirements as described in the Cost Sharing sections of this coverage and in your Schedule of Benefits.

Getting Started: Common Terms

You will find the terms below used throughout this Booklet. They are described within the sections that follow, and you can also refer to the Glossary at the back of this document for helpful definitions. Words in bold print throughout the document are defined in the Glossary.

Brand-Named Prescription Drug is a prescription drug with a proprietary name assigned to it by the manufacturer and so indicated by Medispan or any other similar publication designated by Aetna.

Generic Prescription Drug is a prescription drug, whether identified by its chemical, proprietary, or non-proprietary name, that is accepted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as therapeutically equivalent and interchangeable with drugs having an identical amount of the same active ingredient and so indicated by Medispan or any other publication designated by Aetna.

Network pharmacy is a description of a retail, mail order or specialty pharmacy that has entered into a contractual agreement with Aetna, an affiliate, or a third party vendor, for the provision of covered services to you and your covered dependents. The appropriate pharmacy type may also be substituted for the word pharmacy. (E.g. network retail pharmacy, network mail order pharmacy or specialty pharmacy network).

Non-Preferred Drug (Non-Formulary) is a brand-named prescription drug or generic prescription drug that does not appear on the preferred drug guide.
Out-of-network pharmacy is a description of a pharmacy that has not contracted with Aetna, an affiliate, or a third party vendor and does not participate in the pharmacy network.

Preferred Drug (Formulary) is a brand-named prescription drug or generic prescription drug that appears on the preferred drug guide.

Preferred Drug Guide is a listing of prescription drugs established by Aetna or an affiliate, which includes both brand-named prescription drugs and generic prescription drugs. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by Aetna. A copy of the preferred drug guide will be available upon your request or may be accessed on the Aetna website at www.aetna.com/formulary.

Prescription Drug is a drug, biological, or compounded prescription which, by State or Federal Law, may be dispensed only by prescription and which is required by Federal Law to be labeled “Caution: Federal Law prohibits dispensing without prescription.” This includes an injectable drug prescribed to be self-administered or administered by any other person except one who is acting within his or her capacity as a paid healthcare professional. Covered injectable drugs include insulin.

Provider is any recognized health care professional, pharmacy or facility providing services with the scope of their license.

Self-injectable Drug(s). Prescription drugs that are intended to be self-administered by injection to a specific part of the body to treat certain chronic medical conditions.

Accessing Pharmacies and Benefits

This plan provides access to covered benefits through a network of pharmacies, vendors or suppliers. Aetna has contracted for these network pharmacies to provide prescription drugs and other supplies to you. You also have the choice to access state licensed pharmacies outside the network for covered expenses.

Obtaining your benefits through network pharmacies has many advantages. Your out-of-pocket costs may vary between network and out-of network benefits. Benefits and cost sharing may also vary by the type of network pharmacy where you obtain your prescription drug and whether or not you purchase a brand-name or generic drug. Network pharmacies include retail, mail order and specialty pharmacies.

Read your Schedule of Benefits carefully to understand the cost sharing charges applicable to you.

To better understand the choices that you have with your plan, please carefully review the following information.

Accessing Network Pharmacies and Benefits

You may select a network pharmacy from the Aetna Network Pharmacy Directory or by logging on the Aetna’s website at www.aetna.com. You can search Aetna’s online directory, DocFind, for names and locations of network pharmacies. If you cannot locate a network pharmacy in your area call Member Services.

You must present your ID card to the network pharmacy every time you get a prescription filled to be eligible for network benefits. The network pharmacy will calculate your claim online. You will pay any deductible, copayment or payment percentage directly to the network pharmacy.

You do not have to complete or submit claim forms. The network pharmacy will take care of claim submission.
Emergency Prescriptions
When you need a prescription filled in an emergency or urgent care situation, or when you are traveling, you can obtain network benefits by filling your prescription at any network retail pharmacy. The network pharmacy will fill your prescription and only charge you your plan's cost sharing amount. If you access an out-of-network pharmacy you will pay the full cost of the prescription and will need to file a claim for reimbursement. You will be reimbursed for your covered expenses up to the cost of the prescription less your plan's cost sharing for network benefits.

Availability of Providers
Aetna cannot guarantee the availability or continued network participation of a particular pharmacy. Either Aetna or any network pharmacy may terminate the provider contract.

Cost Sharing for Network Benefits
You share in the cost of your benefits. Cost Sharing amounts and provisions are described in the Schedule of Benefits.

- You will be responsible for the copayment for each prescription or refill as specified in the Schedule of Benefits. The copayment is payable directly to the network pharmacy at the time the prescription is dispensed.

- After you pay the applicable copayment, you will be responsible for any applicable payment percentage for covered expenses that you incur. Your payment percentage is determined by applying the applicable payment percentage to the negotiated charge if the prescription is filled at a network pharmacy. When you obtain your prescription drugs through a network pharmacy, you will not be subject to balance billing.

When You Use an Out-of-Network Pharmacy
You can directly access an out-of-network pharmacy to obtain covered outpatient prescription drugs. You will pay the pharmacy for your prescription drugs at the time of purchase and submit a claim form to receive reimbursement from the plan. You are responsible for completing and submitting claim forms for reimbursement of covered expenses you paid directly to an out-of-network pharmacy. The Plan will reimburse you for a covered expense up to the recognized charge, less any cost sharing required by you.

Cost Sharing for Out-of-Network Benefits
You share in the cost of your benefits. Cost Sharing amounts and provisions are described in the Schedule of Benefits.

- You will be responsible for any applicable payment percentage for covered expenses that you incur. Your payment percentage share is based on the recognized charge. If the out-of-network pharmacy charges more than the recognized charge, you will be responsible for any expenses above the recognized charge.

Pharmacy Benefit

What the Plan Covers
The Aetna medical benefits plan covers charges for outpatient prescription drugs for the treatment of an illness or injury, subject to the Limitations section of this coverage and the Exclusions section of the Booklet. Prescriptions must be written by a prescriber licensed to prescribe federal legend prescription drugs.

Your prescription drug benefit coverage is based on Aetna's preferred drug guide. The preferred drug guide includes both brand-name prescription drugs and generic prescription drugs. Your out-of-pocket expenses may be higher if your physician prescribes a covered prescription drug not appearing on the preferred drug guide.
Generic prescription drugs may be substituted by your pharmacist for brand-name prescription drugs. You may minimize your out-of-pocket expenses by selecting a generic prescription drug when available.

Coverage of prescription drugs may, in Aetna’s sole discretion, be subject to precertification, step therapy or other Aetna requirements or limitations. Prescription drugs covered by this plan are subject to drug utilization review by Aetna and/or your provider and/or your network pharmacy.

Coverage for prescription drugs and supplies is limited to the supply limits as described below.

Retail Pharmacy Benefits
Outpatient prescription drugs are covered when dispensed by a network retail pharmacy. Each prescription is limited to a maximum 31 day supply when filled at a network retail pharmacy. Prescriptions for more than a 31 day supply are not eligible for coverage when dispensed by a network retail pharmacy.

All prescriptions and refills over a 31 day supply must be filled at a mail order pharmacy.

Mail Order Pharmacy Benefits
Outpatient prescription drugs are covered when dispensed by a network mail order pharmacy. Each prescription is limited to a maximum 100 day supply when filled at a network mail order pharmacy. Prescriptions for less than a 31 day supply or more than a 100 day supply are not eligible for coverage when dispensed by a network mail order pharmacy.

Specialty Pharmacy Care Drug Benefits
Specialty care drugs are covered at the network level of benefits only when dispensed through a network retail pharmacy or Aetna’s specialty pharmacy network. Refer to the preferred drug guide for a list of specialty care drugs. You may refer to Aetna’s website, www.aetna.com to review the list anytime. The list may be updated from time to time.

Each prescription for specialty care drugs is limited to a maximum 30 day supply when filled at Aetna’s specialty pharmacy network.

Other Covered Expenses
The following prescription drugs, medications and supplies are also covered expenses under this Coverage.

Off-Label Use
FDA approved prescription drugs may be covered when the off-label use of the drug has not been approved by the FDA for that indication. The drug must be recognized for treatment of the indication in one of the standard compendia (the United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Information, the American Medical Association Drug Evaluations, or the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information). Or, the safety and effectiveness of use for this indication has been adequately demonstrated by at least one study published in a nationally recognized peer review journal. Coverage of off label use of these drugs may, in Aetna’s sole discretion, be subject to precertification, step-therapy or other Aetna requirements or limitations.

Diabetic Supplies
The following diabetic supplies upon prescription by a physician:

- Diabetic needles and syringes.
- Test strips for glucose monitoring and/or visual reading.
- Diabetic test agents.
- Lancets/lancing devices.
- Alcohol swabs.
Contraceptives. **Covered expenses** include charges made by a network **pharmacy** for the following contraceptive methods when prescribed by a **prescriber** and the **prescription** is submitted to the pharmacist for processing:

- Female contraceptives that are **generic prescription drugs** and **brand-name prescription drugs**.
- Female contraceptive devices.
- FDA-approved female generic emergency contraceptives.

Refer to the *Copay and Deductible Waiver* section of your **Schedule of Benefits**.

### Important Notes:

1. The Copay and Deductible Waiver **does not** apply to contraceptive methods that are:
   - **brand-name prescription drugs**;
   - FDA-approved female brand-name emergency contraceptives.

   However, the Copay and Deductible Waiver does apply when:
   - such contraceptive methods are not available within the same **therapeutic drug class**; or
   - a generic equivalent, or generic alternative, within the same **therapeutic drug class** is not available; and
   - you are granted a medical exception. Refer to Medical Exceptions in the Precertification section for information on how you or your **prescriber** can obtain a medical exception.

2. A **generic equivalent** contains the identical amounts of the same active ingredients as the **brand-name prescription drug** or device. A **generic alternative** is used for the same purpose, but can have different ingredients or different amounts of ingredients.

### Oral and Self-Injectable Infertility Drugs

The following **prescription drugs** used for the purpose of treating infertility including, but not limited to:

- Urofollitropin, menotropin, human chorionic gonadotropin and progesterone.

### Lifestyle/Performance Drugs

The following lifestyle/performance drugs:

- Sildenafil Citrate, phentolamine, apomorphine and alprostadil in oral, injectable and topical (including but not limited to gels, creams, ointments and patches) forms or any other form used internally or externally. Expenses include any prescription drug in oral or topical form that is similar or identical class, has a similar or identical mode of action or exhibits similar or identical outcomes.

- Coverage is limited to 6 pills or other form, determined cumulatively among all forms, for unit amounts as determined by Aetna to be similar in cost to oral forms, per 30 day supply. Mail order and 60 to 90 day supplies are not covered.

### Precertification

**Precertification** is required for certain outpatient **prescription drugs**. **Prescribers** must contact Aetna or an affiliate to request and obtain coverage for such **prescription drugs**. The list of drugs requiring **precertification** is subject to periodic review and modification by Aetna. An updated copy of the list of drugs requiring **precertification** shall be available upon request or may be accessed on line and can be found in the Aetna preferred drug guide available online at www.aetna.com/formulary.

Failure to request **precertification** will result in reduction of benefits (see your **Schedule of Benefits**), or denial of coverage, so be sure to ask your **prescriber** or pharmacist if the drug being considered requires **precertification**.
How to Obtain Precertification

If an outpatient prescription drug requires precertification and you use a network pharmacy the prescriber is required to obtain precertification for you.

When you use an out-of-network pharmacy, you can begin the precertification process by having the prescriber call Aetna at the number on your ID card.

Aetna will let your prescriber know if the prescription drug is precertified.

If precertification is denied Aetna will notify you how the decision can be appealed.

Step-Therapy
Step-therapy is another form of precertification. With step-therapy, certain medications will be excluded from coverage unless one or more “prerequisite therapy” medications are tried first or unless the prescriber obtains a medical exception.

The plan will not cover the step-therapy drug if your prescriber does not prescribe a prerequisite drug first or fails to obtain a medical exception.

Lists of the step-therapy drugs and prerequisite drugs are included in the Aetna preferred drug guide available upon request or online at www.aetna.com/formulary. The list of step therapy drugs are subject to change by Aetna.

Medical Exceptions:
Your prescriber may seek a medical exception to obtain coverage for drugs for which coverage is denied through Precertification or Step Therapy. The prescriber must submit such exception requests to Aetna. Coverage granted as a result of a medical exception shall be based on an individual, case by case medical necessity determination and coverage will not apply or extend to other covered persons.

Pharmacy Benefit Limitations
A network pharmacy may refuse to fill a prescription order or refill when in the professional judgment of the pharmacist the prescription should not be filled.

The plan will not cover expenses for any prescription drug for which the actual charge to you is less than the required copayment or deductible, or for any prescription drug for which no charge is made to you.

You will be charged the out-of-network prescription drug cost sharing for prescription drugs recently approved by the FDA, but which have not yet been reviewed by the Aetna Health Pharmacy Management Department and Therapeutics Committee.

Aetna retains the right to review all requests for reimbursement and in its sole discretion make reimbursement determinations subject to the Complaint and Appeals section(s) of the Booklet.

The number of copayments/deductibles you are responsible for per vial of Depo-Provera, an injectable contraceptive, or similar type contraceptive dispensed for more than a 30 day supply, will be based on the 90 day supply level. Coverage is limited to a maximum of 5 vials per calendar year.
The plan will not pay charges for any prescription drug dispensed by a mail order pharmacy for the treatment of erectile dysfunction, impotence or sexual dysfunction or inadequacy.

