

# Summary Plan Description

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## SECTION 1 - WELCOME

### Quick Reference Box

- Member services, claim inquiries, Personal Health Support and Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Administrator: (877) 706-1739;
- Claims submittal address: UnitedHealthcare - Claims, P.O. Box 740800, Atlanta, GA 30374-0800; and
- Online assistance: [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com).

The George Washington University is pleased to provide you with this Summary Plan Description (SPD), which describes the medical Benefits available to you and your covered family members under The George Washington University Health and Welfare Benefit Plan for Retired Employees. It includes summaries of:

- who is eligible;
- services that are covered, called Covered Health Services;
- services that are not covered, called Exclusions;
- how Benefits are paid; and
- your rights and responsibilities under the Plan.

This SPD is designed to meet your information needs and the disclosure requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). It supersedes any previous printed or electronic SPD for this Plan.

### IMPORTANT

The healthcare service, supply or Pharmaceutical Product is only a Covered Health Service if it is Medically Necessary. (See definitions of Medically Necessary and Covered Health Service in Section 14, *Glossary*.) The fact that a Physician or other provider has performed or prescribed a procedure or treatment, or the fact that it may be the only available treatment for a Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, disease or its symptoms does not mean that the procedure or treatment is a Covered Health Service under the Plan.

The George Washington University intends to continue this Plan, but reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, change, revise, amend or terminate the Plan at any time, for any reason, and without prior notice subject to any collective bargaining agreements between the Employer and various unions, if applicable. This SPD is not to be construed as a contract of or for employment. If there should be an inconsistency between the contents of this summary and the contents of the Plan, your rights shall be determined under the Plan and not under this summary.



UnitedHealthcare is a private healthcare claims administrator. UnitedHealthcare's goal is to give you the tools you need to make wise healthcare decisions. UnitedHealthcare also helps your employer to administer claims. Although UnitedHealthcare will assist you in many ways, it does not guarantee any Benefits. The George Washington University is solely responsible for paying Benefits described in this SPD.

Please read this SPD thoroughly to learn how the George Washington University Health and Welfare Benefit Plan for Retired Employees works. If you have questions contact GW Benefits at (571) 553-8382 or call the number on your ID card.

#### **How To Use This SPD**

- Read the entire SPD, and share it with your family. Then keep it in a safe place for future reference.
- Many of the sections of this SPD are related to other sections. You may not have all the information you need by reading just one section.
- You can find copies of your SPD and any future amendments at **[hr.gwu.edu/benefit](http://hr.gwu.edu/benefit)** or request printed copies by contacting GW Benefits at (571) 553-8382.
- Capitalized words in the SPD have special meanings and are defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.
- If eligible for coverage, the words "you" and "your" refer to Covered Persons as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.
- The George Washington University is also referred to as Group.
- If there is a conflict between this SPD and any benefit summaries (other than Summaries of Material Modifications) provided to you, this SPD will control.

## SECTION 2 - INTRODUCTION

**What this section includes:**

- Who's eligible for coverage under the Plan;
- The factors that impact your cost for coverage;
- Instructions and timeframes for enrolling yourself and your eligible Dependents;
- When coverage begins; and
- When you can make coverage changes under the Plan.

### Eligibility

You are eligible to enroll in the Plan if you are a Retired Employee under the age of 65.

Your eligible Dependents may also participate in the Plan. An eligible Dependent is considered to be:

- your Spouse under the age of 65, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary* (Domestic Partners are included in the definition of Spouse);
- your or your Spouse's child who is under age 26, including a natural child, stepchild, a legally adopted child, a child placed for adoption or a child for whom you or your Spouse are the legal guardian; or
- an unmarried child age 26 or over, but under age 65, who is or becomes disabled and dependent upon you.

**Note:** Your Dependents may not enroll in the Plan unless you are also enrolled in a medical benefit under the George Washington University Health and Welfare Benefit Plan for Retired Employees. However, when a participating Retired Employee dies, participation in the Plan will be continued for all covered surviving Dependents. A surviving Spouse may continue to be covered under the Plan until his or her death. A surviving child may continue to be covered under the Plan as long as he or she meets the Dependent eligibility requirements.

If you and your Spouse are both covered under a medical plan offered through the George Washington University, you may each be enrolled separately or be covered as a Dependent of the other person, but not both. In addition, if you and your Spouse are both covered under a medical plan offered through the George Washington University, only one parent may enroll your child as a Dependent.

A Dependent also includes a child for whom health care coverage is required through a Qualified Medical Child Support Order or other court or administrative order, as described in Section 13, *Other Important Information*.

## Cost of Coverage

The Plan may require you to contribute to the cost of coverage. Contact GW Benefits at (571) 553-8382 for information about any part of this cost you may be responsible for paying.

**Note:** The Internal Revenue Service generally does not consider Domestic Partners and their children eligible Dependents. Therefore, the value of the George Washington University's cost in covering a Domestic Partner may be imputed to the Retired Employee as income.

Your contributions are subject to review and the George Washington University reserves the right to change your contribution amount from time to time.

## How to Enroll

Retired Employees will receive an enrollment notice from bswift. To enroll, submit payment of the initial month's premiums to bswift within 30 calendar days of the date you first become eligible for medical Plan coverage. If you need enrollment assistance, call bswift at (866) 365-2413.

**Note:** If you are a Retired Employee and you do not enroll within 30 calendar days of your retirement, you will not be able to enroll in the medical plan at any point in the future.

Each year during annual Open Enrollment, you have the opportunity to review and change your medical election. Any changes you make during Open Enrollment will become effective the following January 1.

### **Important**

If you wish to change your benefit elections following your marriage, birth, adoption of a child, placement for adoption of a child or other family status change, you must contact GW Benefits within 30 calendar days of the event. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the next annual Open Enrollment to change your elections.

## When Coverage Begins

Once bswift receives your initial premium payment, coverage will begin on the first day of the month following your retirement date. Coverage for your Dependents will start on the date your coverage begins.

### ***If You Are Hospitalized When Your Coverage Begins***

If you are an inpatient in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility on the day your coverage begins, the Plan will pay Benefits for Covered Health Services related to that Inpatient Stay as long as you receive Covered Health Services in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

You should notify UnitedHealthcare within 48 hours of the day your coverage begins, or as soon as is reasonably possible. Network Benefits are available only if you receive Covered Health Services from Network providers.

## Changing Your Coverage

You may make coverage changes during the year only if you experience a change in family status. The change in coverage must be consistent with the change in status (e.g., you cover your Spouse following your marriage, your child following an adoption, etc.). The following are considered family status changes for purposes of the Plan:

- your marriage, divorce, legal separation or annulment;
- registering a Domestic Partner;
- the birth, adoption, placement for adoption or legal guardianship of a child (you must contact GW Benefits within 30 calendar days of the event);
- a change in your Spouse's employment or involuntary loss of health coverage (other than coverage under the Medicare or Medicaid programs) under another employer's plan;
- loss of coverage due to the exhaustion of another employer's COBRA benefits, provided you were paying for premiums on a timely basis;
- the death of a Dependent;
- your Dependent child no longer qualifying as an eligible Dependent;
- a change in your or your Spouse's position or work schedule that impacts eligibility for health coverage;
- contributions were no longer paid by the employer (This is true even if you or your eligible Dependent continues to receive coverage under the prior plan and to pay the amounts previously paid by the employer);
- you or your eligible Dependent who were enrolled in an HMO no longer live or work in that HMO's service area and no other benefit option is available to you or your eligible Dependent;
- benefits are no longer offered by the Plan to a class of individuals that include you or your eligible Dependent;
- termination of your or your Dependent's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage as a result of loss of eligibility (you must contact GW Benefits within 60 calendar days of termination);
- you or your Dependent become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid or CHIP (you must contact GW Benefits within 60 calendar days of determination of subsidy eligibility);
- a strike or lockout involving you or your Spouse; or
- a court or administrative order.

If you experience a family status change or qualifying life event, you must complete the steps below within 30 calendar days (unless otherwise noted above) of the event to make changes to your benefit elections.

Changes are effective on the first of the month following or coincident with completion of the following steps\*:

- Contact GW Benefits at (571) 553-8382 or email [benefits@gwu.edu](mailto:benefits@gwu.edu) to request a Benefit Enrollment Form.
- Gather supporting documentation of the life event.
- Send the enrollment form and supporting documentation to GW Benefits.

**\* Please note:** Coverage for Dependent children acquired through birth, adoption, or placement for adoption is effective the date of the family status change, provided you complete the steps above within 30 calendar days of the birth, adoption, or placement.

Unless otherwise noted above, if you wish to change your elections, you must contact GW Benefits within 30 calendar days of the change in family status. Otherwise, you will need to wait until the next annual Open Enrollment.

While some of these changes in status are similar to qualifying events under COBRA, you, or your eligible Dependent, do not need to elect COBRA continuation coverage to take advantage of the special enrollment rights listed above. These will also be available to you or your eligible Dependent if COBRA is elected.

**Note:** Any child under age 26 who is placed with you for adoption will be eligible for coverage on the date the child is placed with you, even if the legal adoption is not yet final. If you do not legally adopt the child, all medical Plan coverage for the child will end when the placement ends. No provision will be made for continuing coverage (such as COBRA coverage) for the child.

## SECTION 3 - HOW THE PLAN WORKS

**What this section includes:**

- Accessing Benefits;
- Eligible Expenses;
- Annual Deductible;
- Coinsurance;
- Out-of-Pocket Maximum; and
- Lifetime Maximum Benefit.

### Accessing Benefits

As a participant in this Plan, you have the freedom to choose the Physician or health care professional you prefer each time you need to receive Covered Health Services. The choices you make affect the amounts you pay, as well as the level of Benefits you receive and any benefit limitations that may apply.

You are eligible for the Network level of Benefits under this Plan when you receive Covered Health Services from Physicians and other health care professionals who have contracted with UnitedHealthcare to provide those services.

You can choose to receive Designated Network Benefits, Network Benefits or non-Network Benefits.

**Designated Network Benefits** apply to Covered Health Services that are provided by a Network Physician or other provider that is identified as a Designated Facility or Physician. Only certain Physicians and providers have been identified as a Designated Facility or Physician. Designated Network Benefits are available only for specific Covered Health Services as identified in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*. When Designated Network Benefits apply, they are included in and subject to the same Annual Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum requirements as all other Covered Health Services provided by Network providers.

**Network Benefits** apply to Covered Health Services that are provided by a Network Physician or other Network provider.

**Non-Network Benefits** apply to Covered Health Services that are provided by a non-Network Physician or other non-Network provider, or Covered Health Services that are provided at a non-Network facility.

Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section.

Covered Health Services provided at certain Network facilities by a non-Network Physician, when not Emergency Health Services, will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section. For these Covered Health Services, "certain Network

facility" is limited to a hospital (as defined in 1861(e) of the *Social Security Act*), a hospital outpatient department, a critical access hospital (as defined in 1861(mm)(1) of the *Social Security Act*), an ambulatory surgical center as described in section 1833(i)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

Air Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section.

Ground Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be reimbursed as set forth under *Eligible Expenses* as described at the end of this section.

Depending on the geographic area and the service you receive, you may have access through UnitedHealthcare's Shared Savings Program to non-Network providers who have agreed to discounts negotiated from their charges on certain claims for Covered Health Services. Refer to the definition of Shared Savings Program in Section 14, *Glossary*, of the SPD for details about how the Shared Savings Program applies.

You must show your identification card (ID card) every time you request health care services from a Network provider. If you do not show your ID card, Network providers have no way of knowing that you are enrolled under the Plan. As a result, they may bill you for the entire cost of the services you receive.

Generally, when you receive Covered Health Services from a Network provider, you pay less than you would if you receive the same care from a non-Network provider. Therefore, in most instances, your out-of-pocket expenses will be less if you use a Network provider.

If you choose to seek care outside the Network, the Plan generally pays Benefits at a lower level. You are required to pay the amount that exceeds the Eligible Expense. The amount in excess of the Eligible Expense could be significant, and this amount does not apply to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum. You may want to ask the non-Network provider about their billed charges before you receive care. Emergency services received at a non-Network Hospital are covered at the Network level.

### ***Health Services from Non-Network Providers Paid as Network Benefits***

If specific Covered Health Services are not available from a Network provider, you may be eligible to receive Network Benefits when Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider. In this situation, your Network Physician will notify UnitedHealthcare, and if UnitedHealthcare confirms that care is not available from a Network provider, UnitedHealthcare will work with you and your Network Physician to coordinate care through a non-Network provider.

#### **Looking for a Network Provider?**

In addition to other helpful information, [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com), UnitedHealthcare's consumer website, contains a directory of health care professionals and facilities in UnitedHealthcare's Network. While Network status may change from time to time, [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) has the most current source of Network information. Use [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) to search for Physicians available in your Plan.

### ***Network Providers***

UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates arrange for health care providers to participate in a Network. At your request, UnitedHealthcare will send you a directory of Network providers free of charge. Keep in mind, a provider's Network status may change. To verify a provider's status or request a provider directory, you can call UnitedHealthcare at the toll-free number on your ID card or log onto **www.myuhc.com**.

Network providers are independent practitioners and are not employees of the George Washington University or UnitedHealthcare.

UnitedHealthcare's credentialing process confirms public information about the providers' licenses and other credentials, but does not assure the quality of the services provided.

Before obtaining services you should always verify the Network status of a provider. A provider's status may change. You can verify the provider's status by calling UnitedHealthcare. A directory of providers is available online at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card to request a copy. If you receive a Covered Health Service from a non-Network provider and were informed incorrectly prior to receipt of the Covered Health Service that the provider was a Network provider, either through a database, provider directory, or in a response to your request for such information (via telephone, electronic, web-based or internet-based means), you may be eligible for Network Benefits.

It is possible that you might not be able to obtain services from a particular Network provider. The network of providers is subject to change. Or you might find that a particular Network provider may not be accepting new patients. If a provider leaves the Network or is otherwise not available to you, you must choose another Network provider to get Network Benefits. However, if you are currently receiving treatment for Covered Health Services from a provider whose network status changes from Network to non-Network during such treatment due to expiration or nonrenewal of the provider's contract, you may be eligible to request continued care from your current provider at the Network Benefit level for specified conditions and timeframes. This provision does not apply to provider contract terminations for failure to meet applicable quality standards or for fraud. If you would like help to find out if you are eligible for continuity of care Benefits, please call the telephone number on your ID card.

If you are currently undergoing a course of treatment utilizing a non-Network Physician or health care facility, you may be eligible to receive transition of care Benefits. This transition period is available for specific medical services and for limited periods of time. If you have questions regarding this transition of care reimbursement policy or would like help determining whether you are eligible for transition of care Benefits, please contact UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card.

Do not assume that a Network provider's agreement includes all Covered Health Services. Some Network providers contract with UnitedHealthcare to provide only certain Covered Health Services, but not all Covered Health Services. Some Network providers choose to be a Network provider for only some of UnitedHealthcare's products. Refer to your provider directory or contact UnitedHealthcare for assistance.



***Designated Providers***

If you have a medical condition that UnitedHealthcare believes needs special services, UnitedHealthcare may direct you to a Designated Provider chosen by UnitedHealthcare. If you require certain complex Covered Health Services for which expertise is limited, UnitedHealthcare may direct you to a Network facility or provider that is outside your local geographic area. If you are required to travel to obtain such Covered Health Services from a Designated Provider, UnitedHealthcare may reimburse certain travel expenses at UnitedHealthcare's discretion.

In both cases, Network Benefits will only be paid if your Covered Health Services for that condition are provided by or arranged by the Designated Provider or other provider chosen by UnitedHealthcare.

You or your Network Physician must notify UnitedHealthcare of special service needs (such as transplants or cancer treatment) that might warrant referral to a Designated Provider. If you do not notify UnitedHealthcare in advance, and if you receive services from a non-Network facility (regardless of whether it is a Designated Provider) or other non-Network provider, Network Benefits will not be paid. Non-Network Benefits may be available if the special needs services you receive are Covered Health Services for which Benefits are provided under the Plan.

***Limitations on Selection of Providers***

If UnitedHealthcare determines that you are using health care services in a harmful or abusive manner, you may be required to select a Network Physician to provide and coordinate all of your future Covered Health Services. If you don't make a selection within 31 days of the date you are notified, UnitedHealthcare will select a single Network Physician for you. In the event that you do not use the selected Network Physician, Covered Health Services will be paid as Non-Network Benefits.

***Coverage While Traveling Abroad***

The Plan pays Benefits for Covered Persons while traveling outside the United States. Eligible Expenses for services incurred while outside the United States are reimbursed at the non-Network benefit level and are subject to the Annual Deductible. Emergency services received outside the United States will be paid at the network benefit level subject to the Annual Deductible. If you receive treatment while traveling outside the United States, you will have to pay for the services up-front and then submit a claim form along with the receipt and an itemized bill from the provider. For details on the procedures for filing a claim, refer to Section 9, *Claims Procedures*. If you have any questions about Benefits while traveling abroad, please call UnitedHealthcare at the toll-free number on your ID card.

***Eligible Expenses***

The George Washington University has delegated to the Claims Administrator the discretion and authority to decide whether a treatment or supply is a Covered Health Service and how the Eligible Expenses will be determined and otherwise covered under the Plan.

Eligible Expenses are the amount the Claims Administrator determines that the Plan will pay for Benefits.

- For Designated Network Benefits and Network Benefits for Covered Health Services provided by a Network provider, except for your cost sharing obligations, you are not responsible for any difference between Eligible Expenses and the amount the provider bills.
- For Non-Network Benefits, except as described below, you are responsible for paying, directly to the non-Network provider, any difference between the amount the provider bills you and the amount the Claims Administrator will pay for Eligible Expenses.
  - For Covered Health Services that are **Ancillary Services received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from non-Network Physicians**, you are not responsible, and the non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in this SPD.
  - For Covered Health Services that are **non-Ancillary Services received at certain Network facilities on a non-Emergency basis from non-Network Physicians who have not satisfied the notice and consent criteria or for unforeseen or urgent medical needs that arise at the time a non-Ancillary Service is provided for which notice and consent has been satisfied as described below**, you are not responsible, and the non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.
  - For Covered Health Services that are **Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider**, you are not responsible, and the non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in this SPD.
  - For Covered Health Services that are **Air Ambulance services provided by a non-Network provider**, you are not responsible, and the non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the rates that would apply if the service was provided by a Network provider which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

Eligible Expenses are determined in accordance with the Claims Administrator's reimbursement policy guidelines or as required by law, as described in the SPD.

### **Designated Network Benefits and Network Benefits**

Eligible Expenses are based on the following:

- When Covered Health Services are received from a Designated Network and Network provider, Eligible Expenses are our contracted fee(s) with that provider.
- When Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider as arranged by the Claims Administrator, including when there is no Network provider who is reasonably accessible or available to provide Covered Health Services, Eligible Expenses are negotiated by the Claims Administrator or an amount permitted by law.

## Non-Network Benefits

When Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider as described below, Eligible Expenses are determined as follows:

- **For non-Emergency Covered Health Services received at certain Network facilities from non-Network Physicians** when such services are either Ancillary Services, or non-Ancillary Services that have not satisfied the notice and consent criteria of section 2799B-2(d) of the *Public Health Service Act* with respect to a visit as defined by the Secretary, the Eligible Expense is based on one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:

- The reimbursement rate as determined by a state *All Payer Model Agreement*.
- The reimbursement rate as determined by state law.
- The initial payment made by the Claims Administrator, or the amount subsequently agreed to by the non-Network provider and the Claims Administrator.
- The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

For the purpose of this provision, "certain Network facilities" are limited to a hospital (as defined in 1861(e) of the *Social Security Act*), a hospital outpatient department, a critical access hospital (as defined in 1861(mm)(1) of the *Social Security Act*), an ambulatory surgical center as described in section 1833(i)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** For Ancillary Services, non-Ancillary Services provided without notice and consent and non-Ancillary Services for unforeseen or urgent medical needs that arise at the time a service is provided for which notice and consent has been satisfied, you are not responsible, and a non-Network Physician may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

- **For Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider**, the Eligible Expense is based on one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:

- The reimbursement rate as determined by a state *All Payer Model Agreement*.
- The reimbursement rate as determined by state law.
- The initial payment made by the Claims Administrator, or the amount subsequently agreed to by the non-Network provider and the Claims Administrator.
- The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You are not responsible, and a non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

- **For Air Ambulance transportation provided by a non-Network provider**, the Eligible Expense is based on one of the following in the order listed below as applicable:

- The reimbursement rate as determined by a state *All Payer Model Agreement*.
- The reimbursement rate as determined by state law.

- The initial payment made by the Claims Administrator, or the amount subsequently agreed to by the non-Network provider and the Claims Administrator.
- The amount determined by *Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR)*.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** You are not responsible, and a non-Network provider may not bill you, for amounts in excess of your Copayment, Coinsurance or deductible which is based on the rates that would apply if the service was provided by a Network provider which is based on the Recognized Amount as defined in the SPD.

- **For Emergency ground ambulance transportation provided by a non-Network provider,** the Eligible Expense, which includes mileage, is a rate agreed upon by the non-Network provider or, unless a different amount is required by applicable law, determined based upon the median amount negotiated with Network providers for the same or similar service.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Non-Network providers may bill you for any difference between the provider's billed charges and the Eligible Expense described here.

- When Covered Health Services are received from a non-Network provider, except as described above, Eligible Expenses are determined, based on one of the following:
  - Negotiated rates agreed to by the non-Network provider and either the Claims Administrator or one of the Claims Administrator's vendors, affiliates or subcontractors, at the Claims Administrator's discretion.
  - If rates have not been negotiated, then one of the following amounts applies based on the claim type:
    - ◆ For Covered Health Services other than Pharmaceutical Products, Eligible Expenses are determined based on available data resources of competitive fees in that geographic area.
    - ◆ When Covered Health Services are Pharmaceutical Products, Eligible Expenses are the average wholesale price of such Pharmaceutical Products as set forth in the Red Book drug pricing resource. The Pharmaceutical Product pricing information is updated annually.
    - ◆ When Red Book does not have a price for the product, an alternative pricing source such as RJ Health or an internally developed pharmaceutical pricing resource to determine the average wholesale price for the covered Pharmaceutical Product will be used.
    - ◆ When a rate is not available for the service, the Eligible Expense is based on 20% of the billed charge.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** non-Network providers may bill you for any difference between the provider's billed charges and the Eligible Expense described here. This includes non-Ancillary Services when notice and consent is satisfied as described under section 2799B-2(d) of the Public Health Service Act.

**Don't Forget Your ID Card**

Remember to show your UnitedHealthcare ID card every time you receive health care services from a provider. If you do not show your ID card, a provider has no way of knowing that you are enrolled under the Plan.

**Annual Deductible**

The Annual Deductible is the amount of Eligible Expenses, or the Recognized Amount when applicable, you must pay each calendar year for Covered Health Services before you are eligible to begin receiving Benefits. There are separate Network and non-Network Annual Deductibles for this Plan. The amounts you pay toward your Annual Deductible accumulate over the course of the calendar year.

Amounts paid toward the Annual Deductible for Covered Health Services that are subject to a visit or day limit will also be calculated against that maximum benefit limit. As a result, the limited benefit will be reduced by the number of days or visits you used toward meeting the Annual Deductible.

**Coinsurance**

Coinsurance is the percentage of Eligible Expenses that you are responsible for paying. Coinsurance is a fixed percentage that applies to certain Covered Health Services after you meet the Annual Deductible.

**Coinsurance – Example**

Let's assume that you receive Plan Benefits for outpatient surgery from a Network provider. Since the Plan pays 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible, you are responsible for paying the other 20%. This 20% is your Coinsurance.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

The annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum is the most you pay each calendar year for Covered Health Services. There are separate Network and non-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximums for this Plan. If your eligible out-of-pocket expenses in a calendar year exceed the annual maximum, the Plan pays 100% of Eligible Expenses for Covered Health Services through the end of the calendar year.

The Out-of-Pocket Maximum applies to all Covered Health Services under this Plan and those for covered services provided by CVS Caremark.

The following table identifies what does and does not apply toward your Network and non-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximums:

| Plan Features                         | Applies to the Network Out-of-Pocket Maximum? | Applies to the Non-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximum? |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Payments toward the Annual Deductible | Yes   | Yes   |

| Plan Features  | Applies to the Network Out-of-Pocket Maximum? | Applies to the Non-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximum? |
|--|---|---|
| Coinsurance Payments   | Yes   | Yes   |
| Charges for non-Covered Health Services  | No  | No  |
| The amounts of any reductions in Benefits you incur by not obtaining prior authorization as required | No  | No  |
| Charges that exceed Eligible Expenses, or the Recognized Amount when applicable.                     | No  | No  |

### Lifetime Maximum Benefit

The Lifetime Maximum Benefit, if any, is the most the Plan will pay for Benefits during the entire period you are enrolled in this Plan and any other medical plans offered by George Washington University.

### Travel and Lodging (For Travel and Lodging related to complex medical conditions see Section 7: *Clinical Programs And Resources*)

The Plan provides a Covered Person with a travel and lodging allowance related to the Covered Health Service that is not available in the Covered Person's state of residence due to law or regulation when such services are received in another state, as legally permissible.

Travel and Lodging provides support for the Covered Person under the Plan. The Plan provides an allowance for reasonable travel and lodging expenses for a Covered Person and travel companion when the Covered Person must travel at least 50 miles from their address, as reflected in our records, to receive the Covered Health Services.

This Plan provides an allowance for incurred reasonable travel and lodging expenses only and is independent of any existing medical coverage available for the Covered Person. An allowance of up to \$2,000 per Covered Person per year during the entire period of time a Covered Person is enrolled under the Plan, will be provided for travel and lodging expenses incurred as a part of the Covered Health Service. Lodging expenses are further limited to \$50 per night for the Covered Person, or \$100 per night for the Covered Person with a travel companion.

Please remember to save travel and lodging receipts to submit for reimbursement. If you would like additional information regarding Travel and Lodging, you may contact us at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or the telephone number on your ID card.

## SECTION 4 - PERSONAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

**What this section includes:**

- An overview of the Personal Health Support program; and
- Covered Health Services which require prior authorization.

### Care Management

When you seek prior authorization as required, the Claims Administrator will work with you to implement the care management process and to provide you with information about additional services that are available to you, such as disease management programs, health education, and patient advocacy.

UnitedHealthcare provides a program called Personal Health Support designed to encourage personalized, efficient care for you and your covered Dependents.

Personal Health Support Nurses center their efforts on prevention, education, and closing any gaps in your care. The goal of the program is to ensure you receive the most appropriate and cost-effective services available.

If you are living with a chronic condition or dealing with complex health care needs, UnitedHealthcare may assign to you a primary nurse, referred to as a Personal Health Support Nurse to guide you through your treatment. This assigned nurse will answer questions, explain options, identify your needs, and may refer you to specialized care programs. The Personal Health Support Nurse will provide you with their telephone number so you can call them with questions about your conditions, or your overall health and well-being.

Personal Health Support Nurses will provide a variety of different services to help you and your covered family members receive appropriate medical care. Program components are subject to change without notice.

When the Claims Administrator is called as required, they will work with you to implement the Personal Health Support process and to provide you with information about additional services that are available to you, such as disease management programs, health education, and patient advocacy. As of the publication of this SPD, the Personal Health Support program includes:

- **Admission counseling** - Personal Health Support Nurses are available to help you prepare for a successful surgical admission and recovery. Call the number on your ID card for support.
- **Inpatient care management** - If you are hospitalized, a Personal Health Support nurse will work with your Physician to make sure you are getting the care you need and that your Physician's treatment plan is being carried out effectively.
- **Readmission Management** - This program serves as a bridge between the Hospital and your home if you are at high risk of being readmitted. After leaving the Hospital, if you have a certain chronic or complex condition, you may receive a phone call from a

Personal Health Support Nurse to confirm that medications, needed equipment, or follow-up services are in place. The Personal Health Support Nurse will also share important health care information, reiterate and reinforce discharge instructions, and support a safe transition home.

- **Risk Management** - Designed for participants with certain chronic or complex conditions, this program addresses such health care needs as access to medical specialists, medication information, and coordination of equipment and supplies. Participants may receive a phone call from a Personal Health Support Nurse to discuss and share important health care information related to the participant's specific chronic or complex condition.
- **Cancer Management** - You have the opportunity to engage with a nurse that specializes in cancer, education and guidance throughout your care path.
- **Kidney Management** - You have the opportunity to engage with a nurse that specializes in kidney disease, education and guidance with CKD stage 4/5 or ESRD throughout your care path.

If you do not receive a call from a Personal Health Support Nurse but feel you could benefit from any of these programs, please call the number on your ID card.

## Prior Authorization

UnitedHealthcare requires prior authorization for certain Covered Health Services. Physicians and other health care professionals who participate in a Network are responsible for obtaining prior authorization. However, if you choose to receive certain Covered Health Services from non-Network providers, you are responsible for obtaining prior authorization from the Claims Administrator before you receive these services. In many cases, your Non-Network Benefits will be reduced if the Claims Administrator has not provided prior authorization.

**Services for which you are required to obtain prior authorization are identified in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*, within each Covered Health Service Benefit description. Please note that prior authorization timelines apply. Refer to the applicable Benefit description to determine how far in advance you must obtain prior authorization.**

It is recommended that you confirm with the Claims Administrator that all Covered Health Services listed in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details* have been prior authorized as required. Before receiving these services from a Network provider, you may want to contact the Claims Administrator to verify that the Hospital, Physician and other providers are Network providers and that they have obtained the required prior authorization. Network facilities and Network providers cannot bill you for services they fail to prior authorize as required. You can contact the Claims Administrator by calling the number on your ID card.

**To obtain prior authorization, call the number on your ID card.** This call starts the utilization review process. Once you have obtained the authorization, please review it carefully so that you understand what services have been authorized and what providers are authorized to deliver the services that are subject to the authorization.



The utilization review process is a set of formal techniques designed to monitor the use of, or evaluate the clinical necessity, appropriateness, efficacy, or efficiency of, health care services, procedures or settings. Such techniques may include ambulatory review, prospective review, second opinion, certification, concurrent review, case management, discharge planning, retrospective review or similar programs.

**Contacting the Claims Administrator or Personal Health Support is easy.**  
Simply call the number on your ID card.

## SECTION 5 - PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

### What this section includes:

- Payment Terms and Features.
- Schedule of Benefits.

### Payment Terms and Features

The table below provides an overview of the Plan's Annual Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum and Lifetime Maximum Benefit.

| Plan Features  | Designated Network and Network | Non-Network                   |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Annual Deductible</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Individual</li> <li>■ Family (cumulative Annual Deductible).</li> </ul> <p>The Plan does not require that you or a covered Dependent meet the individual Deductible in order to satisfy the family Deductible. If more than one person in a family is covered under the Plan, the individual coverage Deductible stated in this table above does not apply. Instead, the family Deductible applies and no one in the family is eligible to receive Benefits until the family Deductible is satisfied.</p> <p><b>Coupons:</b> The Plan Sponsor may not permit certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate to apply to your Annual Deductible.</p> | <p>\$2,000</p> <p>\$4,000</p>  | <p>\$3,000</p> <p>\$6,000</p> |

| Plan Features   | Designated Network and Network | Non-Network                    |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <p><b>Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Individual</li> <li>■ Family (cumulative Out-of-Pocket Maximum).</li> </ul> <p>The Plan does not require that you or a covered Dependent meet the individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum in order to satisfy the family Out-of-Pocket Maximum. If more than one person in a family is covered under the Plan, the individual coverage Out-of-Pocket Maximum stated in this table above does not apply. Instead, for family coverage the family Out-of-Pocket Maximum applies.</p> <p><b>Coupons:</b> The Plan Sponsor may not permit certain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers or an affiliate to apply to your Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum.</p> | <p>\$4,000</p> <p>\$8,000</p>  | <p>\$6,000</p> <p>\$12,000</p> |
| <b>Lifetime Maximum Benefit</b>   | Unlimited                      |                                |

## Schedule of Benefits

This table provides an overview of the Plan's coverage levels. For detailed descriptions of your Benefits, refer to Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

Amounts which you are required to pay as shown below in the *Schedule of Benefits* are based on *Eligible Expenses* or, for specific Covered Health Services as described in the definition of Recognized Amount in Section 14, *Glossary*.

| Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>  | Percentage of Eligible Expenses Payable by the Plan:  |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | Designated Network and Network  | Non-Network   |
| <b>Acupuncture Services</b><br>See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for limits.  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  |
| <b>Ambulance Services</b><br>■ Emergency Ambulance<br>Eligible Expenses for ground and Air Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be determined as described in Section 3, <i>How the Plan Works</i> .<br><br>■ Non-Emergency Ambulance<br>Eligible Expenses for ground and Air Ambulance transport provided by a non-Network provider will be determined as described in Section 3, <i>How the Plan Works</i> . | <i>Ground Ambulance</i><br>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br><i>Air Ambulance</i><br>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible | <i>Ground Ambulance</i><br>80% after you meet the Network Annual Deductible<br><br><i>Air Ambulance</i><br>80% after you meet the Network Annual Deductible |
| <b>Cellular and Gene Therapy</b><br>Services must be received at a Designated Provider.   | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits   | Non-Network Benefits are not available  |

| Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>   | Percentage of Eligible Expenses Payable by the Plan:  |  |
|--|---|--|
|  | Designated Network and Network  | Non-Network                                      |
|  | will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.  |  |
| <b>Clinical Trials</b>   | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits for Clinical Trials will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.  |  |
| <b>Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Surgeries</b>  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible         |
| <b>Dental Services - Accident Only</b>   | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be paid the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.   |  |
| <b>Diabetes Services</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Diabetes Self-Management and Training/ Diabetic Eye Examinations/Foot Care</li> </ul><br>Diabetes Self-Management Items<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Diabetes Equipment</li> </ul> | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits for diabetes self-management and training/diabetic eye examinations/foot care will be paid the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.<br><br>Benefits for diabetes equipment will be the same as those stated under <i>Durable Medical Equipment</i> in this section. |  |
| <b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible         |
| <b>Emergency Health Services - Outpatient</b><br>If you are admitted as an inpatient to a Hospital directly from the Emergency room, you will not have to pay this Copay,  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 80% after you meet the Network Annual Deductible |

| Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>  | Percentage of Eligible Expenses Payable by the Plan:  |  |
|---|---|--|
|   | Designated Network and Network  | Non-Network                              |
| <p>Coinsurance and/or deductible. The Benefits for an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital will apply instead.</p> <p>Eligible Expenses for Emergency Health Services provided by a non-Network provider will be determined as described under <i>Eligible Expenses</i> in Section 3: <i>How the Plan Works</i>.</p> <p><b>Emergency</b> - a medical condition, including a mental health condition or substance use disorder, manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) so that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Placing the health of the Covered Person (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy.</li> <li>- Serious impairment to bodily functions.</li> <li>- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.</li> </ul> |   |  |
| <b>Enteral Nutrition</b>  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| <b>Gender Dysphoria</b>   | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section and in the CVS Caremark plan. |  |
| <b>Home Health Care</b><br>Up to 100 visits per calendar year   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |

| Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>  | Percentage of Eligible Expenses Payable by the Plan:   |   |
|---|--|---|
|   | Designated Network and Network   | Non-Network   |
| <b>Hospice Care</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  |
| <b>Hospital - Inpatient Stay</b>  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  |
| <b>Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostics - Outpatient</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Preferred Network (the Preferred Network includes freestanding Facilities and GW Hospital)</li> <li>■ Hospital Based Facilities</li> </ul>  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>60% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  |
| <b>Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics - CT, PET, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Preferred Network (the Preferred Network includes freestanding Facilities and GW Hospital)</li> <li>■ Hospital Based Facilities</li> </ul> | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>60% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  |
| <b>Mental Health Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Inpatient</li> <li>■ Outpatient</li> <li>■ Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching for Covered Persons with certain co-occurring behavioral and medical conditions</li> </ul>                       | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br><b>Designated Network (AbleTo)</b> | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>60% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>Non-Network Benefits are not available. |

| Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>  | Percentage of Eligible Expenses Payable by the Plan:  |  |
|---|---|--|
|   | Designated Network and Network  | Non-Network                              |
| Network Benefits are available only when services are delivered through a Designated Virtual Network Provider. You can find a Designated Virtual Behavioral Network Provider by going to <a href="http://www.myuhc.com">www.myuhc.com</a> or by calling the telephone number on your ID card. | 100% after you meet the Annual Deductible; Benefits for the Initial Consultation will be paid at 100%.  |  |
| <b>Neurobiological Disorders - Autism Spectrum Disorder Services</b>  |   |  |
| ■ Inpatient   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| ■ Outpatient  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| <b>Nutritional Counseling</b><br>(Diabetic management is limited up to three visits per calendar year)  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| <b>Orthognathic Surgery</b>   | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be paid the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section. |  |
| <b>Ostomy Supplies</b>  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| <b>Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| <b>Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |



| Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>   | Percentage of Eligible Expenses Payable by the Plan:   |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | Designated Network and Network   | Non-Network                              |
| Covered Health Services provided by a non-Network Physician in certain Network facilities will apply the same cost sharing (Copayment, Coinsurance and applicable deductible) as if those services were provided by a Network provider; however Eligible Expenses will be determined as described in Section 3, <i>How the Plan Works</i> , under <i>Eligible Expenses</i> . | 90% after you meet the Annual Deductible for GW MFA Providers  |  |
| <b>Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>90% after you meet the Annual Deductible for GW MFA Providers (excluding MFA behavioral health providers)          | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| <b>Pregnancy – Maternity Services</b><br>A Deductible will not apply for a newborn child whose length of stay in the Hospital is the same as the mother's length of stay.  | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section. |  |
| <b>Preventive Care Services</b>  |  |  |
| ■ Physician Office Services  | 100%   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| ■ Lab, X-ray or Other Preventive Tests   | 100%   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| ■ Mammography  | 100%   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| ■ Breast pumps   | 100%   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |

| Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>  | Percentage of Eligible Expenses Payable by the Plan:   |  |
|---|--|--|
|   | Designated Network and Network   | Non-Network  |
| <b>Private Duty Nursing - Outpatient</b><br>Up to 60 visits per calendar year   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible   |
| <b>Prosthetic Devices</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible   |
| <b>Reconstructive Procedures</b>  | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section. |  |
| <b>Rehabilitation and Habilitative Services - Outpatient Therapy and Manipulative Treatment</b><br>See Section 6, <i>Additional Coverage Details</i> , for visit limits | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible   |
| <b>Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic</b>  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible   |
| <b>Skilled Nursing Facility/Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services</b><br>Up to 100 days per calendar year  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible   |
| <b>Substance Use Disorder Services</b><br>■ Inpatient<br><br>■ Outpatient   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>80% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br><br>60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |
| <b>Surgery - Outpatient</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible   | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible   |
| <b>Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services</b>   | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the  |  |

| Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>   | Percentage of Eligible Expenses Payable by the Plan:  |   |
|--|---|---|
|  | Designated Network and Network  | Non-Network   |
|  | same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.  |   |
| <b>Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible<br>Non-Network Benefits for dialysis is not covered. |
| <b>Transplantation Services</b><br>Transplantation services must be received at an Optum designated Center of Excellence.  | Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be paid the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section. | Not Covered   |
| <b>Urgent Care Center Services</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  |
| <b>Urinary Catheters</b>   | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  |
| <b>Virtual Care Services</b><br>Network Benefits are available only when services are delivered through a Designated Virtual Network Provider. You can find a Designated Virtual Network Provider by going to <a href="http://www.myuhc.com">www.myuhc.com</a> or by calling the telephone number on your ID card. | 100%  | Non-Network Benefits are not available.   |
| <b>Vision Examinations</b><br>Up to one routine exam every 24 months.  | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible  | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible  |

| Covered Health Services <sup>1</sup>          | Percentage of Eligible Expenses Payable by the Plan: |  |
|---|--|--|
|   | Designated Network and Network                       | Non-Network                              |
| <b>Wigs</b><br>Up to \$350 per calendar year. | 80% after you meet the Annual Deductible             | 60% after you meet the Annual Deductible |

<sup>1</sup>Please obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator before receiving Covered Health Services, as described in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

## SECTION 6 - ADDITIONAL COVERAGE DETAILS

**What this section includes:**

- Covered Health Services for which the Plan pays Benefits; and
- Covered Health Services that require you to obtain prior authorization before you receive them, and any reduction in Benefits that may apply if you do not call to obtain the prior authorization.

This section supplements the second table in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*.

While the table provides you with Benefit limitations along with Coinsurance and Annual Deductible information for each Covered Health Service, this section includes descriptions of the Benefits. These descriptions include any additional limitations that may apply, as well as Covered Health Services for which you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator as required. The Covered Health Services in this section appear in the same order as they do in the table for easy reference. Services that are not covered are described in Section 8, *Exclusions and Limitations*.

Benefits are provided for services delivered via Telehealth/Telemedicine. Benefits are also provided for Remote Physiologic Monitoring. Benefits for these services are provided to the same extent as an in-person service under any applicable Benefit category in this section unless otherwise specified in the table.

### Acupuncture Services

The Plan pays for acupuncture services for pain therapy provided that the service is performed in an office setting by a provider who is one of the following, either practicing within the scope of his/her license (if state license is available) or who is certified by a national accrediting body:

- Doctor of Medicine;
- Doctor of Osteopathy;
- Chiropractor; and
- Acupuncturist.

Covered Health Services include treatment of nausea as a result of:

- chemotherapy;
- pregnancy; or
- post-operative procedures.

Any combination of Network and Non-Network Benefits is limited to 20 visits per calendar year.

## Ambulance Services

The Plan covers Emergency ambulance services and transportation provided by a licensed ambulance service to the nearest Hospital that offers Emergency Health Services. See Section 14, *Glossary* for the definition of Emergency.

Ambulance service by air is covered in an Emergency if ground transportation is impossible, or would put your life or health in serious jeopardy. If special circumstances exist, UnitedHealthcare may pay Benefits for Emergency air transportation to a Hospital that is not the closest facility to provide Emergency Health Services.

The Plan also covers non-Emergency transportation provided by a licensed professional ambulance (either ground or Air Ambulance, as UnitedHealthcare determines appropriate) between facilities when the transport is:

- from a non-Network Hospital to a Network Hospital;
- to a Hospital that provides a higher level of care that was not available at the original Hospital;
- to a more cost-effective acute care facility; or
- from an acute facility to a sub-acute setting.

### Prior Authorization Requirement

In most cases, the Claims Administrator will initiate and direct non-Emergency ambulance transportation. For Non-Network Benefits, if you are requesting non-Emergency Air Ambulance services, (including any affiliated non-Emergency ground ambulance transport in conjunction with non-Emergency Air Ambulance transport), you must obtain prior authorization as soon as possible prior to the transport. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

## Cellular and Gene Therapy

Cellular Therapy and Gene Therapy received on an inpatient or outpatient basis at a Hospital or on an outpatient basis at an Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office.

Benefits for CAR-T therapy for malignancies are provided as described under *Transplantation Services*.

## Clinical Trials

Benefits are available for routine patient care costs incurred during participation in a qualifying Clinical Trial for the treatment of:

- cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition. For purposes of this benefit, a life-threatening disease or condition is one from which the likelihood of death is probable unless the course of the disease or condition is interrupted;

- cardiovascular disease (cardiac/stroke) which is not life threatening, for which, as UnitedHealthcare determines, a Clinical Trial meets the qualifying Clinical Trial criteria stated below;
- surgical musculoskeletal disorders of the spine, hip and knees, which are not life threatening, for which, as UnitedHealthcare determines, a Clinical Trial meets the qualifying Clinical Trial criteria stated below; and
- other diseases or disorders which are not life threatening for which, as UnitedHealthcare determines, a Clinical Trial meets the qualifying Clinical Trial criteria stated below.

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

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

Routine patient care costs for qualifying Clinical Trials include:

- Covered Health Services for which Benefits are typically provided absent a Clinical Trial;
- Covered Health Services required solely for the provision of the investigational item or service, the clinically appropriate monitoring of the effects of the item or service, or the prevention of complications; and
- Covered Health Services needed for reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of an Investigational item or service.

Routine costs for Clinical Trials do not include:

- the Experimental or Investigational Service or item. The only exceptions to this are:
  - certain Category B devices;
  - certain promising interventions for patients with terminal illnesses; and
  - other items and services that meet specified criteria in accordance with UnitedHealthcare's medical and drug policies.
- items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient;
- a service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis; and
- items and services provided by the research sponsors free of charge for any person enrolled in the trial.

With respect to cancer or other life-threatening diseases or conditions, a qualifying Clinical Trial is a Phase I, Phase II, Phase III, or Phase IV Clinical Trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition and which meets any of the following criteria in the bulleted list below.

With respect to cardiovascular disease or musculoskeletal disorders of the spine and hip and knees and other diseases or disorders which are not life-threatening, a qualifying Clinical Trial is a Phase I, Phase II, or Phase III Clinical Trial that is conducted in relation to the

detection or treatment of such non-life-threatening disease or disorder and which meets any of the following criteria in the bulleted list below.

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

Non-Network Benefits are not available if the non-Network provider does not agree to accept the Network level of reimbursement.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator as soon as the possibility of participation in a Clinical Trial arises. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Surgeries**

The Plan pays Benefits for Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) surgeries which are ordered by a Physician. CHD surgical procedures include surgeries to treat conditions such as



coarctation of the aorta, aortic stenosis, tetralogy of fallot, transposition of the great vessels and hypoplastic left or right heart syndrome.

UnitedHealthcare has specific guidelines regarding Benefits for CHD services. Contact UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card for information about these guidelines.

The Plan pays Benefits CHD services ordered by a Physician and received at a CHD Resource Services program.

Benefits include the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment. Benefits are available for the following CHD services:

- outpatient diagnostic testing;
- evaluation;
- surgical interventions;
- interventional cardiac catheterizations (insertion of a tubular device in the heart);
- fetal echocardiograms (examination, measurement and diagnosis of the heart using ultrasound technology); and
- approved fetal interventions.

CHD services other than those listed above are excluded from coverage, unless determined by the Claims Administrator to be proven procedures for the involved diagnoses. Contact CHD Resources at (888) 936-7246 before receiving care for information about CHD services. More information is also available at **[www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com)**.

If you receive Congenital Heart Disease services from a facility that is not a Designated Provider, the Plan pays Benefits as described under:

- Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury;
- Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services;
- Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic;
- Therapeutic Treatments – Outpatient;
- Hospital - Inpatient Stay; and
- Surgery - Outpatient.

To receive Benefits under the CHD program, you must contact CHD Resource Services at 1-888-936-7246 prior to obtaining Covered Health Services. The Plan will only pay Benefits under the CHD program if CHD provides the proper notification to the Designated Provider performing the services (even if you self refer to a provider in that Network).

**Note:** The services described under *Travel and Lodging Assistance Program* in Section 7, *Clinical Programs and Resources* are Covered Health Services only in connection with CHD services received at a Congenital Heart Disease Resource Services program.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator as soon as the possibility of a CHD surgery arises. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

It is important that you notify the Claims Administrator regarding your intention to have surgery. Your notification will open the opportunity to become enrolled in programs that are designed to achieve the best outcomes for you.

**Dental Services - Accident Only**

Dental services are covered by the Plan when all of the following are true:

- treatment is necessary because of accidental damage;
- dental damage does not occur as a result of normal activities of daily living or extraordinary use of the teeth;
- dental services are received from a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Doctor of Medical Dentistry; and
- the dental damage is severe enough that initial contact with a Physician or dentist occurs within 72 hours of the accident. (You may request an extension of this time period provided that you do so within 60 calendar days of the Injury and if extenuating circumstances exist due to the severity of the Injury.)

The Plan also covers dental care (oral examination, X-rays, extractions and non-surgical elimination of oral infection) required for the direct treatment of a medical condition limited to:

- dental services related to medical transplant procedures;
- initiation of immunosuppressives (medication used to reduce inflammation and suppress the immune system); and
- direct treatment of acute traumatic Injury, cancer or cleft palate.

Dental services for final treatment to repair the damage caused by accidental Injury must be started within three months of the accident, or if not a Covered Person at the time of the accident, within the first three months of coverage under the Plan, unless extenuating circumstances exist (such as prolonged hospitalization or the presence of fixation wires from fracture care) and completed within 12 months of the accident, or if not a Covered Person at the time of the accident, within the first 12 months of coverage under the Plan.

The Plan pays for treatment of accidental Injury only for:

- emergency examination;
- necessary diagnostic x-rays;
- endodontic (root canal) treatment;
- temporary splinting of teeth;
- prefabricated post and core;

- simple minimal restorative procedures (fillings);
- extractions;
- post-traumatic crowns if such are the only clinically acceptable treatment; and
- replacement of lost teeth due to the Injury by implant, dentures or bridges.

## Diabetes Services

### *Diabetes Self-Management and Training/Diabetic Eye Examinations/Foot Care*

Outpatient self-management training for the treatment of diabetes, education and medical nutrition therapy services. Services must be ordered by a Physician and provided by appropriately licensed or registered healthcare professionals.

Benefits also include medical eye examinations (dilated retinal examinations) and preventive foot care for diabetes.

### *Diabetic Self-Management Items*

Insulin pumps and supplies for the management and treatment of diabetes, based upon your medical needs include:

- insulin pumps are subject to all the conditions of coverage stated under *Durable Medical Equipment*;
- blood glucose meters, including continuous glucose monitors;
- insulin syringes with needles;
- blood glucose and urine test strips;
- ketone test strips and tablets; and
- lancets and lancet devices.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator before obtaining any DME for the management and treatment of diabetes that costs more than \$1,000 (either retail purchase cost or cumulative retail rental cost of a single item). If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

## Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

The Plan pays for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) that is:

- ordered or provided by a Physician for outpatient use;
- used for medical purposes;
- not consumable or disposable;
- not of use to a person in the absence of a Sickness, Injury or disability;
- durable enough to withstand repeated use; and

- appropriate for use in the home.

If more than one piece of DME can meet your functional needs, you will receive Benefits only for the most Cost-Effective piece of equipment. Benefits are provided for a single unit of DME (example: one insulin pump) and for repairs of that unit. If you rent or purchase a piece of Durable Medical Equipment that exceeds this guideline, you may be responsible for any cost difference between the piece you rent or purchase and the piece UnitedHealthcare has determined is the most Cost-Effective.

Examples of DME include but are not limited to:

- equipment to administer oxygen;
- equipment to assist mobility, such as a standard wheelchair;
- Hospital beds;
- delivery pumps for tube feedings;
- burn garments;
- insulin pumps and all related necessary supplies as described under *Diabetes Services* in this section;
- braces that stabilize an injured body part, including orthotic shoes and necessary adjustments to shoes to accommodate braces. Braces that stabilize an injured body part and braces to treat curvature of the spine are considered Durable Medical Equipment and are a Covered Health Service. Braces that straighten or change the shape of a body part are orthotic devices and are excluded from coverage. Dental braces are also excluded from coverage; and
- equipment for the treatment of chronic or acute respiratory failure or conditions.

Orthoses and orthotic devices are defined as orthopedic appliances or apparatuses used to support, align, prevent or correct deformities. Benefits are provided for custom foot orthoses. Custom foot orthoses are only covered as follows:

- for persons with impaired peripheral sensation and/or altered peripheral circulation (e.g. diabetic neuropathy and peripheral vascular disease);
- when the foot orthosis is an integral part of a leg brace and is necessary for the proper functioning of the brace.

Shoe inserts, arch supports and/or shoes (standard or custom), lifts and wedges are included under this benefit.

The Plan also covers tubings, nasal cannulas, connectors and masks used in connection with DME.

Benefits also include dedicated speech generating devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices required for treatment of severe speech impairment or lack of speech directly attributed to Sickness or Injury. Benefits for the purchase of these devices are available only after completing a required three-month rental period.

To receive Network Benefits, you must obtain the Durable Medical Equipment or orthotic from the vendor the Claims Administrator identifies or from the prescribing Network Physician.

**Note:** DME is different from prosthetic devices – see *Prosthetic Devices* in this section.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator before obtaining any DME or orthotic that costs more than \$1,000 (either retail purchase cost or cumulative retail rental cost of a single item). If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Emergency Health Services - Outpatient**

The Plan's Emergency services Benefit pays for outpatient treatment at a Hospital or Alternate Facility when required to stabilize a patient or initiate treatment.

Benefits under this section are available for services to treat a condition that does not meet the definition of an Emergency.

**Enteral Nutrition**

Benefits are provided for enteral formulas and low protein modified food products, administered either orally or by tube feeding as the primary source of nutrition, for certain conditions which require specialized nutrients or formulas. Examples of conditions include:

- Metabolic diseases such as phenylketonuria (PKU) and maple syrup urine disease.
- Severe food allergies.
- Impaired absorption of nutrients caused by disorders affecting the gastrointestinal tract.
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Benefits for prescription or over-the-counter formula and products are available when a Physician issues a prescription or written order stating the formula or product is Medically Necessary for the therapeutic treatment of a condition requiring specialized nutrients and specifying the quantity and the duration of the prescription or order. The formula or product must be administered under the direction of a Physician or registered dietitian.

For the purpose of this Benefit, "enteral formulas" include:

- Amino acid-based elemental formulas.
- Extensively hydrolyzed protein formulas.
- Modified nutrient content formulas.

For the purpose of this Benefit, "severe food allergies" mean allergies which if left untreated will result in:

- Malnourishment.
- Chronic physical disability.

- Intellectual disability; or
- Loss of life.

## Fertility Services

**Services for the following services only:**

**Fertility Preservation for Non-Medical Reasons** - when you would like to delay Pregnancy for non-medical reasons. Coverage is limited to: collection of sperm, cryopreservation of sperm, ovarian stimulation and retrieval of eggs, oocyte cryopreservation, InVitro fertilization, and embryo cryopreservation. Long-term storage costs (anything longer than 12 months) are not covered.

You do not need to have a diagnosis of Infertility in order to be eligible to receive services described above.

## Gender Dysphoria

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

- psychotherapy for Gender Dysphoria and associated co-morbid psychiatric diagnoses as described under *Mental Health Services* in this section;
- cross-sex hormone therapy:
  - cross-sex hormone therapy administered by a medical provider (for example during an office visit) is provided under *Pharmaceutical Products – Outpatient* in the section; and
  - cross-sex hormone therapy dispensed from a pharmacy is provided under your CVS Caremark plan.
- puberty suppressing medication injected or implanted by a medical provider in a clinical setting;
- laboratory testing to monitor the safety of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy;
- **surgery for the treatment for Gender Dysphoria, including the surgeries listed below:**
  - Bilateral mastectomy or breast reduction
  - Clitoroplasty (creation of clitoris)
  - Hysterectomy (removal of uterus)
  - Labiaplasty (creation of labia)
  - Metoidioplasty (creation of penis, using clitoris)
  - Orchiectomy (removal of testicles)
  - Penectomy (removal of penis)
  - Penile prosthesis
  - Phalloplasty (creation of penis)
  - Salpingo-oophorectomy (removal of fallopian tubes and ovaries)
  - Scrotoplasty (creation of scrotum)
  - Testicular prosthesis
  - Urethroplasty (reconstruction of urethra)
  - Vaginectomy (removal of vagina)
  - Vaginoplasty (creation of vagina)

- Vulvectomy (removal of vulva)

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

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

- a written psychological assessment from at least one qualified behavioral health provider experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria:
  - persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria;
  - capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent for treatment;
  - must be 18 years or older; and
  - if significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled.

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

- a written psychological assessment from at least two qualified behavioral health providers experienced in treating Gender Dysphoria, who have independently assessed the Covered Person. The assessment must document that the Covered Person meets all of the following criteria:
  - persistent, well-documented Gender Dysphoria;
  - capacity to make a fully informed decision and to consent for treatment;
  - must 18 years or older;
  - if significant medical or mental health concerns are present, they must be reasonably well controlled;
  - complete at least 12 months of successful continuous full-time real-life experience in the desired gender; and
  - complete 12 months of continuous cross-sex hormone therapy appropriate for the desired gender (unless medically contraindicated).
- Also included under this Benefit are the following procedures:
  - abdominoplasty;
  - blepharoplasty;
  - body contouring, such as lipoplasty;
  - breast enlargement, including augmentation mammoplasty and breast implants;
  - brow lift;
  - calf implants;
  - cheek, chin, and nose implants;
  - face lift, forehead lift, or neck tightening;
  - facial bone remodeling for facial feminizations;
  - hair removal;
  - hair transplantation;
  - injection of fillers or neurotoxins;
  - lip augmentation;
  - lip reduction;
  - liposuction;

- mastopexy;
- pectoral implants for chest masculinization;
- rhinoplasty;
- skin resurfacing;
- thyroid cartilage reduction; reduction thyroid chondroplasty; trachea shave (removal or reduction of the Adam's Apple);
- voice lessons and voice therapy; and
- voice modification surgery.

- the treatment plan is based on identifiable external sources including the *World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)* standards, and/or evidence-based professional society guidance.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement for Surgical Treatment**

For non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization as soon as the possibility of surgery arises. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must contact the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for an Inpatient Stay.

**It is important that you notify the Claims Administrator as soon as the possibility of surgery arises. Your notification allows the opportunity for the Claims Administrator to provide you with additional information and services that may be available to you and are designed to achieve the best outcomes for you.**

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement for Non-Surgical Treatment**

Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, any applicable prior authorization requirements will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this section.

### **Home Health Care**

Covered Health Services are services that a Home Health Agency provides if you need care in your home due to the nature of your condition. Services must be:

- ordered by a Physician;
- provided by or supervised by a registered nurse in your home, or provided by either a home health aide or licensed practical nurse and supervised by a registered nurse;
- not considered Custodial Care, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*; and
- provided on a part-time, Intermittent Care schedule when Skilled Care is required. Refer to Section 14, *Glossary* for the definition of Skilled Care.

The Claims Administrator will decide if Skilled Care is needed by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management. A service will not be determined to be "skilled" simply because there is not an available caregiver.



Any combination of Network Benefits and Non-Network Benefits is limited to 100 visits per calendar year. One visit equals four hours of Skilled Care services. This visit limit does not include any service which is billed only for the administration of intravenous infusion.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator five business days before receiving services including nutritional foods and Private Duty Nursing or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Hospice Care**

Hospice care is an integrated program recommended by a Physician which provides comfort and support services for the terminally ill. Hospice care can be provided on an inpatient or outpatient basis and includes physical, psychological, social, spiritual and respite care for the terminally ill person, and short-term grief counseling for immediate family members while the Covered Person is receiving hospice care. Benefits are available only when hospice care is received from a licensed hospice agency, which can include a Hospital.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator five business days before admission for an Inpatient Stay in a hospice facility or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits, you must contact the Claims Administrator within 24 hours of admission for an Inpatient Stay in a hospice facility.

**Hospital - Inpatient Stay**

Hospital Benefits are available for:

- non-Physician services and supplies received during an Inpatient Stay;
- room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds); and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists and Emergency room Physicians.

The Plan will pay the difference in cost between a Semi-private Room and a private room only if a private room is necessary according to generally accepted medical practice.

Benefits for an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital are available only when the Inpatient Stay is necessary to prevent, diagnose or treat a Sickness or Injury. Benefits for other Hospital-based Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

Benefits for Emergency admissions and admissions of less than 24 hours are described under *Emergency Health Services and Surgery - Outpatient*, *Scopic Procedures – Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic*, and *Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient*, respectively.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, for:

- A scheduled admission, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission.
- A non-scheduled admission you must provide notification as soon as is reasonably possible.

If you fail to obtain prior authorization from or provide notification to the Claims Administrator as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, for Non-Network Benefits you must contact the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for scheduled admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

**Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostics - Outpatient**

Services for Sickness and Injury-related diagnostic purposes, received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office include, but are not limited to:

- lab and radiology/x-ray; and
- mammography.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment;
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists;
- Genetic Testing ordered by a Physician which results in available medical treatment options following Genetic Counseling; and
- Presumptive Drug Tests and Definitive Drug Tests.

Any combination of Network and Non-Network Benefits is limited to 18 Presumptive Drug Tests per calendar year.

Any combination of Network and Non-Network Benefits is limited to 18 Definitive Drug Tests per calendar year.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* in this section.

Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*. Lab, X-ray and diagnostic services for preventive care are described under *Preventive Care Services* in this section. CT scans, PET scans, MRI, MRA, nuclear medicine and major diagnostic services are described under *Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics - CT, PET Scans, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient* in this section.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for Genetic Testing, sleep studies, stress echocardiography and transthoracic echocardiogram, you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator five business days before scheduled services are received. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics - CT, PET Scans, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient**

Services for CT scans, PET scans, MRI, MRA, nuclear medicine, and major diagnostic services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility or in a Physician's office.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment; and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists.

Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator for CT, PET scans, MRI, MRA, nuclear medicine, including nuclear cardiology, five business days before scheduled services are received. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Mental Health Services**

Mental Health Services include those received on an inpatient or outpatient basis in a Hospital, an Alternate Facility or a provider's office. All services must be provided by or under the direction of a behavioral health provider who is properly licensed and qualified by law and acting within the scope of their licensure.