Pharmacy Benefit Exclusions
Not every health care service or supply is covered by the plan, even if prescribed, recommended, or approved by your physician or dentist. The plan covers only those services and supplies that are medically necessary and included in the What the Plan Covers section. Charges made for the following are not covered except to the extent listed under the What the Plan Covers section or by amendment attached to this Booklet. In addition, some services are specifically limited or excluded. This section describes expenses that are not covered or subject to special limitations.

These prescription drug exclusions are in addition to the exclusions listed under your medical coverage.

The plan does not cover the following expenses:

Administration or injection of any drug.

Any charges in excess of the benefit, dollar, day, or supply limits stated in this Booklet.

Allergy sera and extracts.

Any non-emergency charges incurred outside of the United States 1) if you traveled to such location to obtain prescription drugs, or supplies, even if otherwise covered under this Booklet, or 2) such drugs or supplies are unavailable or illegal in the United States, or 3) the purchase of such prescription drugs or supplies outside the United States is considered illegal.

Any drugs or medications, services and supplies that are not medically necessary, as determined by Aetna, for the diagnosis, care or treatment of the illness or injury involved. This applies even if they are prescribed, recommended or approved by your physician or dentist.

Biological sera, blood, blood plasma, blood products or substitutes or any other blood products.

Contraception:

- Over the counter contraceptive supplies including but not limited to:
  - condoms;
  - contraceptive foams;
  - jellies; and
  - ointments;
- Services associated with the prescribing, monitoring and/or administration of contraceptives.

Cosmetic drugs, medications or preparations used for cosmetic purposes or to promote hair growth, including but not limited to:

- health and beauty aids;
- chemical peels;
- dermabrasion;
- treatments;
- bleaching;
- creams;
- ointments or other treatments or supplies, to remove tattoos, scars or to alter the appearance or texture of the skin.

Drugs given or entirely consumed at the time and place it is prescribed or dispensed.
Drugs which do not, by federal or state law, need a prescription order (i.e. over-the-counter (OTC) drugs), even if a prescription is written.

Drugs given by, or while the person is an inpatient in, any healthcare facility; or for any drugs provided on an outpatient basis in any such institution to the extent benefits are payable for it.

Drugs used primarily for the treatment of infertility, or for or related to artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or embryo transfer procedures, except as described in the What the Plan Covers section.

Drugs used for the purpose of weight gain or reduction, including but not limited to:

- stimulants;
- preparations;
- foods or diet supplements;
- dietary regimens and supplements;
- food or food supplements;
- appetite suppressants; and
- other medications.

Drugs used for the treatment of obesity.

All drugs or medications in a therapeutic drug class if one of the drugs in that therapeutic drug class is not a prescription drug.

Durable medical equipment, monitors and other equipment.

Experimental or investigational drugs or devices, except as described in the What the Plan Covers section.

This exclusion will not apply with respect to drugs that:

- Have been granted treatment investigational new drug (IND); or Group c/treatment IND status; or
- Are being studied at the Phase III level in a national clinical trial sponsored by the National Cancer Institute; and
- Aetna determines, based on available scientific evidence, are effective or show promise of being effective for the illness.

Food items: Any food item, including infant formulas, nutritional supplements, vitamins, medical foods and other nutritional items, even if it is the sole source of nutrition.

Genetics: Any treatment, device, drug, or supply to alter the body’s genes, genetic make-up, or the expression of the body’s genes except for the correction of congenital birth defects.

Immunization or immunological agents.

Implantable drugs and associated devices.

Injectables:

- Any charges for the administration or injection of prescription drugs or injectable insulin and other injectable drugs covered by the Plan;
- Needles and syringes, except for diabetic needles and syringes;
- Injectable drugs if an alternative oral drug is available.
Insulin pumps or tubing or other ancillary equipment and supplies for insulin pumps.

**Prescription drugs** for which there is an over-the-counter (OTC) product which has the same active ingredient and strength even if a prescription is written.

**Prescription drugs**, medications, injectables or supplies provided through a third party vendor contract with the contractholder.

**Prescription** orders filled prior to the effective date or after the termination date of coverage under this Booklet.

Prophylactic drugs for travel.

Refills in excess of the amount specified by the prescription order. Before recognizing charges, Aetna may require a new prescription or evidence as to need, if a prescription or refill appears excessive under accepted medical practice standards.

Refills dispensed more than one year from the date the latest prescription order was written, or as otherwise permitted by applicable law of the jurisdiction in which the drug is dispensed.

Replacement of lost or stolen prescriptions.

Drugs, services and supplies provided in connection with treatment of an occupational injury or occupational illness.

Smoking: Any treatment, drug, service or supply to stop or reduce smoking or the use of other tobacco products or to treat or reduce nicotine addiction, dependence or cravings, including, medications, nicotine patches and gum.

Smoking: Any treatment, drug, service or supply to stop or reduce smoking or the use of other tobacco products or to treat or reduce nicotine addiction, dependence or cravings, including, medications, nicotine patches and gum.

Strength and performance: Drugs or preparations, devices and supplies to enhance strength, physical condition, endurance or physical performance, including performance enhancing steroids.

Sex change: Any treatment, drug or supply related to changing sex or sexual characteristics, including hormones and hormone therapy.

Sexual dysfunction/enhancement: Any drug, or supply to treat sexual dysfunction, enhance sexual performance or increase sexual desire, including:

- Drugs, implants, devices or preparations to correct or enhance erectile function, enhance sensitivity, or change the shape or appearance of a sex organ.

Supplies, devices or equipment of any type, except as specifically provided in the *What the Plan Covers* section.

Test agents except diabetic test agents.

**When Coverage Ends**

Coverage under your plan can end for a variety of reasons. In this section, you will find details on how and why coverage ends, and how you may still be able to continue coverage.
When Coverage Ends for Employees
Your Aetna health benefits coverage will end if:

- The Aetna health benefits plan is discontinued;
- You voluntarily stop your coverage;
- You are no longer eligible for coverage;
- You do not make any required contributions;
- You become covered under another plan offered by your employer;
- You have exhausted your overall maximum lifetime benefit under your health plan, if your plan contains such a maximum benefit; or
- Your employer notifies Aetna that your employment is ended.

It is your employer’s responsibility to let Aetna know when your employment ends.

Your Proof of Prior Medical Coverage
Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, your employer is required to give you a certificate of creditable coverage when your employment ends. This certificate proves that you were covered under this plan when you were employed. Ask your employer about the certificate of creditable coverage.

When Coverage Ends for Dependents
Coverage for your dependents will end if:

- You are no longer eligible for dependents’ coverage;
- You do not make your contribution for the cost of dependents’ coverage;
- Your own coverage ends for any of the reasons listed under When Coverage Ends for Employees (This does not apply if you use up your lifetime maximum, if included);
- Your dependent is no longer eligible for coverage. Coverage ends at the end of the calendar month when your dependent does not meet the plan’s definition of a dependent; or
- As permitted under applicable federal and state law, your dependent becomes eligible for like benefits under this or any other group plan offered by your employer.

In addition, a "domestic partner" will no longer be considered to be a defined dependent on the earlier to occur of:

- The date this plan no longer allows coverage for domestic partners.
- The date of termination of the domestic partnership. In that event, you should provide your Employer a completed and signed Declaration of Termination of Domestic Partnership.

Coverage for dependents may continue for a period after your death. Coverage for handicapped dependents may continue after they reach any limiting age. See Continuation of Coverage for more information.

Continuation of Coverage

Continuing Health Care Benefits

Continuing Coverage for Dependents After Your Death
If you should die while enrolled in this plan, your dependent’s health care coverage (except dental Coverage), if applicable will continue as long as:

- You were covered at the time of your death;
- Your coverage, at the time of your death, is not being continued after your employment has ended, as provided in the When Coverage Ends section;
- A request is made for continued coverage within 31 days after your death; and
- Payment is made for the coverage.

Your dependent’s coverage will end when the first of the following occurs:

- The end of the 24 month period following your death;
- He or she no longer meets the plan’s definition of “dependent”;
- Dependent coverage is discontinued under the group contract;
- He or she becomes eligible for comparable benefits under this or any other group plan; or
- Any required contributions stop; and
- For your spouse, the date he or she remarries.

If your dependent’s coverage is being continued for your dependents, a child born after your death will also be covered.

**Important Note**
Your dependent may be eligible to convert to a personal policy. Please see the section, *Converting to an Individual Medical Insurance Policy* for more information.

**Continuing Coverage for Dependent Students on Medical Leave of Absence**
If your dependent child who is eligible for coverage and enrolled in this plan by reason of his or her status as a full-time student at a postsecondary educational institution ceases to be eligible due to:

- a medically necessary leave of absence from school; or
- a change in his or her status as a full-time student,

resulting from a serious **illness** or **injury**, such child's coverage under this plan may continue.

Coverage under this continuation provision will end when the first of the following occurs:

- The end of the 12 month period following the first day of your dependent child's leave of absence from school, or a change in his or her status as a full-time student;
- Your dependent child's coverage would otherwise end under the terms of this plan;
- Dependent coverage is discontinued under this plan; or
- You fail to make any required contribution toward the cost of this coverage.

To be eligible for this continuation, the dependent child must have been enrolled in this plan and attending school on a full-time basis immediately before the first day of the leave of absence.

To continue your dependent child's coverage under this provision you should notify your employer as soon as possible after your child's leave of absence begins or the change in his or her status as a full-time student. **Aetna** may require a written certification from the treating **physician** which states that the child is suffering from a serious **illness** or **injury** and that the resulting leave of absence (or change in full-time student status) is **medically necessary**.

**Important Note**
If at the end of this 12 month continuation period, your dependent child's leave of absence from school (or change in full-time student status) continues, such child may qualify for a further continuation of coverage under the Handicapped Dependent Children provision of this plan. Please see the section, *Handicapped Dependent Children*, for more information.
Handicapped Dependent Children
Health Expense Coverage for your fully handicapped dependent child may be continued past the maximum age for a dependent child. However, such coverage may not be continued if the child has been issued an individual medical conversion policy.

Your child is fully handicapped if:

- he or she is not able to earn his or her own living because of mental retardation or a physical handicap which started prior to the date he or she reaches the maximum age for dependent children under your plan; and
- he or she depends chiefly on you for support and maintenance.

Proof that your child is fully handicapped must be submitted to Aetna no later than 31 days after the date your child reaches the maximum age under your plan.

Coverage will cease on the first to occur of:

- Cessation of the handicap.
- Failure to give proof that the handicap continues.
- Failure to have any required exam.
- Termination of Dependent Coverage as to your child for any reason other than reaching the maximum age under your plan.

Aetna will have the right to require proof of the continuation of the handicap. Aetna also has the right to examine your child as often as needed while the handicap continues at its own expense. An exam will not be required more often than once each year after 2 years from the date your child reached the maximum age under your plan.

Extension of Benefits

Coverage for Health Benefits
If your health benefits end while you are totally disabled, your health expenses will be extended as described below, but, with respect to medical benefits, only as to expenses incurred in connection with the injury or illness that caused the total disability. To find out why and when your coverage may end, please refer to When Coverage Ends.

“Totally disabled” means that because of an injury or illness:

- You are not able to work at your own occupation and you cannot work at any occupation for pay or profit.
- Your dependent is not able to engage in most normal activities of a healthy person of the same age and gender.

Extended Health Coverage

*Medical Benefits (other than Basic medical benefits):* Coverage will be available while you are totally disabled, but only for the condition that caused the disability, for up to 12 months.

*Prescription Drug Benefits:* Coverage will be available while you are totally disabled for up to 12 months.
When Extended Health Coverage Ends
Extension of benefits will end on the first to occur of the date:

- You are no longer totally disabled, or become covered under any other group plan with like benefits.
- Your dependent is no longer totally disabled, or he or she becomes covered under any other group plan with like benefits.

(This does not apply if coverage ceased because the benefit section ceased for your eligible class.)

Important Note
If the Extension of Benefits provision outlined in this section applies to you or your covered dependents, see the Converting to an Individual Health Insurance Policy section for important information.

COBRA Continuation of Coverage

If your employer is subject to COBRA requirements, the health plan continuation is governed by the Federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) requirements. With COBRA you and your dependents can continue health coverage, subject to certain conditions and your payment of contributions. Continuation rights are available following a “qualifying event” that would cause you or family members to otherwise lose coverage. Qualifying events are listed in this section.

Continuing Coverage through COBRA
When you or your covered dependents become eligible, your employer will provide you with detailed information on continuing your health coverage through COBRA.

You or your dependents will need to:

- Complete and submit an application for continued health coverage, which is an election notice of your intent to continue coverage.
- Submit your application within 60 days of the qualifying event, or within 60 days of your employer’s notice of this COBRA continuation right, if later.
- Agree to pay the required contributions.

Who Qualifies for COBRA
You have 60 days from the qualifying event to elect COBRA. If you do not submit an application within 60 days, you will forfeit your COBRA continuation rights.

Below you will find the qualifying events and a summary of the maximum coverage periods according to COBRA requirements.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Qualifying Event Causing Loss of Health Coverage</th>
<th>Covered Persons Eligible to Elect Continuation</th>
<th>Maximum Continuation Periods</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Your working hours are reduced</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You become entitled to benefits under Medicare</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependents under the plan</td>
<td>Your dependent children</td>
<td>36 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Event</td>
<td>Eligible Plan Members</td>
<td>Duration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------</td>
<td>----------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You die</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You are a retiree eligible for health coverage and your former employer files for bankruptcy</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Disability May Increase Maximum Continuation to 29 Months**

*If You or Your Covered Dependents Are Disabled*

If you or your covered dependent qualify for disability status under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act during the 18 month continuation period, you or your covered dependent:

- Have the right to extend coverage beyond the initial 18 month maximum continuation period.
- Qualify for an additional 11 month period, subject to the overall COBRA conditions.
- Must notify your employer within 60 days of the disability determination status and before the 18 month continuation period ends.
- Must notify the employer within 30 days after the date of any final determination that you or a covered dependent is no longer disabled.
- Are responsible to pay the contributions after the 18th month, through the 29th month.

*If There Are Multiple Qualifying Events*

A covered dependent could qualify for an extension of the 18 or 29 month continuation period by meeting the requirements of another qualifying event, such as divorce or death. The total continuation period, however, can never exceed 36 months.

**Determining Your Contributions For Continuation Coverage**

Your contributions are regulated by law, based on the following:

- For the 18 or 36 month periods, contributions may never exceed 102 percent of the plan costs.
- During the 18 through 29 month period, contributions for coverage during an extended disability period may never exceed 150 percent of the plan costs.

**When You Acquire a Dependent During a Continuation Period**

If through birth, adoption or marriage, you acquire a new dependent during the continuation period, your dependent can be added to the health plan for the remainder of the continuation period if:

- He or she meets the definition of an eligible dependent,
- Your employer is notified about your dependent within 31 days of eligibility, and
- Additional contributions for continuation are paid on a timely basis.

**Important Note**

For more information about dependent eligibility, see the Eligibility, Enrollment and Effective Date section.

**When Your COBRA Continuation Coverage Ends**

Your COBRA coverage will end when the first of the following events occurs:

- You or your covered dependents reach the maximum COBRA continuation period – the end of the 18, 29 or 36 months. (Coverage for a newly acquired dependent who has been added for the balance of a continuation period would end at the same time your continuation period ends, if he or she is not disabled nor eligible for an extended maximum).
- You or your covered dependents do not pay required contributions.
- You or your covered dependents become covered under another group plan that does not restrict coverage for preexisting conditions. If your new plan limits preexisting condition coverage, the continuation coverage under this plan may remain in effect until the preexisting clause ceases to apply or the maximum continuation period is reached under this plan.
- The date your employer no longer offers a group health plan.
- The date you or a covered dependent becomes enrolled in benefits under Medicare. This does not apply if it is contrary to the Medicare Secondary Payer Rules or other federal law.
- You or your dependent dies.
Coordination of Benefits - What Happens When There is More Than One Health Plan

When Coordination of Benefits Applies

This Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision applies to This Plan when you or your covered dependent has health coverage under more than one plan. “Plan” and “This Plan” are defined herein. The Order of Benefit Determination Rules below determines which plan will pay as the primary plan. The primary plan pays first without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. A secondary plan pays after the primary plan and may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all group plans do not exceed 100% of the total allowable expense.

Getting Started - Important Terms

When used in this provision, the following words and phrases have the meaning explained herein.

Allowable Expense means a health care service or expense, including, coinsurance and copayments and without reduction of any applicable deductible, that is covered at least in part by any of the Plans covering the person. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services (for example an HMO), the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense or service that is not covered by any of the Plans is not an allowable expense. Any expense that a health care provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging a covered person is not an allowable expense. The following are examples of expenses and services that are not allowable expenses:

1. If a covered person is confined in a private hospital room, the difference between the cost of a semi-private room in the hospital and the private room is not an allowable expense. This does not apply if one of the Plans provides coverage for a private room.
2. If a person is covered by 2 or more Plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of reasonable or recognized charges, any amount in excess of the highest of the reasonable or recognized charges for a specific benefit is not an allowable expense.
3. If a person is covered by 2 or more Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated charges, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated charges is not an allowable expense.
4. The amount a benefit is reduced or not reimbursed by the primary Plan because a covered person does not comply with the Plan provisions is not an allowable expense. Examples of these provisions are second surgical opinions, precertification of admissions, and preferred provider arrangements.
5. If all Plans covering a person are high deductible Plans and the person intends to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the primary high deductible Plan’s deductible is not an allowable expense, except as to any health expense that may not be subject to the deductible as described in section 223(c)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

If a person is covered by one Plan that computes its benefit payments on the basis of reasonable or recognized charges and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated charges, the primary plan’s
payment arrangements shall be the allowable expense for all the Plans. However, if the secondary plan has a negotiated fee or payment amount different from the primary plan and if the provider contract permits, that negotiated fee will be the allowable expense used by the secondary plan to determine benefits.

When a plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service rendered shall be deemed an allowable expense and a benefit paid.

Closed Panel Plan(s). A plan that provides health benefits to covered persons primarily in the form of services through a panel of providers that have contracted with or are employed by the plan, and that limits or excludes benefits for services provided by other providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.

Custodial Parent. A parent awarded custody by a court decree. In the absence of a court decree, it is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year without regard to any temporary visitation.

Plan. Any Plan providing benefits or services by reason of health care or treatment, which benefits or services are provided by one of the following:

- Group or nongroup, blanket, or franchise health insurance policies issued by insurers, including health care service contractors;
- Other prepaid coverage under service Plan contracts, or under group or individual practice;
- Uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage;
- Labor-management trustee Plans, labor organization plans, employer organization Plans, or employee benefit organization Plans;
- Medical benefits coverage in a group, group-type, and individual automobile “no-fault” and traditional automobile “fault” type contracts;
- Medicare or other governmental benefits;
- Other group-type contracts. Group type contracts are those which are not available to the general public and can be obtained and maintained only because membership in or connection with a particular organization or group.

If the Plan includes medical, prescription drug, dental, vision and hearing coverage, those coverages will be considered separate plans. For example, Medical coverage will be coordinated with other Medical plans, and dental coverage will be coordinated with other dental plans.

This Plan is any part of the contract that provides benefits for health care expenses.

Primary Plan/Secondary Plan. The order of benefit determination rules state whether This Plan is a Primary Plan or Secondary Plan as to another Plan covering the person.

When This Plan is a primary Plan, its benefits are determined before those of the other Plan and without considering the other Plan’s benefits.

When This Plan is a Secondary Plan, its benefits are determined after those of the other Plan and may be reduced because of the other Plan’s benefits.

When there are more than two Plans covering the person, this Plan may be a Primary Plan as to one or more other Plans, and may be a Secondary Plan as to a different Plan or Plans.

Which Plan Pays First

When two or more plans pay benefits, the rules for determining the order of payment are as follows:

- The primary plan pays or provides its benefits as if the secondary plan or plans did not exist.
- A plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this provision is always primary. There is one exception: coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to
supplement a part of a basic package of benefits may provide that the supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are superimposed over base plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a closed panel plan to provide out-of-network benefits.

- A plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another plan in determining its benefits only when it is secondary to that other plan.
- The first of the following rules that describes which plan pays its benefits before another plan is the rule to use:

1. Non-Dependent or Dependent. The plan that covers the person other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is primary and the plan that covers the person as a dependent is secondary. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the plan covering the person as a dependent; and primary to the plan covering the person as other than a dependent (e.g. a retired employee); then the order of benefits between the two plans is reversed so that the plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is secondary and the other plan is primary.

2. Child Covered Under More than One Plan. The order of benefits when a child is covered by more than one plan is:

   A. The primary plan is the plan of the parent whose birthday is earlier in the year if:
      
      i. The parents are married or living together whether or not married;
      ii. A court decree awards joint custody without specifying that one party has the responsibility to provide health care coverage or if the decree states that both parents are responsible for health coverage. If both parents have the same birthday, the plan that covered either of the parents longer is primary.

   B. If the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the parents is responsible for the child’s health care expenses or health care coverage and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. If the parent with responsibility has no health coverage for the dependent child’s health care expenses, but that parent’s spouse does, the plan of the parent’s spouse is the primary plan.

   C. If the parents are separated or divorced or are not living together whether or not they have ever been married and there is no court decree allocating responsibility for health coverage, the order of benefits is:
      
      – The plan of the custodial parent;
      – The plan of the spouse of the custodial parent;
      – The plan of the noncustodial parent; and then
      – The plan of the spouse of the noncustodial parent.

For a dependent child covered under more than one plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the order of benefits should be determined as outlined above as if the individuals were the parents.

3. Active Employee or Retired or Laid off Employee. The plan that covers a person as an employee who is neither laid off nor retired or as a dependent of an active employee, is the primary plan. The plan covering that same person as a retired or laid off employee or as a dependent of a retired or laid off employee is the secondary plan. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule will not apply if the Non-Dependent or Dependent rules above determine the order of benefits.

4. Continuation Coverage. If a person whose coverage is provided under a right of continuation provided by federal or state law also is covered under another plan, the plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree (or as that person’s dependent) is primary, and the continuation coverage is secondary. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this
rule is ignored. This rule will not apply if the Non-Dependent or Dependent rules above determine the order of benefits.

5. Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage. The plan that covered the person as an employee, member, subscriber longer is primary.

6. If the preceding rules do not determine the primary plan, the allowable expenses shall be shared equally between the plans meeting the definition of plan under this provision. In addition, this plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been primary.

**How Coordination of Benefits Works**

In determining the amount to be paid when this plan is secondary on a claim, the secondary plan will calculate the benefits that it would have paid on the claim in the absence of other health insurance coverage and apply that amount to any allowable expense under this plan that was unpaid by the primary plan. The amount will be reduced so that when combined with the amount paid by the primary plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all plans for the claim do not exceed 100 percent of the total allowable expense.

In addition, a secondary plan will credit to its plan deductible any amounts that would have been credited in the absence of other coverage.

Under the COB provision of this plan, the amount normally reimbursed for covered benefits or expenses under this plan is reduced to take into account payments made by other plans. The general rule is that the benefits otherwise payable under this plan for all covered benefits or expenses will be reduced by all other plan benefits payable for those expenses. When the COB rules of this plan and another plan both agree that this plan determines its benefits before such other plan, the benefits of the other plan will be ignored in applying the general rule above to the claim involved. Such reduced amount will be charged against any applicable benefit limit of this coverage.

If a covered person is enrolled in two or more closed panel plans COB generally does not occur with respect to the use of panel providers. However, COB may occur if a person receives emergency services that would have been covered by both plans.

**Right To Receive And Release Needed Information**

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits under this plan and other plans. **Aetna** has the right to release or obtain any information and make or recover any payments it considers necessary in order to administer this provision.

**Facility of Payment**

Any payment made under another plan may include an amount, which should have been paid under this plan. If so, **Aetna** may pay that amount to the organization, which made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under this plan. **Aetna** will not have to pay that amount again. The term “payment made” means reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

**Right of Recovery**

If the amount of the payments made by **Aetna** is more than it should have paid under this COB provision, it may recover the excess from one or more of the persons it has paid or for whom it has paid; or any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the covered person. The “amount of the payments made” includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.
When You Have Medicare Coverage

This section explains how the benefits under This Plan interact with benefits available under Medicare.

Medicare, when used in this Booklet, means the health insurance provided by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended. It includes Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) or similar coverage that is an authorized alternative to Parts A and B of Medicare.

You are eligible for Medicare if you are:

- Covered under it by reason of age, disability, or End Stage Renal Disease
- Not covered under it because you:
  1. Refused it;
  2. Dropped it; or
  3. Failed to make a proper request for it.

If you are eligible for Medicare, the plan coordinates the benefits it pays with the benefits that Medicare pays. Sometimes, the plan is the primary payor, which means that the plan pays benefits before Medicare pays benefits. Under other circumstances, the plan is the secondary payor, and pays benefits after Medicare.

Which Plan Pays First

The plan is the primary payor when your coverage for the plan's benefits is based on current employment with your employer. The plan will act as the primary payor for the Medicare beneficiary who is eligible for Medicare:

- Solely due to age if the plan is subject to the Social Security Act requirements for Medicare with respect to working aged (i.e., generally a plan of an employer with 20 or more employees);
- Due to diagnosis of end stage renal disease, but only during the first 30 months of such eligibility for Medicare benefits. This provision does not apply if, at the start of eligibility, you were already eligible for Medicare benefits, and the plan's benefits were payable on a secondary basis;
- Solely due to any disability other than end stage renal disease: but only if the plan meets the definition of a large group health plan as outlined in the Internal Revenue Code (i.e., generally a plan of an employer with 100 or more employees).

The plan is the secondary payor in all other circumstances.

How Coordination With Medicare Works

When the Plan is Primary

The plan pays benefits first when it is the primary payor. You may then submit your claim to Medicare for consideration.
When Medicare is Primary
Your health care expense must be considered for payment by Medicare first. You may then submit the expense to Aetna for consideration.

Aetna will calculate the benefits the plan would pay in the absence of Medicare:

The amount will be reduced so that when combined with the amount paid by Medicare, the total benefits paid or provided by all plans for the claim do not exceed 100 percent of the total allowable expense.

This review is done on a claim-by-claim basis.

Charges used to satisfy your Part B deductible under Medicare will be applied under the plan in the order received by Aetna. Aetna will apply the largest charge first when two or more charges are received at the same time.

Aetna will apply any rule for coordinating health care benefits after determining the benefits payable.

Right to Receive and Release Required Information
Certain facts about health care coverage and services are required to apply coordination of benefits (COB) rules to determine benefits under This Plan and other plans. Aetna has the right to obtain or release any information, and make or recover any payments it considers necessary, in order to administer this provision.
General Provisions

Type of Coverage

Coverage under the plan is non-occupational. Only non-occupational accidental injuries and non-occupational illnesses are covered. The plan covers charges made for services and supplies only while the person is covered under the plan.

Physical Examinations

Aetna will have the right and opportunity to examine and evaluate any person who is the basis of any claim at all reasonable times while a claim is pending or under review. This will be done at no cost to you.