Benefits include the following levels of care:

- inpatient treatment;
- Residential Treatment;
- Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment;
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment; and
- outpatient treatment.

Inpatient treatment and Residential Treatment includes room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Services include the following:

- diagnostic evaluations, assessment and treatment and/or procedures;
- medication management;
- individual, family, and group therapy;
- crisis intervention.

The Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Administrator provides administrative services for the inpatient treatment.

You are encouraged to contact the Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Administrator for assistance in locating a provider and coordination of care.

### ***Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching***

Specialized virtual behavioral health care provided by AbleTo, Inc. (“AbleTo Therapy360 Program”) for Covered Persons with certain co-occurring behavioral and medical conditions.

AbleTo Therapy360 Program provides behavioral Covered Health Care Services through virtual therapy and coaching services that are individualized and tailored to your specific health needs. Virtual therapy is provided by licensed therapists. Coaching services are provided by coaches who are supervised by licensed professionals.

Except for the initial consultation, Covered Persons with a high deductible health plan (HDHP) must meet their Annual Deductible before they are able to receive Benefits for these services. There are no deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance for the initial consultation.

If you would like information regarding these services, you may contact the Claims Administrator at the telephone number on your ID Card.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for:

- A scheduled admission for Mental Health Services (including Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment and admission for services at a Residential Treatment facility), you must obtain authorization five business days before admission.
- A non-scheduled admission you must provide notification as soon as is reasonably possible.

If you fail to obtain prior authorization from or provide notification as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

### **Neurobiological Disorders - Autism Spectrum Disorder Services**

The Plan pays Benefits for behavioral services for Autism Spectrum Disorder including Intensive Behavioral Therapies such as *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)* that are the following:

- focused on the treatment of core deficits of Autism Spectrum Disorder;

- provided by a *Board Certified Applied Behavior Analyst (BCBA)* or other qualified provider under the appropriate supervision; and
- focused on treating maladaptive/stereotypic behaviors that are posing danger to self, others and property and impairment in daily functioning.

These Benefits describe only the behavioral component of treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Medical treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder is a Covered Health Service for which Benefits are available under the applicable medical Covered Health Services categories as described in this section.

Benefits include the following levels of care:

- inpatient treatment;
- Residential Treatment;
- Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment;
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment; and
- outpatient treatment.

Inpatient treatment and Residential Treatment includes room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Services include the following:

- diagnostic evaluations, assessment and treatment and/or procedures;
- medication management;
- individual, family, and group therapy;
- crisis intervention.

The Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Administrator provides administrative services for the inpatient treatment.

You are encouraged to contact the Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Administrator for assistance in locating a provider and coordination of care.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for:

- A scheduled admission for Neurobiological Disorders - Autism Spectrum Disorder Services (including Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment and admission for services at a Residential Treatment facility), you must obtain authorization five business days before admission.
- A non-scheduled admission you must provide notification as soon as is reasonably possible.

If you fail to obtain prior authorization from or provide notification as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

## Nutritional Counseling

The Plan will pay for Covered Health Services for medical education services provided in a Physician's office by an appropriately licensed or healthcare professional when:

- education is required for a disease in which patient self-management is an important component of treatment; and
- there exists a knowledge deficit regarding the disease which requires the intervention of a trained health professional.

Some examples of such medical conditions include but are not limited to:

- coronary artery disease;
- congestive heart failure;
- severe obstructive airway disease;
- eating disorders;
- gout (a form of arthritis);
- renal failure;
- phenylketonuria (a genetic disorder diagnosed at infancy); and
- hyperlipidemia (excess of fatty substances in the blood).

Benefits are limited to three visits per calendar year for diabetic management. This limit applies to non-preventive nutritional counseling services only.

When nutritional counseling services are billed as a preventive care service, these services will be paid as described under *Preventive Care Services* in this section.

## Orthognathic Surgery

The following are eligible for coverage as reconstructive:

- acute traumatic injury, and post-surgical sequela;
- cancerous or non-cancerous tumors and cysts, cancer and cancer sequela.

The following are eligible for coverage when documentation requirements are met (see below):

- obstructive sleep apnea;
- cleft lip/palate (for cleft lip/palate related jaw surgery);
- congenital anomalies that meet the criteria for reconstructive. Depending on a patient-specific clinical review, examples might include: midface hypoplasia, Pierre Robin Syndrome, Hemifacial Microsomia, and Treacher Collins Syndrome;
- dislocation of the jaw (whether due to blunt force trauma or any other cause including yawning, eating, etc.). Please note that closed treatment of dislocation of the jaw may be done instead of an open cutting jaw surgery.

## Ostomy Supplies

Benefits for ostomy supplies are limited to:

- pouches, face plates and belts;
- irrigation sleeves, bags and ostomy irrigation catheters; and
- skin barriers.

## Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient

The Plan pays for Pharmaceutical Products that are administered on an outpatient basis in a Hospital, Alternate Facility, Physician's office, or in a Covered Person's home. Examples of what would be included under this category are antibiotic injections in the Physician's office or inhaled medication in an Urgent Care Center for treatment of an asthma attack.

Benefits under this section are provided only for Pharmaceutical Products which, due to their characteristics (as determined by UnitedHealthcare), must typically be administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional. Depending on where the Pharmaceutical Product is administered, Benefits will be provided for administration of the Pharmaceutical Product under the corresponding Benefit category in this SPD.

If you require certain Pharmaceutical Products, including specialty Pharmaceutical Products, UnitedHealthcare may direct you to a designated dispensing entity with whom UnitedHealthcare has an arrangement to provide those Pharmaceutical Products. Such Dispensing Entities may include an outpatient pharmacy, specialty pharmacy, Home Health Agency provider, Hospital-affiliated pharmacy or hemophilia treatment center contracted pharmacy.

If you/your provider are directed to a designated dispensing entity and you/your provider choose not to obtain your Pharmaceutical Product from a designated dispensing entity, Network Benefits are not available for that Pharmaceutical Product.

Certain Pharmaceutical Products are subject to step therapy requirements. This means that in order to receive Benefits for such Pharmaceutical Products, you must use a different Pharmaceutical Product and/or prescription drug product first. You may find out whether a particular Pharmaceutical Product is subject to step therapy requirements by contacting UnitedHealthcare at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.

UnitedHealthcare may have certain programs in which you may receive an enhanced or reduced Benefit based on your actions such as adherence/compliance to medication or treatment regimens and/or participation in health management programs. You may access information on these programs through the Internet at **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* in this section.

**Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services**

The Plan pays Physician fees for surgical procedures and other medical care received from a Physician in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Alternate Facility, or for Physician house calls.

**Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury**

Benefits are paid by the Plan for Covered Health Services provided in a Physician's office for the diagnosis and treatment of a Sickness or Injury. Benefits are provided under this section regardless of whether the Physician's office is free-standing, located in a clinic or located in a Hospital. Benefits under this section include allergy injections and hearing exams in case of Injury or Sickness.

Covered Health Services include medical education services that are provided in a Physician's office by appropriately licensed or registered healthcare professionals when both of the following are true:

- Education is required for a disease in which patient self-management is an important component of treatment.
- There exists a knowledge deficit regarding the disease which requires the intervention of a trained health professional.

Covered Health Services include genetic counseling.

Benefits for preventive services are described under *Preventive Care Services* in this section.

Benefits under this section include lab, radiology/x-ray or other diagnostic services performed in the Physician's office. Benefits under this section do not include CT scans, PET scans, MRI, MRA, nuclear medicine and major diagnostic services.

**Please Note**

Your Physician does not have a copy of your SPD, and is not responsible for knowing or communicating your Benefits.

**Pregnancy - Maternity Services**

Benefits for Pregnancy will be paid at the same level as Benefits for any other condition, Sickness or Injury. This includes all maternity-related medical services for prenatal care, postnatal care, delivery, and any related complications.

The Plan will pay Benefits for an Inpatient Stay of at least:

- 48 hours for the mother and newborn child following a vaginal delivery; or
- 96 hours for the mother and newborn child following a cesarean section delivery.

These are federally mandated requirements under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996 which apply to this Plan. The Hospital or other provider is not required to get authorization for the time periods stated above. Authorizations are required



for longer lengths of stay. If the mother agrees, the attending Physician may discharge the mother and/or the newborn child earlier than these minimum timeframes.

Both before and during a Pregnancy, Benefits include the services of a genetic counselor when provided or referred by a Physician. These Benefits are available to all Covered Persons in the immediate family. Covered Health Services include related tests and treatment.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits, you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator as soon as reasonably possible if the Inpatient Stay for the mother and/or the newborn will be more than 48 hours for the mother and newborn child following a normal vaginal delivery, or more than 96 hours for the mother and newborn child following a cesarean section delivery. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Healthy moms and babies**

The Plan provides a special prenatal program to help during Pregnancy. Participation is voluntary and free of charge. See Section 7, *Clinical Programs and Resources*, for details.

**Preventive Care Services**

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

- evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of "A" or "B" in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force;
- immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- with respect to infants, children and adolescents, evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and
- with respect to women, such additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

In addition to the services listed above, this preventive care benefit includes certain:

- routine lab tests;
- Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) screening;
- diagnostic consults to prevent disease and detect abnormalities;
- diagnostic radiology and nuclear imaging procedures to screen for abnormalities;

- breast cancer screening and genetic testing;
- tests to support cardiovascular health;
- annual HIV counseling and screening for sexually active Covered Persons;
- annual interpersonal and domestic violence screening and counseling; and
- annual counseling on sexually transmitted infections for sexually active Covered Persons.

These additional services are paid under the preventive care benefit when billed by your provider with a wellness diagnosis. Call the number on your ID card for additional information regarding coverage available for specific services.

Preventive care Benefits defined under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) requirement include the cost of renting one breast pump per Pregnancy in conjunction with childbirth. Breast pumps must be ordered by or provided by a Physician. You can obtain additional information on how to access Benefits for breast pumps by going to **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the number on your ID card. Benefits for breast pumps also include the cost of purchasing one breast pump per Pregnancy in conjunction with childbirth. These Benefits are described under Section 5, *Plan Highlights*, under *Covered Health Services*.

If more than one breast pump can meet your needs, Benefits are available only for the most cost effective pump. The Claims Administrator will determine the following:

- which pump is the most cost effective;
- whether the pump should be purchased or rented;
- duration of a rental;
- timing of an acquisition.

Benefits are only available if breast pumps are obtained from a DME provider or Physician.

For questions about your preventive care Benefits under this Plan call the number on your ID card.

### **Private Duty Nursing - Outpatient**

The Plan covers Private Duty Nursing care given on an outpatient basis by a licensed nurse such as a Registered Nurse (R.N.), Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.), or Licensed Vocational Nurse (L.V.N.).

Any combination of Network Benefits and Non-Network Benefits is limited to 60 visits per Covered Person per calendar year.

### **Prosthetic Devices**

Benefits are paid by the Plan for external prosthetic devices that replace a limb or body part limited to:

- artificial arms, legs, feet and hands;

- artificial face, eyes, ears and nose; and
- breast prosthesis as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, Benefits include mastectomy bras and lymphedema stockings for the arm.

Benefits under this section are provided only for external prosthetic devices and do not include any device that is fully implanted into the body other than breast prostheses.

If more than one prosthetic device can meet your functional needs, Benefits are available only for the prosthetic device that meets the minimum specifications for your needs. The device must be ordered or provided either by a Physician, or under a Physician's direction. If you purchase a prosthetic device that exceeds these minimum specifications, the Plan will pay only the amount that it would have paid for the prosthetic that meets the minimum specifications, and you may be responsible for paying any difference in cost.

Benefits are available for repairs and replacement, except that:

- there are no Benefits for repairs due to misuse, malicious damage or gross neglect; and
- there are no Benefits for replacement due to misuse, malicious damage, gross neglect or for lost or stolen prosthetic devices.

Covered Health Services includes cranial band treatment including surgery that is elective in nature. Cranial bands are covered without restrictions.

**Note:** Prosthetic devices are different from DME - see *Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* in this section.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator before obtaining prosthetic devices that exceeds \$1,000 in cost per device. If prior authorization is not obtained as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

### **Reconstructive Procedures**

Reconstructive procedures are services performed when the primary purpose of the procedure is either to treat a medical condition or to improve or restore physiologic function for an organ or body part. Reconstructive procedures include surgery or other procedures which are associated with an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly. The primary result of the procedure is not a changed or improved physical appearance.

Improving or restoring physiologic function means that the organ or body part is made to work better. An example of a Reconstructive Procedure is surgery on the inside of the nose so that a person's breathing can be improved or restored.

Benefits for reconstructive procedures include breast reconstruction following a mastectomy and reconstruction of the non-affected breast to achieve symmetry. Replacement of an existing breast implant is covered by the Plan if the initial breast implant followed mastectomy. Other services required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, including breast prostheses and treatment of complications, are provided in the same

manner and at the same level as those for any other Covered Health Service. You can contact UnitedHealthcare at the telephone number on your ID card for more information about Benefits for mastectomy-related services.

There may be times when the primary purpose of a procedure is to make a body part work better. However, in other situations, the purpose of the same procedure is to improve the appearance of a body part. Cosmetic procedures are excluded from coverage. Procedures that correct an anatomical Congenital Anomaly without improving or restoring physiologic function are considered Cosmetic Procedures. A good example is upper eyelid surgery. At times, this procedure will be done to improve vision, which is considered a reconstructive procedure. In other cases, improvement in appearance is the primary intended purpose, which is considered a Cosmetic Procedure. This Plan does not provide Benefits for Cosmetic Procedures, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.

The fact that a Covered Person may suffer psychological consequences or socially avoidant behavior as a result of an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly does not classify surgery (or other procedures done to relieve such consequences or behavior) as a reconstructive procedure.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for:

- A scheduled reconstructive procedure, you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator five business days before a scheduled reconstructive procedure is performed.
- A non-scheduled reconstructive procedure, you must provide notification within two business days or as soon as is reasonably possible.

If authorization is not obtained as required, or notification is not provided, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, you must contact the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for scheduled inpatient admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled inpatient admissions.

**Rehabilitation and Habilitative Services - Outpatient Therapy and Manipulative Treatment**

The Plan provides short-term outpatient rehabilitation services (including habilitative services):

- physical therapy;
- occupational therapy;
- Manipulative Treatment;
- speech therapy;
- post-cochlear implant aural therapy;
- vision therapy;
- pulmonary rehabilitation; and

■ cardiac rehabilitation.

For all rehabilitation services, a licensed therapy provider, under the direction of a Physician (when required by state law), must perform the services. Benefits under this section include rehabilitation services provided in a Physician's office or on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility. Rehabilitative services provided in a Covered Person's home by a Home Health Agency are provided as described under *Home Health Care*. Rehabilitative services provided in a Covered Person's home other than by a Home Health Agency are provided as described under this section.

Benefits can be denied or shortened for Covered Persons who are not progressing in goal-directed rehabilitation services or if rehabilitation goals have previously been met. Benefits can be denied or shortened for Covered Persons who are not progressing in goal-directed Manipulative Treatment or if treatment goals have previously been met. Benefits under this section are not available for maintenance/preventive Manipulative Treatment.

***Habilitative Services***

For the purpose of this Benefit, "habilitative services" means Medically Necessary skilled health care services that help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Habilitative services are skilled when all of the following are true:

- the services are part of a prescribed plan of treatment or maintenance program that is Medically Necessary to maintain a Covered Person's current condition or to prevent or slow further decline;
- it is ordered by a Physician and provided and administered by a licensed provider;
- it is not delivered for the purpose of assisting with activities of daily living, including dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair;
- it requires clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively; and
- it is not Custodial Care.

The Claims Administrator will determine if Benefits are available by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management. Therapies provided for the purpose of general well-being or conditioning in the absence of a disabling condition are not considered habilitative services. A service will not be determined to be "skilled" simply because there is not an available caregiver.

Benefits are provided for habilitative services for Covered Persons with a disabling condition when both of the following conditions are met:

- The treatment is administered by a licensed speech-language pathologist, licensed audiologist, licensed occupational therapist, licensed physical therapist or Physician.
- The initial or continued treatment must be proven and not Experimental or Investigational.

Benefits for habilitative services do not apply to those services that are solely educational in nature or otherwise paid under state or federal law for purely educational services. Custodial Care, respite care, day care, therapeutic recreation, educational/vocational training and

Residential Treatment are not habilitative services. A service or treatment plan that does not help the Covered Person to meet functional goals is not a habilitative service.

The Plan may require the following be provided:

- medical records;
- other necessary data to allow the Plan to prove medical treatment is needed.

When the treating provider expects that continued treatment is or will be required to allow the Covered Person to achieve progress, the Claims Administrator may request additional medical records.

Benefits for Durable Medical Equipment and prosthetic devices, when used as a component of habilitative services, are described under *Durable Medical Equipment* and *Prosthetic Devices* in this section.

Other than as described under Habilitative Services above, please note that the Plan will pay Benefits for speech therapy for the treatment of disorders of speech, language, voice, communication and auditory processing only when the disorder results from Injury, stroke, cancer or Congenital Anomaly.

Any combination of Network and Non-Network Benefits are limited to:

- 60 visits per calendar year for physical, occupational and speech therapy combined;
- 20 visits per calendar year for pulmonary rehabilitation therapy;
- 36 visits per calendar year for cardiac rehabilitation therapy; and
- 60 visits per calendar year for Manipulative Treatment.

### **Scopic Procedures - Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic**

The Plan pays for diagnostic and therapeutic scopic procedures and related services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility.

Diagnostic scopic procedures are those for visualization, biopsy and polyp removal. Examples of diagnostic scopic procedures include colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy, and endoscopy.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment; and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists.

When these services are performed in a Physician's office, Benefits are described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* in this section. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

Please note that Benefits under this section do not include surgical scopic procedures, which are for the purpose of performing surgery. Benefits for surgical scopic procedures are

described under *Surgery - Outpatient*. Examples of surgical scopic procedures include arthroscopy, laparoscopy, bronchoscopy, hysteroscopy.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility/Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services**

Facility services for an Inpatient Stay in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility are covered by the Plan. Benefits include:

- supplies and non-Physician services received during the Inpatient Stay; and
- room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds); and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists.

Benefits are available when skilled nursing and/or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility services are needed on a daily basis. Benefits are also available in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility for treatment of a Sickness or Injury that would have otherwise required an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital.

Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

UnitedHealthcare will determine if Benefits are available by reviewing both the skilled nature of the service and the need for Physician-directed medical management. A service will not be determined to be "skilled" simply because there is not an available caregiver.

Benefits are available only if both of the following are true:

- the initial confinement in a Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility was or will be a cost-effective alternative to an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital; and
- you will receive skilled care services that are not primarily Custodial Care.

Skilled care is skilled nursing, skilled teaching, and skilled rehabilitation services when all of the following are true:

- it must be delivered or supervised by licensed technical or professional medical personnel in order to obtain the specified medical outcome, and provide for the safety of the patient;
- it is ordered by a Physician;
- it is not delivered for the purpose of assisting with activities of daily living, including but not limited to dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair; and
- it requires clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively.

You are expected to improve to a predictable level of recovery. Benefits can be denied or shortened for Covered Persons who are not progressing in goal-directed rehabilitation services or if discharge rehabilitation goals have previously been met.

**Note:** The Plan does not pay Benefits for Custodial Care or Domiciliary Care, even if ordered by a Physician, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.

Any combination of Network Benefits and Non-Network Benefits is limited to 100 days per calendar year.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for:

- A scheduled admission, you must obtain prior authorization five business days before admission or as soon as reasonably possible.
- A non-scheduled admission you must provide notification within two business days or as soon as is reasonably possible.

If authorization is not obtained as required, or notification is not provided, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

In addition, you must contact the Claims Administrator 24 hours before admission for scheduled admissions or as soon as is reasonably possible for non-scheduled admissions.

**Substance Use Disorder Services**

Substance Use Disorder Services (also known as substance-related and addictive disorders services) include those received on an inpatient or outpatient basis in a Hospital, an Alternate Facility or in a provider's office. All services must be provided by or under the direction of a behavioral health provider who is properly licensed and qualified by law and acting within the scope of their licensure.

Benefits include the following levels of care:

- inpatient treatment;
- Residential Treatment;
- Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment;
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment;
- outpatient treatment; and
- Methadone Maintenance Therapy (MAT) is available for both pain management and opioid addiction treatment.

Inpatient treatment and Residential Treatment includes room and board in a Semi-private Room (a room with two or more beds).

Services include the following:

- diagnostic evaluations, assessment and treatment and/or procedures;
- medication management;
- Methadone Maintenance Therapy (MAT) is available for both pain management and opioid addiction treatment.
- individual, family, and group therapy;
- crisis intervention.



The Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Administrator provides administrative services for the inpatient treatment.

You are encouraged to contact the Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Administrator for assistance in locating a provider and coordination of care.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for:

- A scheduled admission for Substance Use Disorders Services (including Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment and admission for services at a Residential Treatment facility), you must obtain authorization five business days before admission.
- A non-scheduled admission you must provide notification as soon as is reasonably possible.

If you fail to obtain prior authorization from or provide notification as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Surgery - Outpatient**

The Plan pays for surgery and related services received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility.

Benefits under this section include certain scopic procedures. Examples of surgical scopic procedures include arthroscopy, laparoscopy, bronchoscopy and hysteroscopy.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for supplies and equipment; and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

**Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for cardiac catheterization, pacemaker insertion, implantable cardioverter defibrillators, diagnostic catheterization, electrophysiology implant and sleep apnea surgeries you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator five business days before scheduled services are received or, for non-scheduled services, within two business days or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

**Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services**

The Plan covers Services for the evaluation and treatment of temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ) and associated muscles.

Diagnosis: Examination, radiographs and applicable imaging studies and consultation.

Non-surgical treatment including clinical examinations, oral appliances (orthotic splints), arthrocentesis and trigger-point injections.

Benefits are provided for surgical treatment if the following criteria are met:

- there is clearly demonstrated radiographic evidence of significant joint abnormality;
- non-surgical treatment has failed to adequately resolve the symptoms; and
- pain or dysfunction is moderate or severe.

Benefits for surgical services include arthrocentesis, arthroscopy, arthroplasty, arthrotomy, open or closed reduction of dislocations. Benefits for surgical services also include *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)*-approved TMJ implants only when all other treatment has failed.

Benefits for an Inpatient Stay in a Hospital and Hospital-based Physician services are described in this section under *Hospital – Inpatient Stay* and *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*, respectively.

### **Therapeutic Treatments - Outpatient**

The Plan pays Benefits for therapeutic treatments received on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility, including but not limited to dialysis (both hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis), intravenous chemotherapy or other intravenous infusion therapy and radiation oncology.

Covered Health Services include medical education services that are provided on an outpatient basis at a Hospital or Alternate Facility by appropriately licensed or registered healthcare professionals when:

- education is required for a disease in which patient self-management is an important component of treatment; and
- there exists a knowledge deficit regarding the disease which requires the intervention of a trained health professional.

Benefits under this section include:

- the facility charge and the charge for related supplies and equipment; and
- Physician services for radiologists, anesthesiologists and pathologists. Benefits for other Physician services are described in this section under *Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services*.

#### **Prior Authorization Requirement**

For Non-Network Benefits for IV infusion, intensity modulated radiation therapy and MR-guided focused ultrasound, you must obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator five business days before scheduled services are received or, for non-scheduled services, within one business day or as soon as is reasonably possible. If you fail to obtain prior authorization as required, Benefits will be reduced to 50% of Eligible Expenses.

## Transplantation Services

Organ and tissue transplants, including CAR-T cell therapy for malignancies, when ordered by a Physician. Benefits are available for transplants when the transplant meets the definition of a Covered Health Service, and is not an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service.

Examples of transplants for which Benefits are available include bone marrow, including CAR-T cell therapy for malignancies, heart, heart/lung, lung, kidney, kidney/pancreas, liver, liver/small bowel, pancreas, small bowel and cornea.

Donor costs that are directly related to organ removal or procurement are Covered Health Services for which Benefits are payable through the organ recipient's coverage under the Plan.

The Claims Administrator has specific guidelines regarding Benefits for transplant services. Contact the Claims Administrator at the number on your ID card for information about these guidelines.

Transplantation services including evaluation for transplant, organ procurement and donor searches and transplantation procedures must be received at an Optum designated Center of Excellence. Non-network benefits are not available for Transplant Services.

Benefits are also available for cornea transplants. You are not required to obtain prior authorization from the Claims Administrator for a cornea transplant nor is the cornea transplant required to be performed at a Center of Excellence.

**Note:** The services described under *Travel and Lodging Assistance Program* in Section 7, *Clinical Programs and Resources* are Covered Health Services only in connection with transplant services received at a Center of Excellence.

### **Support in the event of serious illness**

If you or a covered family member needs an organ or bone marrow transplant, UnitedHealthcare can put you in touch with quality treatment centers around the country.

## Urgent Care Center Services

The Plan provides Benefits for services, including professional services, received at an Urgent Care Center, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*. When Urgent Care services are provided in a Physician's office, the Plan pays Benefits as described under *Physician's Office Services - Sickness and Injury* earlier in this section.

## Urinary Catheters

Benefits for external, indwelling and intermittent urinary catheters for incontinence or retention.

Benefits include related urologic supplies for indwelling catheters limited to:

- Urinary drainage bag and insertion tray (kit).

- Anchoring device.
- Irrigation tubing set.

### **Virtual Care Services**

Virtual care for Covered Health Services that includes the diagnosis and treatment of less serious medical conditions. Virtual care provides communication of medical information in real-time between the patient and a distant Physician or health specialist, outside of a medical facility (for example, from home or from work).

Network Benefits are available only when services are delivered through a Designated Virtual Network Provider. You can find a Designated Virtual Network Provider by contacting the Claims Administrator at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or the telephone number on your ID card.

Benefits are available for the following:

- Urgent on-demand health care delivered through live audio with video or audio only technology for treatment of acute but non-emergency medical needs.

Please Note: Not all medical conditions can be treated through virtual care. The Designated Virtual Network Provider will identify any condition for which treatment by in-person Physician contact is needed.

Benefits do not include email, fax and standard telephone calls, or for services that occur within medical facilities (*CMS* defined originating facilities).

### **Vision Examinations**

The Plan pays Benefits for:

- vision screenings, which could be performed as part of an annual physical examination in a provider's office or outpatient facility (vision screenings do not include refractive examinations to detect vision impairment); and
- one routine vision exam, including refraction, to detect vision impairment by a provider in the provider's office every 24 months.

### **Wigs**

The Plan pays Benefits for wigs and other scalp hair prosthesis only for loss of hair that is the result of a medical diagnosis or condition such as alopecia or as a result of chemotherapy treatment.

Any combination of Network Benefits and Non-Network Benefits is limited to one wig per calendar year up to \$350. Replacements limited to a single purchase of a type once every one year.

## SECTION 7 - CLINICAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

**What this section includes:**

Health and well-being resources available to you, including:

- Consumer Solutions and Self-Service Tools;
- Disease Management Services; and
- Wellness Programs.

The George Washington University believes in giving you the tools you need to be an educated health care consumer. To that end, the George Washington University has made available several convenient educational and support services, accessible by phone and the Internet, which can help you to:

- take care of yourself and your family members;
- manage a chronic health condition; and
- navigate the complexities of the health care system.

**NOTE:**

Information obtained through the services identified in this section is based on current medical literature and on Physician review. It is not intended to replace the advice of a doctor. The information is intended to help you make better health care decisions and take a greater responsibility for your own health. UnitedHealthcare and the George Washington University are not responsible for the results of your decisions from the use of the information, including, but not limited to, your choosing to seek or not to seek professional medical care, or your choosing or not choosing specific treatment based on the text.

### Consumer Solutions and Self-Service Tools

***Health Survey***

You and your Spouse are invited to learn more about your health and wellness at **[www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)** and are encouraged to participate in the online health survey. The health survey is an interactive questionnaire designed to help you identify your healthy habits as well as potential health risks.

Your health survey is kept confidential. Completing the survey will not impact your Benefits or eligibility for Benefits in any way.

If you need any assistance with the online survey, please call the number on your ID card.

***Reminder Programs***

To help you stay healthy, UnitedHealthcare may send you and your covered Dependents reminders to schedule recommended screening exams. Examples of reminders include:

- mammograms for women;
- pediatric and adolescent immunizations;

- cervical cancer screenings for women;
- comprehensive screenings for individuals with diabetes; and
- influenza/pneumonia immunizations for enrollees.

There is no need to enroll in this program. You will receive a reminder automatically if you have not had a recommended screening exam.

### ***Treatment Support***

In order to help you make informed decisions about your health care, UnitedHealthcare has a program called Treatment Support. This program targets specific conditions as well as the treatments and procedures for those conditions.

This program offers:

- access to health care information;
- support by a nurse to help you make more informed decisions in your treatment and care;
- expectations of treatment; and
- information on high quality providers and programs.

Conditions for which this program is available include:

- back pain;
- knee & hip replacement;
- prostate disease;
- prostate cancer;
- benign uterine conditions;
- breast cancer; and
- coronary disease.

Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. If you think you may be eligible to participate or would like additional information regarding the program, please contact the number on your ID card.

### ***UnitedHealth Premium® Program***

To help people make more informed choices about their health care, the UnitedHealth Premium® program recognizes Network Physicians who meet standards for quality and cost efficiency. UnitedHealthcare uses evidence-based medicine and national industry guidelines to evaluate quality. The cost efficiency standards rely on local market benchmarks for the efficient use of resources in providing care.

For details on the UnitedHealth Premium® program including how to locate a UnitedHealth Premium® Physician or facility, log onto **www.myuhc.com** or call the toll-free number on your ID card.

***www.myuhc.com***

UnitedHealthcare's member website, **www.myuhc.com**, provides information at your fingertips anywhere and anytime you have access to the Internet. **www.myuhc.com** opens the door to a wealth of health information and convenient self-service tools to meet your needs.

With **www.myuhc.com** you can:

- research a health condition and treatment options to get ready for a discussion with your Physician;
- search for Network providers available in your Plan through the online provider directory;
- complete a health survey to identify health habits you can improve, learn about healthy lifestyle techniques and access health improvement resources;
- use the treatment cost estimator to obtain an estimate of the costs of various procedures in your area; and
- use the Hospital comparison tool to compare Hospitals in your area on various patient safety and quality measures.

**Registering on www.myuhc.com**

If you have not already registered as a **www.myuhc.com** subscriber, simply go to **www.myuhc.com** and click on "Register Now." Have your UnitedHealthcare ID card handy. The enrollment process is quick and easy.

Visit **www.myuhc.com** and:

- make real-time inquiries into the status and history of your claims;
- view eligibility and Plan Benefit information, including Copays and Annual Deductibles;
- view and print all of your Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) online; and
- order a new or replacement ID card or, print a temporary ID card.