Additional Provisions

The following additional provisions apply to your coverage:

- This Booklet applies to coverage only, and does not restrict your ability to receive health care services that are not, or might not be, covered.
- You cannot receive multiple coverage under the plan because you are connected with more than one employer.
- In the event of a misstatement of any fact affecting your coverage under the plan, the true facts will be used to determine the coverage in force.
- This document describes the main features of the plan. If you have any questions about the terms of the Aetna medical benefits plan or about the proper payment of benefits, contact your employer or Aetna.
- The Aetna medical benefits plan may be changed or discontinued with respect to your coverage.

Assignments

Coverage and your rights under this Aetna medical benefits plan may not be assigned. A direction to pay a provider is not an assignment of any right under this plan or of any legal or equitable right to institute any court proceeding.

Misstatements

Aetna’s failure to implement or insist upon compliance with any provision of this Aetna medical benefits plan at any given time or times, shall not constitute a waiver of Aetna’s right to implement or insist upon compliance with that provision at any other time or times.

Fraudulent misstatements in connection with any claim or application for coverage may result in termination of all coverage under this Aetna medical benefits plan.

Subrogation and Right of Recovery Provision

Definitions

As used throughout this provision, the term Responsible Party means any party actually, possibly, or potentially responsible for making any payment to a Covered Person due to a Covered Person’s injury, illness or condition. The term Responsible Party includes the liability insurer of such party or any Insurance Coverage.

For purposes of this provision, the term Insurance Coverage refers to any coverage providing medical expense coverage or liability coverage including, but not limited to, uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist
coverage, personal umbrella coverage, medical payments coverage, workers compensation coverage, no-fault automobile Insurance Coverage, or any first party Insurance Coverage.

For purposes of this provision, a Covered Person includes anyone on whose behalf the plan pays or provides any benefit including, but not limited to, the minor child or dependent of any plan member or person entitled to receive any benefits from the plan.

Subrogation
Immediately upon paying or providing any benefit under the plan, the plan shall be subrogated to (stand in the place of) all rights of recovery a Covered Person has against any Responsible Party with respect to any payment made by the Responsible Party to a Covered Person due to a Covered Person’s injury, illness or condition to the full extent of benefits provided or to be provided by the plan.

Reimbursement
In addition, if a Covered Person receives any payment from any Responsible Party or Insurance Coverage as a result of an injury, illness or condition, the plan has the right to recover from, and be reimbursed by, the Covered Person for all amounts the plan has paid and will pay as a result of that injury, illness or condition, from such payment, up to and including the full amount the Covered Person receives from any Responsible Party.

Constructive Trust
By accepting benefits (whether the payment of such benefits is made to the Covered Person or made on behalf of the Covered Person to any provider) from the plan, the Covered Person agrees that if he/she receives any payment from any Responsible Party as a result of an injury, illness or condition, he/she will serve as a constructive trustee over the funds that constitute such payment. Failure to hold such funds in trust will be deemed a breach of the Covered Person’s fiduciary duty to the plan.

Lien Rights
Further, the plan will automatically have a lien to the extent of benefits paid by the plan for the treatment of the illness, injury or condition for which Responsible Party is liable. The lien shall be imposed upon any recovery whether by settlement, judgment, or otherwise, including from any Insurance Coverage, related to treatment for any illness, injury or condition for which the plan paid benefits. The lien may be enforced against any party who possesses funds or proceeds representing the amount of benefits paid by the plan including, but not limited to, the Covered Person, the Covered Person’s representative or agent, Responsible Party; Responsible Party’s insurer, representative, or agent; and/or any other source possessing funds representing the amount of benefits paid by the plan.

First-Priority Claim
By accepting benefits (whether the payment of such benefits is made to the Covered Person or made on behalf of the Covered Person to any provider) from the plan, the Covered Person acknowledges that the plan’s recovery rights are a first priority claim against all Responsible Parties and are to be paid to the plan before any other claim for the Covered Person’s damages. The plan shall be entitled to full reimbursement on a first-dollar basis from any Responsible Party’s payments, even if such payment to the plan will result in a recovery to the Covered Person which is insufficient to make the Covered Person whole or to compensate the Covered Person in part or in whole for the damages sustained. The plan is not required to participate in or pay court costs or attorney fees to any attorney hired by the Covered Person to pursue the Covered Person’s damage claim.

Applicability to All Settlements and Judgments
The terms of this entire subrogation and right of recovery provision shall apply and the plan is entitled to full recovery regardless of whether any liability for payment is admitted by any Responsible Party and regardless of whether the settlement or judgment received by the Covered Person identifies the medical benefits the plan provided or purports to allocate any portion of such settlement or judgment to payment of expenses other than medical expenses. The plan is entitled to recover from any and all settlements or judgments, even those designated as pain and suffering, non-economic damages, and/or general damages only.
Cooperation

The **Covered Person** shall fully cooperate with the plan’s efforts to recover its benefits paid. It is the duty of the **Covered Person** to notify the plan within 30 days of the date when any notice is given to any party, including an insurance company or attorney, of the **Covered Person**’s intention to pursue or investigate a claim to recover damages or obtain compensation due to injury, illness or condition sustained by the **Covered Person**. The **Covered Person** and his/her agents shall provide all information requested by the plan, the Claims Administrator or its representative including, but not limited to, completing and submitting any applications or other forms or statements as the plan may reasonably request. Failure to provide this information, failure to assist the plan in pursuit of its subrogation rights, or failure to reimburse the plan from any settlement or recovery obtained by the **Covered Person**, may result in the termination of health benefits for the **Covered Person** or the institution of court proceedings against the **Covered Person**.

The **Covered Person** shall do nothing to prejudice the plan’s subrogation or recovery interest or to prejudice the Plan’s ability to enforce the terms of the plan provision. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from making any settlement or recovery that attempts to reduce or exclude the full cost of all benefits provided by the plan.

The **Covered Person** acknowledges that the plan has the right to conduct an investigation regarding the injury, illness or condition to identify any **Responsible Party**. The plan reserves the right to notify **Responsible Party** and his or her agents of its lien. Agents include, but are not limited to, insurance companies and attorneys.

Interpretation

In the event that any claim is made that any part of this subrogation and right of recovery provision is ambiguous or questions arise concerning the meaning or intent of any of its terms, the Claims Administrator for the plan shall have the sole authority and discretion to resolve all disputes regarding the interpretation of this provision.

Jurisdiction

By accepting benefits (whether the payment of such benefits is made to the **Covered Person** or made on behalf of the **Covered Person** to any provider) from the plan, the **Covered Person** agrees that any court proceeding with respect to this provision may be brought in any court of competent jurisdiction as the plan may elect. By accepting such benefits, the **Covered Person** hereby submits to each such jurisdiction, waiving whatever rights may correspond to him/her by reason of his/her present or future domicile.

Workers’ Compensation

If benefits are paid under the **Aetna** medical benefits plan and **Aetna** determines you received Workers’ Compensation benefits for the same incident, **Aetna** has the right to recover as described under the *Subrogation and Right of Reimbursement* provision. **Aetna**, on behalf of the Plan, will exercise its right to recover against you.

The Recovery Rights will be applied even though:

- The Workers’ Compensation benefits are in dispute or are made by means of settlement or compromise;
- No final determination is made that bodily injury or illness was sustained in the course of or resulted from your employment;
- The amount of Workers’ Compensation due to medical or health care is not agreed upon or defined by you or the Workers’ Compensation carrier; or
- The medical or health care benefits are specifically excluded from the Workers’ Compensation settlement or compromise.

You hereby agree that, in consideration for the coverage provided by this **Aetna** medical benefits plan, you will notify **Aetna** of any Workers’ Compensation claim you make, and that you agree to reimburse **Aetna**, on behalf of the Plan, as described above.

If benefits are paid under this **Aetna** medical benefits plan, and you or your covered dependent recover from a responsible party by settlement, judgment or otherwise, **Aetna**, on behalf of the Plan, has a right to recover from you...
or your covered dependent an amount equal to the amount the Plan paid.

**Recovery of Overpayments**

**Health Coverage**
If a benefit payment is made by the Plan, to or on your behalf, which exceeds the benefit amount that you are entitled to receive, the Plan has the right:

- To require the return of the overpayment; or
- To reduce by the amount of the overpayment, any future benefit payment made to or on behalf of that person or another person in his or her family.

Such right does not affect any other right of recovery the Plan may have with respect to such overpayment.

**Reporting of Claims**

A claim must be submitted to Aetna in writing. It must give proof of the nature and extent of the loss. Your employer has claim forms.

All claims should be reported promptly. The deadline for filing a claim is 90 days after the date of the loss.

If, through no fault of your own, you are not able to meet the deadline for filing claim, your claim will still be accepted if you file as soon as possible. Unless you are legally incapacitated, late claims for health benefits will not be covered if they are filed more than 2 years after the deadline.

**Payment of Benefits**

Benefits will be paid as soon as the necessary proof to support the claim is received. Written proof must be provided for all benefits.

All covered health benefits are payable to you. However, Aetna has the right to pay any health benefits to the service provider. This will be done unless you have told Aetna otherwise by the time you file the claim.

The Plan may pay up to $1,000 of any other benefit to any of your relatives whom it believes fairly entitled to it. This can be done if the benefit is payable to you and you are a minor or not able to give a valid release.

When a PCP provides care for you or a covered dependent, or care is provided by a network provider (network services or supplies), the network provider will take care of filing claims. However, when you seek care on your own (out-of-network services and supplies), you are responsible for filing your own claims.

**Records of Expenses**

Keep complete records of the expenses of each person. They will be required when a claim is made.

Very important are:

- Names of physicians, dentists and others who furnish services.
- Dates expenses are incurred.
- Copies of all bills and receipts.
Contacting Aetna

If you have questions, comments or concerns about your benefits or coverage, or if you are required to submit information to Aetna, you may contact Aetna’s Home Office at:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

You may also use Aetna’s toll free Member Services phone number on your ID card or visit Aetna’s web site at www.aetna.com.

Effect of Benefits Under Other Plans

Effect of An Health Maintenance Organization Plan (HMO Plan) On Coverage

If you are in an eligible class and have chosen coverage under an HMO Plan offered by your employer, you will be excluded from medical expense coverage (except Vision Care), if any, on the date of your coverage under such HMO Plan.

If you are in an eligible class and are covered under an HMO Plan, you can choose to change to coverage for yourself and your covered dependents under this plan. If you:

- Live in an HMO Plan enrollment area and choose to change coverage during an open enrollment period, coverage will take effect on the group contract anniversary date after the open enrollment period. There will be no rules for waiting periods or preexisting conditions.
- Live in an HMO Plan enrollment area and choose to change coverage when there is not an open enrollment period, coverage will take effect only if and when Aetna gives its written consent.
- Move from an HMO Plan enrollment area or if the HMO discontinues and you choose to change coverage within 31 days of the move or the discontinuance, coverage will take effect on the date you elect such coverage. There will be no restrictions for waiting periods or preexisting conditions. If you choose to change coverage after 31 days, coverage will take effect only if and when Aetna gives its written consent.

Any extensions of benefits under this plan for disability or pregnancy will not always apply on and after the date of a change to an HMO Plan providing medical coverage. They will apply only if the person is not covered at once under the HMO Plan because he or she is in a hospital not affiliated with the HMO. If you give evidence that the HMO Plan provides an extension of benefits for disability or pregnancy, coverage under this plan will be extended. The extension will be for the same length of time and for the same conditions as the HMO Plan provides. It will not be longer than the first to occur of:

- The end of a 90 day period; and
- The date the person is not confined.

No benefits will be paid for any charges for services rendered or supplies furnished under an HMO Plan.

Discount Programs

Discount Arrangements

From time to time, we may offer, provide, or arrange for discount arrangements or special rates from certain service providers such as pharmacies, optometrists, dentists, alternative medicine, wellness and healthy living providers to you under this plan. Some of these arrangements may be made available through third parties who may make payments to Aetna in exchange for making these services available.
The third party service providers are independent contractors and are solely responsible to you for the provision of any such goods and/or services. We reserve the right to modify or discontinue such arrangements at any time. These discount arrangements are not insurance. There are no benefits payable to you nor do we compensate providers for services they may render through discount arrangements.

**Incentives**

In order to encourage you to access certain medical services when deemed appropriate by you in consultation with your physician or other service providers, we may, from time to time, offer to waive or reduce a member's copayment, payment percentage, and/or a deductible otherwise required under the plan or offer coupons or other financial incentives. We have the right to determine the amount and duration of any waiver, reduction, coupon, or financial incentive and to limit the covered persons to whom these arrangements are available.

**Claims, Appeals and External Review**

**Filing Health Claims under the Plan**

Under the Plan, you may file claims for Plan benefits and appeal adverse claim determinations. Any reference to “you” in this Claims, Appeals and External Review section includes you and your Authorized Representative. An "Authorized Representative" is a person you authorize, in writing, to act on your behalf. The Plan will also recognize a court order giving a person authority to submit claims on your behalf. In the case of an urgent care claim, a health care professional with knowledge of your condition may always act as your Authorized Representative.

If your claim is denied in whole or in part, you will receive a written notice of the denial from Aetna Life Insurance Company (Aetna). The notice will explain the reason for the denial and the appeal procedures available under the Plan.

**Urgent Care Claims**

An “Urgent Care Claim” is any claim for medical care or treatment for which the application of the time periods for making non-urgent care determinations could seriously jeopardize your life or health or your ability to regain maximum function, or, in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of your medical condition, would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the claim.

If the Plan requires advance approval of a service, supply or procedure before a benefit will be payable, and if Aetna or your physician determines that it is an Urgent Care Claim, you will be notified of the decision, whether adverse or not, as soon as possible but not later than 72 hours after the claim is received.

If there is not sufficient information to decide the claim, you will be notified of the information necessary to complete the claim as soon as possible, but not later than 24 hours after receipt of the claim. You will be given a reasonable additional amount of time, but not less than 48 hours, to provide the information, and you will be notified of the decision not later than 48 hours after the end of that additional time period (or after receipt of the information, if earlier).

**Other Claims (Pre-Service and Post-Service)**

If the Plan requires you to obtain advance approval of a non-urgent service, supply or procedure before a benefit will be payable, a request for advance approval is considered a pre-service claim. You will be notified of the decision not later than 15 days after receipt of the pre-service claim.

For other claims (post-service claims), you will be notified of the decision not later than 30 days after receipt of the claim.

For either a pre-service or a post-service claim, these time periods may be extended up to an additional 15 days due to circumstances outside Aetna's control. In that case, you will be notified of the extension before the end of the initial 15 or 30-day period. For example, they may be extended because you have not submitted sufficient information, in
which case you will be notified of the specific information necessary and given an additional period of at least 45 days after receiving the notice to furnish that information. You will be notified of Aetna’s claim decision no later than 15 days after the end of that additional period (or after receipt of the information, if earlier).

For pre-service claims which name a specific claimant, medical condition, and service or supply for which approval is requested, and which are submitted to an Aetna representative responsible for handling benefit matters, but which otherwise fail to follow the Plan's procedures for filing pre-service claims, you will be notified of the failure within 5 days (within 24 hours in the case of an urgent care claim) and of the proper procedures to be followed. The notice may be oral unless you request written notification.

Ongoing Course of Treatment
If you have received pre-authorization for an ongoing course of treatment, you will be notified in advance if the previously authorized course of treatment is intended to be terminated or reduced so that you will have an opportunity to appeal any decision to Aetna and receive a decision on that appeal before the termination or reduction takes effect. If the course of treatment involves urgent care, and you request an extension of the course of treatment at least 24 hours before its expiration, you will be notified of the decision within 24 hours after receipt of the request.

Health Claims – Standard Appeals
As an individual enrolled in the Plan, you have the right to file an appeal from an Adverse Benefit Determination relating to service(s) you have received or could have received from your health care provider under the Plan.

An “Adverse Benefit Determination” is defined as a denial, reduction, termination of, or failure to, provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a service, supply or benefit. Such Adverse Benefit Determination may be based on:

- Your eligibility for coverage, including a retrospective termination of coverage (whether or not there is an adverse effect on any particular benefit);
- Coverage determinations, including plan limitations or exclusions;
- The results of any Utilization Review activities;
- A decision that the service or supply is experimental or investigational; or
- A decision that the service or supply is not medically necessary.

A “Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination” is defined as an Adverse Benefit Determination that has been upheld by the appropriate named fiduciary (Aetna) at the completion of the internal appeals process, or an Adverse Benefit Determination for which the internal appeals process has been exhausted.

Exhaustion of Internal Appeals Process
Generally, you are required to complete all appeal processes of the Plan before being able to obtain External Review or bring an action in litigation. However, if Aetna, or the Plan or its designee, does not strictly adhere to all claim determination and appeal requirements under applicable federal law, you are considered to have exhausted the Plan’s appeal requirements (“Deemed Exhaustion”) and may proceed with External Review or may pursue any available remedies under §502(a) of ERISA or under state law, as applicable.

There is an exception to the Deemed Exhaustion rule. Your claim or internal appeal may not go straight to External Review if:

- A rule violation was minor and is not likely to influence a decision or harm you; and
- It was for a good cause or was beyond Aetna’s or the Plan’s or its designee’s control; and
- It was part of an ongoing good faith exchange between you and Aetna or the Plan.

This exception is not available if the rule violation is part of a pattern or practice of violations by Aetna or the Plan.

You may request a written explanation of the violation from the Plan or Aetna, and the Plan or Aetna must provide such explanation within 10 days, including a specific description of its bases, if any, for asserting that the violation should not cause the internal claims and appeals process to be deemed exhausted. If an External Reviewer or a court rejects your request for immediate review on the basis that the plan met the standards for the exception, you have the right to resubmit and pursue the internal appeal of the claim. In such a case, within a reasonable time after the External Reviewer or court rejects the claim for immediate review (not to exceed 10 days), you will receive notice of
the opportunity to resubmit and pursue the internal appeal of the claim. Time periods for re-filing the claim shall begin to run upon your receipt of such notice.

**Full and Fair Review of Claim Determinations and Appeals**

Aetna will provide you, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by Aetna (or at the direction of Aetna), or any new or additional rationale as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notice of Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination is provided, to give you a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date.

You may file an appeal in writing to Aetna at the address provided in this booklet, or, if your appeal is of an urgent nature, you may call Aetna’s Member Services Unit at the toll-free phone number on your ID card. Your request should include the group name (that is, your employer), your name, member ID, or other identifying information shown on the front of the Explanation of Benefits form, and any other comments, documents, records and other information you would like to have considered, whether or not submitted in connection with the initial claim.

An Aetna representative may call you or your health care provider to obtain medical records and/or other pertinent information in order to respond to your appeal.

You will have 180 days following receipt of an Adverse Benefit Determination to appeal the determination to Aetna. You will be notified of the decision not later than 15 days (for pre-service claims) or 30 days (for post-service claims) after the appeal is received. You may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to your claim, whether or not the comments, documents, records or other information were submitted in connection with the initial claim. A copy of the specific rule, guideline or protocol relied upon in the Adverse Benefit Determination will be provided free of charge upon request by you or your Authorized Representative. You may also request that Aetna provide you, free of charge, copies of all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim.

If your claim involves urgent care, an expedited appeal may be initiated by a telephone call to the phone number included in your denial, or to Aetna's Member Services. Aetna's Member Services telephone number is on your Identification Card. You or your Authorized Representative may appeal urgent care claim denials either orally or in writing. All necessary information, including the appeal decision, will be communicated between you or your Authorized Representative and Aetna by telephone, facsimile, or other similar method. You will be notified of the decision not later than 36 hours after the appeal is received.

If you are dissatisfied with the appeal decision on an urgent care claim, you may file a second level appeal with Aetna. You will be notified of the decision not later than 36 hours after the appeal is received.

If you are dissatisfied with a pre-service or post-service appeal decision, you may file a second level appeal with Aetna within 60 days of receipt of the level one appeal decision. Aetna will notify you of the decision not later than 15 days (for pre-service claims) or 30 days (for post-service claims) after the appeal is received.

If you do not agree with the Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination on review, you have the right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA, if applicable.

**Health Claims – Voluntary Appeals**

**External Review**

“External Review” is a review of an eligible Adverse Benefit Determination or a Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination by an Independent Review Organization/External Review Organization (ERO) or by the State Insurance Commissioner, if applicable.

A “Final External Review Decision” is a determination by an ERO at the conclusion of an External Review.
You must complete all of the levels of standard appeal described above before you can request External Review, other than in a case of Deemed Exhaustion. Subject to verification procedures that the Plan may establish, your Authorized Representative may act on your behalf in filing and pursuing this voluntary appeal.

You may file a voluntary appeal for External Review of any Adverse Benefit Determination or any Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination that qualifies as set forth below.

The notice of Adverse Benefit Determination or Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination that you receive from Aetna will describe the process to follow if you wish to pursue an External Review, and will include a copy of the Request for External Review Form.

You must submit the Request for External Review Form to Aetna within 123 calendar days of the date you received the Adverse Benefit Determination or Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination notice. If the last filing date would fall on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, the last filing date is extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday. You also must include a copy of the notice and all other pertinent information that supports your request.

If you file a voluntary appeal, any applicable statute of limitations will be tolled while the appeal is pending. The filing of a claim will have no effect on your rights to any other benefits under the Plan. However, the appeal is voluntary and you are not required to undertake it before pursuing legal action.

If you choose not to file for voluntary review, the Plan will not assert that you have failed to exhaust your administrative remedies because of that choice.

Request for External Review

The External Review process under this Plan gives you the opportunity to receive review of an Adverse Benefit Determination (including a Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination) conducted pursuant to applicable law. Your request will be eligible for External Review if the claim decision involves medical judgment and the following are satisfied:

- Aetna, or the Plan or its designee, does not strictly adhere to all claim determination and appeal requirements under federal law (except for minor violations); or
- the standard levels of appeal have been exhausted; or
- the appeal relates to a rescission, defined as a cancellation or discontinuance of coverage which has retroactive effect.

An Adverse Benefit Determination based upon your eligibility is not eligible for External Review.

If upon the final standard level of appeal, the coverage denial is upheld and it is determined that you are eligible for External Review, you will be informed in writing of the steps necessary to request an External Review.

An independent review organization refers the case for review by a neutral, independent clinical reviewer with appropriate expertise in the area in question. The decision of the independent external expert reviewer is binding on you, Aetna and the Plan unless otherwise allowed by law.

Preliminary Review

Within 5 business days following the date of receipt of the request, Aetna must provide a preliminary review determining: you were covered under the Plan at the time the service was requested or provided, the determination does not relate to eligibility, you have exhausted the internal appeals process (unless Deemed Exhaustion applies), and you have provided all paperwork necessary to complete the External Review and you are eligible for external review.

Within one business day after completion of the preliminary review, Aetna must issue to you a notification in writing. If the request is complete but not eligible for External Review, such notification will include the reasons for its ineligibility and contact information for the Employee Benefits Security Administration (toll-free number 866-444-EBSA (3272)). If the request is not complete, such notification will describe the information or materials needed to
make the request complete and Aetna must allow you to perfect the request for External Review within the 123 calendar days filing period or within the 48 hour period following the receipt of the notification, whichever is later.

**Referral to ERO**

Aetna will assign an ERO accredited as required under federal law, to conduct the External Review. The assigned ERO will timely notify you in writing of the request’s eligibility and acceptance for External Review, and will provide an opportunity for you to submit in writing within 10 business days following the date of receipt, additional information that the ERO must consider when conducting the External Review. Within one (1) business day after making the decision, the ERO must notify you, Aetna and the Plan.

The ERO will review all of the information and documents timely received. In reaching a decision, the assigned ERO will review the claim and not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached during the Plan’s internal claims and appeals process. In addition to the documents and information provided, the assigned ERO, to the extent the information or documents are available and the ERO considers them appropriate, will consider the following in reaching a decision:

(i) Your medical records;
(ii) The attending health care professional's recommendation;
(iii) Reports from appropriate health care professionals and other documents submitted by the Plan or issuer, you, or your treating provider;
(iv) The terms of your Plan to ensure that the ERO's decision is not contrary to the terms of the Plan, unless the terms are inconsistent with applicable law;
(v) Appropriate practice guidelines, which must include applicable evidence-based standards and may include any other practice guidelines developed by the Federal government, national or professional medical societies, boards, and associations;
(vi) Any applicable clinical review criteria developed and used by Aetna, unless the criteria are inconsistent with the terms of the Plan or with applicable law; and
(vii) The opinion of the ERO's clinical reviewer or reviewers after considering the information described in this notice to the extent the information or documents are available and the clinical reviewer or reviewers consider appropriate.

The assigned ERO must provide written notice of the Final External Review Decision within 45 days after the ERO receives the request for the External Review. The ERO must deliver the notice of Final External Review Decision to you, Aetna and the Plan.

After a Final External Review Decision, the ERO must maintain records of all claims and notices associated with the External Review process for six years. An ERO must make such records available for examination by the claimant, Plan, or State or Federal oversight agency upon request, except where such disclosure would violate State or Federal privacy laws.

Upon receipt of a notice of a Final External Review Decision reversing the Adverse Benefit Determination or Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination, the Plan immediately must provide coverage or payment (including immediately authorizing or immediately paying benefits) for the claim.
Expeditied External Review
The Plan must allow you to request an expedited External Review at the time you receive:

(a) An Adverse Benefit Determination if the Adverse Benefit Determination involves a medical condition for which the timeframe for completion of an expedited internal appeal would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function and you have filed a request for an expedited internal appeal; or

(b) A Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination, if you have a medical condition where the timeframe for completion of a standard External Review would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function, or if the Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care item or service for which you received emergency services, but have not been discharged from a facility.

Immediately upon receipt of the request for expedited External Review, Aetna will determine whether the request meets the reviewability requirements set forth above for standard External Review. Aetna must immediately send you a notice of its eligibility determination.

Referral of Expedited Review to ERO
Upon a determination that a request is eligible for External Review following preliminary review, Aetna will assign an ERO. The ERO shall render a decision as expeditiously as your medical condition or circumstances require, but in no event more than 72 hours after the ERO receives the request for an expedited External Review. If the notice is not in writing, within 48 hours after the date of providing that notice, the assigned ERO must provide written confirmation of the decision to you, Aetna and the Plan.
Glossary

In this section, you will find definitions for the words and phrases that appear in **bold type** throughout the text of this Booklet.

**A**

**Accident**
This means a sudden; unexpected; and unforeseen; identifiable **occurrence** or event producing, at the time, objective symptoms of a bodily **injury**. The **accident** must occur while the person is covered under this Contract. The **occurrence** or event must be definite as to time and place. It must not be due to, or contributed by, an **illness** or disease of any kind.

**Aetna**
Aetna Life Insurance Company, an affiliate, or a third party vendor under contract with Aetna.

**Ambulance**
A vehicle that is staffed with medical personnel and equipped to transport an ill or injured person.

**Average Wholesale Price (AWP)**
The current **average wholesale price** of a **prescription drug** listed in the Facts and Comparisons weekly price updates (or any other similar publication designated by Aetna) on the day that a **pharmacy** claim is submitted for adjudication.