**Want to learn more about a condition or treatment?**

Log on to **www.myuhc.com** and research health topics that are of interest to you. Learn about a specific condition, what the symptoms are, how it is diagnosed, how common it is, and what to ask your Physician.

***Health Management Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching Programs provided through AbleTo, Inc.***

The Virtual Behavioral Health Therapy and Coaching program identifies Covered Persons with chronic medical conditions that frequently co-occur with mental health challenges, and provides support through virtual sessions for depression, anxiety and stress that often accompany chronic medical health issues like diabetes, cancer or cardiac conditions. This means that you may be called by a licensed clinical social worker or coach. You may also call the program and speak with a licensed clinical social worker or coach.

This Plan includes access to an online portal available specifically for Covered Persons enrolled in the program for monitoring your progress toward meeting all the participation criteria.

You're encouraged to visit the site frequently to keep abreast of the activities you should be completing and ensure that your information is up-to-date. The site also includes links to other helpful tools and resources for Behavioral Health.

The program is provided through AbleTo, Inc. Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. If you think you may be eligible to participate or would like additional information regarding the program, please contact the number on your ID card.

### **Disease Management Services**

If you have been diagnosed with certain chronic medical conditions you may be eligible to participate in a disease management program at no cost to you. The heart failure, coronary artery disease, diabetes, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and asthma programs are designed to support you. This means that you will receive free educational information and may even be called by a registered nurse who is a specialist in your specific medical condition. This nurse will be a resource to advise and help you manage your condition.

These programs offer:

- educational materials that provide guidance on managing your specific chronic medical condition. This may include information on symptoms, warning signs, self-management techniques, recommended exams and medications;
- access to educational and self-management resources on a consumer website;
- an opportunity for the disease management nurse to work with your Physician to ensure that you are receiving the appropriate care; and
- toll-free access to and one-on-one support from a registered nurse who specializes in your condition. Examples of support topics include:
  - education about the specific disease and condition,
  - medication management and compliance,
  - reinforcement of on-line behavior modification program goals,
  - preparation and support for upcoming Physician visits,
  - review of psychosocial services and community resources,
  - caregiver status and in-home safety,
  - use of mail-order pharmacy and Network providers.

Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. If you think you may be eligible to participate or would like additional information regarding the program, please contact the number on your ID card.



## **Complex Medical Conditions Programs and Services**

### ***Cancer Resource Services (CRS) Program***

Your Plan offers Cancer Resource Services (CRS) program to provide you with access to information and member assistance through a team of specialized cancer nurse consultants and access to one of the nation's leading cancer programs.

To learn more about CRS, visit [www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com) or call the number on your ID card or call the program directly at 1-866-936-6002.

Coverage for oncology services and oncology-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary.

Your Plan Sponsor is providing you with Travel and Lodging assistance. Refer to the *Travel and Lodging Assistance Program* in this section for more information.

### ***Cancer Support Program***

UnitedHealthcare provides a program that identifies and supports a Covered Person who has cancer. The program is designed to support you. This means that you may be called by a registered nurse who is a specialist in cancer and receive free educational information through the mail. You may also call the program and speak with a nurse whenever you need to. This nurse will be a resource and advocate to help you manage your condition. This program will work with you and your Physicians, as appropriate, to offer support and education on cancer, and self-care strategies treatment options.

Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. If you think you may be eligible to participate or would like additional information regarding the program, please call the number on your ID card or call the program directly at 1-866 936-6002.

For information regarding specific Benefits for cancer treatment within the Plan, see Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details* under the heading *Cancer Resource Services (CRS)*.

### ***Kidney Resource Services (KRS) program End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)***

The Kidney Resource Services program provides Covered Persons with access to a registered nurse advocate who specializes in helping individuals live with kidney disease. As a participant in the KRS program, you'll work with a nurse who will provide you with support and information. The nurse can help you manage other conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. He or she can also help you find doctors, specialists and dialysis centers. This program is available at no extra cost to you.

With KRS, you have access to a registered nurse who specializes in kidney health. This program is designed to help you be your own best advocate for your health. You may have been referred to the KRS program by your medical provider or from past claim information. As part of your health insurance benefits, it's available at no extra cost to you.

KRS nurse advocates are available, Monday through Friday toll-free at 1-866-561-7518 (TTY: 711).

Coverage for dialysis and kidney-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary.

### ***Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Resource Services***

UnitedHealthcare provides a program that identifies and supports a Covered Person who has Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) through all stages of treatment and recovery. This program will work with you and your Physicians, as appropriate, to offer support and education on CHD. Program features include clinical management by specialized CHD Nurses, support from specialized Social Workers, assistance with choosing Physicians and Facilities, and access to Designated Providers.

To learn more about CHD Resource Services program, visit **[www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com)** or call UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card or you can call the CHD Resource Services Nurse Team at 888-936-7246.

Coverage for CHD surgeries and related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary. If you are considering any CHD surgeries you must contact CHD Resource Services prior to surgery to enroll in the program in order for the surgery to be considered a Covered Health Service under the Plan.

Your Plan Sponsor is providing you with Travel and Lodging assistance. Refer to the *Travel and Lodging Assistance Program* in this section for more information.

### ***Transplant Resource Services (TRS) Program***

Your Plan offers Transplant Resource Services (TRS) program to provide you with access to one of the nation's leading transplant programs. Receiving transplant services through this program means your transplant treatment is based on a "best practices" approach from health care professionals with extensive expertise in transplantation.

To learn more about Transplant Resource Services, visit **[www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com)** or call the number on your ID card.

Coverage for transplant and transplant-related services are based on your health plan's terms, exclusions, limitations and conditions, including the plan's eligibility requirements and coverage guidelines. Participation in this program is voluntary.

Your Plan Sponsor is providing you with Travel and Lodging assistance. Refer to the *Travel and Lodging Assistance Program* in this section for more information.

### ***Complex Medical Conditions Travel and Lodging Assistance Program for the Covered Health Services described below.***

Your Plan Sponsor may provide you with Travel and Lodging assistance. Travel and Lodging assistance is only available for you or your eligible family member if you meet the qualifications for the benefit, including receiving care at a Designated Provider and the distance from your home address to the facility. Eligible Expenses are reimbursed after the expense forms have been completed and submitted with the appropriate receipts.

If you have specific questions regarding the Travel and Lodging Assistance Program, please call the Travel and Lodging office at 1-800-842-0843.

### ***Travel and Lodging Expenses***

The Plan covers expenses for travel and lodging for the Covered Person, provided the Covered Person is not covered by Medicare, and a companion as follows:

- Transportation of the Covered Person and one companion who is traveling on the same day(s) to and/or from the site of the qualified procedure provided by a Designated Provider for care related to one of the programs listed below.
- The Eligible Expenses for lodging for the Covered Person (while not a Hospital inpatient) and one companion.
- If the Covered Person is an enrolled Dependent minor child, the transportation expenses of two companions will be covered.
- Travel and lodging expenses are only available if the Covered Person resides more than 50 miles from the Designated Provider.
- Reimbursement for certain lodging expenses for the Covered Person and his/her companion(s) may be included in the taxable income of the Plan participant if the reimbursement exceeds the per diem rate.
- The cancer, congenital heart disease and transplant programs offer a combined overall lifetime maximum of \$10,000 per Covered Person for all transportation and lodging expenses incurred by you and reimbursed under the Plan in connection with all qualified procedures.

The Claims Administrator must receive valid receipts for such charges before you will be reimbursed. Reimbursement is as follows:

### ***Lodging***

- A per diem rate, up to \$50.00 per day, for the Covered Person or the caregiver if the Covered Person is in the Hospital.
- A per diem, up to \$100.00 per day, for the Covered Person and one caregiver. When a child is the Covered Person, two persons may accompany the child.

## **Women's Health/Reproductive**

### ***Maternity Support Program***

If you are pregnant or thinking about becoming pregnant, and you are enrolled in the medical Plan, you can get valuable educational information, advice and comprehensive case management by calling the number on your ID card. Your enrollment in the program will be handled by an OB nurse who is assigned to you.

This program offers:

- Enrollment by an OB nurse.
- Pre-conception health coaching.

- Written and online educational resources covering a wide range of topics.
- First and second trimester risk screenings.
- Identification and management of at- or high-risk conditions that may impact pregnancy.
- Pre-delivery consultation.
- Coordination with and referrals to other benefits and programs available under the medical plan.
- A phone call from a nurse approximately two weeks postpartum to provide information on postpartum and newborn care, feeding, nutrition, immunizations and more.
- Post-partum depression screening.

Participation is completely voluntary and without extra charge. To take full advantage of the program, you are encouraged to enroll within the first trimester of Pregnancy. You can enroll any time, up to your 34th week. To enroll, call the number on your ID card.

As a program participant, you can always call your nurse with any questions or concerns you might have.

**Note:** you may have access to certain mobile apps for personalized support to help live healthier. Please call the number on your ID card for additional information.

## SECTION 8 - EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS: WHAT THE MEDICAL PLAN WILL NOT COVER

**What this section includes:**

- Services, supplies and treatments that are not Covered Health Services, **except as may be specifically provided for in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.**

The Plan does not pay Benefits for the following services, treatments or supplies even if they are recommended or prescribed by a provider or are the only available treatment for your condition.

When Benefits are limited within any of the Covered Health Services categories described in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*, those limits are stated in the corresponding Covered Health Service category in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*. Limits may also apply to some Covered Health Services that fall under more than one Covered Health Service category. When this occurs, those limits are also stated in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*. Please review all limits carefully, as the Plan will not pay Benefits for any of the services, treatments, items or supplies that exceed these benefit limits.

**Please note that in listing services or examples, when the SPD says "this includes," or "including but not limited to", it is not UnitedHealthcare's intent to limit the description to that specific list. When the Plan does intend to limit a list of services or examples, the SPD specifically states that the list "is limited to."**

### Alternative Treatments

1. acupressure;
2. aromatherapy;
3. hypnotism;
4. massage therapy;
5. Rolfing (holistic tissue massage); and
6. art therapy, music therapy, dance therapy, animal-assisted therapy and other forms of alternative treatment as defined by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) of the National Institutes of Health. This exclusion does not apply to Manipulative Treatment and non-manipulative osteopathic care for which Benefits are provided as described in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
7. wilderness, adventure, camping, outdoor, or other similar programs.

### Dental

1. dental care (which includes dental X-rays, supplies and appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalizations and anesthesia;

This exclusion does not apply to accident-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Services - Accident Only* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

This exclusion does not apply to dental care (oral examination, X-rays, extractions and non-surgical elimination of oral infection) required for the direct treatment of a medical condition for which Benefits are available under the Plan, limited to:

- transplant preparation;
- prior to the initiation of immunosuppressive drugs; and
- the direct treatment of acute traumatic Injury, cancer or cleft palate.

Dental care that is required to treat the effects of a medical condition, but that is not necessary to directly treat the medical condition, is excluded. Examples include treatment of dental caries resulting from dry mouth after radiation treatment or as a result of medication.

Endodontics, periodontal surgery and restorative treatment are excluded.

2. preventive care, diagnosis or treatment of or related to the teeth, jawbones or gums. Examples include:

- extractions (including wisdom teeth);
- restoration and replacement of teeth;
- medical or surgical treatments of dental conditions; and
- services to improve dental clinical outcomes.

This exclusion does not apply to preventive care for which Benefits are provided under the *United States Preventive Services Task Force* requirement or the *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)* requirement. This exclusion also does not apply to accident-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Services – Accident Only* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

3. dental implants, bone grafts, and other implant-related procedures;

This exclusion does not apply to accident-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under *Dental Services – Accident Only* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

4. dental braces (orthodontics); and
5. treatment of congenitally missing (when the cells responsible for the formation of the tooth are absent from birth), malpositioned or supernumerary (extra) teeth, even if part of a Congenital Anomaly such as cleft lip or cleft palate.

### **Devices, Appliances and Prosthetics**

1. devices used specifically as safety items or to affect performance in sports-related activities;

2. orthotic appliances and devices that straighten or re-shape a body part, except as described under *Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*. This exclusion does not apply to cranial molding helmets and cranial banding.

Examples of excluded orthotic appliances and devices include but are not limited to, any orthotic braces available over-the-counter. This exclusion does not include diabetic footwear which may be covered for a Covered Person with diabetic foot disease, or foot orthotics.

3. the following items are excluded, even if prescribed by a Physician:
  - blood pressure cuff/monitor;
  - enuresis alarm;
  - non-wearable external defibrillator;
  - trusses; and
  - ultrasonic nebulizers.
4. the repair and replacement of prosthetic devices when damaged due to misuse, malicious breakage or gross neglect;
5. the replacement of lost or stolen prosthetic devices;
6. devices and computers to assist in communication and speech except for speech aid devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices for which Benefits are provided as described under *Durable Medical Equipment* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
7. powered and non-powered exoskeleton devices; and
8. oral appliances for snoring.

## Drugs

1. prescription drugs for outpatient use that are filled by a prescription order or refill;
2. self-administered or self-infused medications. This exclusion does not apply to medications which, due to their characteristics, (as determined by UnitedHealthcare), must typically be administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional in an outpatient setting. This exclusion does not apply to hemophilia treatment centers contracted to dispense hemophilia factor medications directly to Covered Persons for self-infusion;
3. growth hormone therapy;
4. non-injectable medications given in a Physician's office except as required in an Emergency and consumed in the Physician's office;
5. over the counter drugs and treatments;
6. certain specialty medications ordered by a Physician through CVS Caremark;

7. certain New Pharmaceutical Products and/or new dosage forms until the date as determined by the Claims Administrator or the Claims Administrator's designee, but no later than December 31st of the following calendar year;

This exclusion does not apply if you have a life-threatening Sickness or condition (one that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment). If you have a life-threatening Sickness or condition, under such circumstances, Benefits may be available for the New Pharmaceutical Product to the extent provided for in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

8. Benefits for Pharmaceutical Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which exceeds the supply limit; and
9. compounded drugs that contain certain bulk chemicals. Compounded drugs that are available as a similar commercially available Pharmaceutical Product.

### **Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services**

1. Experimental or Investigational Services or Unproven Services, unless the Plan has agreed to cover them as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.

This exclusion applies even if Experimental or Investigational Services or Unproven Services, treatments, devices or pharmacological regimens are the only available treatment options for your condition.

This exclusion does not apply to Covered Health Services provided during a Clinical Trial for which Benefits are provided as described under *Clinical Trials* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

### **Foot Care**

1. routine foot care. Examples include the cutting or removal of corns and calluses;
2. nail trimming, nail cutting, or nail debridement;
3. hygienic and preventive maintenance foot care. Examples include:
  - cleaning and soaking the feet;
  - applying skin creams in order to maintain skin tone.

This exclusion does not apply to preventive foot care due to conditions associated with metabolic, neurologic or peripheral vascular disease.

4. treatment of flat feet.

### **Medical Supplies and Equipment**

1. prescribed or non-prescribed medical supplies (except for elastic stockings). Examples of supplies that are not covered include, but are not limited to ace bandages, diabetic strips and syringes.

This exclusion does not apply to:



- ostomy bags and related supplies for which Benefits are provided as described under *Ostomy Supplies* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
  - disposable supplies necessary for the effective use of Durable Medical Equipment for which Benefits are provided as described under *Durable Medical Equipment* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
  - diabetic supplies for which Benefits are provided as described under *Diabetes Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*; or
  - Urinary catheters for which Benefits are provided as described under *Urinary Catheters* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
2. tubings, nasal cannulas, connectors and masks except when used with Durable Medical Equipment;
  3. the repair and replacement of Durable Medical Equipment when damaged due to misuse, malicious breakage or gross neglect;
  4. the replacement of lost or stolen Durable Medical Equipment; and
  5. deodorants, filters, lubricants, tape, appliance cleaners, adhesive, adhesive remover or other items that are not specifically identified under *Ostomy Supplies* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

### **Mental Health, Neurobiological Disorders - Autism Spectrum Disorder Services/Substance Use Disorders Services**

In addition to all other exclusions listed in this Section 8, *Exclusions and Limitations*, the exclusions listed directly below apply to services described under *Mental Health Services*, *Neurobiological Disorders - Autism Spectrum Disorder Services* and/or *Substance Use Disorders Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

1. services performed in connection with conditions not classified in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*;
2. outside of an initial assessment, services as treatments for a primary diagnosis of conditions and problems that may be a focus of clinical attention, but are specifically noted not to be mental disorders within the current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*;
3. outside of initial assessment, services as treatments for the primary diagnoses of learning disabilities, pyromania, kleptomania, gambling disorder, and paraphilic disorders;
4. services that are solely educational in nature or otherwise paid under state or federal law for purely educational purposes;
5. tuition for or services that are school-based for children and adolescents required to be provided by, or paid for by, the school under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*;

6. outside of initial assessment, unspecified disorders for which the provider is not obligated to provide clinical rationale as defined in the current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*;
7. Transitional Living services;
8. Non-Medical 24-Hour Withdrawal Management; and
9. high intensity residential care including *American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)* criteria for Covered Persons with substance-related and addictive disorders who are unable to participate in their care due to significant cognitive impairment.

### **Nutrition**

1. nutritional or cosmetic therapy using high dose or mega quantities of vitamins, minerals or elements, and other nutrition based therapy;
2. Food of any kind, infant formula, standard milk-based formula, and donor breast milk. This exclusion does not apply to enteral formula and other modified food products for which Benefits are provided as described under *Enteral Nutrition* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
3. health education classes unless offered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates, including but not limited to asthma, smoking cessation, and weight control classes.

### **Personal Care, Comfort or Convenience**

1. television;
2. telephone;
3. beauty/barber service;
4. guest service;
5. supplies, equipment and similar incidentals for personal comfort. Examples include:
  - air conditioners;
  - air purifiers and filters;
  - batteries and battery chargers;
  - dehumidifiers and humidifiers;
  - ergonomically correct chairs;
  - non-Hospital beds, comfort beds, motorized beds and mattresses;
  - breast pumps (this exclusion does not apply to breast pumps for which Benefits are provided under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) requirement);
  - car seats;
  - chairs, bath chairs, feeding chairs, toddler chairs, chair lifts and recliners;
  - exercise equipment and treadmills;
  - hot tubs, Jacuzzis, saunas and whirlpools;

- medical alert systems;
- music devices;
- personal computers;
- pillows;
- power-operated vehicles;
- radios;
- strollers;
- safety equipment;
- vehicle modifications such as van lifts;
- video players; and
- home modifications to accommodate a health need (including, but not limited to, ramps, swimming pools, elevators, handrails, and stair glides).

### Physical Appearance

1. Cosmetic Procedures, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*, are excluded from coverage.

Examples include:

- liposuction or removal of fat deposits considered undesirable, including fat accumulation under the male breast and nipple. This exclusion does not apply to liposuction for which Benefits are provided as described under *Reconstructive Procedures* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
  - pharmacological regimens;
  - nutritional procedures or treatments;
  - tattoo or scar removal or revision procedures (such as salabrasion, chemosurgery and other such skin abrasion procedures);
  - hair removal or replacement by any means;
  - treatments for skin wrinkles or any treatment to improve the appearance of the skin;
  - treatment for spider veins;
  - sclerotherapy treatment of veins;
  - skin abrasion procedures performed as a treatment for acne;
  - treatments for hair loss;
  - varicose vein treatment of the lower extremities, when it is considered cosmetic; and
  - replacement of an existing intact breast implant if the earlier breast implant was performed as a Cosmetic Procedure.
2. physical conditioning programs such as athletic training, bodybuilding, exercise, fitness, flexibility, health club memberships and programs, spa treatments, and diversion or general motivation;
  3. weight loss programs whether or not they are under medical supervision or for medical reasons, even if for morbid obesity;
  4. treatment of benign gynecomastia (abnormal breast enlargement in males); and
  5. wigs except as specifically as described under *Wigs* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

## Procedures and Treatments

1. biofeedback;
2. medical and surgical treatment of snoring, except when provided as a part of treatment for documented obstructive sleep apnea (a sleep disorder in which a person regularly stops breathing for 10 seconds or longer);
3. rehabilitation services and Manipulative Treatment to improve general physical condition that are provided to reduce potential risk factors, where significant therapeutic improvement is not expected, including but not limited to routine, long-term or maintenance/preventive treatment;
4. speech therapy to treat stuttering, stammering, or other articulation disorders;
5. speech therapy, except when required for treatment of a speech impairment or speech dysfunction that results from Injury, stroke, cancer or a Congenital Anomaly as identified under *Rehabilitation and Habilitative Services – Outpatient Therapy and Manipulative Treatment* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
6. habilitative services or therapies for the purpose of general well-being or condition in the absence of a disabling condition;
7. a procedure or surgery to remove fatty tissue such as panniculectomy, abdominoplasty, thighplasty, brachioplasty, or mastopexy;
8. excision or elimination of hanging skin on any part of the body (examples include plastic surgery procedures called abdominoplasty or abdominal panniculectomy and brachioplasty);
9. psychosurgery (lobotomy);
10. treatment of tobacco dependency;
11. chelation therapy, except to treat heavy metal poisoning;
12. Manipulative Treatment to treat a condition unrelated to spinal manipulation and ancillary physiologic treatment rendered to restore/improve motion, reduce pain and improve function, alignment of the vertebral column, such as asthma or allergies;
13. physiological modalities and procedures that result in similar or redundant therapeutic effects when performed on the same body region during the same visit or office encounter;
14. the following treatments for obesity:
  - non-surgical treatment, even if for morbid obesity; and
  - surgical treatment of obesity even if there is a diagnosis of morbid obesity.
15. medical and surgical treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating);

16. the following services for the diagnosis and treatment of TMJ: surface electromyography; Doppler analysis; vibration analysis; computerized mandibular scan or jaw tracking; craniosacral therapy; orthodontics; occlusal adjustment; dental restorations;
17. upper and lower jawbone surgery except as required for direct treatment of acute traumatic Injury, dislocation of the jaw (whether due to blunt force trauma or any other cause including yawning, eating, etc.), post-surgical sequela, cancerous or non-cancerous tumors and cysts, cancer and cancer sequela. Orthognathic surgery (procedure to correct underbite or overbite) and jaw alignment, except as treatment of obstructive sleep apnea; cleft lip/palate (for cleft lip/palate related jaw surgery), Congenital anomalies that meet the criteria for reconstructive. Depending on a patient-specific clinical review, examples might include: midface hypoplasia, Pierre Robin Syndrome, Hemifacial Microsomia, and Treacher Collins Syndrome;
18. breast reduction except as coverage is required by the Women's Health and Cancer Right's Act of 1998 for which Benefits are described under *Reconstructive Procedures* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
19. intracellular micronutrient testing; and
20. Cellular and Gene Therapy services not received from a Designated Provider.

## Providers

Services:

1. performed by a provider who is a family member by birth or marriage, including your Spouse, brother, sister, parent or child;
2. a provider may perform on himself or herself;
3. performed by a provider with your same legal residence;
4. ordered or delivered by a Christian Science practitioner;
5. performed by an unlicensed provider or a provider who is operating outside of the scope of his/her license;
6. provided at a diagnostic facility (Hospital or free-standing) without a written order from a provider;
7. which are self-directed to a free-standing or Hospital-based diagnostic facility; and
8. ordered by a provider affiliated with a diagnostic facility (Hospital or free-standing), when that provider is not actively involved in your medical care:
  - prior to ordering the service; or
  - after the service is received.

This exclusion does not apply to mammography testing.

## Reproduction

1. Health care services and related expenses for infertility treatments, including assisted reproductive technology, regardless of the reason for the treatment
2. The following services related to a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate:
  - Fees for the use of a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate.
  - Insemination or InVitro fertilization procedures for Surrogate or transfer of an embryo to Gestational Carrier.
  - Pregnancy services for a Gestational Carrier or Surrogate who is not a Covered Person.
3. Donor, Gestational Carrier or Surrogate administration, agency fees or compensation.
4. The following services related to donor services for donor sperm, ovum (egg cell) or oocytes (eggs), or embryos (fertilized eggs):
  - Known egg donor (altruistic donation i.e., friend, relative or acquaintance) - The cost of donor eggs. Medical costs related to donor stimulation and egg retrieval. This refers to purchasing or receiving a donated egg that is fresh, or one that has already been retrieved and is frozen.
  - Purchased egg donor (i.e., clinic or egg bank) – The cost of donor eggs. Medical costs related to donor stimulation and egg retrieval. This refers to purchasing a donor egg that has already been retrieved and is frozen or choosing a donor who will then undergo an egg retrieval once they have been selected in the database.
  - Known donor sperm (altruistic donation i.e., friend, relative or acquaintance) – The cost of sperm collection, cryopreservation and storage. This refers to purchasing or receiving donated sperm that is fresh, or that has already been obtained and is frozen.
  - Purchased donor sperm (i.e., clinic or sperm bank) – The cost of procurement and storage of donor sperm. This refers to purchasing donor sperm that has already been obtained and is frozen or choosing a donor from a database.
5. Storage and retrieval of all reproductive materials. Examples include eggs, sperm, testicular tissue and ovarian tissue.
6. The reversal of voluntary sterilization.
7. InVitro fertilization regardless of the reason for treatment.
8. Assisted Reproductive Technology procedures done for non-genetic disorder sex selection or eugenic (selective breeding) purposes.

## Services Provided under Another Plan

Services for which coverage is available:

1. under another plan, except for Eligible Expenses payable as described in Section 10, *Coordination of Benefits (COB)*;
2. under workers' compensation, no-fault automobile coverage or similar legislation if you could elect it, or could have it elected for you;
3. while on active military duty; and

4. for treatment of military service-related disabilities when you are legally entitled to other coverage, and facilities are reasonably accessible.
5. services resulting from accidental bodily injuries arising out of a motor vehicle accident to the extent the services are payable under a medical expense payment provision of an automobile insurance policy.

### **Transplants**

1. health services for organ and tissue transplants, except as identified under *Transplantation Services* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details* unless UnitedHealthcare determines the transplant to be appropriate according to UnitedHealthcare's transplant guidelines;
2. health services for transplants involving animal organs;
3. transplants that are not performed at a Center of Excellence (this exclusion does not apply to cornea transplants); and
4. donor costs for organ or tissue transplantation to another person (these costs may be payable through the recipient's benefit plan).

### **Travel**

1. Travel or transportation expenses, even if ordered by a Physician, except as identified under *Complex Medical Conditions Travel and Lodging Assistance Program* in Section 7, *Clinical Programs and Resources*. Additional travel expenses related to Covered Health Services received from a Designated Provider or other Network Provider may be reimbursed at the Plan's discretion. This exclusion does not apply to ambulance transportation for which Benefits are provided as described under Ambulance Services in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.

### **Types of Care**

1. Custodial Care as defined in Section 14, *Glossary* or maintenance care;
2. Domiciliary Care, as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*;
3. multi-disciplinary pain management programs provided on an inpatient basis for acute pain or for exacerbation of chronic pain;
4. Private Duty Nursing received on an inpatient basis;
5. respite care. This exclusion does not apply to respite care that is part of an integrated hospice care program of services provided to a terminally ill person by a licensed hospice care agency for which Benefits are described under *Hospice Care* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
6. rest cures;
7. services of personal care attendants; and

8. work hardening (individualized treatment programs designed to return a person to work or to prepare a person for specific work).

### **Vision and Hearing**

1. implantable lenses used only to correct a refractive error (such as Intacs corneal implants);
2. purchase cost and associated fitting charges for eyeglasses or contact lenses;
3. purchase cost and associated fitting and testing charges for hearing aids, Bone Anchor Hearing Aids (BAHA) and all other hearing assistive devices;
4. internal and external cochlear devices and systems and related surgery for placement; and
5. surgery and other related treatment that is intended to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, presbyopia and astigmatism including, but not limited to, procedures such as laser and other refractive eye surgery and radial keratotomy.

### **All Other Exclusions**

1. autopsies and other coroner services and transportation services for a corpse;
2. charges for:
  - missed appointments;
  - room or facility reservations;
  - completion of claim forms; or
  - record processing.
3. charges prohibited by federal anti-kickback or self-referral statutes;
4. diagnostic tests that are:
  - delivered in other than a Physician's office or health care facility; and
  - self-administered home diagnostic tests, including but not limited to HIV and Pregnancy tests.
5. expenses for health services and supplies:
  - that do not meet the definition of a Covered Health Service in Section 14, *Glossary*;
  - that are received as a result of war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared, while part of any armed service force of any country. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Persons who are civilians injured or otherwise affected by war, any act of war or terrorism in a non-war zone;
  - that are received after the date your coverage under this Plan ends, including health services for medical conditions which began before the date your coverage under the Plan ends;
  - for which you have no legal responsibility to pay, or for which a charge would not ordinarily be made in the absence of coverage under this Benefit Plan;



- that exceed Eligible Expenses or any specified limitation in this SPD; and
  - for which a non-Network provider waives the Annual Deductible or Coinsurance amounts.
6. foreign language and sign language services;
  7. long term (more than 30 calendar days) storage of blood, umbilical cord or other material. Examples include cryopreservation of tissue, blood and blood products;
  8. physical, psychiatric or psychological exams, testing, vaccinations, immunizations or treatments when:
    - required solely for purposes of education, sports or camp, career or employment, insurance, marriage or adoption; or as a result of incarceration;
    - conducted for purposes of medical research. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Health Services provided during a Clinical Trial for which Benefits are provided as described under *Clinical Trials* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
    - related to judicial or administrative proceedings or orders; or
    - required to obtain or maintain a license of any type.
  9. multi-disciplinary pain management programs provided on an inpatient basis for acute pain or for exacerbation of chronic pain;
  10. health services and supplies that do not meet the definition of a Covered Health Service
    - see the definition in Section 14, *Glossary*. Covered Health Services are those health services including services, supplies or Pharmaceutical Products, which the Claims Administrator determines to be all of the following:
      - Medically Necessary;
      - described as a Covered Health Service in this SPD under Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details* and in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*; and
      - not otherwise excluded in this SPD under this Section 8, *Exclusions and Limitations*.
  11. health services related to a non-Covered Health Service: When a service is not a Covered Health Service, all services related to that non-Covered Health Service are also excluded. This exclusion does not apply to services the Plan would otherwise determine to be Covered Health Services if they are to treat complications that arise from the non-Covered Health Service.
 

For the purpose of this exclusion, a "complication" is an unexpected or unanticipated condition that is superimposed on an existing disease and that affects or modifies the prognosis of the original disease or condition. Examples of a "complication" are bleeding or infections, following a Cosmetic Procedure, that require hospitalization.
  12. in the event a non-Network provider waives, does not pursue, or fails to collect, Copayments, Coinsurance and/or any deductible or other amount owed for a particular health care service, no Benefits are provided for the health care service when the Copayments, Coinsurance and/or deductible are waived, not pursued, or not collected.

## SECTION 9 - CLAIMS PROCEDURES

**What this section includes:**

- How Network and non-Network claims work; and
- What to do if your claim is denied, in whole or in part.

### Network Benefits

In general, if you receive Covered Health Services from a Network provider, UnitedHealthcare will pay the Physician or facility directly. If a Network provider bills you for any Covered Health Service other than your Coinsurance, please contact the provider or call UnitedHealthcare at the phone number on your ID card for assistance.

Keep in mind, you are responsible for meeting the Annual Deductible and paying any Coinsurance owed to a Network provider at the time of service, or when you receive a bill from the provider.

### Non-Network Benefits

If you receive a bill for Covered Health Services from a non-Network provider, you (or the provider if they prefer) must send the bill to UnitedHealthcare for processing. To make sure the claim is processed promptly and accurately, a completed claim form must be attached and mailed to UnitedHealthcare at the address on your ID card.

### If Your Provider Does Not File Your Claim

You can obtain a claim form by visiting [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com), calling the toll-free number on your ID card or contacting GW Benefits. If you do not have a claim form, simply attach a brief letter of explanation to the bill, and verify that the bill contains the information listed below. If any of these items are missing from the bill, you can include them in your letter:

- your name and address;
- the patient's name, age and relationship to the Retired Employee;
- the number as shown on your ID card;
- the name, address and tax identification number of the provider of the service(s);
- a diagnosis from the Physician;
- the date of service;
- an itemized bill from the provider that includes:
  - the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes;
  - a description of, and the charge for, each service;
  - the date the Sickness or Injury began; and
  - a statement indicating either that you are, or you are not, enrolled for coverage under any other health insurance plan or program. If you are enrolled for other coverage you must include the name and address of the other carrier(s).

Failure to provide all the information listed above may delay any reimbursement that may be due you.

For medical claims, the above information should be filed with UnitedHealthcare at the address on your ID card.

After UnitedHealthcare has processed your claim, you will receive payment for Benefits that the Plan allows. It is your responsibility to pay the non-Network provider the charges you incurred, including any difference between what you were billed and what the Plan paid.

### ***Payment of Benefits***

You may not assign, transfer, or in any way convey your Benefits under the Plan or any cause of action related to your Benefits under the Plan to a provider or to any other third party. Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to make the Plan, Plan Sponsor, or Claims Administrator or its affiliates liable for payments to a provider or to a third party to whom you may be liable for payments for Benefits.

The Plan will not recognize claims for Benefits brought by a third party. Also, any such third party shall not have standing to bring any such claim independently, as a Covered Person or beneficiary, or derivatively, as an assignee of a Covered Person or beneficiary.

References herein to “third parties” include references to providers as well as any collection agencies or third parties that have purchased accounts receivable from providers or to whom accounts receivables have been assigned.

As a matter of convenience to a Covered Person, and where practicable for the Claims Administrator (as determined in its sole discretion), the Claims Administrator may make payment of Benefits directly to a provider.

Any such payment to a provider:

- is NOT an assignment of your Benefits under the Plan or of any legal or equitable right to institute any proceeding relating to your Benefits; and
- is NOT a waiver of the prohibition on assignment of Benefits under the Plan; and
- shall NOT estop the Plan, Plan Sponsor, or Claims Administrator from asserting that any purported assignment of Benefits under the Plan is invalid and prohibited.

If this direct payment for your convenience is made, the Plan’s obligation to you with respect to such Benefits is extinguished by such payment. If any payment of your Benefits is made to a provider as a convenience to you, the Claims Administrator will treat you, rather than the provider, as the beneficiary of your claim for Benefits, and the Plan reserves the right to offset any Benefits to be paid to a provider by any amounts that the provider owes the Plan (including amounts owed as a result of the assignment of other plans’ overpayment recovery rights to the Plan), pursuant to *Refund of Overpayments* in *Section 10: Coordination of Benefits*.

Eligible Expenses due to a non-Network provider for Covered Health Services that are subject to the *No Surprises Act* of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-260)* are paid directly to the provider.

### ***Form of Payment of Benefits***

Payment of Benefits under the Plan shall be in cash or cash equivalents, or in the form of other consideration that UnitedHealthcare in its discretion determines to be adequate.

## **Health Statements**

Each month in which UnitedHealthcare processes at least one claim for you or a covered Dependent, you will receive a Health Statement in the mail. Health Statements make it easy for you to manage your family's medical costs by providing claims information in easy-to-understand terms.

If you would rather track claims for yourself and your covered Dependents online, you may do so at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com). You may also elect to discontinue receipt of paper Health Statements by making the appropriate selection on this site.

## **Explanation of Benefits (EOB)**

You may request that UnitedHealthcare send you a paper copy of an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) after processing the claim. The EOB will let you know if there is any portion of the claim you need to pay. If any claims are denied in whole or in part, the EOB will include the reason for the denial or partial payment. If you would like paper copies of the EOBs, you may call the toll-free number on your ID card to request them. You can also view and print all of your EOBs online at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com). See Section 14, *Glossary* for the definition of Explanation of Benefits.

### **Important - Timely Filing of Non-Network Claims**

All claim forms for non-Network services must be submitted within 15 months after the date of service. Otherwise, the Plan will not pay any Benefits for that Eligible Expense, or Benefits will be reduced, as determined by UnitedHealthcare. This 15-month requirement does not apply if you are legally incapacitated. If your claim relates to an Inpatient Stay, the date of service is the date your Inpatient Stay ends.

## **Claim Denials and Appeals**

### ***If Your Claim is Denied***

If a claim for Benefits is denied in part or in whole, you may call UnitedHealthcare at the number on your ID card before requesting a formal appeal. If UnitedHealthcare cannot resolve the issue to your satisfaction over the phone, you have the right to file a formal appeal as described below.

### ***How to Appeal a Denied Claim***

If you wish to appeal a denied pre-service request for Benefits or post-service claim or a rescission of coverage as described below, you or your authorized representative must submit your appeal in writing within 180 calendar days of receiving the adverse benefit

determination. You do not need to submit urgent care appeals in writing. This communication should include:

- the patient's name and ID number as shown on the ID card;
- the provider's name;
- the date of medical service;
- the reason you disagree with the denial; and
- any documentation or other written information to support your request.

You or your authorized representative may send a written request for an appeal to:

UnitedHealthcare - Appeals  
PO Box 30432  
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0432

For urgent care requests for Benefits that have been denied, you or your provider can call UnitedHealthcare at the toll-free number on your ID card to request an appeal.

**Types of claims**

The timing of the claims appeal process is based on the type of claim you are appealing. If you wish to appeal a claim, it helps to understand whether it is an:

- urgent care request for Benefits;
- pre-service request for Benefits;
- post-service claim; or
- concurrent claim.

***Urgent Appeals that Require Immediate Action***

Your appeal may require immediate action if a delay in treatment could significantly increase the risk to your health, or the ability to regain maximum function, or cause severe pain. If your situation is urgent, your review will be conducted as quickly as possible. If you believe your situation is urgent, you may request an expedited review, and, if applicable, file an external review at the same time. For help call the Claims Administrator at the number listed on your health plan ID card. Generally, an urgent situation is when your life or health may be in serious jeopardy. Or when, in the opinion of your doctor, you may be experiencing severe pain that cannot be adequately controlled while you wait for a decision on your claim or appeal.

***Review of an Appeal***

UnitedHealthcare will conduct a full and fair review of your appeal. The appeal may be reviewed by:

- an appropriate individual(s) who did not make the initial benefit determination; and
- a health care professional with appropriate expertise who was not consulted during the initial benefit determination process.

Once the review is complete, if UnitedHealthcare upholds the denial, you will receive a written explanation of the reasons and facts relating to the denial.

### ***Filing a Second Appeal***

Your Plan offers two levels of appeal. If you are not satisfied with the first level appeal decision, you have the right to request a second level appeal from UnitedHealthcare within 60 calendar days from receipt of the first level appeal determination. UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the appeal determination within 15 calendar days after receiving the completed appeal for a pre-service denial and 30 calendar days after receiving the completed post-service appeal.

**Note:** Upon written request and free of charge, any Covered Persons may examine their claim and/or appeals file(s). Covered Persons may also submit evidence, opinions and comments as part of the internal claims review process. UnitedHealthcare will review all claims in accordance with the rules established by the *U.S. Department of Labor*. Any Covered Person will be automatically provided, free of charge, and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notice of final internal adverse benefit determination is required, with: (i) any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon or generated by the Plan in connection with the claim; and, (ii) a reasonable opportunity for any Covered Person to respond to such new evidence or rationale.

### **External Review Program**

If, after exhausting your internal appeals, you are not satisfied with the determination made by UnitedHealthcare, or if UnitedHealthcare fails to respond to your appeal in accordance with applicable regulations regarding timing, you may be entitled to request an external review of UnitedHealthcare's determination. The process is available at no charge to you.

If one of the above conditions is met, you may request an external review of adverse benefit determinations based upon any of the following:

- Clinical reasons.
- The exclusions for Experimental or Investigational Service(s) or Unproven Service(s).
- Rescission of coverage (coverage that was cancelled or discontinued retroactively).
- As otherwise required by applicable law.

You or your representative may request a standard external review by sending a written request to the address set out in the determination letter. You or your representative may request an expedited external review, in urgent situations as detailed below, by calling the number on your ID card or by sending a written request to the address set out in the determination letter. A request must be made within four months after the date you received UnitedHealthcare's decision.

An external review request should include all of the following:

- A specific request for an external review.
- The Covered Person's name, address, and insurance ID number.

- Your designated representative's name and address, when applicable.
- The service that was denied.
- Any new, relevant information that was not provided during the internal appeal.

An external review will be performed by an Independent Review Organization (IRO). UnitedHealthcare has entered into agreements with three or more IROs that have agreed to perform such reviews. There are two types of external reviews available:

- A standard external review.
- An expedited external review.

#### ***Standard External Review***

A standard external review is comprised of all of the following:

- A preliminary review by UnitedHealthcare of the request.
- A referral of the request by UnitedHealthcare to the IRO.
- A decision by the IRO.

**Within the applicable timeframe after receipt of the request, UnitedHealthcare will complete a preliminary review to determine whether the individual for whom the request was submitted meets all of the following:**

- Is or was covered under the Plan at the time the health care service or procedure that is at issue in the request was provided.
- Has exhausted the applicable internal appeals process.
- Has provided all the information and forms required so that UnitedHealthcare may process the request.

**After UnitedHealthcare completes the preliminary review, UnitedHealthcare will issue a notification in writing to you. If the request is eligible for external review, UnitedHealthcare will assign an IRO to conduct such review. UnitedHealthcare will assign requests by either rotating claims assignments among the IROs or by using a random selection process.**

The IRO will notify you in writing of the request's eligibility and acceptance for external review and if necessary, for any additional information needed to conduct the external review. You will generally have to submit the additional information in writing to the IRO within ten business days following the date you receive the IRO's request for the additional information. The IRO is not required to, but may, accept and consider additional information submitted by you after ten business days.

UnitedHealthcare will provide to the assigned IRO the documents and information considered in making UnitedHealthcare's determination. The documents include:

- All relevant medical records.
- All other documents relied upon by UnitedHealthcare.

- All other information or evidence that you or your Physician submitted. If there is any information or evidence you or your Physician wish to submit that was not previously provided, you may include this information with your external review request and UnitedHealthcare will include it with the documents forwarded to the IRO.

**In reaching a decision, the *IRO* will review the claim as new and not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached by UnitedHealthcare. The *IRO* will provide written notice of its determination (the "*Final External Review Decision*") within 45 days after it receives the request for the external review (unless they request additional time and you agree). The *IRO* will deliver the notice of *Final External Review Decision* to you and UnitedHealthcare, and it will include the clinical basis for the determination.**

Upon receipt of a *Final External Review Decision* reversing UnitedHealthcare's determination, the Plan will immediately provide coverage or payment for the benefit claim at issue in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan, and any applicable law regarding plan remedies. If the *Final External Review Decision* agrees with UnitedHealthcare's determination, the Plan will not be obligated to provide Benefits for the health care service or procedure.

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

An expedited external review is similar to a standard external review. The most significant difference between the two is that the time periods for completing certain portions of the review process are much shorter, and in some instances you may file an expedited external review before completing the internal appeals process.

You may make a written or verbal request for an expedited external review if you receive either of the following:

- An adverse benefit determination of a claim or appeal if the adverse benefit determination involves a medical condition for which the time frame for completion of an expedited internal appeal would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the individual or would jeopardize the individual's ability to regain maximum function and you have filed a request for an expedited internal appeal.
- A final appeal decision, if the determination involves a medical condition where the timeframe for completion of a standard external review would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the individual or would jeopardize the individual's ability to regain maximum function, or if the final appeal decision concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care service, procedure or product for which the individual received emergency services, but has not been discharged from a facility.

Immediately upon receipt of the request, UnitedHealthcare will determine whether the individual meets both of the following:

- Is or was covered under the Plan at the time the health care service or procedure that is at issue in the request was provided.
- Has provided all the information and forms required so that UnitedHealthcare may process the request.



After UnitedHealthcare completes the review, UnitedHealthcare will immediately send a notice in writing to you. Upon a determination that a request is eligible for expedited external review, UnitedHealthcare will assign an IRO in the same manner UnitedHealthcare utilizes to assign standard external reviews to IROs. UnitedHealthcare will provide all necessary documents and information considered in making the adverse benefit determination or final adverse benefit determination to the assigned IRO electronically or by telephone or facsimile or any other available expeditious method. The IRO, to the extent the information or documents are available and the IRO considers them appropriate, must consider the same type of information and documents considered in a standard external review.

In reaching a decision, the IRO will review the claim as new and not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached by UnitedHealthcare. The IRO will provide notice of the final external review decision for an expedited external review as expeditiously as the claimant's medical condition or circumstances require, but in no event more than 72 hours after the IRO receives the request. If the initial notice is not in writing, within 48 hours after the date of providing the initial notice, the assigned IRO will provide written confirmation of the decision to you and to UnitedHealthcare.

You may contact UnitedHealthcare at the toll-free number on your ID card for more information regarding external review rights, or if making a verbal request for an expedited external review.

### ***Timing of Appeals Determinations***

Separate schedules apply to the timing of claims appeals, depending on the type of claim. There are three types of claims:

- Urgent care request for Benefits - a request for Benefits provided in connection with urgent care services;
- Pre-Service request for Benefits - a request for Benefits which the Plan must approve or in which you must notify UnitedHealthcare before non-urgent care is provided; and
- Post-Service - a claim for reimbursement of the cost of non-urgent care that has already been provided.

Please note that the decision is based only on whether or not Benefits are available under the Plan for the proposed treatment or procedure.

You may have the right to external review through an *Independent Review Organization (IRO)* upon the completion of the internal appeal process. Instructions regarding any such rights, and how to access those rights, will be provided in the Claims Administrator's decision letter to you.

The tables below describe the time frames which you and UnitedHealthcare are required to follow.

| <b>Urgent Care Request for Benefits*</b>  |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Type of Request for Benefits or Appeal</b>   | <b>Timing</b>  |
| If your request for Benefits is incomplete, UnitedHealthcare must notify you within:                                  | <b>24 hours</b>  |
| You must then provide completed request for Benefits to UnitedHealthcare within:                                      | <b>48 hours</b> after receiving notice of additional information required  |
| UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the benefit determination within:   | <b>72 hours</b>  |
| If UnitedHealthcare denies your request for Benefits, you must appeal an adverse benefit determination no later than: | <b>180 calendar days</b> after receiving the adverse benefit determination |
| UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the appeal decision within:   | <b>72 hours</b> after receiving the appeal                                 |

\*You do not need to submit urgent care appeals in writing. You should call UnitedHealthcare as soon as possible to appeal an urgent care request for Benefits.

| <b>Pre-Service Request for Benefits*</b>  |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Type of Request for Benefits or Appeal</b>   | <b>Timing</b>  |
| If your request for Benefits is filed improperly, UnitedHealthcare must notify you within:  | <b>5 calendar days</b>                                 |
| If your request for Benefits is incomplete, UnitedHealthcare must notify you within:  | <b>15 calendar days</b>                                |
| You must then provide completed request for Benefits information to UnitedHealthcare within:  | <b>45 calendar days</b>                                |
| UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the benefit determination:  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ if the initial request for Benefits is complete, within:</li> <li>■ after receiving the completed request for Benefits (if the initial request for Benefits is incomplete), within:</li> </ul> | <b>15 calendar days</b><br><br><b>15 calendar days</b> |
| You must appeal an adverse benefit determination no later than:   | <b>180 calendar days</b> after receiving the           |

| Pre-Service Request for Benefits*  |   |
|--|---|
| Type of Request for Benefits or Appeal                                       | Timing  |
|  | adverse benefit determination   |
| UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the first level appeal decision within:  | <b>15 calendar days</b> after receiving the first level appeal          |
| You must appeal the first level appeal (file a second level appeal) within:  | <b>60 calendar days</b> after receiving the first level appeal decision |
| UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the second level appeal decision within: | <b>15 calendar days</b> after receiving the second level appeal         |

\*UnitedHealthcare may require a one-time extension for the initial claim determination, of no more than 15 calendar days, only if more time is needed due to circumstances beyond control of the Plan.

| Post-Service Claims   |  |
|---|--|
| Type of Claim or Appeal   | Timing   |
| If your claim is incomplete, UnitedHealthcare must notify you within:               | <b>30 calendar days</b>  |
| You must then provide completed claim information to UnitedHealthcare within:       | <b>45 calendar days</b>  |
| UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the benefit determination:                      |  |
| ■ if the initial claim is complete, within:   | <b>30 calendar days</b>  |
| ■ after receiving the completed claim (if the initial claim is incomplete), within: | <b>30 calendar days</b>  |
| You must appeal an adverse benefit determination no later than:                     | <b>180 calendar days</b> after receiving the adverse benefit determination |
| UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the first level appeal decision within:         | <b>30 calendar days</b> after receiving the first level appeal             |
| You must appeal the first level appeal (file a second level appeal) within:         | <b>60 calendar days</b> after receiving the first level appeal decision    |

| Post-Service Claims  |   |
|--|---|
| Type of Claim or Appeal  | Timing  |
| UnitedHealthcare must notify you of the second level appeal decision within: | <b>30 calendar days</b> after receiving the second level appeal |

### *Concurrent Care Claims*

If an on-going course of treatment was previously approved for a specific period of time or number of treatments, and your request to extend the treatment is an urgent care request for Benefits as defined above, your request will be decided within 24 hours, provided your request is made at least 24 hours prior to the end of the approved treatment.

UnitedHealthcare will make a determination on your request for the extended treatment within 24 hours from receipt of your request.

If your request for extended treatment is not made at least 24 hours prior to the end of the approved treatment, the request will be treated as an urgent care request for Benefits and decided according to the timeframes described above. If an on-going course of treatment was previously approved for a specific period of time or number of treatments, and you request to extend treatment in a non-urgent circumstance, your request will be considered a new request and decided according to post-service or pre-service timeframes, whichever applies.

### **Limitation of Action**

You cannot bring any legal action against the George Washington University or the Claims Administrator to recover reimbursement until 90 calendar days after you have properly submitted a request for reimbursement as described in this section and all required reviews of your claim have been completed. If you want to bring a legal action against the George Washington University or the Claims Administrator, you must do so within three years from the expiration of the time period in which a request for reimbursement must be submitted or you lose any rights to bring such an action against the George Washington University or the Claims Administrator.

You cannot bring any legal action against the George Washington University or the Claims Administrator for any other reason unless you first complete all the steps in the appeal process described in this section. After completing that process, if you want to bring a legal action against the George Washington University or the Claims Administrator you must do so within three years of the date you are notified of the final decision on your appeal or you lose any rights to bring such an action against the George Washington University or the Claims Administrator.

## SECTION 10 - COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (COB)

### Benefits When You Have Coverage under More than One Plan

This section describes how Benefits under the Plan will be coordinated with those of any other plan that provides benefits to you.

### When Does Coordination of Benefits Apply?

This *Coordination of Benefits (COB)* provision applies to you if you are covered by more than one health benefits plan, including any one of the following:

- Another employer sponsored health benefits plan.
- A medical component of a group long-term care plan, such as skilled nursing care.
- No-fault or traditional "fault" type medical payment benefits or personal injury protection benefits under an auto insurance policy.
- Medical payment benefits under any premises liability or other types of liability coverage.
- Medicare or other governmental health benefit.

If coverage is provided under two or more plans, COB determines which plan is primary and which plan is secondary. The plan considered primary pays its benefits first, without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. Any remaining expenses may be paid under the other plan, which is considered secondary. The Secondary Plan may determine its benefits based on the benefits paid by the Primary Plan. How much this Plan will reimburse you, if anything, will also depend in part on the Allowable Expense. The term, "Allowable Expense," is further explained below.

### What Are the Rules for Determining the Order of Benefit Payments?

#### *Order of Benefit Determination Rules*

The order of benefit determination rules determine whether this Plan is a Primary Plan or Secondary Plan when the person has health care coverage under more than one Plan. When this Plan is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other Plan without considering any other Plan's benefits. When this Plan is secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another Plan and may reduce the benefits it pays so that all Plan benefits do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense.

The order of benefit determination rules below govern the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits.

- **Primary Plan.** The Plan that pays first is called the Primary Plan. The Primary Plan must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses.
- **Secondary Plan.** The Plan that pays after the Primary Plan is the Secondary Plan. The Secondary Plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense. Allowable Expense is defined below.

When a person is covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are as follows:

- A. This Plan will always be secondary to medical payment coverage or personal injury protection coverage under any auto liability or no-fault insurance policy.
- B. When you have coverage under two or more medical plans and only one has COB provisions, the plan without COB provisions will pay benefits first.
- C. Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:
  1. **Non-Dependent or Dependent.** The Plan that covers the person other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, former employee under COBRA, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers the person as a dependent is the Secondary Plan. 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, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Secondary Plan and the other Plan is the Primary Plan.
  2. **Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Coverage Plan.** Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, plans covering a dependent child shall determine the order of benefits as follows:
    - a) For a dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
      - (1) The Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary Plan; or
      - (2) If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that covered the parent longest is the Primary Plan.
    - b) For a dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or are not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
      - (1) If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the dependent 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 care coverage for the dependent child's health care expenses, but that parent's spouse does, that parent's spouse's plan is the Primary Plan. This shall not apply with respect to any plan year during which benefits are paid or provided before the entity has actual knowledge of the court decree provision.
      - (2) If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of subparagraph a) above shall determine the order of benefits.
      - (3) If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the dependent child, the provisions of subparagraph a) above shall determine the order of benefits.

(4) If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:

- a) The Plan covering the Custodial Parent.
- b) The Plan covering the Custodial Parent's spouse.
- c) The Plan covering the non-Custodial Parent.
- d) The Plan covering the non-Custodial Parent's spouse.

For purpose of this section, Custodial Parent is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year excluding any temporary visitation.

- c) For a dependent child covered under more than one plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the order of benefits shall be determined, as applicable, under subparagraph a) or b) above as if those individuals were parents of the child.
- d) (i) For a dependent child who has coverage under either or both parents' plans and also has his or her own coverage as a dependent under a spouse's plan, the rule in paragraph (5) applies.  
(ii) In the event the dependent child's coverage under the spouse's plan began on the same date as the dependent child's coverage under either or both parents' plans, the order of benefits shall be determined by applying the birthday rule in subparagraph (a) to the dependent child's parent(s) and the dependent's spouse.

3. **Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee.** The Plan that covers a person as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired is the Primary Plan. The same would hold true if a person is a dependent of an active employee and that same person is a dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled C.1. can determine the order of benefits.
4. **COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If a person whose coverage is provided pursuant to COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another Plan, the Plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering the person as a dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the Primary Plan, and the COBRA or state or other federal continuation coverage is the Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled C.1. can determine the order of benefits.
5. **Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage.** The Plan that covered the person the longer period of time is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covered the person the shorter period of time is the Secondary Plan.
6. If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the Allowable Expenses shall be shared equally between the Plans meeting the definition of Plan. In addition, this Plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the Primary Plan.

## How Are Benefits Paid When This Plan is Secondary?

If this Plan is secondary, it determines the amount it will pay for a Covered Health Service by following the steps below.

- The Plan determines the amount it would have paid based on the Allowable expense.
- The Plan pays the entire difference between the Allowable Expense and the amount paid by the Primary Plan, as long as this amount is not more than the Plan would have paid had it been the only plan involved.

You will be responsible for any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible payments as part of the COB payment. The maximum combined payment you may receive from all plans cannot exceed 100% of the Allowable Expense.

## How is the Allowable Expense Determined when this Plan is Secondary?

### *Determining the Allowable Expense If this Plan is Secondary*

What is an Allowable Expense? For purposes of COB, an Allowable Expense is a health care expense that is covered at least in part by one of the health benefit plans covering you.

When the provider is a Network provider for both the Primary Plan and this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the Primary Plan's network rate. When the provider is a network provider for the Primary Plan and a non-Network provider for this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the Primary Plan's network rate. When the provider is a non-Network provider for the Primary Plan and a Network provider for this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the reasonable and customary charges allowed by the Primary Plan. When the provider is a non-Network provider for both the Primary Plan and this Plan, the Allowable Expense is the greater of the two Plans' reasonable and customary charges. If this plan is secondary to Medicare, please also refer to the discussion in the section below, titled "Determining the Allowable Expense When this Plan is Secondary to Medicare".

## What is Different When You Qualify for Medicare?

### *Determining Which Plan is Primary When You Qualify for Medicare*

As permitted by law, this Plan will pay Benefits second to Medicare when you become eligible for Medicare, even if you don't elect it. There are, however, Medicare-eligible Employees with active current employment status age 65 or older and their Spouses age 65 or older (however, Domestic Partners are excluded as provided by Medicare).

- Individuals with end-stage renal disease, for a limited period of time.
- Disabled individuals under age 65 with current employment status and their Dependents under age 65.

### *Determining the Allowable Expense When this Plan is Secondary to Medicare*

If this Plan is secondary to Medicare, the Medicare approved amount is the Allowable Expense, as long as the provider accepts reimbursement directly from Medicare. If the provider accepts reimbursement directly from Medicare, the Medicare approved amount is the charge that Medicare has determined that it will recognize and which it reports on an "explanation of Medicare benefits" issued by Medicare (the "EOMB") for a given service.



Medicare typically reimburses such providers a percentage of its approved charge – often 80%.

If the provider does not accept assignment of your Medicare benefits, the Medicare limiting charge (the most a provider can charge you if they don't accept Medicare – typically 115% of the Medicare approved amount) will be the Allowable Expense. Medicare payments, combined with Plan Benefits, will not exceed 100% of the Allowable Expense.

If you are eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicare, and this Plan is secondary to Medicare, or if you have enrolled in Medicare but choose to obtain services from an Opt-out provider or one that does not participate in the Medicare program or a provider who does not accept assignment of Medicare benefits, Benefits will be paid on a secondary basis under this Plan and will be determined as if you timely enrolled in Medicare and obtained services from a Medicare participating provider.

When calculating the Plan's Benefits in these situations, and when Medicare does not issue an EOMB, for administrative convenience the Claims Administrator will use the provider's billed charges for covered services as the Allowable Expense for both the Plan and Medicare.

### **Medicare Crossover Program**

The Plan offers a Medicare Crossover program for Medicare Part A and Part B and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) claims. Under this program, you no longer have to file a separate claim with the Plan to receive secondary benefits for these expenses. Your Dependent will also have this automated Crossover, as long as he or she is eligible for Medicare and this Plan is your only secondary medical coverage.

Once the Medicare Part A and Part B and DME carriers have reimbursed your health care provider, the Medicare carrier will electronically submit the necessary information to the Claims Administrator to process the balance of your claim under the provisions of this Plan.

You can verify that the automated crossover took place when your copy of the explanation of Medicare benefits (EOMB) states your claim has been forwarded to your secondary carrier.

This crossover process does not apply to expenses that Medicare does not cover. You must continue to file claims for these expenses.

For information about enrollment or if you have questions about the program, call the telephone number listed on your ID card.

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

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under this Plan and other plans. The Claims Administrator may get the facts needed from, or give them to, other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under this Plan and other plans covering the person claiming benefits.

The Claims Administrator does not need to tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under this Plan must give the Claims Administrator any facts needed to apply those rules and determine benefits payable. If you do not provide the Claims Administrator the information needed to apply these rules and determine the Benefits payable, your claim for Benefits will be denied.

## **Does This Plan Have the Right of Recovery?**

### ***Overpayment and Underpayment of Benefits***

If you are covered under more than one medical plan, there is a possibility that the other plan will pay a benefit that the Plan should have paid. If this occurs, the Plan may pay the other plan the amount owed.

If the Plan pays you more than it owes under this COB provision, you should pay the excess back promptly. Otherwise, the Plan Sponsor may recover the amount in the form of salary, wages, or benefits payable under any Plan Sponsor-funded benefit plans, including this Plan. The Plan Sponsor also reserves the right to recover any overpayment by legal action or offset payments on future Eligible Expenses.

If the Plan overpays a health care provider, the Claims Administrator reserves the right to recover the excess amount from the provider pursuant to Refund of Overpayments, below.

### ***Refund of Overpayments***

If the Plan pays for Benefits for expenses incurred on account of a Covered Person, that Covered Person or any other person or organization that was paid, must make a refund to the Plan if:

- The Plan's obligation to pay Benefits was contingent on the expenses incurred being legally owed and paid by you, but all or some of the expenses were not paid by you or did not legally have to be paid by you.
- All or some of the payment the Plan made exceeded the Benefits under the Plan.
- All or some of the payment was made in error.

The amount that must be refunded equals the amount the Plan paid in excess of the amount that should have been paid under the Plan. If the refund is due from another person or organization, you agree to help the Plan get the refund when requested.

If the refund is due from you and you do not promptly refund the full amount owed, the Plan may recover the overpayment by reallocating the overpaid amount to pay, in whole or in part, future Benefits for you that are payable under the Plan. If the refund is due from a person or organization other than you, the Plan may recover the overpayment by reallocating the overpaid amount to pay, in whole or in part, (i) future Benefits that are payable in connection with services provided to other Covered Persons under the Plan; or (ii) future Benefits that are payment in connection with services provided to persons under other plans for which the Claims Administrator processes payments, pursuant to a transaction in which the Plan's overpayment recovery rights are assigned to such other plans in exchange for such plans' remittance of the amount of the reallocated payment. The reallocated payment amount will either:

- equal the amount of the required refund, or
- if less than the full amount of the required refund, will be deducted from the amount of refund owed to the Plan.