**B**

**Behavioral Health Provider/Practitioner**
A licensed organization or professional providing diagnostic, therapeutic or psychological services for behavioral health conditions.

**Birthing Center**
A freestanding facility that meets **all** of the following requirements:

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide prenatal care, delivery and immediate postpartum care.
- Charges for its services.
- Is directed by at least one **physician** who is a **specialist** in obstetrics and gynecology.
- Has a **physician** or certified nurse midwife present at all births and during the immediate postpartum period.
- Extends staff privileges to **physicians** who practice obstetrics and gynecology in an area **hospital**.
- Has at least 2 beds or 2 birthing rooms for use by patients while in labor and during delivery.
- Provides, during labor, delivery and the immediate postpartum period, full-time **skilled nursing services** directed by an **R.N.** or certified nurse midwife.
- Provides, or arranges with a facility in the area for, diagnostic X-ray and lab services for the mother and child.
- Has the capacity to administer a local anesthetic and to perform minor surgery. This includes episiotomy and repair of perineal tear.
- Is equipped and has trained staff to handle **emergency medical conditions** and provide immediate support measures to sustain life if:
  - Complications arise during labor; or
  - A child is born with an abnormality which impairs function or threatens life.
- Accepts only patients with low-risk pregnancies.
- Has a written agreement with a hospital in the area for emergency transfer of a patient or a child. Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by physicians who do not own or direct the facility.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient and child.

**Body Mass Index**
This is a practical marker that is used to assess the degree of obesity and is calculated by dividing the weight in kilograms by the height in meters squared.

**Brand-Name Prescription Drug**
A prescription drug with a proprietary name assigned to it by the manufacturer or distributor and so indicated by Medi-Span or any other similar publication designated by Aetna or an affiliate.

**C**

**Copay or Copayment**
The specific dollar amount or percentage required to be paid by you or on your behalf. The plan includes various copayments, and these copayment amounts or percentages are specified in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Cosmetic**
Services or supplies that alter, improve or enhance appearance.

**Covered Expenses**
Medical, dental, vision or hearing services and supplies shown as covered under this Booklet.

**Creditable Coverage**
A person’s prior medical coverage as defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Such coverage includes:
- Health coverage issued on a group or individual basis;
- Medicare;
- Medicaid;
- Health care for members of the uniformed services;
- A program of the Indian Health Service;
- A state health benefits risk pool;
- The Federal Employees’ Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP);
- A public health plan (any plan established by a State, the government of the United States, or any subdivision of a State or of the government of the United States, or a foreign country);
- Any health benefit plan under Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act; and
- The State Children’s Health Insurance Program (S-Chip).

**Custodial Care**
Services and supplies that are primarily intended to help you meet personal needs. Custodial care can be prescribed by a physician or given by trained medical personnel. It may involve artificial methods such as feeding tubes, ventilators or catheters. Examples of custodial care include:
- Routine patient care such as changing dressings, periodic turning and positioning in bed, administering medications;
- Care of a stable tracheostomy (including intermittent suctioning);
- Care of a stable colostomy/ileostomy;
- Care of stable gastrostomy/jejunostomy/nasogastric tube (intermittent or continuous) feedings;
- Care of a stable indwelling bladder catheter (including emptying/changing containers and clamping tubing);
- Watching or protecting you;
- Respite care, adult (or child) day care, or convalescent care;
- Institutional care, including room and board for rest cures, adult day care and convalescent care;
- Help with the daily living activities, such as walking, grooming, bathing, dressing, getting in or out of bed, toileting, eating or preparing foods;
- Any services that a person without medical or paramedical training could be trained to perform; and
- Any service that can be performed by a person without any medical or paramedical training.

D

Day Care Treatment
A partial confinement treatment program to provide treatment for you during the day. The hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility does not make a room charge for day care treatment. Such treatment must be available for at least 4 hours, but not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

Deductible
The part of your covered expenses you pay before the plan starts to pay benefits. Additional information regarding deductibles and deductible amounts can be found in the Schedule of Benefits.

Dentist
A legally qualified dentist, or a physician licensed to do the dental work he or she performs.

Detoxification
The process by which an alcohol-intoxicated or drug-intoxicated; or an alcohol-dependent or drug-dependent person is medically managed through the period of time necessary to eliminate, by metabolic or other means, the:

- Intoxicating alcohol or drug;
- Alcohol or drug-dependent factors; or
- Alcohol in combination with drugs;

as determined by a physician. The process must keep the physiological risk to the patient at a minimum, and take place in a facility that meets any applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.

Directory
A listing of all network providers serving the class of employees to which you belong. The contractholder will give you a copy of this directory. Network provider information is also available through Aetna's online provider directory, DocFind®.

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME)
Equipment, and the accessories needed to operate it, that is:

- Made to withstand prolonged use;
- Made for and mainly used in the treatment of an illness or injury;
- Sui ted for use in the home;
- Not normally of use to people who do not have an illness or injury;
- Not for use in altering air quality or temperature; and
- Not for exercise or training.

**Durable medical and surgical equipment** does not include equipment such as whirlpools, portable whirlpool pumps, sauna baths, massage devices, over bed tables, elevators, communication aids, vision aids and telephone alert systems.

**E**

**Emergency Care**
This means the treatment given in a hospital's emergency room to evaluate and treat an **emergency medical condition**.

**Emergency Medical Condition**
A recent and severe medical condition, including (but not limited to) severe pain, which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that his or her condition, illness, or injury is of such a nature that failure to get immediate medical care could result in:

- Placing your health in serious jeopardy; or
- Serious impairment to bodily function; or
- Serious dysfunction of a body part or organ; or
- In the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the fetus.

**Experimental or Investigational**
Except as provided for under the Clinical Trials benefit provision, a drug, a device, a procedure, or treatment will be determined to be **experimental or investigational** if:

- There is not enough outcomes data available from controlled clinical trials published in the peer-reviewed literature to substantiate its safety and effectiveness for the illness or injury involved; or
- Approval required by the FDA has not been granted for marketing; or
- A recognized national medical or dental society or regulatory agency has determined, in writing, that it is **experimental or investigational**, or for research purposes; or
- It is a type of drug, device or treatment that is the subject of a Phase I or Phase II clinical trial or the experimental or research arm of a Phase III clinical trial, using the definition of “phases” indicated in regulations and other official actions and publications of the FDA and Department of Health and Human Services; or
- The written protocol or protocols used by the treating facility, or the protocol or protocols of any other facility studying substantially the same:
  - drug;
  - device;
  - procedure; or
  - treatment.

It also includes the written informed consent used by:

- the treating facility; or
- by another facility studying the same:
  - drug;
  - device;
  - procedure; or
  - treatment.

that states that it is **experimental or investigational**, or for research purposes.
G

**Generic Prescription Drug**
A prescription drug, that is identified by its:
- chemical;
- proprietary; or
- non-proprietary name; and
- is accepted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as therapeutically the same; and
- can be replaced with drugs with the same amount of active ingredient; and
- so stated by Medispan or any other publication named by Aetna or consort.

H

**Homebound**
This means that you are confined to your place of residence:
- Due to an illness or injury which makes leaving the home medically contraindicated; or
- Because the act of transport would be a serious risk to your life or health.

Situations where you would not be considered homebound include (but are not limited to) the following:
- You do not often travel from home because of feebleness or insecurity brought on by advanced age (or otherwise); or
- You are wheelchair bound but could safely be transported via wheelchair accessible transportation.

**Home Health Care Agency**
An agency that meets all of the following requirements.
- Mainly provides skilled nursing and other therapeutic services.
- Is associated with a professional group (of at least one physician and one R.N.) which makes policy.
- Has full-time supervision by a physician or an R.N.
- Keeps complete medical records on each person.
- Has an administrator.
- Meets licensing standards.

**Home Health Care Plan**
This is a plan that provides for continued care and treatment of an illness or injury. The care and treatment must be:
- Prescribed in writing by the attending physician; and
- An alternative to a hospital or skilled nursing facility stay.

**Hospice Care**
This is care given to a terminally ill person by or under arrangements with a hospice care agency. The care must be part of a hospice care program.

**Hospice Care Agency**
An agency or organization that meets all of the following requirements:
- Has hospice care available 24 hours a day.
- Meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located.
Provides:
- Skilled nursing services;
- Medical social services; and
- Psychological and dietary counseling.

Provides, or arranges for, other services which include:
- Physician services;
- Physical and occupational therapy;
- Part-time home health aide services which mainly consist of caring for terminally ill people; and
- Inpatient care in a facility when needed for pain control and acute and chronic symptom management.

Has at least the following personnel:
- One physician;
- One R.N.; and
- One licensed or certified social worker employed by the agency.

Establishes policies about how hospice care is provided.

Assesses the patient's medical and social needs.

Develops a hospice care program to meet those needs.

Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by physicians, other than those who own or direct the agency.

Permits all area medical personnel to utilize its services for their patients.

Keeps a medical record on each patient.

Uses volunteers trained in providing services for non-medical needs.

Has a full-time administrator.

**Hospice Care Program**

This is a written plan of hospice care, which:

- Is established by and reviewed from time to time by a physician attending the person, and appropriate personnel of a hospice care agency;
- Is designed to provide palliative and supportive care to terminally ill persons, and supportive care to their families; and
- Includes an assessment of the person's medical and social needs; and a description of the care to be given to meet those needs.

**Hospice Facility**

A facility, or distinct part of one, that meets all of the following requirements:

- Mainly provides inpatient hospice care to terminally ill persons.
- Charges patients for its services.
- Meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program including reviews by physicians other than those who own or direct the facility.
- Is run by a staff of physicians. At least one staff physician must be on call at all times.
- Provides 24-hour-a-day nursing services under the direction of an R.N.
- Has a full-time administrator.

**Hospital**

An institution that:

- Is primarily engaged in providing, on its premises, inpatient medical, surgical and diagnostic services;
- Is supervised by a staff of physicians;
- Provides twenty-four (24) hour-a-day R.N. service,
- Charges patients for its services;
- Is operating in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is located; and
- Does not meet all of the requirements above, but does meet the requirements of the jurisdiction in which it operates for licensing as a hospital and is accredited as a hospital by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

**In no event** does hospital include a convalescent nursing home or any institution or part of one which is used principally as a convalescent facility, rest facility, nursing facility, facility for the aged, extended care facility, intermediate care facility, skilled nursing facility, hospice, rehabilitative hospital or facility primarily for rehabilitative or custodial services.

**Hospitalization**
A continuous confinement as an inpatient in a hospital for which a room and board charge is made.

**I**

**Illness**
A pathological condition of the body that presents a group of clinical signs and symptoms and laboratory findings peculiar to it and that sets the condition apart as an abnormal entity differing from other normal or pathological body states.

**Infertile or Infertility**
The condition of a presumably healthy covered person who is unable to conceive or produce conception after:

- For a woman who is under 35 years of age: 1 year or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 12 cycles of artificial insemination; or
- For a woman who is 35 years of age or older: 6 months or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 6 cycles of artificial insemination.

**Injury**
An accidental bodily injury that is the sole and direct result of:

- An unexpected or reasonably unforeseen occurrence or event; or
- The reasonable unforeseeable consequences of a voluntary act by the person.
- An act or event must be definite as to time and place.

**Institute of Excellence (IOE)**
A hospital or other facility that has contracted with Aetna to give services or supplies to an IOE patient in connection with specific transplants, procedures at a negotiated charge. A facility is an IOE facility only for those types of transplants, procedures for which it has signed a contract.

**J**

**Jaw Joint Disorder**
This is:

- A Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) dysfunction or any alike disorder of the jaw joint; or
- A Myofacial Pain Dysfunction (MPD); or
- Any alike disorder in the relationship of the jaw joint and the related muscles and nerves.
Late Enrollee
This is an employee in an Eligible Class who requests enrollment under this Plan after the Initial Enrollment Period. In addition, this is an eligible dependent for whom the employee did not elect coverage within the Initial Enrollment Period, but for whom coverage is elected at a later time.

However, an eligible employee or dependent may not be considered a Late Enrollee under certain circumstances. See the Special Enrollment Periods section of the Booklet.

Lifetime Maximum
This is the most the plan will pay for covered expenses incurred by any one covered person during their lifetime.

L.P.N.
A licensed practical or vocational nurse.

Mail Order Pharmacy
An establishment where prescription drugs are legally given out by mail or other carrier.

Maintenance Care
Care made up of services and supplies that:

- Are given mainly to maintain, rather than to improve, a level of physical, or mental function; and
- Give a surrounding free from exposures that can worsen the person’s physical or mental condition.

Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity
These are health care or dental services, and supplies or prescription drugs that a physician, other health care provider or dental provider, exercising prudent clinical judgment, would give to a patient for the purpose of:

- preventing;
- evaluating;
- diagnosing; or
- treating:
  - an illness;
  - an injury;
  - a disease; or
  - its symptoms.

The provision of the service, supply or prescription drug must be:

a) In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical or dental practice;
b) Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient’s illness, injury or disease; and
c) Not mostly for the convenience of the patient, physician, other health care or dental provider; and
d) And do not cost more than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce the same therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient’s illness, injury, or disease.

For these purposes “generally accepted standards of medical or dental practice” means standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed literature. They must be generally recognized by the relevant
medical or dental community. Otherwise, the standards are consistent with physician or dental specialty society recommendations. They must be consistent with the views of physicians or dentists practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

**Mental Disorder**

An illness commonly understood to be a mental disorder, whether or not it has a physiological basis, and for which treatment is generally provided by or under the direction of a behavioral health provider such as a psychiatric physician, a psychologist or a psychiatric social worker.