The Plan may have other rights in addition to the right to reallocate overpaid amounts and other enumerated rights, including the right to commence a legal action.

## SECTION 11 - SUBROGATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

The Plan has a right to subrogation and reimbursement. References to “you” or “your” in this *Subrogation and Reimbursement* section shall include you, your estate and your heirs and beneficiaries unless otherwise stated.

Subrogation applies when the plan has paid Benefits on your behalf for a Sickness or Injury for which any third party is allegedly responsible. The right to subrogation means that the Plan is substituted to and shall succeed to any and all legal claims that you may be entitled to pursue against any third party for the Benefits that the Plan has paid that are related to the Sickness or Injury for which any third party is considered responsible.

### ***Subrogation – Example***

Suppose you are injured in a car accident that is not your fault, and you receive Benefits under the Plan to treat your injuries. Under subrogation, the Plan has the right to take legal action in your name against the driver who caused the accident and that driver's insurance carrier to recover the cost of those Benefits.

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

### ***Reimbursement – Example***

Suppose you are injured in a boating accident that is not your fault, and you receive Benefits under the Plan as a result of your injuries. In addition, you receive a settlement in a court proceeding from the individual who caused the accident. You must use the settlement funds to return to the plan 100% of any Benefits you received to treat your injuries.

The following persons and entities are considered third parties:

- A person or entity alleged to have caused you to suffer a Sickness, Injury or damages, or who is legally responsible for the Sickness, Injury or damages.
- Any insurer or other indemnifier of any person or entity alleged to have caused or who caused the Sickness, Injury or damages.
- The Plan Sponsor in a workers' compensation case or other matter alleging liability.
- Any person or entity who is or may be obligated to provide Benefits or payments to you, including Benefits or payments for underinsured or uninsured motorist protection, no-fault or traditional auto insurance, medical payment coverage (auto, homeowners or otherwise), workers' compensation coverage, other insurance carriers or third party administrators.

- Any person or entity against whom you may have any claim for professional and/or legal malpractice arising out of or connected to a Sickness or Injury you allege or could have alleged were the responsibility of any third party.
- Any person or entity that is liable for payment to you on any equitable or legal liability theory.

You agree as follows:

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

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

- The Plan has a first priority right to receive payment on any claim against any third party before you receive payment from that third party. Further, the Plan's first priority right to payment is superior to any and all claims, debts or liens asserted by any medical providers, including but not limited to hospitals or emergency treatment facilities, that assert a right to payment from funds payable from or recovered from an allegedly responsible third party and/or insurance carrier.
- The Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights apply to full and partial settlements, judgments, or other recoveries paid or payable to you or your representative, your estate, your heirs and beneficiaries, no matter how those proceeds are captioned or characterized. Payments include, but are not limited to, economic, non-economic, pecuniary, consortium and punitive damages. The Plan is not required to help you to pursue your claim for damages or personal injuries and no amount of associated costs, including attorneys' fees, shall be deducted from the Plan's recovery without the Plan's express written consent. No so-called "Fund Doctrine" or "Common Fund Doctrine" or "Attorney's Fund Doctrine" shall defeat this right.

- Regardless of whether you have been fully compensated or made whole, the Plan may collect from you the proceeds of any full or partial recovery that you or your legal representative obtain, whether in the form of a settlement (either before or after any determination of liability) or judgment, no matter how those proceeds are captioned or characterized. Proceeds from which the Plan may collect include, but are not limited to, economic, non-economic, and punitive damages. No "collateral source" rule, any "Made-Whole Doctrine" or "Make-Whole Doctrine," claim of unjust enrichment, nor any other equitable limitation shall limit the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights.
- Benefits paid by the Plan may also be considered to be Benefits advanced.
- If you receive any payment from any party as a result of Sickness or Injury, and the Plan alleges some or all of those funds are due and owed to the Plan, you and/or your representative shall hold those funds in trust, either in a separate bank account in your name or in your representative's trust account.
- By participating in and accepting Benefits from the Plan, you agree that (i) any amounts recovered by you from any third party shall constitute Plan assets to the extent of the amount of Plan Benefits provided on behalf of the Covered Person, (ii) you and your representative shall be fiduciaries of the Plan (within the meaning of ERISA) with respect to such amounts, and (iii) you shall be liable for and agree to pay any costs and fees (including reasonable attorney fees) incurred by the Plan to enforce its reimbursement rights.
- The Plan's rights to recovery will not be reduced due to your own negligence.
- By participating in and accepting Benefits from the Plan, you agree to assign to the Plan any Benefits, claims or rights of recovery you have under any automobile policy - including no-fault Benefits, PIP Benefits and/or medical payment Benefits - other coverage or against any third party, to the full extent of the Benefits the Plan has paid for the Sickness or Injury. By agreeing to provide this assignment in exchange for participating in and accepting Benefits, you acknowledge and recognize the Plan's right to assert, pursue and recover on any such claim, whether or not you choose to pursue the claim, and you agree to this assignment voluntarily.
- The Plan may, at its option, take necessary and appropriate action to preserve its rights under these provisions, including but not limited to, providing or exchanging medical payment information with an insurer, the insurer's legal representative or other third party; filing an ERISA reimbursement lawsuit to recover the full amount of medical Benefits you receive for the Sickness or Injury out of any settlement, judgment or other recovery from any third party considered responsible and filing suit in your name or your estate's name, which does not obligate the Plan in any way to pay you part of any recovery the Plan might obtain. Any ERISA reimbursement lawsuit stemming from a refusal to refund Benefits as required under the terms of the Plan is governed by a six-year statute of limitations.
- You may not accept any settlement that does not fully reimburse the Plan, without its written approval.
- The Plan has the authority and discretion to resolve all disputes regarding the interpretation of the language stated herein.

- In the case of your death, giving rise to any wrongful death or survival claim, the provisions of this section apply to your estate, the personal representative of your estate, and your heirs or beneficiaries. In the case of your death the Plan's right of reimbursement and right of subrogation shall apply if a claim can be brought on behalf of you or your estate that can include a claim for past medical expenses or damages. The obligation to reimburse the Plan is not extinguished by a release of claims or settlement agreement of any kind.
- No allocation of damages, settlement funds or any other recovery, by you, your estate, the personal representative of your estate, your heirs, your beneficiaries or any other person or party, shall be valid if it does not reimburse the Plan for 100% of its interest unless the Plan provides written consent to the allocation.
- The provisions of this section apply to the parents, guardian, or other representative of a Dependent child who incurs a Sickness or Injury caused by any third party. If a parent or guardian may bring a claim for damages arising out of a minor's Sickness or Injury, the terms of this subrogation and reimbursement clause shall apply to that claim.
- If any third party causes or is alleged to have caused you to suffer a Sickness or Injury while you are covered under this Plan, the provisions of this section continue to apply, even after you are no longer covered.
- In the event that you do not abide by the terms of the Plan pertaining to reimbursement, the Plan may terminate Benefits to you, your dependents or the participant, deny future Benefits, take legal action against you, and/or set off from any future Benefits the value of Benefits the Plan has paid relating to any Sickness or Injury alleged to have been caused or caused by any third party to the extent not recovered by the Plan due to your failure to abide by the terms of the Plan. If the Plan incurs attorneys' fees and costs in order to collect third party settlement funds held by you or your representative, the Plan has the right to recover those fees and costs from you. You will also be required to pay interest on any amounts you hold which should have been returned to the Plan.
- The Plan and all Administrators administering the terms and conditions of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights have such powers and duties as are necessary to discharge its duties and functions, including the exercise of its discretionary authority to (1) construe and enforce the terms of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights and (2) make determinations with respect to the subrogation amounts and reimbursements owed to the Plan.

### **Right of Recovery**

The Plan has the right to recover Benefits it has paid on you or your Dependent's behalf that were:

- made in error;
- due to a mistake in fact;
- advanced during the time period of meeting the calendar year Deductible; or
- advanced during the time period of meeting the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for the calendar year.

Benefits paid because you or your Dependent misrepresented facts are also subject to recovery.

If the Plan provides a Benefit for you or your Dependent that exceeds the amount that should have been paid, the Plan will:

- require that the overpayment be returned when requested, or
- reduce a future Benefit payment for you or your Dependent by the amount of the overpayment.

If the Plan provides an advancement of Benefits to you or your Dependent during the time period of meeting the Deductible and/or meeting the Out-of-Pocket Maximum for the calendar year, the Plan will send you or your Dependent a monthly statement identifying the amount you owe with payment instructions. The Plan has the right to recover Benefits it has advanced by:

- submitting a reminder letter to you or a covered Dependent that details any outstanding balance owed to the Plan; and
- conducting courtesy calls to you or a covered Dependent to discuss any outstanding balance owed to the Plan.



## SECTION 12 - WHEN COVERAGE ENDS

**What this section includes:**

- Circumstances that cause coverage to end;
- Extended coverage; and
- How to continue coverage after it ends.

Your entitlement to Benefits automatically ends on the date that coverage ends, even if you are hospitalized or are otherwise receiving medical treatment on that date. Please note that this does not affect coverage that is extended under *Extended Coverage for Total Disability* below.

When your coverage ends, the George Washington University will still pay claims for Covered Health Services that you received before your coverage ended. However, once your coverage ends, Benefits are not provided for health services that you receive after coverage ended, even if the underlying medical condition occurred before your coverage ended. Please note that this does not affect coverage that is extended under *Extended Coverage for Total Disability* below.

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

- the date the Plan ends;
- the last day of the month you stop making the required contributions;
- the last day of the month prior to the first day of the month preceding the date you turn age 65; or
- the last day of the month UnitedHealthcare receives written notice from the George Washington University to end your coverage, or the date requested in the notice, if later.

Coverage for your eligible Dependents will end on the earliest of:

- the date your coverage under a medical benefit under the George Washington University Health and Welfare Benefit Plan for Retired Employees ends;
- the last day of the month you stop making the required contributions;
- the last day of the month UnitedHealthcare receives written notice from the George Washington University to end your coverage, or the date requested in the notice, if later;
- the last day of the month prior to the first day of the month preceding the date your Dependent turns age 65; or
- the last day of the month your Dependents no longer qualify as Dependents under this Plan for any other reason.

### ***Other Events Ending Your Coverage***

The Plan will provide at least thirty days' prior written notice to you that your coverage will end on the date identified in the notice if you commit an act, practice, or omission that constituted fraud, or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact including, but not

limited to, knowingly providing incorrect information relating to another person's eligibility or status as a Dependent: You may appeal this decision during the 30-day notice period. The notice will contain information on how to pursue your appeal.

**Note:** If UnitedHealthcare and the George Washington University find that you have performed an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud, or have made an intentional misrepresentation of material fact, the George Washington University has the right to demand that you pay back all Benefits the George Washington University paid to you, or paid in your name, during the time you were incorrectly covered under the Plan.

### **Coverage for a Disabled Child**

If an unmarried enrolled Dependent child with a mental or physical disability reaches an age when coverage would otherwise end, the Plan will continue to cover the child, as long as:

- the child is unable to be self-supporting due to a mental or physical handicap or disability;
- the child depends mainly on you for support;
- you provide to the George Washington University proof of the child's incapacity and dependency within 30 calendar days of the date coverage would have otherwise ended because the child reached a certain age; and
- you provide proof, upon the George Washington University's request, that the child continues to meet these conditions.

The proof might include medical examinations at the George Washington University's expense. However, you will not be asked for this information more than once a year. If you do not supply such proof within 30 calendar days, the Plan will no longer pay Benefits for that child.

Coverage will continue, as long as the enrolled Dependent is incapacitated and dependent upon you, unless coverage is otherwise terminated in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

### **Extended Coverage for Total Disability**

If a Covered Person has a Total Disability on the date their coverage under the Plan ends, their Benefits will not end automatically. The Plan will temporarily extend coverage, only for treatment of the condition causing the Total Disability. Benefits will be paid until the earlier of:

- the Total Disability ends; or
- as determined by the Group.

### **Continuing Coverage Through COBRA**

If you lose your Plan coverage, you may have the right to extend it under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*.

Continuation coverage under COBRA is available only to Plans that are subject to the terms of COBRA. You can contact your Plan Administrator to determine if the George Washington University is subject to the provisions of COBRA.

***Continuation Coverage under Federal Law (COBRA)***

Much of the language in this section comes from the federal law that governs continuation coverage. You should call your Plan Administrator if you have questions about your right to continue coverage.

In order to be eligible for continuation coverage under federal law, you must meet the definition of a "Qualified Beneficiary". A Qualified Beneficiary is any of the following persons who were covered under the Plan on the day before a qualifying event:

- a Retired Employee;
- a Retired Employee's enrolled Dependent, including with respect to the Retired Employee's children, a child born to or placed for adoption with the Retired Employee during a period of continuation coverage under federal law; or
- a Retired Employee's former Spouse.

***Qualifying Events for Continuation Coverage under COBRA***

The following table outlines situations in which you may elect to continue coverage under COBRA for yourself and your Dependents, and the maximum length of time you can receive continued coverage. These situations are considered qualifying events.

| If Coverage Ends Because of the Following Qualifying Events:  | You May Elect COBRA: |                 |                     |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|   | For Yourself         | For Your Spouse | For Your Child(ren) |
| Your work hours are reduced   | 18 months            | 18 months       | 18 months           |
| Your employment terminates for any reason (other than gross misconduct)   | 18 months            | 18 months       | 18 months           |
| You or your family member become eligible for Social Security disability benefits at any time within the first 60 calendar days of losing coverage <sup>1</sup> | 29 months            | 29 months       | 29 months           |
| You die   | N/A                  | 36 months       | 36 months           |
| You divorce (or legally separate)   | N/A                  | 36 months       | 36 months           |
| Your child is no longer an eligible family member (e.g., reaches the maximum age limit)   | N/A                  | N/A             | 36 months           |

| If Coverage Ends Because of the Following Qualifying Events:   | You May Elect COBRA: |                        |                        |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|  | For Yourself         | For Your Spouse        | For Your Child(ren)    |
| You become entitled to Medicare  | N/A                  | See table below        | See table below        |
| The George Washington University files for bankruptcy under Title 11, United States Code. <sup>2</sup> | 36 months            | 36 months <sup>3</sup> | 36 months <sup>3</sup> |

<sup>1</sup>Subject to the following conditions: (i) notice of the disability must be provided within the latest of 60 calendar days after a). the determination of the disability, b). the date of the qualifying event, c). the date the Qualified Beneficiary would lose coverage under the Plan, and in no event later than the end of the first 18 months; (ii) the Qualified Beneficiary must agree to pay any increase in the required premium for the additional 11 months over the original 18 months; and (iii) if the Qualified Beneficiary entitled to the 11 months of coverage has non-disabled family members who are also Qualified Beneficiaries, then those non-disabled Qualified Beneficiaries are also entitled to the additional 11 months of continuation coverage. Notice of any final determination that the Qualified Beneficiary is no longer disabled must be provided within 30 calendar days of such determination. Thereafter, continuation coverage may be terminated on the first day of the month that begins more than 30 calendar days after the date of that determination.

<sup>2</sup>This is a qualifying event for any Employee and his or her enrolled Dependents if there is a substantial elimination of coverage within one year before or after the date the bankruptcy was filed.

<sup>3</sup>From the date of the Employee's death if the Employee dies during the continuation coverage.

### ***How Your Medicare Eligibility Affects Dependent COBRA Coverage***

The table below outlines how your Dependents' COBRA coverage is impacted if you become entitled to Medicare.

| If Dependent Coverage Ends When:  | You May Elect COBRA Dependent Coverage For Up To: |
|---|---|
| You become entitled to Medicare and don't experience any additional qualifying events   | 18 months   |
| You become entitled to Medicare, after which you experience a second qualifying event* before the initial 18-month period expires | 36 months   |

| If Dependent Coverage Ends When:   | You May Elect COBRA Dependent Coverage For Up To: |
|--|---|
| You experience a qualifying event*, after which you become entitled to Medicare before the initial 18-month period expires; and, if absent this initial qualifying event, your Medicare entitlement would have resulted in loss of Dependent coverage under the Plan | 36 months   |

\* Your work hours are reduced or your employment is terminated for reasons other than gross misconduct.

### ***Getting Started***

You will be notified by mail if you become eligible for COBRA coverage as a result of a reduction in work hours or termination of employment. The notification will give you instructions for electing COBRA coverage, and advise you of the monthly cost. Your monthly cost is the full cost, including both Retired Employee and Employer costs, plus a 2% administrative fee or other cost as permitted by law.

You will have up to 60 calendar days from the date you receive notification or 60 calendar days from the date your coverage ends to elect COBRA coverage, whichever is later. You will then have an additional 45 calendar days to pay the cost of your COBRA coverage, retroactive to the date your Plan coverage ended.

During the 60-day election period, the Plan will, only in response to a request from a provider, inform that provider of your right to elect COBRA coverage, retroactive to the date your COBRA eligibility began.

While you are a participant in the medical Plan under COBRA, you have the right to change your coverage election:

- during Open Enrollment; and
- following a change in family status, as described under *Changing Your Coverage* in Section 2, *Introduction*.

### ***Notification Requirements***

If your covered Dependents lose coverage due to divorce, legal separation, or loss of Dependent status, you or your Dependents must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days of the latest of:

- the date of the divorce, legal separation or an enrolled Dependent's loss of eligibility as an enrolled Dependent;
- the date your enrolled Dependent would lose coverage under the Plan; or
- the date on which you or your enrolled Dependent are informed of your obligation to provide notice and the procedures for providing such notice.

You or your Dependents must also notify the Plan Administrator when a qualifying event occurs that will extend continuation coverage.

If you or your Dependents fail to notify the Plan Administrator of these events within the 60 calendar day period, the Plan Administrator is not obligated to provide continued coverage to the affected Qualified Beneficiary. If you are continuing coverage under federal law, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days of the birth or adoption of a child.

Once you have notified the Plan Administrator, you will then be notified by mail of your election rights under COBRA.

### ***Notification Requirements for Disability Determination***

If you extend your COBRA coverage beyond 18 months because you are eligible for disability benefits from Social Security, you must provide GW Benefits with notice of the Social Security Administration's determination within 60 calendar days after you receive that determination, and before the end of your initial 18-month continuation period.

The notice requirements will be satisfied by providing written notice to the Plan Administrator at the address stated in Section 15, *Important Administrative Information: ERISA*. The contents of the notice must be such that the Plan Administrator is able to determine the covered Retired Employee and qualified beneficiary(ies), the qualifying event or disability, and the date on which the qualifying event occurred.

### **When COBRA Ends**

COBRA coverage will end before the maximum continuation period, on the earliest of the following dates:

- the date, after electing continuation coverage, that coverage is first obtained under any other group health plan;
- the date, after electing continuation coverage, that you or your covered Dependent first becomes entitled to Medicare;
- the date coverage ends for failure to make the first required premium payment (premium is not paid within 45 calendar days);
- the date coverage ends for failure to make any other monthly premium payment (premium is not paid within 30 calendar days of its due date);
- the date the entire Plan ends; or
- the date coverage would otherwise terminate under the Plan as described in the beginning of this section.

**Note:** If you selected continuation coverage under a prior plan which was then replaced by coverage under this Plan, continuation coverage will end as scheduled under the prior plan or in accordance with the terminating events listed in this section, whichever is earlier.

## SECTION 13 - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### What this section includes:

- Court-ordered Benefits for Dependent children;
- Your relationship with UnitedHealthcare and the George Washington University;
- Relationships with providers;
- Interpretation of Benefits;
- Information and records;
- Incentives to providers and you;
- The future of the Plan; and
- How to access the official Plan documents.

### Qualified Medical Child Support Orders (QMCSOs)

A qualified medical child support order (QMCSO) is a judgment, decree or order issued by a court or appropriate state agency that requires a child to be covered for medical benefits. Generally, a QMCSO is issued as part of a paternity, divorce, or other child support settlement.

If the Plan receives a medical child support order for your child that instructs the Plan to cover the child, the Plan Administrator will review it to determine if it meets the requirements for a QMCSO. If it determines that it does, your child will be enrolled in the Plan as your Dependent, and the Plan will be required to pay Benefits as directed by the order as long as the child is non-Medicare eligible.

You may obtain, without charge, a copy of the procedures governing QMCSOs from the Plan Administrator.

**Note:** A National Medical Support Notice will be recognized as a QMCSO if it meets the requirements of a QMCSO.

### Your Relationship with UnitedHealthcare and the George Washington University

In order to make choices about your health care coverage and treatment, the George Washington University believes that it is important for you to understand how UnitedHealthcare interacts with the Plan Sponsor's benefit Plan and how it may affect you. UnitedHealthcare helps administer the Plan Sponsor's benefit plan in which you are enrolled. UnitedHealthcare does not provide medical services or make treatment decisions. This means:

- UnitedHealthcare communicates to you decisions about whether the Plan will cover or pay for the health care that you may receive (the Plan pays for Covered Health Services, which are more fully described in this SPD); and

- the Plan may not pay for all treatments you or your Physician may believe are necessary. If the Plan does not pay, you will be responsible for the cost.

The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare may use individually identifiable information about you to identify for you (and you alone) procedures, products or services that you may find valuable. The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare will use individually identifiable information about you as permitted or required by law, including in operations and in research. The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare will use de-identified data for commercial purposes including research.

## Relationship with Providers

UnitedHealthcare has agreements in place that govern the relationships between it and the George Washington University and Network providers, some of which are affiliated providers. Network providers enter into agreements with UnitedHealthcare to provide Covered Health Services to Covered Persons.

The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare do not provide health care services or supplies, nor do they practice medicine. Instead, the George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare arrange for health care providers to participate in a Network and administer payment of Benefits. Network providers are independent practitioners who run their own offices and facilities. UnitedHealthcare's credentialing process confirms public information about the providers' licenses and other credentials, but does not assure the quality of the services provided. They are not the George Washington University's employees nor are they employees of UnitedHealthcare. The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare are not liable for any act or omission of any provider.

UnitedHealthcare is not considered to be an employer of the Plan Administrator for any purpose with respect to the administration or provision of benefits under this Plan.

The George Washington University is solely responsible for:

- enrollment and classification changes (including classification changes resulting in your enrollment or the termination of your coverage);
- the timely payment of the service fee to UnitedHealthcare;
- the funding of Benefits on a timely basis; and
- notifying you of the termination or modifications to the Plan.

When the Plan Sponsor establishes the Plan to provide coverage under a benefit plan governed by the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act* ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §1001 *et seq.*, UnitedHealthcare is not the plan administrator or named fiduciary of the benefit plan, as those terms are used in *ERISA*. If you have questions about your welfare benefit plan, you should contact the Plan Sponsor. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under *ERISA*, contact the nearest area office of the *Employee Benefits Security Administration*, U. S. Department of Labor.



## **Your Relationship with Providers**

The relationship between you and any provider is that of provider and patient. Your provider is solely responsible for the quality of the services provided to you. You:

- are responsible for choosing your own provider;
- are responsible for paying, directly to your provider, any amount identified as a member responsibility, including Coinsurance, any Annual Deductible and any amount that exceeds Eligible Expenses;
- are responsible for paying, directly to your provider, the cost of any non-Covered Health Service;
- must decide if any provider treating you is right for you (this includes Network providers you choose and providers to whom you have been referred); and
- must decide with your provider what care you should receive.

The relationship between you and the George Washington University is that of employer and employee, Dependent or other classification as defined in the SPD.

## **Interpretation of Benefits**

The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare have the sole and exclusive discretion to do all of the following:

- interpret Benefits under the Plan;
- interpret the other terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Plan, including this SPD, the Schedule of Benefits, Addendums and any Summary of Material Modifications (SMMs) and/or Amendments; and
- make factual determinations related to the Plan and its Benefits.

The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare may delegate this discretionary authority to other persons or entities including Claims Administrator's affiliates that may provide services in regard to the administration of the Plan. The identity of the service providers and the nature of their services may be changed from time to time in Plan Sponsor's and the Claims Administrator's discretion. In order to receive Benefits, you must cooperate with those service providers.

In certain circumstances, for purposes of overall cost savings or efficiency, the George Washington University may, in its discretion, offer Benefits for services that would otherwise not be Covered Health Services. The fact that the George Washington University does so in any particular case shall not in any way be deemed to require the George Washington University to do so in other similar cases.

## Review and Determine Benefits in Accordance with UnitedHealthcare Reimbursement Policies

UnitedHealthcare develops its reimbursement policy guidelines, in its sole discretion, in accordance with one or more of the following methodologies:

- As indicated in the most recent edition of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), a publication of the American Medical Association, and/or the *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)*.
- As reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.
- As used for Medicare.
- As determined by medical staff and outside medical consultants pursuant to other appropriate sources or determinations that UnitedHealthcare accepts.

Following evaluation and validation of certain provider billings (e.g., error, abuse and fraud reviews), UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies are applied to provider billings. UnitedHealthcare shares its reimbursement policies with Physicians and other providers in UnitedHealthcare's Network through UnitedHealthcare's provider website. Network Physicians and providers may not bill you for the difference between their contract rate (as may be modified by UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies) and the billed charge. However, non-Network providers are not subject to this prohibition, and may bill you for any amounts the Plan does not pay, including amounts that are denied because one of UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies does not reimburse (in whole or in part) for the service billed. You may obtain copies of UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement policies for yourself or to share with your non-Network Physician or provider by going to **www.myuhc.com** or by calling the telephone number on your ID card.

UnitedHealthcare may apply a reimbursement methodology established by *OptumInsight* and/or a third party vendor, which is based on *CMS* coding principles, to determine appropriate reimbursement levels for Emergency Health Services. The methodology is usually based on elements reflecting the patient complexity, direct costs, and indirect costs of an Emergency Health Service. If the methodology(ies) currently in use become no longer available, UnitedHealthcare will use a comparable methodology(ies). UnitedHealthcare and *OptumInsight* are related companies through common ownership by *UnitedHealth Group*. Refer to UnitedHealthcare's website at **www.myuhc.com** for information regarding the vendor that provides the applicable methodology.

## Information and Records

The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare may use your individually identifiable health information to administer the Plan and pay claims, to identify procedures, products, or services that you may find valuable, and as otherwise permitted or required by law. The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare may request additional information from you to decide your claim for Benefits. The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare will keep this information confidential. The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare may also use your de-identified data for commercial purposes, including research, as permitted by law.

By accepting Benefits under the Plan, you authorize and direct any person or institution that has provided services to you to furnish the George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare with all information or copies of records relating to the services provided to you, including provider billing and provider payment records. The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare have the right to request this information at any reasonable time. This applies to all Covered Persons, including enrolled Dependents whether or not they have signed the Retired Employee's enrollment form. The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare agree that such information and records will be considered confidential.

The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare have the right to release any and all records concerning health care services which are necessary to implement and administer the terms of the Plan, for appropriate medical review or quality assessment, or as the George Washington University is required to do by law or regulation. During and after the term of the Plan, the George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare and its related entities may use and transfer the information gathered under the Plan in a de-identified format for commercial purposes, including research and analytic purposes.

For complete listings of your medical records or billing statements the George Washington University recommends that you contact your health care provider. Providers may charge you reasonable fees to cover their costs for providing records or completing requested forms.

If you request medical forms or records from UnitedHealthcare, they also may charge you reasonable fees to cover costs for completing the forms or providing the records.

In some cases, as permitted by law, the George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare will designate other persons or entities to request records or information from or related to you, and to release those records as necessary. UnitedHealthcare's designees have the same rights to this information as does the Plan Administrator.

### **Incentives to Providers**

Network providers may be provided financial incentives by UnitedHealthcare to promote the delivery of health care in a cost efficient and effective manner. These financial incentives are not intended to affect your access to health care.

Examples of financial incentives for Network providers are:

- Bonuses for performance based on factors that may include quality, member satisfaction, and/or cost-effectiveness.
- A practice called capitation which is when a group of Network providers receives a monthly payment from UnitedHealthcare for each Covered Person who selects a Network provider within the group to perform or coordinate certain health services. The Network providers receive this monthly payment regardless of whether the cost of providing or arranging to provide the Covered Person's health care is less than or more than the payment.

- Bundled payments - certain Network providers receive a bundled payment for a group of Covered Health Services for a particular procedure or medical condition. The applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance will be calculated based on the provider type that received the bundled payment. The Network providers receive these bundled payments regardless of whether the cost of providing or arranging to provide the Covered Person's health care is less than or more than the payment. If you receive follow-up services related to a procedure where a bundled payment is made, an additional Copayment and/or Coinsurance may not be required if such follow-up services are included in the bundled payment. You may receive some Covered Health Services that are not considered part of the inclusive bundled payment and those Covered Health Services would be subject to the applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance as described in your *Schedule of Benefits*.

The Claims Administrator uses various payment methods to pay specific Network providers. From time to time, the payment method may change. If you have questions about whether your Network provider's contract with the Claims Administrator includes any financial incentives, the Claims Administrator encourages you to discuss those questions with your provider. You may also call the Claims Administrator at the telephone number on your ID card. The Claims Administrator can advise whether your Network provider is paid by any financial incentive, including those listed above.

### **Incentives to You**

Sometimes you may be offered coupons or other incentives to encourage you to participate in various wellness programs or certain disease management programs, surveys, discount programs and/or programs to seek care in a more cost effective setting and/or from Designated Providers. In some instances, these programs may be offered in combination with a non-UnitedHealthcare entity. The decision about whether or not to participate is yours alone but the George Washington University recommends that you discuss participating in such programs with your Physician. These incentives are not Benefits and do not alter or affect your Benefits. You may call the number on your ID card if you have any questions. Additional information may be found in Section 7, *Clinical Programs and Resources*.

### **Rebates and Other Payments**

The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare may receive rebates for certain drugs that are administered to you in a Physician's office, or at a Hospital or Alternate Facility. This includes rebates for those drugs that are administered to you before you meet your Annual Deductible. The George Washington University and UnitedHealthcare may pass a portion of these rebates on to you. When rebates are passed on to you, they may be taken into account in determining your Coinsurance.

### **Workers' Compensation Not Affected**

Benefits provided under the Plan do not substitute for and do not affect any requirements for coverage by workers' compensation insurance.

## Future of the Plan

Although the Group expects to continue the Plan indefinitely, it reserves the right to discontinue, alter or modify the Plan in whole or in part, at any time and for any reason, at its sole determination.

The Group's decision to terminate or amend a Plan may be due to changes in federal or state laws governing employee benefits, the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code or Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), or any other reason. A plan change may transfer plan assets and debts to another plan or split a plan into two or more parts. If the Group does change or terminate a plan, it may decide to set up a different plan providing similar or different benefits.