Any one of the following conditions is a mental disorder under this plan:

- Anorexia/Bulimia Nervosa.
- Bipolar disorder.
- Major depressive disorder.
- Obsessive compulsive disorder.
- Panic disorder.
- Pervasive developmental disorder (including Autism).
- Psychotic disorders/Delusional disorder.
- Schizo-affective disorder.
- Schizophrenia.

Also included is any other mental condition which requires Medically Necessary treatment.

**Morbid Obesity**

This means a Body Mass Index that is: greater than 40 kilograms per meter squared; or equal to or greater than 35 kilograms per meter squared with a comorbid medical condition, including: hypertension; a cardiopulmonary condition; sleep apnea; or diabetes.

**N**

**Negotiated Charge**

As to health expense coverage, other than Prescription Drug Expense Coverage:

The negotiated charge is the maximum charge a network provider has agreed to make as to any service or supply for the purpose of the benefits under this plan.

As to Prescription Drug Expense Coverage:

The negotiated charge is the amount Aetna has established for each prescription drug obtained from a network pharmacy under this plan. This negotiated charge may reflect amounts Aetna has agreed to pay directly to the network pharmacy or to a third party vendor for the prescription drug, and may include an additional service or risk charge set by Aetna.

The negotiated charge does not include or reflect any amount Aetna, an affiliate, or a third party vendor, may receive under a rebate arrangement between Aetna, an affiliate or a third party vendor and a drug manufacturer for any prescription drug, including prescription drugs on the preferred drug guide.

Based on its overall drug purchasing, Aetna may receive rebates from the manufacturers of prescription drugs and may receive or pay additional amounts from or to third parties under price guarantees. These amounts will not change the negotiated charge under this plan.
Network Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART) Specialist
A specialist physician who has entered into a contractual agreement with Aetna for the provision of covered Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART) services.

Network Provider
A health care provider or pharmacy who has contracted to furnish services or supplies for this plan; but only if the provider is, with Aetna's consent, included in the directory as a network provider for:

- The service or supply involved; and
- The class of employees to which you belong.

Network Service(s) or Supply(ies)
Health care service or supply that is:

- Furnished by a network provider; or
- Furnished or arranged by your PCP.

Night Care Treatment
A partial confinement treatment program provided when you need to be confined during the night. A room charge is made by the hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility. Such treatment must be available at least:

- 8 hours in a row a night; and
- 5 nights a week.

Non-Occupational Illness
A non-occupational illness is an illness that does not:

- Arise out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit; or
- Result in any way from an illness that does.

An illness will be deemed to be non-occupational regardless of cause if proof is furnished that the person:

- Is covered under any type of workers' compensation law; and
- Is not covered for that illness under such law.

Non-Occupational Injury
A non-occupational injury is an accidental bodily injury that does not:

- Arise out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit; or
- Result in any way from an injury which does.

Non-Preferred Drug (Non-Formulary)
A prescription drug that is not listed in the preferred drug guide. This includes prescription drugs on the preferred drug guide exclusions list that are approved by medical exception.

Non-Specialist
A physician who is not a specialist.

Non-Urgent Admission
An inpatient admission that is not an emergency admission or an urgent admission.
Occupational Injury or Occupational Illness
An injury or illness that:

- Arises out of (or in the course of) any activity in connection with employment or self-employment whether or not on a full time basis; or
- Results in any way from an injury or illness that does.

Occurrence
This means a period of disease or injury. An occurrence ends when 60 consecutive days have passed during which the covered person:

- Receives no medical treatment; services; or supplies; for a disease or injury; and
- Neither takes any medication, nor has any medication prescribed, for a disease or injury.

Orthodontic Treatment
This is any:

- Medical service or supply; or
- Dental service or supply;

furnished to prevent or to diagnose or to correct a misalignment:

- Of the teeth; or
- Of the bite; or
- Of the jaws or jaw joint relationship;

whether or not for the purpose of relieving pain.

The following are not considered orthodontic treatment:

- The installation of a space maintainer; or
- A surgical procedure to correct malocclusion.

Out-of-Network Service(s) and Supply(ies)
Health care service or supply that is:

- Furnished by an out-of-network provider; or
- Not furnished or arranged by your PCP.

Out-of-Network Provider
A health care provider or pharmacy who has not contracted with Aetna, an affiliate, or a third party vendor, to furnish services or supplies for this plan.
Partial Confinement Treatment
A plan of medical, psychiatric, nursing, counseling, or therapeutic services to treat substance abuse or mental disorders. The plan must meet these tests:

- It is carried out in a hospital; psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility; on less than a full-time inpatient basis.
- It is in accord with accepted medical practice for the condition of the person.
- It does not require full-time confinement.
- It is supervised by a psychiatric physician who weekly reviews and evaluates its effect.
- Day care treatment and night care treatment are considered partial confinement treatment.

Payment Percentage
Payment percentage is both the percentage of covered expenses that the plan pays, and the percentage of covered expenses that you pay. The percentage that the plan pays is referred to as the “plan payment percentage,” and varies by the type of expense. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for specific information on payment percentage amounts.

Payment Limit
Payment limit is the maximum out-of-pocket amount you are responsible to pay for your payment percentage for covered expenses during your calendar year. Once you satisfy the payment limit, the plan will pay 100% of the covered expenses that apply toward the limit for the rest of the calendar year. You have separate payment limits for network and out-of-network benefits.

Pharmacy
An establishment where prescription drugs are legally dispensed. Pharmacy includes a retail pharmacy, mail order pharmacy and specialty pharmacy network pharmacy.

Physician
A duly licensed member of a medical profession who:

- Has an M.D. or D.O. degree;
- Is properly licensed or certified to provide medical care under the laws of the jurisdiction where the individual practices; and
- Provides medical services which are within the scope of his or her license or certificate.

This also includes a health professional who:

- Is properly licensed or certified to provide medical care under the laws of the jurisdiction where he or she practices;
- Provides medical services which are within the scope of his or her license or certificate;
- Under applicable insurance law is considered a "physician" for purposes of this coverage;
- Has the medical training and clinical expertise suitable to treat your condition;
- Specializes in psychiatry, if your illness or injury is caused, to any extent, by alcohol abuse, substance abuse or a mental disorder; and
- A physician is not you or related to you.
Precertification or Precertify
A process where Aetna is contacted before certain services are provided, such as hospitalization or outpatient surgery, or prescription drugs are prescribed to determine whether the services being recommended or the drugs prescribed are considered covered expenses under the plan. It is not a guarantee that benefits will be payable.

Preferred Drug Guide
A listing of prescription drugs established by Aetna or an affiliate, which includes both brand name prescription drugs and generic prescription drugs. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by Aetna or an affiliate. A copy of the preferred drug guide will be available upon your request or may be accessed on the Aetna website at www.Aetna.com/formulary.

Preferred Drug Guide Exclusions List
A list of prescription drugs in the preferred drug guide that are identified as excluded under the plan. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by Aetna.

Prescriber
Any physician or dentist, acting within the scope of his or her license, who has the legal authority to write an order for a prescription drug.

Prescription
An order for the dispensing of a prescription drug by a prescriber. If it is an oral order, it must be promptly put in writing by the pharmacy.

Prescription Drug
A drug, biological, or compounded prescription which, by State and Federal Law, may be dispensed only by prescription and which is required to be labeled "Caution: Federal Law prohibits dispensing without prescription."
This includes:

- An injectable drug prescribed to be self-administered or administered by any other person except one who is acting within his or her capacity as a paid healthcare professional. Covered injectable drugs include injectable insulin.

Primary Care Physician (PCP)
This is the network provider who:

- Is selected by a person from the list of primary care physicians in the directory;
- Supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to a person as a general or family care practitioner, or in some cases, as an internist or a pediatrician; and
- Is shown on Aetna's records as the person's PCP.

Psychiatric Hospital
This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements.

- Mainly provides a program for the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or mental disorders.
- Is not mainly a school or a custodial, recreational or training institution.
- Provides infirmary-level medical services. Also, it provides, or arranges with a hospital in the area for, any other medical service that may be required.
- Is supervised full-time by a psychiatric physician who is responsible for patient care and is there regularly.
- Is staffed by psychiatric physicians involved in care and treatment.
- Has a psychiatric physician present during the whole treatment day.
- Provides, at all times, psychiatric social work and nursing services.
• Provides, at all times, skilled nursing services by licensed nurses who are supervised by a full-time R.N.
• Prepares and maintains a written plan of treatment for each patient based on medical, psychological and social needs. The plan must be supervised by a psychiatric physician.
• Makes charges.
• Meets licensing standards.

Psychiatric Physician
This is a physician who:
• Specializes in psychiatry; or
• Has the training or experience to do the required evaluation and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or mental disorders.

R

Recognized Charge
The covered expense is only that part of a charge which is the recognized charge.

As to medical, vision and hearing expenses, the recognized charge for each service or supply is the lesser of:
• What the provider bills or submits for that service or supply; and
• For professional services and other services or supplies not mentioned below:
  – 100% of the Aetna Out-of-Network Rate (AONR); for the Geographic Area where the service is furnished.
• For inpatient and outpatient charges of hospitals and other facilities:
  – 100% of the Aetna Out-of-Network Rate (AONR); for the Geographic Area where the service is furnished.

As to prescription drug expenses, the recognized charge for each service or supply is the lesser of:
• What the provider bills or submits for that service or supply; and
• 110% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) or other similar resource. Average Wholesale Price (AWP) is the current average wholesale price of a prescription drug listed in the Medi-Span weekly price updates (or any other similar publication chosen by Aetna).

If Aetna has an agreement with a provider (directly, or indirectly through a third party) which sets the rate that Aetna will pay for a service or supply, then the recognized charge is the rate established in such agreement.

Aetna may also reduce the recognized charge by applying Aetna Reimbursement Policies. Aetna Reimbursement Policies address the appropriate billing of services, taking into account factors that are relevant to the cost of the service such as:
• the duration and complexity of a service;
• whether multiple procedures are billed at the same time, but no additional overhead is required;
• whether an assistant surgeon is involved and necessary for the service;
• if follow up care is included;
• whether there are any other characteristics that may modify or make a particular service unique; and
• when a charge includes more than one claim line, whether any services described by a claim line are part of or incidental to the primary service provided.

Aetna Reimbursement Policies are based on Aetna's review of: the policies developed for Medicare; the generally accepted standards of medical and dental practice, which are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed literature generally recognized by the relevant medical or dental community or which is otherwise consistent.
with physician or dental specialty society recommendations; and the views of physicians and dentists practicing in the relevant clinical areas. Aetna uses a commercial software package to administer some of these policies.

As used above, Geographic Area, Aetna Out-of-Network Rates (AONR) and Medicare Allowable Rates are defined as follows:

- **Geographic Area:** This means an expense area grouping defined by the first three digits of the U.S. Postal Service zip codes. If the volume of charges in a single three digit zip code is sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, an expense area is made up of a single three digit zip code. If the volume of charges is not sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, two or more three digit zip codes are grouped to produce a statistically valid sample. When it is necessary to group three digit zip codes, the grouping never crosses state lines.

- **Aetna Out-of-Network Rates (AONR):** Aetna's standard rates used to begin contract negotiations with providers who participate in our network. There are separate AONR standard rates for each Geographic Area. The recognized charge is based on the AONR standard rates for the Geographic Area in which you receive the service or supply. For Geographic Areas in which Aetna does not maintain these standard rates, AONR shall equal 100% of the Medicare Allowable Rates.

- **Medicare Allowable Rates:** These are the rates established and periodically updated by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for payment for services and supplies provided to Medicare enrollees. Aetna updates its systems with these revised rates within 180 days of receiving them from CMS. If Medicare does not have a rate for a particular service, the rate will be based on the same method that CMS uses to set Medicare rates.

**Important Note**

Aetna periodically updates its systems with changes made to the Aetna Out-of-Network Rates (AONR) and Medicare Allowable Rates. **What this means to you** is that the recognized charge is based on the version of the rates that is in use by Aetna on the date that the service or supply was provided.

**Additional Information**

Aetna's website aetna.com may contain additional information which may help you determine the cost of a service or supply. Log on to Aetna Navigator to access the "Estimate the Cost of Care" feature. Within this feature, view our "Cost of Care" and "Member Payment Estimator" tools, or contact our Customer Service Department for assistance.

**Rehabilitation Facility**

A facility, or a distinct part of a facility which provides rehabilitative services, meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located, and makes charges for its services.

**Rehabilitative Services**

The combined and coordinated use of medical, social, educational and vocational measures for training or retraining if you are disabled by illness or injury.

**Residential Treatment Facility (Mental Disorders)**

This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- On-site licensed Behavioral Health Provider 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides a comprehensive patient assessment (preferably before admission, but at least upon admission).
- Is admitted by a Physician.
- Has access to necessary medical services 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides living arrangements that foster community living and peer interaction that are consistent with developmental needs.
- Offers group therapy sessions with at least an RN or Masters-Level Health Professional.
- Has the ability to involve family/support systems in therapy (required for children and adolescents; encouraged for adults).
- Provides access to at least weekly sessions with a Psychiatrist or psychologist for individual psychotherapy.
- Has peer oriented activities.
- Services are managed by a licensed Behavioral Health Provider who, while not needing to be individually contracted, needs to (1) meet the Aetna credentialing criteria as an individual practitioner, and (2) function under the direction/supervision of a licensed psychiatrist (Medical Director).
- Has individualized active treatment plan directed toward the alleviation of the impairment that caused the admission.
- Provides a level of skilled intervention consistent with patient risk.
- Meets any and all applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.
- Is not a Wilderness Treatment Program or any such related or similar program, school and/or education service.