If this Plan is terminated, Covered Persons will not have the right to any other Benefits from the Plan, other than for those claims incurred prior to the date of termination, or as otherwise provided under the Plan. In addition, if the Plan is amended, Covered Persons may be subject to altered coverage and Benefits.

The amount and form of any final benefit you receive will depend on any Plan document or contract provisions affecting the Plan and Group decisions. After all Benefits have been paid and other requirements of the law have been met, certain remaining Plan assets will be turned over to the Group and others as may be required by any applicable law.

## Plan Document

This Summary Plan Description (SPD) represents an overview of your Benefits. In the event there is a discrepancy between the SPD and the official plan document, the plan document will govern. A copy of the plan document is available for your inspection during regular business hours in the office of the Plan Administrator. You (or your personal representative) may obtain a copy of this document by written request to the Plan Administrator, for a nominal charge.

## Medicare Eligibility

Benefits under the Plan are not intended to supplement any coverage provided by Medicare. Nevertheless, in some circumstances Covered Persons who are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare may also be enrolled under the Plan.

If you are eligible for or enrolled in Medicare, please read the following information carefully.

If you are eligible for Medicare on a primary basis (Medicare pays before Benefits under the Plan), you should enroll in and maintain coverage under both Medicare Part A and Part B. If you don't enroll and maintain that coverage, and if the Plan is the secondary payer as described in Section 10, *Coordination of Benefits*, the Plan will pay Benefits under the Plan as if you were covered under both Medicare Part A and Part B. As a result, you will be responsible for the costs that Medicare would have paid and you will incur a larger out-of-pocket cost.

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C) plan on a primary basis (Medicare pays before Benefits under the Plan), you should follow all rules of that plan that

require you to seek services from that plan's participating providers. When the Plan is the secondary payer, the Plan will pay any Benefits available to you under the Plan as if you had followed all rules of the Medicare Advantage plan. You will be responsible for any additional costs or reduced Benefits that result from your failure to follow these rules, and you will incur a larger out-of-pocket cost.

## SECTION 14 - GLOSSARY

**What this section includes:**

- Definitions of terms used throughout this SPD.

Many of the terms used throughout this SPD may be unfamiliar to you or have a specific meaning with regard to the way the Plan is administered and how Benefits are paid. This section defines terms used throughout this SPD, but it does not describe the Benefits provided by the Plan.

**Addendum** – any attached written description of additional or revised provisions to the Plan. The benefits and exclusions of this SPD and any amendments thereto shall apply to the Addendum except that in the case of any conflict between the Addendum and SPD and/or Amendments to the SPD, the Addendum shall be controlling.

**Air Ambulance** – medical transport by rotary wing Air Ambulance or fixed wing Air Ambulance helicopter or airplane as defined in *42 CFR 414.605*.

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

- surgical services;
- Emergency Health Services; or
- rehabilitative, laboratory, diagnostic or therapeutic services.

An Alternate Facility may also provide Mental Health Services or Substance Use Disorder Services on an outpatient basis or inpatient basis (for example a Residential Treatment facility).

**Amendment** – any attached written description of additional or alternative provisions to the Plan. Amendments are effective only when distributed by the Plan Sponsor or the Plan Administrator. Amendments are subject to all conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Plan, except for those that the amendment is specifically changing.

**Ancillary Services** – items and services provided by non-Network Physicians at a Network facility that are any of the following:

- Related to emergency medicine, anesthesiology, pathology, radiology, and neonatology;
- Provided by assistant surgeons, hospitalists, and intensivists;
- Diagnostic services, including radiology and laboratory services, unless such items and services are excluded from the definition of Ancillary Services as determined by the Secretary;
- Provided by such other specialty practitioners as determined by the Secretary; and
- Provided by a non-Network Physician when no other Network Physician is available.

**Annual Deductible (or Deductible)** – the amount you must pay for Covered Health Services in a calendar year before the Plan will begin paying Benefits in that calendar year. The Deductible is shown in the first table in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*.

**Autism Spectrum Disorders** - a condition marked by enduring problems communicating and interacting with others, along with restricted and repetitive behavior, interests or activities.

**Benefits** – Plan payments for Covered Health Services, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and any Addendums and/or Amendments.

**Cancer Resource Services (CRS)** – a program administered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates made available to you by the George Washington University. The CRS program provides:

- specialized consulting services, on a limited basis, to Retired Employees and enrolled Dependents with cancer;
- access to cancer centers with expertise in treating the most rare or complex cancers; and
- education to help patients understand their cancer and make informed decisions about their care and course of treatment.

**Center of Excellence** – A transplant program qualified by Optum as a Center of Excellence and noted on the Optum website at [www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com](http://www.myoptumhealthcomplexmedical.com).

**CHD** – see Congenital Heart Disease (CHD).

**Claims Administrator** – UnitedHealthcare (also known as United Healthcare Services, Inc.) and its affiliates, who provide certain claim administration services for the Plan.

**Clinical Trial** – a scientific study designed to identify new health services that improve health outcomes. In a Clinical Trial, two or more treatments are compared to each other and the patient is not allowed to choose which treatment will be received.

**COBRA** – see Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA).

**Coinsurance** – the charge, stated as a percentage of Eligible Expenses or the Recognized Amount when applicable, that you are required to pay for certain Covered Health Services as described in Section 3, *How the Plan Works*.

**Congenital Anomaly** – a physical developmental defect that is present at birth and is identified within the first twelve months of birth.

**Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)** – any structural heart problem or abnormality that has been present since birth. Congenital heart defects may:

- be passed from a parent to a child (inherited);
- develop in the fetus of a woman who has an infection or is exposed to radiation or other toxic substances during her Pregnancy; or



- have no known cause.

**Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA)** – a federal law that requires employers to offer continued health insurance coverage to certain employees and retired employees and their dependents whose group health insurance has been terminated.

**Cosmetic Procedures** – procedures or services that change or improve appearance without significantly improving physiological function, as determined by the Claims Administrator.

**Cost-Effective** – the least expensive equipment that performs the necessary function. This term applies to Durable Medical Equipment and prosthetic devices.

**Covered Health Services** - those health services, including services, supplies or Pharmaceutical Products, which the Claims Administrator determines to be:

- provided for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating a Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, condition, disease or its symptoms;
- Medically Necessary;
- described as a Covered Health Service in this SPD under Section 5, *Plan Highlights* and 6, *Additional Coverage Details*;
- provided to a Covered Person who meets the Plan's eligibility requirements, as described under *Eligibility* in Section 2, *Introduction*; and
- not otherwise excluded in this SPD under Section 8, *Exclusions and Limitations*.

**Covered Person** – either the Retired Employee or an enrolled Dependent only while enrolled and eligible for Benefits under the Plan. References to "you" and "your" throughout this SPD are references to a Covered Person.

**CRS** – see Cancer Resource Services (CRS).

**Custodial Care** – services that do not require special skills or training and that:

- provide assistance in activities of daily living (including but not limited to feeding, dressing, bathing, ostomy care, incontinence care, checking of routine vital signs, transferring and ambulating);
- are provided for the primary purpose of meeting the personal needs of the patient or maintaining a level of function (even if the specific services are considered to be skilled services), as opposed to improving that function to an extent that might allow for a more independent existence; or
- do not require continued administration by trained medical personnel in order to be delivered safely and effectively.

**Deductible** – see Annual Deductible.

**Definitive Drug Test** - test to identify specific medications, illicit substances and metabolites and is qualitative or quantitative to identify possible use or non-use of a drug.

**Dependent** – an individual who meets the eligibility requirements specified in the Plan, as described under *Eligibility* in Section 2, *Introduction*. A Dependent does not include anyone who is also enrolled as a Retired Employee. No one can be a Dependent of more than one Retired Employee.

**Designated Dispensing Entity** - a pharmacy, provider, or facility that has entered into an agreement with the Claims Administrator, or with an organization contracting on the Claims Administrator's behalf, to provide Pharmaceutical Products for the treatment of specified diseases or conditions. Not all Network pharmacies, providers, or facilities are Designated Dispensing Entities.

**Designated Network Benefits** – for Benefit plans that have a Designated Network Benefit level, this is the description of how Benefits are paid for the Covered Health Services provided by a Physician or other provider that has been identified as a Designated Provider. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights*, to determine whether or not your Benefit plan offers Designated Network Benefits and for details about how Designated Network Benefits apply.

**Designated Provider** - a provider and/or facility that:

- Has entered into an agreement with UnitedHealthcare, or with an organization contracting on UnitedHealthcare's behalf, to provide Covered Health Services for the treatment of specific diseases or conditions; or
- UnitedHealthcare has identified through UnitedHealthcare's designation programs as a Designated Provider. Such designation may apply to specific treatments, conditions and/or procedures.

A Designated Provider may or may not be located within your geographic area. Not all Network Hospitals or Network Physicians are Designated Providers.

You can find out if your provider is a Designated Provider by contacting the Claims Administrator at **www.myuhc.com** or the telephone number on your ID card.

**Designated Virtual Network Provider** - a provider or facility that has entered into an agreement with the Claims Administrator, or with an organization contracting on the Claims Administrator's behalf, to deliver Covered Health Care Services through live audio with video technology or audio only.

**DME** – see Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

**Domestic Partner** - a person of the same or opposite sex with whom the Retired Employee has established a Domestic Partnership.

**Domestic Partnership** - a relationship between a Retired Employee and one other person of the same or opposite sex. All of the following requirements apply to both persons:

- not be so closely related that marriage would otherwise be prohibited;

- not be legally married to, or the Domestic Partner of, another person under either statutory or common law;
- be at least 18 years old;
- live together and share the common necessities of life;
- be mentally competent to enter into a contract; and
- be financially interdependent.

The Retired Employee and Domestic Partner must jointly sign an affidavit of domestic partnership provided by GW Benefits upon your request.

**Domiciliary Care** – living arrangements designed to meet the needs of people who cannot live independently but do not require Skilled Nursing Facility services.

**Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** – medical equipment that is all of the following:

- is used to serve a medical purpose with respect to treatment of a Sickness, Injury or their symptoms;
- is not disposable;
- is generally not useful to a person in the absence of a Sickness, Injury or their symptoms;
- can withstand repeated use;
- is not implantable within the body; and
- is appropriate for use, and is primarily used, within the home.

**Eligible Expenses** - for Covered Health Services, incurred while the Plan is in effect, Eligible Expenses are determined by the Claims Administrator as stated below and as detailed in Section 3, *How the Plan Works*.

Eligible Expenses are determined in accordance with the Claims Administrator's reimbursement policy guidelines or as required by law. The Claims Administrator develops the reimbursement policy guidelines, in the Claims Administrator's discretion, following evaluation and validation of all provider billings in accordance with one or more of the following methodologies:

- As indicated in the most recent edition of the *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)*, a publication of the *American Medical Association*, and/or the *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)*.
- As reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.
- As used for Medicare.

As determined by medical staff and outside medical consultants pursuant to other appropriate source or determination that the Claims Administrator accepts.

**Emergency** - a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) so that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in any of the following:

- Placing the health of the Covered Person (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy.
- Serious impairment to bodily functions.
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

**Emergency Health Services** - with respect to Emergency:

- An appropriate medical screening examination (as required under section 1867 of the *Social Security Act*, 42 U.S.C. 1395dd or as would be required under such section if such section applied to an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department) that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital, or an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, as applicable, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such Emergency.
- Such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital or an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, as applicable, as are required under section 1867 of the *Social Security Act* (42 U.S.C. 1395dd(e)(3)), or as would be required under such section if such section applied to an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, to stabilize the patient (regardless of the department of the Hospital in which such further exam or treatment is provided). For the purpose of this definition, “to stabilize” has the meaning as given such term in section 1867(e)(3) of the *Social Security Act* (42 U.S.C. 1395dd(e)(3)).
- Emergency Health Services include items and services otherwise covered under the Plan when provided by a non-Network provider or facility (regardless of the department of the Hospital in which the items are services are provided) after the patient is stabilized and as part of outpatient observation, or as a part of an Inpatient Stay or outpatient stay that is connected to the original Emergency unless the following conditions are met:
  - a. The attending Emergency Physician or treating provider determines the patient is able to travel using nonmedical transportation or non-Emergency medical transportation to an available Network provider or facility located within a reasonable distance taking into consideration the patient's medical condition.
  - b. The provider furnishing the additional items and services satisfies notice and consent criteria in accordance with applicable law.
  - c. The patient is in such a condition, as determined by the Secretary, to receive information as stated in b) above and to provide informed consent in accordance with applicable law.
  - d. The provider or facility satisfies any additional requirements or prohibitions as may be imposed by state law.
  - e. Any other conditions as specified by the Secretary.

The above conditions do not apply to unforeseen or urgent medical needs that arise at the time the service is provided regardless of whether notice and consent criteria has been satisfied.

**Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)** – the federal legislation that regulates retirement and employee welfare benefit programs maintained by employers and unions.

**Employer** – The George Washington University.

**EOB** – see Explanation of Benefits (EOB).

**ERISA** – see Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

**Experimental or Investigational Service(s)** – medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, mental health, substance-related and addictive disorders or other health care services, technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies, medications, or devices that, at the time the Claims Administrator makes a determination regarding coverage in a particular case, are determined to be any of the following:

- Not approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* to be lawfully marketed for the proposed use and not as appropriate for the proposed use in any of the following:
  - *AHFS Drug Information (AHFS DI)* under therapeutic uses section;
  - *Elsevier Gold Standard's Clinical Pharmacology* under the indications section;
  - *DRUGDEX System by Micromedex* under the therapeutic uses section and has a strength recommendation rating of class I, class IIa, or class IIb; or
  - *National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)* drugs and biologics compendium category of evidence 1, 2A, or 2B.
- Subject to review and approval by any institutional review board for the proposed use (Devices which are *FDA* approved under the *Humanitarian Use Device* exemption are not considered to be Experimental or Investigational.)
- The subject of an ongoing Clinical Trial that meets the definition of a Phase I, II or III Clinical Trial set forth in the *FDA* regulations, regardless of whether the trial is actually subject to *FDA* oversight.
- Only obtainable, with regard to outcomes for the given indication, within research settings.

Exceptions:

- Clinical Trials for which Benefits are available as described under *Clinical Trials* in Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*.
- If you are not a participant in a qualifying Clinical Trial as described under Section 6, *Additional Coverage Details*, and have a Sickness or condition that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment, the Claims Administrator may, at its discretion, consider an otherwise Experimental or Investigational Service to be a Covered Health Service for that Sickness or condition. Prior to such consideration, the

Claims Administrator must determine that, although unproven, the service has significant potential as an effective treatment for that Sickness or condition.

**Explanation of Benefits (EOB)** – a statement provided by UnitedHealthcare to you, your Physician, or another health care professional that explains:

- the Benefits provided (if any);
- the allowable reimbursement amounts;
- Deductibles;
- Coinsurance;
- any other reductions taken;
- the net amount paid by the Plan; and
- the reason(s) why the service or supply was not covered by the Plan.

**Gender Dysphoria** - A disorder characterized by the diagnostic criteria classified in the current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*.

**Gene Therapy** - therapeutic delivery of nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) into a patient's cells as a drug to treat a disease.

**Genetic Counseling** - counseling by a qualified clinician that includes:

- Identifying your potential risks for suspected genetic disorders;
- An individualized discussion about the benefits, risks and limitations of Genetic Testing to help you make informed decisions about Genetic Testing; and
- Interpretation of the Genetic Testing results in order to guide health decisions.

Certified genetic counselors, medical geneticists and physicians with a professional society's certification that they have completed advanced training in genetics are considered qualified clinicians when Covered Health Services for Genetic Testing require Genetic Counseling.

**Genetic Testing** - exam of blood or other tissue for changes in genes (DNA or RNA) that may indicate an increased risk for developing a specific disease or disorder, or provide information to guide the selection of treatment of certain diseases, including cancer.

**Gestational Carrier** - a Gestational Carrier is a female who becomes pregnant by having a fertilized egg (embryo) implanted in her uterus for the purpose of carrying the fetus to term for another person. The carrier does not provide the egg and is therefore not biologically (genetically) related to the child.

**Group** – The George Washington University.

**Health Statement(s)** – a single, integrated statement that summarizes EOB information by providing detailed content on account balances and claim activity.

**Home Health Agency** – a program or organization authorized by law to provide health care services in the home.

**Hospital** – an institution, operated as required by law and that meets both of the following:

- it is primarily engaged in providing health services, on an inpatient basis, for the acute care and treatment of sick or injured individuals. Care is provided through medical, mental health, substance-related and addictive disorders, diagnostic and surgical facilities, by or under the supervision of a staff of Physicians; and
- it has 24 hour nursing services.

A Hospital is not primarily a place for rest, Custodial Care or care of the aged and is not a nursing home, convalescent home or similar institution.

**Independent Freestanding Emergency Department** – a health care facility that:

- Is geographically separate and distinct and licensed separately from a Hospital under applicable law; and
- Provides Emergency Health Services.

**Infertility** - A disease (an interruption, cessation, or disorder of body functions, systems, or organs) of the reproductive tract which prevents the conception of a child or the ability to carry a pregnancy to delivery.

**Injury** – bodily damage other than Sickness, including all related conditions and recurrent symptoms.

**Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility** – a long term acute rehabilitation center, a Hospital (or a special unit of a Hospital designated as an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility) that provides rehabilitation services (including physical therapy, occupational therapy and/or speech therapy) on an inpatient basis, as authorized by law.

**Inpatient Stay** – an uninterrupted confinement, following formal admission to a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility.

**Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT)** – outpatient behavioral/educational services that aim to reinforce adaptive behaviors, reduce maladaptive behaviors and improve the mastery of functional age appropriate skills in people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Examples include *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)*, *The Denver Model*, and *Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)*.

**Intensive Outpatient Treatment** - a structured outpatient treatment program.

- for Mental Health Services, the program may be freestanding or Hospital-based and provides services for at least three hours per day, two or more days per week.
- for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services, the program provides nine to nineteen hours per week of structured programming for adults and six to nineteen hours

for adolescents, consisting primarily of counseling and education about addiction related and mental health problems.

**Intermittent Care** – skilled nursing care that is provided or needed either:

- fewer than seven days each week; or
- fewer than eight hours each day for periods of 21 calendar days or less.

Exceptions may be made in special circumstances when the need for additional care is finite and predictable.

**Kidney Resource Services (KRS)** – a program administered by UnitedHealthcare or its affiliates made available to you by the George Washington University. The KRS program provides:

- specialized consulting services to Retired Employees and enrolled Dependents with ESRD or chronic kidney disease;
- access to dialysis centers with expertise in treating kidney disease; and
- guidance for the patient on the prescribed plan of care.

**Lifetime Maximum Benefit** – the most the Plan will pay for Benefits during the entire period you are enrolled under this Plan offered by George Washington University. The Lifetime Maximum Benefit is shown in the first table in Section 5, *Plan Highlights*.

**Manipulative Treatment** – the therapeutic application of chiropractic and/or osteopathic manipulative treatment with or without ancillary physiologic treatment and/or rehabilitative methods rendered to restore/improve motion, reduce pain and improve function in the management of an identifiable neuromusculoskeletal condition.

**Medicaid** – a federal program administered and operated individually by participating state and territorial governments that provides medical benefits to eligible low-income people needing health care. The federal and state governments share the program's costs.

**Medically Necessary** - health care services that are all of the following as determined by the Claims Administrator or its designee, within the Claims Administrator's sole discretion. The services must be:

- in accordance with *Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice*;
- clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, service site and duration, and considered effective for your Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, disease or its symptoms;
- not mainly for your convenience or that of your doctor or other health care provider; and
- not more costly than an alternative drug, service(s), service site or supply that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of your Sickness, Injury, disease or symptoms.



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

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

The Claims Administrator develops and maintains clinical policies that describe the *Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* scientific evidence, prevailing medical standards and clinical guidelines supporting its determinations regarding specific services. These clinical policies (as developed by the Claims Administrator and revised from time to time), are available to Covered Persons on [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) or by calling the number on your ID card, and to Physicians and other health care professionals on [www.UHCprovider.com](http://www.UHCprovider.com).

**Medicare** – Parts A, B, C and D of the insurance program established by Title XVIII, United States Social Security Act, as amended by 42 U.S.C. Sections 1394, et seq. and as later amended.

**Mental Health Services** – Services for the diagnosis and treatment of those mental health or psychiatric categories that are listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or the. The fact that a condition is listed in the current *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment for the condition is a Covered Health Service.

**Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder (MH/SUD) Administrator** – the organization or individual designated by the George Washington University who provides or arranges Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services under the Plan.

**Mental Illness** – those mental health or psychiatric diagnostic categories listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a condition is listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment for the condition is a Covered Health Service.

**Network** – when used to describe a provider of health care services, this means a provider that has a participation agreement in effect (either directly or indirectly) with the Claims Administrator or with its affiliate to participate in the Network; however, this does not include those providers who have agreed to discount their charges for Covered Health Services by way of their participation in the Shared Savings Program. The Claims Administrator's affiliates are those entities affiliated with the Claims Administrator through

common ownership or control with the Claims Administrator or with the Claims Administrator's ultimate corporate parent, including direct and indirect subsidiaries.

A provider may enter into an agreement to provide only certain Covered Health Services, but not all Covered Health Services, or to be a Network provider for only some products. In this case, the provider will be a Network provider for the Covered Health Services and products included in the participation agreement, and a non-Network provider for other Covered Health Services and products. The participation status of providers will change from time to time.

**Network Benefits** - for Benefit Plans that have a Network Benefit level, this is the description of how Benefits are paid for Covered Health Services provided by Network providers. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights* to determine whether or not your Benefit plan offers Network Benefits and Section 3, *How the Plan Works*, for details about how Network Benefits apply.

**New Pharmaceutical Product** - a Pharmaceutical Product or new dosage form of a previously approved Pharmaceutical Product. It applies to the period of time starting on the date the Pharmaceutical Product or new dosage form is approved by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* and ends on the earlier of the following dates.

- The date it is reviewed.
- December 31st of the following calendar year.

**Non-Medical 24-Hour Withdrawal Management** - An organized residential service, including those defined in *American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)*, providing 24-hour supervision, observation, and support for patients who are intoxicated or experiencing withdrawal, using peer and social support rather than medical and nursing care.

**Non-Network Benefits** - for Benefit Plans that have a Non-Network Benefit level, this is the description of how Benefits are paid for Covered Health Services provided by non-Network providers. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights* to determine whether or not your Benefit plan offers Non-Network Benefits and Section 3, *How the Plan Works*, for details about how Non-Network Benefits apply.

**Open Enrollment** – the period of time, determined by the George Washington University, during which eligible Retired Employees may enroll themselves and their Dependents under the Plan. The George Washington University determines the period of time that is the Open Enrollment period.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum** – for Benefit plans that have an Out-of-Pocket Maximum, this is the maximum amount you pay every calendar year. Refer to Section 5, *Plan Highlights* for the Out-of-Pocket Maximum amount. See Section 3, *How the Plan Works* for a description of how the Out-of-Pocket Maximum works.

**Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment** – a structured ambulatory program that may be a free-standing or Hospital-based program and that provides services for at least 20 hours per week.

**Personal Health Support** – programs provided by the Claims Administrator that focus on prevention, education, and closing the gaps in care designed to encourage an efficient system of care for you and your covered Dependents.

**Personal Health Support Nurse** – the primary nurse that UnitedHealthcare may assign to you if you have a chronic or complex health condition. If a Personal Health Support Nurse is assigned to you, this nurse will call you to assess your progress and provide you with information and education.

**Pharmaceutical Product(s)** – *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)*-approved prescription medications or products administered in connection with a Covered Health Service by a Physician.

**Physician** – any Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy who is properly licensed and qualified by law.

Please note: Any podiatrist, dentist, psychologist, chiropractor, optometrist or other provider who acts within the scope of his or her license will be considered on the same basis as a Physician. The fact that a provider is described as a Physician does not mean that Benefits for services from that provider are available to you under the Plan.

**Plan** – The George Washington University Medical Plan.

**Plan Administrator** – The George Washington University or its designee.

**Plan Sponsor** – The George Washington University.

**Pregnancy** - includes all of the following:

- prenatal care;
- postnatal care;
- childbirth; and
- any complications associated with the above.

**Presumptive Drug Test** - test to determine the presence or absence of drugs or a drug class in which the results are indicated as negative or positive result.

**Primary Physician** – a Physician who has a majority of his or her practice in general pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, family practice or general medicine

**Private Duty Nursing** – nursing care that is provided to a patient on a one-to-one basis by licensed nurses in a home setting when any of the following are true:

- services exceed the scope of Intermittent Care in the home;
- skilled nursing resources are available in the facility;
- the skilled care can be provided by a Home Health Agency on a per visit basis for a specific purpose; or

- the service is provided to a Covered Person by an independent nurse who is hired directly by the Covered Person or his/her family. This includes nursing services provided on a home-care basis, whether the service is skilled or non-skilled independent nursing.

**Recognized Amount** – the amount which Copayment, Coinsurance and applicable deductible, is based on for the below Covered Health Services when provided by non-Network providers.

- Non-Network Emergency Health Services.
- Non-Emergency Covered Health Services received at certain Network facilities by non-Network Physicians, when such services are either Ancillary Services, or non-Ancillary Services that have not satisfied the notice and consent criteria of section 2799B-2(d) of the *Public Health Service Act*. For the purpose of this provision, "certain Network facilities" are limited to a hospital (as defined in 1861(e) of the *Social Security Act*), a hospital outpatient department, a critical access hospital (as defined in 1861(mm)(1) of the *Social Security Act*), an ambulatory surgical center as described in section 1833(i)(1)(A) of the *Social Security Act*, and any other facility specified by the Secretary.

The amount is based on either:

- 1) An *All Payer Model Agreement* if adopted,
- 2) State law, or
- 3) The lesser of the qualifying payment amount as determined under applicable law or the amount billed by the provider or facility.

The Recognized Amount for Air Ambulance services provided by a non-Network provider will be calculated based on the lesser of the qualifying payment amount as determined under applicable law or the amount billed by the Air Ambulance service provider.

**Note: Covered Health Services that use the Recognized Amount to determine your cost sharing may be higher or lower than if cost sharing for these Covered Health Services were determined based upon an Eligible Expense.**

**Reconstructive Procedure** – a procedure performed to address a physical impairment where the expected outcome is restored or improved function. The primary purpose of a Reconstructive Procedure is either to treat a medical condition or to improve or restore physiologic function. Reconstructive Procedures include surgery or other procedures which are associated with an Injury, Sickness or Congenital Anomaly. The primary result of the procedure is not changed or improved physical appearance. The fact that a person may suffer psychologically as a result of the impairment does not classify surgery or any other procedure done to relieve the impairment as a Reconstructive Procedure.

**Remote Physiologic Monitoring** - the automatic collection and electronic transmission of patient physiologic data that are analyzed and used by a licensed Physician or other qualified health care professional to develop and manage a plan of treatment related to a chronic and/or acute health illness or condition. The plan of treatment will provide milestones for which progress will be tracked by one or more Remote Physiologic Monitoring devices. Remote Physiologic Monitoring must be ordered by a licensed Physician or other qualified health professional who has examined the patient and with whom the patient has an

established, documented, and ongoing relationship. Remote Physiologic Monitoring may not be used while the patient is inpatient at a Hospital or other facility. Use of multiple devices must be coordinated by one Physician.

**Residential Treatment** – treatment in a facility which provides Mental Health Services or Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Services treatment. The facility meets all of the following requirements:

- it is established and operated in accordance with applicable state law for Residential Treatment programs;
- it provides a program of treatment under the active participation and direction of a Physician;
- it offers organized treatment services that feature a planned and structured regimen of care in a 24-hour setting and provides at least the following basic services;
  - room and board;
  - evaluation and diagnosis;
  - counseling;
  - referral and orientation to specialized community resources.

A Residential Treatment facility that qualifies as a Hospital is considered a Hospital.

**Retired Employee** – an employee who is (1) retired by the Plan Sponsor, and (2) was covered under a Plan offered by the Plan Sponsor on the day before the date of retirement.

**Secretary** – as that term is applied in the *No Surprises Act* of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act* (P.L. 116-260).

**Semi-private Room** - a room with two or more beds. When an Inpatient Stay in a Semi-private Room is a Covered Health Service, the difference in cost between a Semi-private Room and a private room is a benefit only when a private room is necessary in terms of generally accepted medical practice, or when a Semi-private Room is not available.

**Shared Savings Program** – a program in which UnitedHealthcare may obtain a discount to a non-Network provider’s billed charges. This discount is usually based on a schedule previously agreed to by the non-Network provider. When this happens, you may experience lower out-of-pocket amounts. Plan coinsurance and any deductibles would still apply to the reduced charge. Sometimes Plan provisions or administrative practices supersede the scheduled rate, and a different rate is determined by UnitedHealthcare.

This means, when contractually permitted, the Plan may pay the lesser of the Shared Savings Program discount or an amount determined by the Claims Administrator, such as:

- a percentage of the published rates allowed by the *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services* (CMS) for the same or similar service within the geographic market;
- an amount determined based on available data resources of competitive fees in that geographic area;

- a fee schedule established by a third party vendor or a negotiated rate with the provider.

In this case the non-Network provider may bill you for the difference between the billed amount and the rate determined by UnitedHealthcare. If this happens you should call the number on your ID Card. Shared Savings Program providers are not Network providers and are not credentialed by UnitedHealthcare.

**Sickness** – physical illness, disease or Pregnancy. The term Sickness as used in this SPD includes Mental Illness or substance-related and addictive disorders, regardless of the cause or origin of the Mental Illness or substance-related and addictive disorders.

**Skilled Care** – skilled nursing, teaching, and rehabilitation services when:

- they are delivered or supervised by licensed technical or professional medical personnel in order to obtain the specified medical outcome and provide for the safety of the patient;
- a Physician orders them;
- they are not delivered for the purpose of assisting with activities of daily living, including, but not limited to, dressing, feeding, bathing or transferring from a bed to a chair;
- they require clinical training in order to be delivered safely and effectively; and
- they are not Custodial Care, as defined in this section.

**Skilled Nursing Facility** – a Hospital or nursing facility that is licensed and operated as required by law. A Skilled Nursing Facility that is part of a Hospital is considered a Skilled Nursing Facility for purposes of the Plan.

**Specialist Physician** - a Physician who has a majority of his or her practice in areas other than general pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, family practice or general medicine.

**Specialty Pharmaceutical Product** - Pharmaceutical Products that are generally high cost biotechnology drugs used to treat patients with certain illnesses.

**Spouse** – an individual to whom you are legally married or a Domestic Partner as defined in this section.

**Substance Use Disorder Services** - Services for the diagnosis and treatment of alcoholism and substance-related and addictive disorders that are listed in the current edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a disorder is listed in the edition of the *International Classification of Diseases section on Mental and Behavioral Disorders* or *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment of the disorder is a Covered Health Service.

**Surrogate** - a female who becomes pregnant usually by artificial insemination or transfer of a fertilized egg (embryo) for the purpose of carrying the fetus for another person. When the surrogate provides the egg, the surrogate is biologically (genetically) related to the child.

**Telehealth/Telemedicine** - live, interactive audio with visual transmissions of a Physician-patient encounter from one site to another using telecommunications technology. The site may be a *CMS* defined originating facility or another location such as a Covered Person's home or place of work. Telehealth/Telemedicine does not include virtual care services provided by a Designated Virtual Network Provider.

**Total Disability** – a Retired Employee's inability due to accidental injury or Sickness to perform the normal activities of a person in good health and of like age and sex, or a Dependent's inability to perform the normal activities of a person of like age and gender.

**Transitional Living** – Mental Health Services/Substance Use Disorder Services that are provided through facilities, group homes and supervised apartments that provide 24-hour supervision, including those defined in *American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)* criteria, that are either:

- sober living arrangements such as drug-free housing, alcohol/drug halfway houses. These are transitional, supervised living arrangements that provide stable and safe housing, an alcohol/drug-free environment and support for recovery. A sober living arrangement may be utilized as an adjunct to ambulatory treatment when treatment doesn't offer the intensity and structure needed to assist the Covered Person with recovery; or
- supervised living arrangements which are residences such as facilities, group homes and supervised apartments that provide members with stable and safe housing and the opportunity to learn how to manage their activities of daily living. Supervised living arrangements may be utilized as an adjunct to treatment when treatment doesn't offer the intensity and structure needed to assist the Covered Person with recovery.

**Unproven Services** – health services, including medications and devices, regardless of *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)* approval, that are not determined to be effective for treatment of the medical condition or not determined to have a beneficial effect on health outcomes due to insufficient and inadequate clinical evidence from well-conducted randomized controlled trials or cohort studies in the prevailing published peer-reviewed medical literature.

- Well-conducted randomized controlled trials. (Two or more treatments are compared to each other, and the patient is not allowed to choose which treatment is received.)
- Well-conducted cohort studies from more than one institution. (Patients who receive study treatment are compared to a group of patients who receive standard therapy. The comparison group must be nearly identical to the study treatment group.)
- UnitedHealthcare has a process by which it compiles and reviews clinical evidence with respect to certain health services. From time to time, UnitedHealthcare issues medical and drug policies that describe the clinical evidence available with respect to specific health care services. These medical and drug policies are subject to change without prior notice. You can view these policies at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com).

Please note:

If you have a life-threatening Sickness or condition (one that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment) the Claims Administrator may, at its discretion, consider an otherwise Unproven Service to be a Covered Health Care Service for that Sickness or condition. Prior to such a consideration, the Claims Administrator must first establish that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that, even though unproven, the service has significant potential as an effective treatment for that Sickness or condition.

**Urgent Care** – care that requires prompt attention to avoid adverse consequences, but does not pose an immediate threat to a person’s life. Urgent care is usually delivered in a walk-in setting and without an appointment. Urgent care facilities are a location, distinct from a hospital emergency department, an office or a clinic. The purpose is to diagnose and treat illness or injury for unscheduled, ambulatory patients seeking immediate medical attention.

**Urgent Care Center** – a facility that provides Covered Health Services that are required to prevent serious deterioration of your health, and that are required as a result of an unforeseen Sickness, Injury, or the onset of acute or severe symptoms.



## SECTION 15 - IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION: ERISA

**What this section includes:**

- Plan administrative information, including your rights under ERISA.

This section includes information on the administration of the medical Plan, as well as information required of all Summary Plan Descriptions by ERISA as defined in Section 14, *Glossary*. While you may not need this information for your day-to-day participation, it is information you may find important.

***Plan Sponsor and Administrator***

The George Washington University is the Plan Sponsor and Plan Administrator of the George Washington University Welfare Benefit Plan and has the discretionary authority to interpret the Plan. You may contact the Plan Administrator at:

Plan Administrator – Medical Plan  
Plan Administration Committee  
The George Washington University  
45155 Research Place, Suite 160  
Ashburn, VA 20147  
(571) 553-8382

***Claims Administrator***

UnitedHealthcare is the Plan's Claims Administrator. The role of the Claims Administrator is to handle the day-to-day administration of the Plan's coverage as directed by the Plan Administrator, through an administrative agreement with the Group. The Claims Administrator shall not be deemed or construed as an employer for any purpose with respect to the administration or provision of Benefits under the Plan Sponsor's Plan. The Claims Administrator shall not be responsible for fulfilling any duties or obligations of an employer with respect to the Plan Sponsor's Plan.

You may contact the Claims Administrator by phone at the number on your ID card or in writing at:

United HealthCare Services, Inc.  
9900 Bren Road East  
Minnetonka, MN 55343

***Agent for Service of Legal Process***

Should it ever be necessary, you or your personal representative may serve legal process on the agent of service for legal process for the Plan. The Plan's Agent of Service is:

Mary Lynn Reed, Esq.  
The George Washington University  
Office of the Senior Vice President and General Counsel  
2100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20052

Legal process may also be served on the Plan Administrator.

***Other Administrative Information***

This section of your SPD contains information about how the Plan is administered as required by ERISA.

***Type of Administration***

The Plan is a self-funded welfare Plan and the administration is provided through one or more third party administrators.

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| <b>Plan Number:</b>                  | 501   |
| <b>Employer ID:</b>                  | 53-0196584  |
| <b>Plan Type:</b>                    | Welfare benefits plan                                 |
| <b>Plan Year:</b>                    | January 1 through December 31                         |
| <b>Plan Administration:</b>          | Self-Insured  |
| <b>Source of Plan Contributions:</b> | Retired Employee and Group                            |
| <b>Source of Benefits:</b>           | Assets of the Group                                   |

***Your ERISA Rights***

As a participant in the Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under ERISA. ERISA provides that all Plan participants shall be permitted to:

- receive information about Plan Benefits;
- examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified worksites, all plan documents – including pertinent insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements (if applicable), and other documents available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration; and
- obtain copies of all Plan documents and other Plan information, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements (if applicable), and updated Summary Plan Descriptions, by writing to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for copies.

You can continue health care coverage for yourself, Spouse or 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 Plan documents to understand the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties on the people who are responsible for the operation of the Plan. The people who operate your Plan, who are called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and

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 Plan Benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

If your claim for a Plan Benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules. See Section 9, *Claims Procedures*, for details.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of the plan document from the Plan, and do not receive it within 30 calendar 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 you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent for reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator.

If you have a claim for Benefits, which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, and you have exhausted the administrative remedies available under the Plan, 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 qualified status of a domestic relations order, you may file suit in federal court. If it should happen that the Plan's 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.

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, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory, or write to the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington, DC 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration at (866) 444-3272.

The Plan's Benefits are administered by the George Washington University, the Plan Administrator. UnitedHealthcare is the Claims Administrator and processes claims for the Plan and provides appeal services; however, UnitedHealthcare and the George Washington University are not responsible for any decision you or your Dependents make to receive treatment, services or supplies, whether provided by a Network or non-Network provider. UnitedHealthcare and the George Washington University are neither liable nor responsible for the treatment, services or supplies provided by Network or non-Network providers.

## **ATTACHMENT I – LEGAL NOTICES**

### **Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998**

As required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, the Plan provides Benefits for mastectomy, including reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy (including lymphedema).

If you are receiving Benefits in connection with a mastectomy, Benefits are also provided for the following Covered Health Services, as you determine appropriate with your attending Physician:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

The amount you must pay for such Covered Health Services (including Copayments and any Annual Deductible) are the same as are required for any other Covered Health Service. Limitations on Benefits are the same as for any other Covered Health Service.

### **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 a physician or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, to use certain providers or facilities, or to reduce your out-of-pocket costs, you may be required to obtain precertification. For information on precertification, contact your issuer.

## ATTACHMENT II – NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

When the Plan uses the words "Claims Administrator" in this Attachment, it is a reference to United HealthCare Services, Inc., on behalf of itself and its affiliated companies.

The Claims Administrator on behalf of itself and its affiliated companies complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. UnitedHealthcare does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

The Claims Administrator provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:

- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as: Qualified interpreters
- Information written in other languages

If you need these services, please call the toll-free member number on your health plan ID card, TTY 711 or the Plan Sponsor.

If you believe that the Claims Administrator has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance in writing by mail or email with the Civil Rights Coordinator identified below. A grievance must be sent within 60 calendar days of the date that you become aware of the discriminatory action and contain the name and address of the person filing it along with the problem and the requested remedy.

A written decision will be sent to you within 30 calendar days. If you disagree with the decision, you may file an appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving the decision.

| Claims Administrator Civil Rights Coordinator  |
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| <b>United HealthCare Services, Inc. Civil Rights Coordinator</b><br>UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance<br>P.O. Box 30608<br>Salt Lake City, UT 84130<br>The toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, TTY 711<br>UHC_Civil_Rights@UHC.com |

If you need help filing a grievance, the Civil Rights Coordinator identified above is available to help you.

You can also file a complaint directly with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human services online, by phone or mail:

Online <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>

Phone: Toll-free 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Mail: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201

## ATTACHMENT III – GETTING HELP IN OTHER LANGUAGES OR FORMATS

You have the right to get help and information in your language at no cost. To request an interpreter, call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, press 0. TTY 711.

This letter is also available in other formats like large print. To request the document in another format, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, press 0. TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

| Language                     | Translated Taglines  |
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| 1. Albanian                  | Ju keni të drejtë të merrni ndihmë dhe informacion falas në gjuhën tuaj. Për të kërkuar një përkthyes, telefononi në numrin që gjendet në kartën e planit tuaj shëndetësor, shtypni 0. TTY 711.  |
| 2. Amharic                   | ያለ ምንም ክፍያ በቋንቋዎ እርዳታና መረጃ የማግኘት መብት አላችሁ። አስተርጓሚ እንዲቀርብልዎ ከፈለጉ በጤና ፕላን መታወቂያዎት ላይ ባለው በተጻ መስመር ስልክ ቁጥር ይደውሉና 0ን ይጫኑ። TTY 711  |
| 3. Arabic                    | لك الحق في الحصول على المساعدة والمعلومات بلغتك دون تحمل أي تكلفة. لطلب مترجم فوري، اتصل برقم الهاتف المجاني الخاص بالأعضاء المدرج ببطاقة مُعرّف العضوية الخاصة بخطتك الصحية، واضغط على 0. الهاتف النصي (TTY) 711  |
| 4. Armenian                  | Թարգմանիչ պահանջելու համար, զանգահարե՛ք Ձեր առողջապահական ծրագրի ինքնության (ID) տոմսի վրա նշված անվճար Անդամների հեռախոսահամարով, սեղմե՛ք 0: TTY 711  |
| 5. Bantu-Kirundi             | Urafise uburenganzira bwo kuronka ubufasha n’amakuru mu rurimi rwawe ku buntu. Kugira usabe umusemuzi, hamagara inomeru ya telephone y’ubuntu yagenewe abanywanyi iri ku rutonde ku karangamuntu k’umugambi wawe w’ubuzima, fyonda 0. TTY 711              |
| 6. Bisayan-Visayan (Cebuano) | Aduna kay katungod nga mangayo og tabang ug impormasyon sa imong lengguwahe nga walay bayad. Aron mohangyo og tighubad, tawag sa toll-free nga numero sa telepono sa miyembro nga nakalista sa imong ID kard sa plano sa panglawas, pindota ang 0. TTY 711 |
| 7. Bengali-Bangala           | অনুবাদের অনুরোধ থাকলে, আপনার স্বাস্থ্য পরিকল্পনার আই ডি কার্ড এ তালিকাভুক্ত ও কর দিতে হবে না এমন টেলিফোন নম্বরে ফোন করুন। (০) শূণ্য চাপুন। TTY 711   |
| 8. Burmese                   | ကုန်ကျစရိတ်ပေးရန်မလိုဘဲ မိမိဘာသာစကားဖြင့် အကူအညီနှင့် သတင်းအချက်အလက်များ ကိုရယူနိုင်ခြင်း သည်သင်၏အခွင့်အရေးဖြစ်သည်။ စကားပြန်တစ်ဦးတောင်းဆိုရန်သင်၏ကျန်းမာရေးအစီအစဉ် လက်မှတ်ပေါ်ရှိအသင်းဝင်များအတွက်အခမဲ့ဖုန်းလိုင်းသို့ခေါ်ဆိုပြီး 0 ကိုနှိပ်ပါ။ TTY 711    |

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| 9. Cambodian-Mon-Khmer           | អ្នកមានសិទ្ធិទទួលជំនួយ និងព័ត៌មាន ជាភាសារបស់អ្នក ដោយមិនគិតថ្លៃ។ ដើម្បីស្នើសុំអ្នកបកប្រែ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅលេខឥតចេញថ្លៃ សំរាប់សមាជិក ដែលមានកត់នៅក្នុងប័ណ្ណ ID គំរោងសុខភាពរបស់អ្នក រួចហើយចុច 0។ TTY 711   |
| 10. Cherokee                     | Ꮕ ᏃᏳᏊ ᏆᏍ ᏗᏟᏍᏔᏴ ᏗᏪᏂᏱ ᏈᏲᏉᏍᏔᏰ ᏄᏒ ᏐᏁᏍ ᏆᏍ ᏗᏪᏂᏱ ᏗᏟᏍᏔᏴ ᏄᏒ ᏇᏲᏉᏍᏔᏰ, ᏍᏋᏁᏍᏔᏰ 0. TTY 711   |
| 11. Chinese                      | 您有權利免費以您的母語得到幫助和訊息。洽詢一位翻譯員，請撥打您健保計劃會員卡上的免付費會員電話號碼，再按 0。聽力語言殘障服務專線 711  |
| 12. Choctaw                      | Chim anumpa ya, apela micha nana aiimma yvt nan aivlli keyu ho ish isha hinla kvt chim aiivlhpesa. Tosholi ya asilhha chi hokmvt chi achukmaka holisso kallo iskitini ya tvli aianumpuli holhtena ya ibai achvffa yvt peh pila ho ish i paya cha 0 ombetipa. TTY 711               |
| 13. Cushite-Oromo                | Kaffaltii male afaan keessaniin odeeffannoofi deeggarsa argachuuf mirga ni qabdu. Turjumaana gaafachuufis sarara bilbilaa kan bilisaa waraqaa eenyummaa karoora fayyaa keerratti tarreefame bilbiluun, 0 tuqi. TTY 711   |
| 14. Dutch                        | U heeft het recht om hulp en informatie in uw taal te krijgen zonder kosten. Om een tolk aan te vragen, bel ons gratis nummer die u op uw ziekteverzekeringskaart treft, druk op 0. TTY 711  |
| 15. French                       | Vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement de l'aide et des renseignements dans votre langue. Pour demander à parler à un interprète, appelez le numéro de téléphone sans frais figurant sur votre carte d'affilié du régime de soins de santé et appuyez sur la touche 0. ATS 711. |
| 16. French Creole-Haitian Creole | Ou gen dwa pou jwenn èd ak enfòmasyon nan lang natifnatal ou gratis. Pou mande yon entèprèt, rele nimewo gratis manm lan ki endike sou kat ID plan sante ou, peze 0. TTY 711   |
| 17. German                       | Sie haben das Recht, kostenlose Hilfe und Informationen in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Um einen Dolmetscher anzufordern, rufen Sie die gebührenfreie Nummer auf Ihrer Krankenversicherungskarte an und drücken Sie die 0. TTY 711   |
| 18. Greek                        | Έχετε το δικαίωμα να λάβετε βοήθεια και πληροφορίες στη γλώσσα σας χωρίς χρέωση. Για να ζητήσετε διερμηνέα, καλέστε το δωρεάν αριθμό τηλεφώνου που βρίσκεται στην κάρτα μέλους ασφάλισής, πατήστε 0. TTY 711   |



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| 19. Gujarati   | તમને વિના મૂલ્યે મદદ અને તમારી ભાષામાં માહિતી મેળવવાનો અધિકાર છે. દુભાષિયા માટે વિનંતી કરવા, તમારા હેલ્થ પ્લાન ID કાર્ડ પરની સૂચીમાં આપેલ ટોલ-ફ્રી મેમ્બર ફોન નંબર ઉપર કોલ કરો, ૦ દબાવો. TTY 711  |
| 20. Hawaiian   | He pono ke kōkua ‘ana aku iā ‘oe ma ka maopopo ‘ana o kēia ‘ike ma loko o kāu ‘ōlelo pono‘ī me ka uku ‘ole ‘ana.<br>E kama‘ilio ‘oe me kekahi kanaka unuhi, e kāhea i ka helu kelepona kāki ‘ole ma kou kāleka olakino, a e kaomi i ka helu 0. TTY 711.                       |
| 21. Hindi      | आप के पास अपनी भाषा में सहायता एवं जानकारी निःशुल्क प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। दुभाषिए के लिए अनुरोध करने के लिए, अपने हैल्थ प्लान ID कार्ड पर सूचीबद्ध टोल-फ्री नंबर पर फ़ोन करें, 0 दबाएं। TTY 711  |
| 22. Hmong      | Koj muaj cai tau kev pab thiab tau cov ntaub ntawv sau ua koj hom lus pub dawb. Yog xav tau ib tug neeg txhais, hu tus xov tooj rau tswv cuab hu dawb uas sau muaj nyob ntawm koj daim yuaj them nqi kho mob, nias 0. TTY 711.  |
| 23. Ibo        | Inwere ikike inweta enyemaka nakwa imuta asusu gi n'efu n'akwughi ugwo. Maka ikpoturu onye nsughari okwu, kpoo akara ekwentị nke di nkwukwo njirimara gi nke emere maka ahụike gi, pia 0. TTY 711.  |
| 24. Ilocano    | Adda karbengam nga makaala ti tulong ken impormasyon iti pagsasaom nga libre. Tapno agdawat iti maysa nga agipatarus, tumawag iti toll-free nga numero ti telepono nga para kadagiti kameng nga nakalista ayan ti ID card mo para ti plano ti salun-at, ipindut ti 0. TTY 711 |
| 25. Indonesian | Anda berhak untuk mendapatkan bantuan dan informasi dalam bahasa Anda tanpa dikenakan biaya. Untuk meminta bantuan penerjemah, hubungi nomor telepon anggota, bebas pulsa, yang tercantum pada kartu ID rencana kesehatan Anda, tekan 0. TTY 711                              |
| 26. Italian    | Hai il diritto di ottenere aiuto e informazioni nella tua lingua gratuitamente. Per richiedere un interprete, chiama il numero telefonico verde indicato sulla tua tessera identificativa del piano sanitario e premi lo 0. Dispositivi per non udenti/TTY: 711               |

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| 27. Japanese              | ご希望の言語でサポートを受けたり、情報を入手したりすることができます。料金はかかりません。通訳をご希望の場合は、医療プランのID カードに記載されているメンバー用のフリーダイヤルまでお電話の上、0を押してください。TTY専用番号は 711 です。  |
| 28. Karen                 | မူအိဉ်ဒီးတၢ်ခွဲးတၢ်ယၢ်လၢနကးဒီးမူဘၣ်တၢ်မၤစၢၤဒီးတၢ်ဂံၢ်တၢ်ကျိၤလၢနကးဒီးန့ၣ်န့ၣ်လၢတၢ်လိာ်ဟ့ၣ်အပူၤဘၣ်န့ၣ်လိာ်လၢတၢ်ကယုၤမူပုၤကတိၤကျိးထံတၢ်တကၤအဂီၢ်ကိးဘၣ်လိာ်တၢ်အကျိၤလၢကရၢဖိအတၢ်လိာ်ဟ့ၣ်အပူၤလၢအိဉ်လၢနတၢ်အိဉ်ခူၣ်အိဉ်ခူၣ်အတၢ်ရံၣ်တၢ်ကဲအကးအလၢဒီးအိဉ်လိာ်နီၢ်ဂံၢ် 0 တက့ၢ်.TTY 711 |
| 29. Korean                | 귀하는 도움과 정보를 귀하의 언어로 비용 부담없이 얻을 수 있는 권리가 있습니다. 통역사를 요청하기 위해서는 귀하의 플랜 ID카드에 기재된 무료 회원 전화번호로 전화하여 0번을 누르십시오. TTY 711  |
| 30. Kru- Bassa            | Ni gwe kunde I bat mahola ni mawin u hop nan nipehmes be to dolla. Yu kwel ni Kobol mahop seblana, soho ni sebel numba I ni tehe mu I ticket I docta I nan, bep 0. TTY 711   |
| 31. Kurdish-Sorani        | مافهی ئەوهت ههیه که بێیهرامبهر، یارمهتی و زانیاری پێویست به زمانی خۆت وەرگیریت. بۆ داواکردنی وەرگیرێکی زارمکی، په‌یوه‌ندی بکه به ژماره تەله‌فونی نووسراو له‌ناو ئای دی کارتی پێناسه‌یی پلانی تهن‌دروستی خۆت و پاشان 0 داگره .TTY 711                                   |
| 32. Laotian               | ທ່ານມີສິດທິຈະໄດ້ຮັບການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອແລະຂໍ້ມູນຂ່າວສານທີ່ເປັນພາສາຂອງທ່ານບໍ່ມີຄ່າໃຊ້ຈ່າຍ.<br>ເພື່ອຊໍ້ອ້ອງນາຍພາສາ,ໂທຟຣີຫາຫມາຍເລກໂທລະສັບສໍາລັບສະມາຊິກທີ່ໄດ້ລະບຸໄວ້ໃນບັດສະມາຊິກຂອງທ່ານ,ກົດເລກ 0. TTY 711  |
| 33. Marathi               | आपल्याला आपल्या भाषेत विनामूल्य मदत आणि माहिती मिळण्याचा अधिकार आहे. दूभाषकास विनंती करण्यासाठी आपल्या आरोग्य योजना ओळखपत्रावरील सूचीबद्ध केलेल्या सदस्यास विनामूल्य फोन नंबरवर संपर्क करण्यासाठी दाबा 0. TTY 711  |
| 34. Marshallese           | Eor aṃ maroñ ñan bok jipañ im mejele ilo kajin eo aṃ ilo ejjeløk wōṇāān. Ñan kajjitøk ñan juon ri-ukok, kūrloḷ nōmba eo eṃōj an jeje ilo kaat in ID in karōk in ājmour eo aṃ, jiped 0. TTY 711   |
| 35. Micronesian-Pohnpeian | Komw ahneki manaman unsek komwi en alehdi sawas oh mengihtik ni pein omwi tungoal lokaia ni soh isepe. Pwen peki sawas en soun kawehweh, eker delepwohn nempe ong towehkan me soh isepe me ntingihdi ni pein omwi doaropwe me pid koasoandi en kehl, padik 0. TTY 711. |
| 36. Navajo                | T'áá jíík'eh doo báqáh 'alínígóó bee baa hane'ígíí t'áá ni nizaád bee níká'e'eyeego bee ná'ahoot'i'. 'Ata' halne'í ła yínikeedgo, ninaaltsoos nit'iz7 'ats'77s bee baa'ahay1 bee n44hozín7g77  |

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|                           | bik11' b44sh bee hane'7 t'11 j77k'eh bee hane'7 bik1'7g77<br>bich'8' hodiilnih dóó 0 bił 'adidiłchił. TTY 711   |
| 37. Nepali                | तपाईंले आफ्नो भाषामा निःशुल्क सहयोग र जानकारी प्राप्त गर्ने अधिकार तपाईंसँग<br>छ। अनुवादक प्राप्त गरीपाउँ भनी अनुरोध गर्न, तपाईंको स्वास्थ्य योजना परिचय कार्डमा<br>सूचीकृत टोल-फ्री सदस्य फोन नम्बरमा सम्पर्क गर्नुहोस्, 0 थिचुहोस्। TTY 711             |
| 38. Nilotic-Dinka         | Yin nɔŋ löŋ bë yi kuɔny në wërëyic de thöŋ du äbac ke cin wëu tääue<br>ke piny. Äcän bā ran yë kɔc ger thok thiëc, ke yin cɔl namba yene<br>yup abac de ran töŋ ye kɔc wäär thok tɔ në ID kat duön de pānakim<br>yic, thāny 0 yic. TTY 711.               |
| 39. Norwegian             | <b>Du har rett til å få gratis hjelp og informasjon på ditt eget språk.<br/>For å be om en tolk, ring gratisnummeret for medlemmer som<br/>er oppført på hsekortet ditt og trykk 0. TTY 711</b>   |
| 40. Pennsylvania<br>Dutch | Du hoscht die Recht fer Hilf unn Information in deine Schprooch<br>griege, fer nix. Wann du en Iwwersetzer hawwe willscht, kannscht<br>du die frei Telefon Nummer uff dei Gesundheit Blann ID Kaarde<br>yuuse, dricke 0. <b>TTY 711</b>                   |
| 41. Persian-Farsi         | شما حق دارید که کمک و اطلاعات به زبان خود را به طور رایگان دریافت نمایید.<br>برای درخواست مترجم شفاهی با شماره تلفن رایگان قید شده در کارت شناسایی<br>برنامه بهداشتی خود تماس حاصل نموده و 0 را فشار دهید. <b>TTY 711</b>                                 |
| 42. Punjabi               | ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ<br>ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਦੁਬਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਲਈ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਹੈਲਥ ਪਲਾਨ ਆਈਡੀ ਦਿੱਤੇ<br>ਗਏ ਟਾਲ ਫ਼੍ਰੀ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਫ਼ੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਟੀਟੀਵਾਈ 711 ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ, 0 ਦੱਬੋ।   |
| 43. Polish                | Masz prawo do uzyskania bezpłatnej informacji i pomocy we<br>własnym języku. Po usługi tłumacza zadzwoń pod bezpłatny numer<br>umieszczony na karcie identyfikacyjnej planu medycznego i wciśnij<br>0. TTY 711  |
| 44. Portuguese            | <b>Você tem o direito de obter ajuda e informação em seu idioma e<br/>sem custos. Para solicitar um intérprete, ligue para o número de<br/>telefone gratuito que consta no cartão de ID do seu plano de<br/>saúde, pressione 0. TTY 711</b>               |
| 45. Romanian              | Aveți dreptul de a obține gratuit ajutor și informații în limba<br>dumneavoastră. Pentru a cere un interpret, sunați la numărul de<br>telefon gratuit care se găsește pe cardul dumneavoastră de sănătate,<br>apăsăți pe tasta 0. TTY 711                 |
| 46. Russian               | Вы имеете право на бесплатное получение помощи и<br>информации на вашем языке. Чтобы подать запрос<br>переводчика позвоните по бесплатному номеру телефона,<br>указанному на обратной стороне вашей идентификационной<br>карты и нажмите 0. Линия TTY 711 |



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|                           | ki he fika telefoni ta'etotongi ma'ae kau memipa 'a ee 'oku lisi 'I ho'o kaati ID ki ho'o palani ki he mo'uilelei, Lomi'I 'a e 0. TTY 711  |
| 57. Trukese<br>(Chuukese) | Mi wor omw pwung om kopwe nounou ika amasou noum ekkewe aninis ika toropwen aninis nge epwe awewetiw non kapasen fonuom, ese kamo. Ika ka mwochen tungoren aninisin chiakku, kori ewe member nampa, ese pwan kamo, mi pachanong won an noum health plan katen ID, iwe tiki "0". Ren TTY, kori 711. |
| 58. Turkish               | Kendi dilinizde ücretsiz olarak yardım ve bilgi alma hakkınız bulunmaktadır. Bir tercüman istemek için sağlık planı kimlik kartınızın üzerinde yer alan ücretsiz telefon numarasını arayınız, sonra 0'a basınız. TTY (yazılı iletişim) için 711  |
| 59. Ukrainian             | У Вас є право отримати безкоштовну допомогу та інформацію на Вашій рідній мові. Щоб подати запит про надання послуг перекладача, зателефонуйте на безкоштовний номер телефону учасника, вказаний на вашій ідентифікаційній карті плану медичного страхування, натисніть 0. TTY 711                 |
| 60. Urdu                  | آپ کو اپنی زبان میں مفت مدد اور معلومات حاصل کرنے کا حق ہے۔ کسی ترجمان سے بات کرنے کے لئے، ٹول فری ممبر فون نمبر پر کال کریں جو آپ کے ہیلتھ پلان آئی ڈی کارڈ پر درج ہے، 0 دبائیں۔ TTY 711  |
| 61. Vietnamese            | Quý vị có quyền được giúp đỡ và cấp thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị miễn phí. Để yêu cầu được thông dịch viên giúp đỡ, vui lòng gọi số điện thoại miễn phí dành cho hội viên được nêu trên thẻ ID chương trình bảo hiểm y tế của quý vị, bấm số 0. TTY 711                                      |
| 62. Yiddish               | איר האט די רעכט צו באקומען הילף און אינפארמאציע אין אייער שפראך פריי פון אפצאל. צו פארלאנגען א דאלמעטשער, רופט דעם טאל פרייע מעמבער טעלעפאן נומער וואס שטייט אויף אייער העלט פלאן ID קארטל, דרוקט 0. TTY 711   |
| 63. Yoruba                | O ní ẹ̀to lati rí iranwo àti ifitonilétí gbà ní èdè ẹ̀ rẹ̀ láisanwó. Láti bá ògbufọ kan sọrọ, pè sórí nọmbà ẹ̀rọ ibánisọrọ láisanwó ibodè tí a tò sórí kádi idánimọ tí ètò ilera ẹ̀, tẹ '0'. TTY 711   |

## ADDENDUM - REAL APPEAL

This Addendum to the Plan provides Benefits for virtual obesity counseling services for eligible Covered Persons through Real Appeal. There are no deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance you must meet or pay for when receiving these services.

### ***Real Appeal***

The Plan provides a virtual lifestyle intervention for weight-related conditions to eligible Covered Persons 18 years of age or older. Real Appeal is designed to help those at risk from obesity-related diseases.

This intensive, multi-component behavioral intervention provides 52 weeks of support. This support includes one-on-one coaching with a live virtual coach and online group participation with supporting video content. The experience will be personalized for each individual through an introductory online session.

These Covered Health Services will be individualized and may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Virtual support and self-help tools: Personal one-on-one coaching, group support sessions, educational videos, tailored kits, integrated web platform and mobile applications.
- Education and training materials focused on goal setting, problem-solving skills, barriers and strategies to maintain changes.
- Behavioral change counseling by a specially trained coach for clinical weight loss.

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If you would like information regarding these Covered Health Services, you may contact the Claims Administrator through **[www.realappeal.com](http://www.realappeal.com)**, or at the number shown on your ID card.

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