Residential Treatment Facility (Substance Abuse)
This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- On-site licensed Behavioral Health Provider 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides a comprehensive patient assessment (preferably before admission, but at least upon admission).
- Is admitted by a Physician.
- Has access to necessary medical services 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- If the member requires detoxification services, must have the availability of on-site medical treatment 24 hours per day/7 days a week, which must be actively supervised by an attending Physician.
- Provides living arrangements that foster community living and peer interaction that are consistent with developmental needs.
- Offers group therapy sessions with at least an RN or Masters-Level Health Professional.
- Has the ability to involve family/support systems in therapy (required for children and adolescents; encouraged for adults).
- Provides access to at least weekly sessions with a Psychiatrist or psychologist for individual psychotherapy.
- Has peer oriented activities.
- Services are managed by a licensed Behavioral Health Provider who, while not needing to be individually contracted, needs to (1) meet the Aetna credentialing criteria as an individual practitioner, and (2) function under the direction/supervision of a licensed psychiatrist (Medical Director).
- Has individualized active treatment plan directed toward the alleviation of the impairment that caused the admission.
- Provides a level of skilled intervention consistent with patient risk.
- Meets any and all applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.
- Is not a Wilderness Treatment Program or any such related or similar program, school and/or education service.
- Ability to assess and recognize withdrawal complications that threaten life or bodily functions and to obtain needed services either on site or externally.
- 24-hours per day/7 days a week supervision by a physician with evidence of close and frequent observation.
- On-site, licensed Behavioral Health Provider, medical or substance abuse professionals 24 hours per day/7 days a week.

R.N.
A registered nurse.

Room and Board
Charges made by an institution for room and board and other medically necessary services and supplies. The charges must be regularly made at a daily or weekly rate.
Self-injectable Drug(s)

Prescription drugs that are intended to be self-administered by injection to a specific part of the body to treat medical conditions.

Semi-Private Room Rate

The room and board charge that an institution applies to the most beds in its semi-private rooms with 2 or more beds. If there are no such rooms, Aetna will figure the rate based on the rate most commonly charged by similar institutions in the same geographic area.

Service Area

This is the geographic area, as determined by Aetna, in which network providers for this plan are located.

Skilled Nursing Facility

An institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- It is licensed to provide, and does provide, the following on an inpatient basis for persons convalescing from illness or injury:
  - Professional nursing care by an R.N., or by a L.P.N. directed by a full-time R.N.; and
  - Physical restoration services to help patients to meet a goal of self-care in daily living activities.
- Provides 24 hour a day nursing care by licensed nurses directed by a full-time R.N.
- Is supervised full-time by a physician or an R.N.
- Keeps a complete medical record on each patient.
- Has a utilization review plan.
- Is not mainly a place for rest, for the aged, for drug addicts, for alcoholics, for mental retardates, for custodial or educational care, or for care of mental disorders.
- Charges patients for its services.
- An institution or a distinct part of an institution that meets all of the following requirements:
  - It is licensed or approved under state or local law.
  - Is primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing care and related services for residents who require medical or nursing care, or rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled, or sick persons.
- Qualifies as a skilled nursing facility under Medicare or as an institution accredited by:
  - The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations;
  - The Bureau of Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association; or
  - The Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

Skilled nursing facilities also include rehabilitation hospitals (all levels of care, e.g. acute) and portions of a hospital designated for skilled or rehabilitation services.

Skilled nursing facility does not include:

- Institutions which provide only:
  - Minimal care;
  - Custodial care services;
  - Ambulatory; or
  - Part-time care services.
- Institutions which primarily provide for the care and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or mental disorders.
Skilled Nursing Services
Services that meet all of the following requirements:

- The services require medical or paramedical training.
- The services are rendered by an R.N. or L.P.N. within the scope of his or her license.
- The services are not custodial.

Specialist
A physician who practices in any generally accepted medical or surgical sub-specialty.

Specialty Care
Health care services or supplies that require the services of a specialist.

Specialty Care Drugs
Prescription drugs include injectable, infusion and oral drugs prescribed to address complex, chronic diseases with associated co-morbidities such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, hemophilia, multiple sclerosis which are listed in the specialty care drug list.

Specialty Pharmacy Network
A network of pharmacies designated to fill specialty care drugs.

Stay
A full-time inpatient confinement for which a room and board charge is made.

Step Therapy
A form of precertification under which certain prescription drugs will be excluded from coverage, unless a first-line therapy drug(s) is used first by you. The list of step-therapy drugs is subject to change by Aetna or an affiliate. An updated copy of the list of drugs subject to step therapy shall be available upon request by you or may be accessed on the Aetna website at www.Aetna.com/formulary.

Substance Abuse
This is a physical or psychological dependency, or both, on a controlled substance or alcohol agent (These are defined on Axis I in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) published by the American Psychiatric Association which is current as of the date services are rendered to you or your covered dependents.) This term does not include conditions not attributable to a mental disorder that are a focus of attention or treatment (the V codes on Axis I of DSM); an addiction to nicotine products, food or caffeine intoxication.

Surgery Center
A freestanding ambulatory surgical facility that meets all of the following requirements:

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide general surgery.
- Charges for its services.
- Is directed by a staff of physicians. At least one of them must be on the premises when surgery is performed and during the recovery period.
- Has at least one certified anesthesiologist at the site when surgery requiring general or spinal anesthesia is performed and during the recovery period.
- Extends surgical staff privileges to:
  - Physicians who practice surgery in an area hospital; and
  - Dentists who perform oral surgery.
- Has at least 2 operating rooms and one recovery room.
• Provides, or arranges with a medical facility in the area for, diagnostic x-ray and lab services needed in connection with surgery.
• Does not have a place for patients to stay overnight.
• Provides, in the operating and recovery rooms, full-time skilled nursing services directed by an R.N.
• Is equipped and has trained staff to handle emergency medical conditions.

Must have all of the following:

• A physician trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
• A defibrillator; and
• A tracheotomy set; and
• A blood volume expander.
• Has a written agreement with a hospital in the area for immediate emergency transfer of patients.
• Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
• Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. The program must include reviews by physicians who do not own or direct the facility.
• Keeps a medical record on each patient.

**T**

**Terminally Ill (Hospice Care)**

Terminally ill means a medical prognosis of 6 months or less to live.

**Therapeutic Drug Class**

A group of drugs or medications that have a similar or identical mode of action or exhibit similar or identical outcomes for the treatment of a disease or injury.

**U**

**Urgent Admission**

A hospital admission by a physician due to:

• The onset of or change in an illness; or
• The diagnosis of an illness; or
• An injury.
• The condition, while not needing an emergency admission, is severe enough to require confinement as an inpatient in a hospital within 2 weeks from the date the need for the confinement becomes apparent.

**Urgent Care Provider**

This is:

• A freestanding medical facility that meets all of the following requirements.
  – Provides unscheduled medical services to treat an urgent condition if the person’s physician is not reasonably available.
  – Routinely provides ongoing unscheduled medical services for more than 8 consecutive hours.
  – Makes charges.
  – Is licensed and certified as required by any state or federal law or regulation.
  – Keeps a medical record on each patient.
  – Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by physicians other than those who own or direct the facility.
  – Is run by a staff of physicians. At least one physician must be on call at all times.
- Has a full-time administrator who is a licensed physician.
  - A physician's office, but only one that:
    - Has contracted with Aetna to provide urgent care; and
    - Is, with Aetna’s consent, included in the directory as a network urgent care provider.

It is not the emergency room or outpatient department of a hospital.

Urgent Condition
This means a sudden illness; injury; or condition; that:

- Is severe enough to require prompt medical attention to avoid serious deterioration of your health;
- Includes a condition which would subject you to severe pain that could not be adequately managed without urgent care or treatment;
- Does not require the level of care provided in the emergency room of a hospital; and
- Requires immediate outpatient medical care that cannot be postponed until your physician becomes reasonably available.

Walk-in Clinic
Walk-in Clinics are free-standing health care facilities. They are an alternative to a physician's office visit for treatment of:

- Unscheduled, non-emergency illnesses and injuries;
- The administration of certain immunizations; and
- Individual screening and counseling services.

It is not an alternative for emergency room services or the ongoing care provided by a physician.

Neither:
- An emergency room; nor
- The outpatient department of a hospital;

shall be considered a Walk-in Clinic.
Additional Information Provided by

Yale University

The following information is provided to you in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Name of Plan:
Medical

Employer Identification Number:
06-0646973

Plan Number:
502

Type of Plan:
Welfare

Type of Administration:
Administrative Services Contract with:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

Plan Administrator:
Yale University
Vice-President for Human Resources & Administration
2 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511

Agent For Service of Legal Process:
Yale University
Vice-President & General Counsel
2 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511

Service of legal process may also be made upon the Plan Administrator

End of Plan Year:
December 31

Source of Contributions:
Employer and Employee

Procedure for Amending the Plan:
The Employer may amend the Plan from time to time by a written instrument signed by the Plan Administrator.
ERISA Rights
As a participant in the group benefit plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits
Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator’s office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) that is filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and an updated Summary Plan Description. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan’s annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

Receive a copy of the procedures used by the Plan for determining a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO).

Continue Group Health Plan Coverage
Continue health care coverage for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this summary plan description and the documents governing the Plan for the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

Reduction or elimination of exclusionary periods of coverage for preexisting conditions under your group health plan, if you have creditable coverage from another plan. You should be provided a certificate of creditable coverage, free of charge, from your group health plan or health insurance issuer when you lose coverage under the Plan, when you become entitled to elect COBRA continuation coverage, when your COBRA continuation coverage ceases, if you request it before losing coverage, or if you request it up to 24 months after losing coverage. Without evidence of creditable coverage, you may be subject to preexisting condition exclusion for 12 months after your enrollment date in your coverage under this Plan. Contact your Plan Administrator for assistance in obtaining a certificate of creditable coverage.

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries
In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called “fiduciaries” of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in your interest and that of other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

Enforce Your Rights
If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay up to $ 110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in a federal court.
If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

**Assistance with Your Questions**
If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.

If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact:

- the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory; or

You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

**IMPORTANT HEALTH CARE REFORM NOTICES**

**CHOICE OF PROVIDER**

If your Aetna plan generally requires or allows the designation of a primary care provider, you have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. If the plan or health insurance coverage designates a primary care provider automatically, then until you make this designation, Aetna designates one for you. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact your Employer or, if you are a current member, your Aetna contact number on the back of your ID card.

If your Aetna plan allows for the designation of a primary care provider for a child, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

If your Aetna plan provides coverage for obstetric or gynecological care and requires the designation of a primary care provider then you do not need prior authorization from Aetna or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact your Employer or, if you are a current member, your Aetna contact number on the back of your ID card.

**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 provider (e.g., your physician, nurse midwife, or physician assistant), after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under federal law, plans and issuers may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48-hour (or 96-hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.
In addition, a plan or issuer may not, under federal law, require that you, your physician, or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, you may be required to obtain precertification for any days of confinement that exceed 48 hours (or 96 hours). For information on precertification, contact your plan administrator.

**Notice Regarding Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act**

Under this health plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, coverage will be provided to a person who is receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy and who elects breast reconstruction in connection with the mastectomy for:

1. all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which a mastectomy has been performed;
2. surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
3. prostheses; and
4. treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

This coverage will be provided in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, and will be provided in accordance with the plan design, limitations, copays, deductibles, and referral requirements, if any, as outlined in your plan documents.

If you have any questions about our coverage of mastectomies and reconstructive surgery, please contact the Member Services number on your ID card.

Continuation of Coverage During an Approved Leave of Absence Granted to Comply With Federal Law

This continuation of coverage section applies only for the period of any approved family or medical leave (approved FMLA leave) required by Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA). If your Employer grants you an approved FMLA leave for a period in excess of the period required by FMLA, any continuation of coverage during that excess period will be determined by your Employer.

If your Employer grants you an approved FMLA leave in accordance with FMLA, you may, during the continuance of such approved FMLA leave, continue Health Expense Benefits for you and your eligible dependents.

At the time you request the leave, you must agree to make any contributions required by your Employer to continue coverage.

If any coverage your Employer allows you to continue has reduction rules applicable by reason of age or retirement, the coverage will be subject to such rules while you are on FMLA leave.

Coverage will not be continued beyond the first to occur of:

- The date you are required to make any contribution and you fail to do so.
- The date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated.
- The date the coverage involved discontinues as to your eligible class. However, coverage for health expenses may be available to you under another plan sponsored by your Employer.

Any coverage being continued for a dependent will not be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate.

If Health Expense Benefits terminate because your approved FMLA leave is deemed terminated by your Employer, you may, on the date of such termination, be eligible for Continuation Under Federal Law on the same terms as though your employment terminated, other than for gross misconduct, on such date. If this Plan provides any other continuation of coverage (for example, upon termination of employment, death, divorce or ceasing to be a defined dependent), you (or your eligible dependents) may be eligible for such continuation on the date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated or the date of the event for which the continuation is available.

If you acquire a new dependent while your coverage is continued during an approved FMLA leave, the dependent will be eligible for the continued coverage on the same terms as would be applicable if you were actively at work, not on an approved FMLA leave.

If you return to work for your Employer following the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, your coverage under this Plan will be in force as though you had continued in active employment rather than going on an approved FMLA leave provided you make request for such coverage within 31 days of the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave to be terminated. If you do not make such request within 31 days, coverage will again be effective under this Plan only if and when this Plan gives its written consent.

If any coverage being continued terminates because your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, any Conversion Privilege will be available on the same terms as though your employment had terminated on the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated.