

Retiree Medical Plan

Summary Plan Description

Aetna Plan Option:
Aetna Choice POS II (Open Access) Network

Kaiser Permanente Options:
Traditional Plan
Senior Advantage Plan



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Your Retiree Medical Plan Options

The Retiree Medical Plan offers eligible participants the following coverage options.

- **Aetna** – A Point of Service (POS) health plan that covers care received from in-network or out-of-network providers with no physician referral. Once you become eligible for Medicare, benefits under this Aetna option are integrated with Medicare, whether or not you are enrolled. Refer to this Summary Plan Description for plan details, including deductibles, copayments and coinsurance levels for in-network and out-of-network care and out-of-pocket limits.
- **Kaiser Permanente Option** – A Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) is a plan in which you must receive medical treatment or services from participating providers, and services received outside the network may not be covered except in the case of a medical emergency.

Traditional Plan – Available to non-Medicare participants. The schedule of benefits is the same as those for active employees.

Senior Advantage Plan – A Medicare Advantage Plan available to Medicare-eligible participants. With Medicare Advantage, the HMO makes a contract with Medicare to provide all of your benefits, including prescription drugs, through the HMO. Medical services you receive outside of the HMO (except in an emergency as determined by the HMO or with authorized referrals) will not be paid for by Medicare or the HMO. Medicare Advantage HMOs, such as the Kaiser Senior Advantage Plan, also are Medicare Part D prescription drug plans.

All benefits, limitations and exclusions for the Kaiser options are listed in their respective member brochures and contracts. Contact the [CRC Benefits](#) department for written materials that describe the Kaiser options, their respective covered and non-covered benefits, plan copayments/coinsurance, procedures to be followed in obtaining benefits, and the circumstances under which benefits may be denied.

You may elect the Kaiser option if you live in the applicable geographic area. If you enroll in a Kaiser option and move out of the applicable geographic area, you must make a new medical coverage election within 31 days after the date of your move. To make a new election, you must notify the [CRC Benefits](#) department and complete and return any appropriate forms within the 31-day period.

THE ELIGIBILITY, PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUMMARY APPLY TO ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS.

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INTRODUCTION

The Retiree Medical Plan is designed to provide financial protection when you or a covered family member needs medical care, and if you are Medicare-eligible, the Plan's benefits are integrated with Medicare. You share the cost of providing Retiree Medical Plan coverage through plan contributions, deductibles and coinsurance.

This supplement describes benefits for retirees and their dependents who are eligible for coverage under the Retiree Medical Plan as defined in the *Eligibility and Enrollment* section. This information, along with the attached Schedule of Benefits and Benefit Plan booklet (Booklet) provided by Aetna Life Insurance Company (Aetna) serves as your Summary Plan Description (SPD). You should keep and refer to it when you have questions about your medical benefits. Any capitalized term or phrase not defined in the *Glossary* of this supplement has the meaning ascribed to it in the Booklet that follows.

This Plan is administered by Aetna and Express Scripts. The medical and pharmacy benefits described in this SPD are not insured with Aetna or Express Scripts or any of their affiliates and are paid from California Resources Corporation's general assets.

For Medicare-Eligible Participants

Once you are eligible for Medicare, benefits under the Retiree Medical Plan are integrated with Medicare, whether or not you are enrolled. The Retiree Medical Plan is designed to ensure that Medicare-eligible Participants receive the same overall level of benefits as Participants who are not Medicare-eligible.

Because Medicare is primary, the lower Out-of-Network coinsurance levels **will not apply** if you use a provider that does not participate in Aetna's network and you are **not subject to** Precertification requirements. Allowed charges are limited to the Medicare-approved amount; refer to the section below entitled *Medicare* for further details.

For Participants Not Eligible for Medicare

If you are not yet eligible for Medicare, when you need care, you have a choice. You can select a doctor or facility who belongs to Aetna's **Open Access Choice® POS II** network (a Network Provider) or one that does not belong (an Out-of-Network Provider).

- ***If you use a Network Provider***, you may pay less out of your own pocket for your care. You will not have to fill out claim forms because your Network Provider will file claims for you. In addition, your provider will make the necessary telephone call to start the Precertification process when necessary.
- ***If you use an Out-of-Network Provider***, you may pay more out of your own pocket for your care. It is your responsibility to make sure your claims are filed and any required Precertification is obtained.

Negotiated Fees vs. Recognized Charges

When you receive care from a Network Provider, your benefits are based on Aetna's Negotiated Fees. These are the fees that Network Providers agree to charge Aetna members for their services. In this case, the Recognized Charge rule does not apply.

When you receive care from an Out-of-Network Provider, your benefits are based on the Recognized Charge for a service or supply (as determined by Aetna). The Recognized Charge is the usual and recognized charge for health care services in a given geographic area. If an Out-of-Network Provider charges you more than the Recognized Charge, you must pay the difference. This excess amount will not apply toward your deductible or out-of-pocket maximum.

Schedule of Benefits and Benefit Plan Booklet

A Schedule of Benefits is attached to this supplement, showing the deductibles, copayments or coinsurance for major types of covered expenses, and out-of-pocket maximums under the Retiree Medical Plan. Network benefits are based on Negotiated Fees and Out-of-Network benefits are based on Recognized Charges. The Booklet that follows provides information regarding how your Plan works, the availability of providers, understanding precertification and details about coverage for specific services and supplies.

Summary of Prescription Drug Benefits

For prescription drugs, if you purchase prescriptions from an Express Scripts network retail or mail order pharmacy, your copayment amount is based on Express Scripts' discounted pricing. Reimbursement for prescriptions obtained through a non-network pharmacy is described in the section entitled *Express Scripts Prescription Drug Benefit*.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Eligibility

You and your covered Dependents of record on your CRC retirement date are eligible for retiree coverage under the Retiree Medical Plan if you:

- Were a regular, full-time, non-bargaining hourly or salaried employee of California Resources Corporation or an affiliated company (CRC). For this purpose, “affiliated company” means any company in which 80 percent or more of the equity interest is owned by California Resources Corporation. Temporary employees are not eligible to participate. You are considered a full-time employee under the Plan if you are regularly scheduled to work at least 30 hours per week. Generally, you are eligible to participate if you were paid on a U.S. dollar payroll, were designated as eligible to participate by your employer, and did not participate in a similar type of employer-sponsored plan. If you were part of a collective bargaining group, you are eligible to participate in the Retiree Medical Plan only if your negotiated bargaining agreement specifically provided for your participation.
- Are at least age 55 with 10 or more years of regular, full-time CRC service* when you leave CRC employment;
- Are not eligible for retiree coverage under another group medical plan as a result of credit for CRC service*;
- Are not independently enrolled in an individual Medicare Part C (i.e., Medicare Advantage) or similar plan; and
- Are enrolled in the California Resources Corporation Medical Plan, including regionally available options, e.g., a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) option, the day prior to your retirement, except as described below:
 - If you were covered under your spouse’s medical plan or any other medical plan immediately prior to retirement from CRC, you are eligible for coverage under this Retiree Medical Plan when you retire or later if you lose coverage under the other plan, only if you elect coverage within 31 days of the event. Proof of prior medical coverage or loss of coverage will be required.

Special retiree medical eligibility provisions will apply if you receive severance benefits under Option A of CRC’s Notice and Severance Pay Plan, or similar arrangement with CRC that provides for such eligibility.

Dependents

Generally, those persons eligible to be covered as dependents include your legal spouse (unless legally separated) and your children under age 26.

For a complete definition, refer to “Dependent” in the *Glossary* section.

* Credit for prior employer service following a merger, acquisition, or joint venture may be granted as part of the transaction. Contact your human resources representative for more information.

Adding Dependents

If you marry after your CRC retirement date, your new spouse will be eligible for coverage. You must enroll your new spouse within 31 days of his or her first date of eligibility (the date of marriage), or if later, within 31 days of loss of other coverage.

After your retirement date, you may add a new non-spousal Dependent(s) for coverage under this Plan only by paying the full coverage cost (including company cost) in effect at the time you add your Dependent. The cost is subject to change each year as CRC's Retiree Medical Plan costs increase, based on the cost-sharing formula described in the *Contributions* section.” You must enroll your new Dependent within 31 days of his or her first date of eligibility,* or if later, within 31 days of loss of other coverage.

Dependent Coverage After Your Death

If you die while you are covered as a retiree under this Plan, your spouse may elect to continue coverage for your Dependents as of your date of death by paying the appropriate amount of retiree contributions, if any, as described in the section entitled *Contributions*. If you had not elected retiree coverage for yourself and/or your Dependents under this Plan, your surviving spouse may elect to enroll for coverage for your Dependents within 31 days of loss of other coverage. Proof of loss of coverage will be required.

Coverage for your Dependents may continue as described in the section entitled *When Coverage Ends*.

Enrollment

You must complete an application (or waiver) for retiree medical coverage no later than 31 days after your retirement date. You may waive coverage, but if you do, you may not reenroll for coverage under the Retiree Medical Plan, with the following exception:

If you or your spouse (or a surviving spouse) currently have other coverage and lose eligibility for that coverage, you or your spouse may reenroll in the Retiree Medical Plan within 31 days of loss of coverage. Proof of loss of coverage will be required.

You may elect not to cover your spouse if he or she is covered under another group plan. You may not be covered as both a retiree and a Dependent spouse under CRC's Retiree Medical Plan. If you and your spouse work for or are retired from CRC, only one of you may cover your children as Dependents. If your spouse has Dependents as a CRC employee and later leaves CRC for any reason, you may enroll yourself and your Dependents within 31 days of the loss of coverage.

* Or within 31 days of a court-issued Qualified Medical Child Support Order.

Special Provisions Under the Notice and Severance Pay Plan

Eligibility

Special eligibility provisions apply if you elect and receive benefits under Option A of CRC's Notice and Severance Pay Plan or enter into a similar arrangement with CRC that provides for such eligibility.

Your eligibility for retiree medical coverage and the monthly amount payable for such coverage will be determined based on your age and years of service as if you continued to be an employee throughout your severance or the medical coverage period specified in a similar arrangement with CRC (each referred to as "Medical Coverage Period"). If on the last day of your Medical Coverage Period, you (1) have at least 30 years of eligible service, (2) are at least age 50 and have at least 5 years of eligible service with combined age and service of 65 years or more, or (3) otherwise satisfy the eligibility requirements under the Retiree Medical Plan, retiree medical coverage will be provided under the Retiree Medical Plan in effect at the time your retiree medical election takes effect.

To determine your eligibility for such future coverage, calculate your combined age and service by adding your years and months of age and eligible service as of the last day of your Medical Coverage Period, counting any partial month of age or service as a whole month. If you became an CRC employee due to CRC's purchase, merger or transfer of any unit, operation or business and, as a result, your eligibility for retiree coverage under the CRC Retiree Medical Plan is subject to a required minimum number of service years directly with CRC, you must meet such minimum by the end of your Medical Coverage Period to qualify for such future coverage when you reach age 55.

Enrollment

If you are under age 55 at the end of your Medical Coverage Period, you must contact the CRC Benefits department at CRCBenefits@crc.com within 31 days of the date you turn age 55 to enroll. If you enroll at age 55, proof of loss of other coverage is not required, and coverage will be effective the first of the month following or coincident with attainment of age 55.

If you do not enroll at age 55 because you have other coverage, you may later enroll in retiree medical coverage if you lose that other coverage. However, you must enroll within 31 days of loss of coverage and proof of loss of coverage will be required.

Special Limited Eligibility Provision for Involuntary Terminations From March 1, 2015 Through September 30, 2015

If you are involuntarily terminated during the period from March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, you may become eligible for coverage under the Retiree Medical Plan if:

- you receive separation benefits under a CRC special termination program or similar arrangement with CRC that provides for your eligibility under this provision,
- you are at least age 50,
- you are enrolled in medical coverage under a CRC-sponsored medical option on the last day you are involuntarily terminated, (or are covered under your spouse's plan or another group plan on your last day of your involuntary termination), and
- you have at least 25 years of eligible service*, with combined age and eligible service of 75 years or more.

If you are involuntarily terminated before age 55, you are eligible to enter the Plan once you reach age 55.

* If you became a CRC employee due to CRC's purchase, merger or transfer of any unit, operation or business and, as a result, your eligibility for retiree coverage under the Retiree Medical Plan is subject to a required minimum number of service years per the applicable agreement, you must meet such minimum by the date you are involuntarily terminated.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The amount of your monthly contribution is a multiple of the applicable Retiree Base Rate (Base Rate) based on:

- Your combined age and years of service on your retirement date*,
- The date you become eligible for Medicare, and
- Your elected level of coverage (i.e., Retiree Only, Retiree + One Dependent, or Family).

If your years of combined age and service on your CRC retirement date equals ...	Non-Medicare Eligible Monthly contribution will be the following multiple of the Base Rate for the level of coverage you elect ...	Medicare Eligible Monthly contribution will be the following multiple of the Base Rate for the level of coverage you elect ...
65 to 69	Four times	Two times
70 to 74	Three times	Two times
75 to 79	Two times	Two times
80 or more	One times	One times

Your combined age and service will be calculated by adding together your years and months of age and service as of your retirement date*. A partial month of age or service will be considered a full month for purposes of this calculation.

The retiree base rate for coverage is established each year based on the cost-sharing formula. It is typically announced in the 4th quarter of each year in a retiree newsletter and posted online on the MyInfo webpage at <https://MyInfo.crc.com>.

The Aetna option Retiree Base Rate for 2016 is \$120 per person per month; the Kaiser option Retiree Base Rate is \$90 per person per month. Thus, a non-Medicare-Eligible retiree, enrolled in the Aetna option, with a combined age and service of 73 years would pay three times the Aetna retiree base rate for retiree and spouse coverage of \$720 per month (\$120 base rate x 2 individuals x 3), or if the retiree is eligible for Medicare, \$480 per month (\$120 base rate x 2 individuals x 2), regardless of the age of any covered Dependents. Refer to the MyInfo webpage at <https://MyInfo.crc.com> for a list of the all Retiree Medical Plan rates.

Contributions are billed monthly by PayFlex, CRC's retiree billing administrator. Once your retirement is processed you will receive detailed information about how to enroll.

* For individuals eligible under the Special Limited Eligibility Provision for Involuntary Terminations, this calculation is based on the date of your involuntary termination.

Your contribution will reduce to no more than two times the applicable Base Rate once you become eligible for Medicare (usually at age 65). If you become eligible for Medicare before age 65 and you have fewer than 75 years of combined age and service, contact the CRC Benefits department at CRCBenefits@crc.com as your contribution may be reduced.

Once you become eligible for Medicare, Medicare becomes your primary source of medical coverage and the Retiree Medical Plan becomes your secondary coverage, even if you have not enrolled for Medicare. Just before you reach age 65 (up to three months before), you should contact Medicare and enroll in both Medicare Part A (hospital) and Part B (medical) insurance. Even if you fail to enroll in Parts A and B of Medicare, the Retiree Medical Plan benefit will be reduced by what Medicare would have paid had you enrolled.

When your spouse becomes eligible for Medicare (usually at age 65), he or she must also enroll in both Medicare Part A and Part B insurance. If your spouse fails to enroll in Parts A and B of Medicare, the Retiree Medical Plan benefit will be reduced by what Medicare would have paid had he or she enrolled.

Dependent Contributions After Your Death

If you die while you are covered as a retiree under the Retiree Medical Plan, your spouse may elect to continue coverage for your Dependents as of your date of death by paying the appropriate amount of retiree contributions, as shown on the previous chart. Contributions will be based on when you would have become eligible for Medicare.

Cost-Sharing Formula

If the annual Medical Plan costs increase during the previous year at a rate exceeding the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), you will pay 100 percent of the amount that exceeds the CPI-U.

For example, if the annual CPI-U increases by 5 percent and the annual Medical Plan costs increase by 10 percent, you will pay 100 percent of the amount above the CPI-U, or 5 percent. Your increased share will be passed on to you in the form of higher monthly contributions, annual deductibles, coinsurance or a combination thereof.

MEDICARE

HOW TO APPLY FOR MEDICARE

To apply for Medicare, you should contact Social Security by telephone (800-772-1213) approximately three months before your 65th birthday regardless of when you apply for Social Security benefits. In most cases, the entire application process can be handled by telephone and through the mail.

Even if you fail to enroll in Parts A and B of Medicare, the Retiree Medical Plan benefit will be reduced by what Medicare would have paid. Therefore, you are encouraged to enroll in both Medicare Parts A and B to ensure maximum benefit coverage.

General Information

If you are a retiree or a Dependent of a retiree and you are eligible for Medicare, the Plan benefits generally will be offset by benefits payable by Medicare. This section describes how Medicare benefits are integrated with the Retiree Medical Plan.

Actively Employed Participants

Generally, if you are eligible for Medicare but you still are an employee and you have coverage under a plan sponsored by a current employer, you may want to wait until you retire to apply for Part B. The employer plan will usually be the primary payer, and Medicare Part B may offer little, if any, additional coverage to justify paying the Part B premium. Thus, if you are currently a CRC employee and you are and/or your Dependent is eligible for Medicare, you may also choose to delay enrollment in Part B until you cease to be covered under CRC's plan or another employer-sponsored plan for active employees.

Note: Be sure to enroll for Medicare once you cease to be covered as an active employee. Medicare imposes permanent higher premiums if you do not enroll on a timely basis.

Generally, you are eligible to receive benefits from Medicare when you reach age 65*. Medicare provides healthcare services under the Original Medicare Plan (Part A and Part B) or in some areas, a Medicare Advantage plan. In some cases, a **Medicare Advantage plan (e.g., Part C or MAPD)** may provide similarly comprehensive benefits at a lower cost than this Plan. However, **if you choose to enroll in any Medicare Advantage plan (e.g., Part C or MAPD), you cannot simultaneously participate in CRC's Retiree Medical Plan.**

Medicare Part D

Those covered by Part A or Part B can enroll in Medicare Part D, which helps pay for insurance coverage for outpatient prescription drugs. In some cases, a Medicare Part D plan may provide a better benefit than the prescription drug coverage provided under this Plan. You can, but do not have to, enroll in Medicare Part D because the CRC Retiree Medical Plan is considered "creditable"; that is, the CRC Plan provides coverage that is expected to be as good as or better than the lowest level of drug coverage authorized under a Medicare Part D plan.

If you decide to enroll in a Part D plan, please use your Part D coverage to obtain your prescription drug benefits since the Plan is not eligible to receive the federal subsidy for your drug costs if you are enrolled in Medicare Part D. This will ultimately impact the Plan's ability to control costs and, therefore, your contributions.

If you are enrolled in the CRC Retiree Medical Plan and decide to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan at a later date, you may do so without incurring a late enrollment penalty provided the CRC Plan is still considered creditable.

You can access detailed information regarding the Medicare program online at Medicare.gov or contact Medicare at 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227).

Integration with Medicare

Benefits under the Retiree Medical Plan are integrated with Medicare to provide the same overall level of benefits for Medicare-eligible Participants as for those Participants who are not Medicare-eligible.

Generally, this approach calculates the amount you would have received under the Plan if you were not eligible for Medicare, subtracts the amount payable by Medicare and reimburses the difference. Even if you fail to enroll in Parts A and B of Medicare, the Plan benefit will be reduced by what Medicare would have paid. Therefore, you are encouraged to enroll in both Medicare Parts A and B to ensure maximum benefit coverage. Refer to the *Effect of Medicare* in the **When You Have Medicare Coverage** section in the attached Aetna Booklet for more information.

* Medicare is also available if you have been entitled Social Security disability benefits for two years (waived if you have amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) or if you have end-stage renal disease (kidney failure).

Important Information

For non-prescription expenses, in most cases Medicare and the CRC Retiree Medical Plan provide similar benefits and coverage levels. Since Medicare is considered primary and pays first, there is often no benefit payable by the Retiree Medical Plan for Part A and B expenses. Most benefits payable by the Retiree Medical Plan are for prescription expenses.

Generally, when you are covered by Medicare, Medicare is considered primary and pays first, and the Retiree Medical Plan pays second. To simplify claim processing you can enroll in the Medicare Direct Program described in the *Claim and Benefit Payment* section. If you live outside the United States, the Plan will be integrated in a similar manner with the social insurance plans of the country in which the individual is eligible for the benefits of such a plan.

If you have group coverage in addition to Medicare and the Retiree Medical Plan, refer to the **Coordination of Benefits** section in the attached Aetna Booklet for more information.

Integration of benefits with Medicare does not apply to any private individual medical coverage a Participant may have.

MEDICARE-APPROVED AMOUNT AND MEDICARE ASSIGNMENT

The *Medicare-approved amount* is the maximum amount that Medicare will recognize for a particular service or procedure. It is often less than the actual charge, unless the provider accepts *Medicare assignment*. Medicare assignment is when a provider (Physician, Hospital, lab, etc.) will agree to accept the Medicare-approved amount as full and final settlement for the services. If the medical provider does not accept Medicare assignment you and/or the Plan are responsible for any charges up to 15% over the Medicare-approved amount.

When providers agree to a Medicare assignment, they may not charge more than the Medicare-approved amount for services rendered. Under Medicare Part B, Medicare pays 80 percent of the Medicare-approved amount, after the Medicare deductible has been met. You or the Retiree Medical Plan are responsible for paying the balance of the Medicare-approved amount. There is no legal obligation for you or the Retiree Medical Plan to pay the provider for charges above the Medicare-approved amount.

USING THE AETNA RETIREE MEDICAL PLAN

The sections entitled **How Your Retiree Medical Plan Works** and **What the Plan Covers** in the attached Aetna Benefit Plan Booklet provides detailed information and resources to help you make the most of your coverage. Refer to the following *Claims and Benefit Payment* section in this supplement for details regarding the prescription drug program through Express Scripts.

Network Provisions for Non-Medicare-Eligible Participants

This section describes how Network provisions apply to non-Medicare-eligible Participants. Under the Plan, which utilizes **Aetna's Choice POS II (Open Access)** network, you have the freedom to choose your doctor or health care facility when you need medical care.

Note

Network provisions do not apply to Medicare-eligible Participants because Medicare is your primary coverage.

Using Network and Out-of-Network Providers

When you need care, you can select a Provider that belongs to the network (a Network Provider) or one that does not belong (an Out-of-Network Provider). The Network Providers represent a wide range of services, from basic, routine care (general practitioners, pediatricians, internists, OB/GYNs), to specialty care (cardiologists, urologists), to health care facilities (Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities).

If you receive care from a Network Provider, your covered benefits are calculated using Aetna's Negotiated Fees. When you use an Out-of-Network Provider, your benefits are determined using the Recognized Charge. If the Out-of-Network Provider's charge is more than the Recognized Charge (as defined by Aetna), you pay the difference. This excess amount will not apply toward your deductible or out-of-pocket maximum.

For assistance in finding a network provider in your area, use the "Find a Doctor" feature on the Aetna Navigator website at www.aetna.com or contact Aetna Member Services. Details regarding Precertification are provided in the **Understanding Precertification** section of the attached Aetna Booklet.

Special Programs

As participants in this Plan, you and your covered family members can take advantage of various special care programs.

- Case Management Program
- Aetna In Touch Care Program and On-Line Disease Management

- Beginning RightSM Maternity Program
- Informed Health[®] Line

They have been developed to provide you with education, guidance and tools to better handle certain conditions and health care events. Discount programs are also available to give you access to savings on weight management, fitness, vision and hearing products and services, and alternative therapies.

Log on to Aetna Navigator and select “Health Programs” for links to health management and family health program information and resources.

Aetna Member Services

Visit Aetna Navigator[™] at www.aetna.com

Aetna Navigator is a web-based portal designed to provide access to a wide range of tools and information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The website is secure, private, and accessible anywhere an internet connection is available. From Aetna Navigator you can obtain health and benefits information using self-service features and interactive tools. After a simple registration process, a personal home page is created where you can:

- Access your claim Explanations of Benefits (EOBs),
- Check remaining deductible balances,
- Request an ID card or print a temporary card,
- Download a list of claims for each covered family member, and
- Contact Member Services.

You can also take advantage of many other features, including:

- **Find a Doctor**, Aetna’s online provider directory,
- **Intelihealth[®]**, Aetna’s health website,
- **Healthwise[®] Knowledgebase**, an innovative decision-support tool, and
- **Estimate the Cost of Care**, for many diseases and conditions.
- **Aetna SmartSourceSM**, search on a health topic, get personalized results.

Mobile Access

You can also access your benefits information on your mobile phone. To learn more, visit www.aetna.com/mobile.

Contact Member Services

Member Services is available weekdays (except holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time by calling toll-free **877-278-0460**.

P.O. Box 981106
El Paso, TX 79998-1106

Website: www.aetna.com

Your Aetna ID Card

When you enroll in the Plan, you will receive an Aetna ID card. The ID card shows:

- Your name and Aetna identification number,
- Whether you have Dependent coverage, and
- The telephone numbers and addresses for Aetna Member Services.

Be sure to keep your ID card handy and show it whenever you receive care. If you need a temporary card, additional cards or if you lose your card, log on to Aetna Navigator at www.aetna.com and click on “ID Card” under “Requests & Changes.” You may also call Aetna Member Services.

CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENT

This section explains the rules and provisions that affect claim filing and processing, and payment of benefits. If you are Medicare-eligible, also refer to the Medicare Direct Program information below. Refer to the *Express Scripts Prescription Drug Benefits* section of this supplement for the rules and provisions that affect claim filing and processing, and payment of benefits with Express Scripts.

Keeping Records of Expenses

It is important to keep records of medical expenses for yourself and all covered family members. These will be required when you file a claim for benefits. Of particular importance are:

- Names and addresses of Physicians,
- The dates on which expenses are incurred, and
- Copies of all medical bills and receipts.

Filing Medical Claims

Generally, if you use an Out-of-Network Provider, you must complete and submit a claim form to be reimbursed for covered expenses. Claim forms are available on Aetna Navigator at www.aetna.com or by calling Aetna Member Services. The form contains instructions on how and when to file a claim, as well as the address to which you should send your completed form.

The attached Aetna Booklet provides additional information regarding the reporting of medical claims, including coordination of benefits, payment of benefits, subrogation and the appeal process for medical claims.

Medicare Direct Program

The Medicare Direct program is a computerized claim-paying service that automatically forwards information directly from Medicare to Aetna about your medical claims paid under Medicare Part B. The Medicare Direct Program does not apply to claims paid under Medicare Part A.

If you participate in the program, you can easily and conveniently coordinate your Medicare payments with the Medical Plan. Any of your medical claims paid under Medicare Part B are forwarded directly to Aetna is then able to process your claim without your having to mail the claim or the Explanation of Medicare Benefits (EOMB) to Aetna. This service is free of charge and offers you less paperwork, faster turnaround time on your claim, and reduced postage costs.

Eligibility

Retirees are eligible to participate in the Medicare Direct program if:

- Medicare is your primary coverage
- You are enrolled in Medicare Part B
- You are covered by the Medical Plan
- Your only two sources of medical coverage are Medicare and the Retiree Medical Plan, and
- You have received medical care in a Medicare Direct participating state.

Spouses and dependent children are also eligible if they meet the above criteria and have Medicare and the Medical Plan as their only two sources of medical coverage. Your Dependents may participate in Medicare Direct even if you choose not to enroll. Surviving spouses of deceased retirees also are eligible to participate in Medicare Direct if they meet the requirements as outlined above.

How To Enroll

To enroll in the Medicare Direct program, you may complete a Medicare Direct form, available by contacting Aetna Member Services at 877-278-0460. If your spouse is not eligible for Medicare Direct when you enroll, you can request a new form for your spouse to complete when he/she becomes eligible for Medicare Part B. If you meet the eligibility rules above, Medicare Direct will begin six to eight weeks after you sign up and will be evident by comments on future Explanations of Medicare Benefits indicating that claims have been forwarded to a complimentary carrier for further consideration.

You can terminate your participation at any time by calling Aetna Member Services or writing to:

Aetna, Inc. – Medicare Direct
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford CT 06156-5605

Legal Action

No legal action can be brought to recover payment under any benefit after 3 years from the deadline for filing claims, as described in the **General Provisions** section of the attached Aetna Booklet.

EXPRESS SCRIPTS PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

This benefit has two components managed by Express Scripts that covers outpatient prescription drugs prescribed by a Physician to treat an Illness or Injury. The retail pharmacy benefit is designed to meet your short-term Prescription Drug needs of up to 30 days. For a longer-term prescription, you should use the **Express Scripts Pharmacy** mail-order service.

Each covered individual has a \$1,000 annual maximum out-of-pocket expense for combined mail-order and retail prescriptions. This maximum is separate from, and in addition to, the medical annual maximum out-of-pocket expense.

For mail-order and retail prescriptions, if a generic equivalent drug is available and you or your doctor select a preferred or non-preferred brand name drug, the Plan will only pay up to what it would have paid for the generic. You will be responsible for the generic copayment and the difference in price between the brand name and the generic drug.

Prescription Drug Benefits		
Annual Deductible	None	
Retail Pharmacy, up to a 30-day supply	<i>Your Copayment</i>	
	Initial Prescription & 2 Refills	Maintenance Drug Refills 3 and Over (4+ Fills)
Generic	\$10	\$20
Preferred Brand	\$30	\$60
Non-Preferred Brand	\$50	\$100
Mail Order Pharmacy, up to a 90-day supply	<i>Your Copayment</i>	
Generic	\$20	
Preferred Brand	\$60	
Non-Preferred Brand	\$100	
If a generic drug is available, you will pay the generic copayment plus the difference in price between the brand name and the generic drug.		

Retail Pharmacy

When you enroll in this Plan, you will receive a separate Express Scripts prescription benefit ID card. You should use a participating retail pharmacy for your short-term prescriptions (up to a 30-day supply). When you show your prescription card to the pharmacist, you pay your retail copayment plus any cost difference between brand and generic drugs for each prescription at the time of purchase.

To find a participating retail pharmacy near you:

- Log on to www.express-scripts.com and select “Locate a pharmacy.”
- Ask your retail pharmacy whether it participates in the Express Scripts network.

If you use a nonparticipating retail pharmacy, you must pay the entire non-discounted cost of the prescription and then submit a reimbursement claim form to Express Scripts. You will be reimbursed for the amount the covered medication would have cost at a participating retail pharmacy less the appropriate copayment.

Important: The retail pharmacy program is designed for short-term prescriptions.

You will pay a penalty of two times the retail copayment at a retail pharmacy if you obtain 3 or more refills (4 fills) of the same prescription (i.e., maintenance drugs of identical dosage and strength) within 270 days, and the copayment maximum will not apply. Penalties also do not apply to your annual out-of-pocket limit.

To avoid these penalties, use **Express Scripts Pharmacy** for your longer term prescription needs.

Express Scripts Pharmacy

If you take maintenance prescription drugs or other medications for long-term treatment, you may order up to a 90-day supply through **Express Scripts Pharmacy**, Express Scripts’ mail-order drug service. Mail order can also be used to fill non-urgent short-term prescriptions. The retail pharmacy copayment will apply to mail order prescriptions of 30 days or less. Typically, the mail-order service provides significant cost savings on medications that are dispensed by **Express Scripts Pharmacy**.

To order by mail, send your original prescription, together with a completed order form and payment of the applicable copayment amount to **Express Scripts Pharmacy**. If you choose not to provide debit or credit card information and prefer to pay by check, you can estimate your copayment by contacting Express Scripts. Order forms are available online at www.express-scripts.com, or by contacting Express Scripts Member Services. You may also have your doctor fax your prescriptions. Ask your doctor to call 800-922-1557 for faxing instructions.

Refills can be ordered by mail, online at www.express-scripts.com, or by phone any time day or night. Refills are usually delivered within 3 to 5 days after the order is received.

Specialty Pharmacy

Specialty medications include many high-cost drugs that treat complex, chronic diseases such as hemophilia and rheumatoid arthritis, and may be given orally, by injection in your doctor's office, or as a self-administered injectable. Certain specialty drugs are only covered when ordered through Express Scripts' Specialty Pharmacy, Accredo Health Group, Inc.

Accredo provides enhanced clinical benefits as well as cost benefits to you and the plan. There is a staff of Accredo pharmacists and nurses who are specially trained in these specific conditions, and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help ensure that the drugs and dosing you receive are clinically appropriate. Additional benefits include real-time safety checks to help prevent drug interactions, as well as ancillary supplies and equipment such as syringes and sharps containers.

Drugs within certain specialty drug categories will not be covered if obtained from an outpatient clinic, home infusion company, doctor's office, or from another pharmacy and submitted as a medical claim to Aetna.

Examples of Specialty Drug Categories	Specialty Drug Examples
Self-Administered Drugs	Growth hormones
Anemia	Procrit, Aranesp
Rare Disease	Immune Globulin
Clinician Administered-Injectable	Synagis
Clinician Administered-Infused	Remicade, Orencia

Prior Authorization/Precertification

The Plan requires prior authorization for certain drugs and has certain coverage limits. For example, prescription drugs used for cosmetic purposes (e.g., Botox, Retin-A) may not be covered for a specific use, or a medication might be limited to a certain amount (such as the number of pills or total dosage) within a specific time period (e.g., Imitrex). Another example includes growth hormones.

If you submit a prescription for a drug that requires prior authorization or has coverage limits, your pharmacist will tell you that approval is needed before the prescription can be filled. The pharmacist will give you or your doctor a toll-free number to call. If you use **Express Scripts Pharmacy**, your doctor will be contacted directly.

When a prior authorization or a coverage limit is triggered, more information is needed to determine whether your use of the medication meets the Plan's coverage conditions. Express Scripts will notify you and your doctor in writing of the decision. If

coverage is approved, the letter will indicate the amount of time for which coverage is valid. If coverage is denied, an explanation will be provided, along with instructions on how to submit an appeal.

Step Therapy

Express Scripts' step therapy program is also a form of precertification under which certain drugs are covered by the Plan only after one or more other "prerequisite" (clinically appropriate and/or cost-effective alternative) drugs are tried first. Your doctor may also contact Express Scripts to request coverage of a prerequisite drug without a trial.

If the drug that you are prescribed requires step therapy, you should arrange for your doctor to call the number shown on your ID card to begin the certification process. Benefits may not be payable unless the required procedures are followed and certification approved.

Coordination of Pharmacy Benefits

If your Dependent's primary coverage is provided by another plan and this Plan is secondary, you should submit Prescription Drug claims to Aetna for secondary benefits. Secondary benefits are provided by Aetna and will be subject to the medical deductible and 80% coinsurance. This is further described in the attached Aetna Booklet in the section entitled **Coordination of Benefits**.

Information for Medicare-Eligible Participants

In some cases, a Medicare Part D plan may provide a better benefit than this Plan. You can, but do not have to, enroll in Medicare Part D because the CRC Plan is considered "creditable"; that is, the CRC Plan provides coverage that is expected to be as good as or better than the lowest level of drug coverage authorized under a Medicare Part D plan.

If you decide to enroll in a Part D plan, please use your Part D coverage to obtain your prescription drug benefits since the Plan is not eligible to receive the federal subsidy for your drug costs if you are enrolled in Medicare Part D. This will ultimately impact the Plan's ability to control costs and, therefore, your contributions.

If you are enrolled in the CRC Plan and decide to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan at a later date, you may do so without incurring a late enrollment penalty provided the CRC Plan is considered creditable.

Express Scripts Member Services

Visit Express Scripts at www.express-scripts.com

Through the online services at www.express-scripts.com, you can:

- Review Plan highlights and get health and wellness information,
- Compare brand name and generic drug prices,
- Obtain order forms, claim forms, and envelopes,
- Request renewals or refills of mail-order prescriptions,
- Check the status of Express Scripts Pharmacy mail orders, and
- Check and pay mail-order account balances.

If you are a first time visitor to the site, you will need your Express Scripts member ID number located on your Express Scripts ID card to register.

Contact Member Services

Member Services is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) by calling toll-free **844-492-4940**. TTY is available for hearing-impaired members at 800-759-1089.

A representative can:

- Help you find a participating retail pharmacy,
- Send you order forms, claim forms, and envelopes, and
- Answer questions about your prescriptions or Plan coverage.

P.O. Box 66567
St. Louis, MO 63166-6567

Website: www.express-scripts.com

Your Express Scripts ID Card

You will receive a separate prescription benefit ID card from Express Scripts to use when purchasing a prescription at a participating retail pharmacy. Contact Express Scripts Member Services or log on to www.express-scripts.com if you need additional cards.

What the Prescription Drug Benefit Covers

The Prescription Drug Benefit covers:

- Federal legend drugs*—drugs that require a label stating: “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription;”
- Compound medications of which at least one ingredient is a federal legend drug;
- Any other drug which, under applicable state law, may be dispensed only upon a Physician’s written prescription;
- Insulin;
- Needles and syringes;
- Over-the-counter (OTC) diabetic supplies (except Glucowatch products and insulin pumps);
- Oral, transdermal, intravaginal and injectable contraceptives;
- Legend contraceptive devices;
- Legend prenatal vitamins for females only;
- Legend pediatric fluoride vitamin drops up to a 50-day supply; and
- Legend smoking deterrents.

What the Prescription Drug Benefit Does Not Cover

The Prescription Drug Benefit does *not* cover the following prescription drug expenses:

- Any drug that does not, by federal law, require a prescription, such as an over-the-counter (OTC) drug or drugs with an equivalent OTC product, even when a prescription is written for it;
- Therapeutic devices and appliances;
- Any drug entirely consumed when and where it is prescribed;
- Medication which is to be taken by or administered to an individual, in whole or in part, while he or she is a patient in a licensed hospital, rest home, sanitarium extended care facility, skilled nursing facility, convalescent hospital, nursing home or similar institution which operates on its premises or allows to be operated on its premises, a facility for dispensing pharmaceuticals;
- Any refill of a drug dispensed more than one year after prescribed, or as permitted by law where the drug is dispensed;
- Drugs labeled “Caution-Limited by Federal Law to investigational use,” or experimental drugs, even though a charge is made to the individual;
- Drugs to treat impotency or sexual dysfunction;
- Drugs whose sole purpose is to stimulate or promote hair growth (e.g., Rogaine, Propecia);
- Drugs prescribed for cosmetic purposes (e.g., Renova, Vaniqa, Botox, Solage);
- Allergy sera;
- Immunization agents;
- Biologicals, blood and blood plasma;
- Performance, athletic performance or lifestyle enhancement drugs or supplies;
- Fertility agents; or
- Nutritional supplements, appetite suppressants and antiobesity preparations.

* Age restrictions apply to coverage for certain prescription drugs.

Prescription Drug Claim Appeal

Urgent Care Claims

An urgent care claim is any claim for treatment with respect to which the application of the time periods for making non-urgent care determinations could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the claimant or the ability of the claimant to regain maximum function, or in the opinion of a Physician with knowledge of the claimant's medical condition, would subject the claimant to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed.

In case of a claim for coverage involving urgent care, you will be notified of the benefit determination within 72 hours of receipt of the claim. If the claim does not contain sufficient information to determine whether, or to what extent, benefits are covered, you will be notified within 24 hours after receipt of your claim of the information necessary to complete the claim. You will then have 48 hours to provide the information and will be notified of the decision within 48 hours of the receipt of the information.

Urgent appeals for a prescription drug claim may be sent to:

Express Scripts
P.O. Box 631850
Irving, TX 75063
ATTN: Clinical Appeals

Alternatively, you or your Physician may call 800-753-2851.

You have the right to request an urgent appeal of an adverse benefit determination if you request coverage of a claim that is urgent. Urgent appeal requests may be oral or written. You or your Physician may call 800-753-2851 or send a written request. In the case of an urgent appeal for coverage involving urgent care, you will be notified of the benefit determination within 72 hours of receipt of the claim. This coverage decision is final and binding. You have the right to receive, upon request and at no charge, the plan provision on which the decision is based and the information used to review your appeal. You also have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA if your final appeal is denied.

Non-Urgent Care Claims

In the event you receive an adverse benefit determination of a non-urgent care claim following a request of coverage for a prescription benefit claim, you have the right to appeal the adverse benefit determination in writing within 180 days of receipt of notice of the initial coverage decision. To initiate an appeal for coverage, you or your authorized representative (such as your Physician) must provide in writing:

- your name,
- member ID,

- phone number,
- the prescription drug for which benefit coverage has been denied (or reduced in the case of member-submitted paper claims), and
- any additional information that may be relevant to your appeal.

A decision regarding your appeal will be sent to you within 15 days of receipt of your written request (or 30 days, for member-submitted paper claims). The notice will include the specific reasons for the decision and the Plan provisions on which the decision was based. You have the right to receive, upon request and at no charge, the information used to review your appeal.

If you are not satisfied with the coverage decision made on appeal, you may request in writing, within 90 days of the receipt of notice of the decision, a second level appeal. To initiate a second level appeal, you or your authorized representative (such as your Physician), must provide in writing:

- your name,
- member ID,
- phone number,
- the prescription drug for which benefit coverage has been denied (or reduced in the case of member-submitted paper claims), and
- any additional information that may be relevant to your appeal.

A decision regarding your request will be sent to you in writing within 15 days of receipt of your written request for appeal (or 30 days, for member-submitted paper claims). You have the right to receive, upon request and at no charge, the information used to review your second level appeal. The decision made on your second level appeal is final and binding.

If you are not satisfied with the decision of the second level appeal, you also have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA if your final appeal is denied.

Written requests for prescription drug claim appeals may be sent to:

Express Scripts
P.O. Box 631850
Irving, TX 75063
ATTN: Clinical Appeals

Legal Action

No legal action can be brought to recover payment under any benefit after 3 years from the deadline for filing claims.

WHEN COVERAGE ENDS

Your coverage under the Retiree Medical Plan can end for a number of reasons. This section explains how and why your coverage can be terminated, and how you may be able to continue coverage after it ends.

When Employee Coverage Ends

Your coverage under this Plan ends on the first to occur of the following events:

- The Plan is discontinued;
- You voluntarily stop your coverage;
- The coverage described in this SPD is terminated under the group contract;
- You are no longer eligible, as defined in the *Eligibility and Enrollment* section of this supplement; or
- You fail to make any required contribution.

Your medical coverage will cease on the last day of the month in which you lose eligibility. You may have a right to continue your coverage as described in the section entitled **COBRA Continuation of Coverage** in the attached Booklet. You may not convert your group medical coverage to an individual policy at termination.

When Dependent Coverage Ends

Your Dependent's eligibility for coverage will end on the earliest to occur of the following events:

- Dependent coverage is terminated under this Plan;
- A Dependent becomes covered as an employee;
- A dependent no longer meets the Plan's definition of a Dependent; or
- When your coverage terminates.

Medical coverage will cease on the last day of the month in which your Dependent loses eligibility. You must notify the CRC Benefits department at CRCBenefits@crc.com within 31 days of your Dependent's change in eligibility status. Any applicable contribution change will take effect on the first of the month following the event. There will be no refund of contributions.

See the section entitled **COBRA Continuation of Coverage** in the attached Aetna Booklet or email the CRC Benefits department at CRCBenefits@crc.com for further details.

Death

If you die and are eligible for Retiree Medical Plan coverage as described in the *Eligibility and Enrollment* section, your spouse may elect retiree coverage under the Plan for your covered Dependents. If coverage is elected, your spouse must pay the applicable retiree contribution. Coverage would continue for your Dependents until the earliest occurrence of one of the following events:

- Dependent coverage is terminated under this Plan;
- A Dependent is or becomes covered as an employee;
- A Dependent is or becomes eligible for coverage under another group plan*;
- A dependent no longer meets the Plan's definition of a Dependent;
- Failure to pay any required contributions; or
- Your spouse's remarriage or death.

Your surviving Dependents may have a right to continue their coverage. See the section entitled **COBRA Continuation of Coverage** in the attached Aetna Booklet or email the CRC Benefits department at CRCBenefits@crc.com for further details.

* If your spouse subsequently loses eligibility under the other plan, he or she may reenroll in the Retiree Medical Plan within 31 days of the loss of coverage. Proof of loss of eligibility may be required.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Keep the Plan Informed of Changes

In order to protect your family's rights, you should keep the Plan informed in writing of any changes in the addresses of your family members and any changes in your marital status. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you provide. You may email such notices to the CRC Benefits department at CRCBenefits@crc.com, or mail to P.O. Box 2900, Long Beach, California 90801.

Privacy Notice for Health Plans

A federal law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), requires the Retiree Medical Plan to protect the confidentiality of your private health information. A complete description of your rights under HIPAA can be found in the Plan's privacy notice, which was distributed to you upon enrollment and is available on the MyInfo webpage at <https://MyInfo.crc.com> under Forms, Publications & Info.

The Retiree Medical Plan and CRC will not use or further disclose information that is protected by HIPAA ("protected health information") except as necessary for treatment, payment, Retiree Medical Plan operations and Plan administration, or as permitted or required by law. By law, the Plan has required all of its business associates to also observe HIPAA's privacy rules. In particular, the Plan will not, without authorization, use or disclose protected health information for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan.

Under HIPAA, you have certain rights with respect to your protected health information, including certain rights to see and copy the information, receive an accounting of certain disclosures of the information and, under certain circumstances, amend the information. You also have the right to file a complaint with the Plan or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services if you believe your rights under HIPAA have been violated.

The Plan maintains a privacy notice, which provides a complete description of your rights under HIPAA's privacy rules. For a copy of the notice, you may either contact the CRC Benefits department at CRCBenefits@crc.com or go directly to the MyInfo webpage at <https://MyInfo.crc.com>, and under Forms, Publications & Info, select the *HIPAA Privacy Notice*. If you have questions about the privacy of your health information or if you wish to file a complaint under HIPAA, email the CRC Benefits department at CRCBenefits@crc.com.

Your ERISA Rights

For information regarding your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), refer to **ERISA Rights** in the Additional Information section of the attached Booklet.

Plan Documents

This benefit plan description summarizes the main features of the Plan, and is not intended to amend, modify, or expand the Plan provisions. In all cases, the provisions of the Plan document and any applicable contracts control the administration and operation of the Plan. If a conflict exists between a statement in this summary and the provisions of the Plan document or any applicable contracts, the Plan document will govern.

Discretionary Authority of Plan Administrator and Claims Administrator

In accordance with sections 402 and 503 of Title I of ERISA, the Plan sponsor has designated two Named Fiduciaries under the Plan, who together have complete authority to review all denied claims for benefits under the Plan. The Plan Administrator has discretionary authority to determine who is eligible for coverage under the Plan and the Claims Administrators have discretionary authority to determine eligibility for benefits under the Plan. In exercising its fiduciary responsibilities, each Named Fiduciary shall have discretionary authority to determine whether and to what extent covered Plan participants are eligible for benefits, and to construe disputed or doubtful Plan terms. A Named Fiduciary shall be deemed to have properly exercised such authority unless it has abused its discretion hereunder by acting arbitrarily and capriciously.

No Guarantee of Employment

By adopting and maintaining the California Resources Corporation Retiree Medical Plan for certain eligible employees, CRC has not entered into an employment contract with any employee. Nothing contained in the Plan documents or in this summary gives any employee the right to be employed by CRC or to interfere with CRC's right to discharge any employee at any time. Similarly, this Plan does not give CRC the right to require any employee to remain employed by CRC or to interfere with the employee's right to terminate employment with CRC at any time.

Future of the Plan and Plan Amendment

CRC expects and intends to continue this Plan but does not guarantee any specific level of benefits or the continuation of any benefits during any periods of active employment, inactive employment, disability or retirement. Benefits are provided solely at CRC's discretion. CRC reserves the right, at any time or for any reason, through an action of the Vice President of Compensation and Benefits of California

Resources Corporation, to suspend, withdraw, amend, modify, or terminate the Plan (including altering the amount you must pay for any benefit), in whole or in part. In the case of material change in this description of the Plan, such action will be evidenced by a written announcement to affected individuals.

Plan Administration

The additional information in this section is provided to you according to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) regarding the Retiree Medical Plan and the persons who have assumed responsibility for its operation.

Plan Name	California Resources Corporation Retiree Medical Plan
Employer Identification Number	46-5676989
Plan Number	701
Plan Administrative Services Provided by	CRC Services, LLC 9200 Oakdale Avenue, 9th Floor Los Angeles, California 91311 888-848-4754
Type of Administration	<i>Administrative Services Contracts with:</i> Aetna Life Insurance Company and Express Scripts <i>Group Insurance Policy with:</i> Kaiser Permanente
Plan Administrator	California Resources Employee Benefits Committee
Plan Sponsor and Address for Legal Process	CRC Services, LLC 9200 Oakdale Avenue, 9th Floor Los Angeles, CA 91311 888-848-4754
Named Fiduciary	<i>For Medical Claims:</i> Aetna Life Insurance Company <i>For Prescription Drug Claims:</i> Express Scripts <i>For Group Insurance Policy:</i> Kaiser Permanente

Medical Claim Administrator

**Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156**

**Kaiser Permanente
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.
1950 Franklin Street
Oakland, CA 94612**

Prescription Drug Claim
Administrator

**Express Scripts
P.O. Box 631850
Irving, TX 75063**

Plan Year Ends

December 31

Plan Type

ERISA Welfare Plan

Source of Contributions

**Employee Contributions and
Employer General Assets**

GLOSSARY

Following are definitions of the capitalized terms and phrases used throughout this document that are not found in the glossary of the attached Booklet.

Dependent

Those persons eligible to be covered as dependents may include your:

- Legal spouse (unless legally separated), and
- Children, up to the end of the month in which their 26th birthday occurs.

Your children may include your:

- Natural children;
- Children legally adopted or placed for adoption with you;
- Stepchildren;
- Foster children; and
- Other children who you claim as dependents on your federal income tax return (e.g., grandchildren), for whom you and/or your spouse have primary legal custody and who live with you in a regular parent/child relationship.

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 and who falls within one of the above three categories.

If you have a disabled child, the child’s coverage may be continued past the Plan’s limiting age for dependents.

Your child is considered to be disabled if he or she:

- Is unable to earn a living because of a mental or physical disability that starts before the Plan age limit; and
- Depends mainly on you for support and maintenance.

You must provide proof of your child’s disability to Aetna no later than 31 days after your child reaches the dependent age limit. Aetna may continue to ask you for proof that the child continues to meet these conditions of incapacity and dependency.

The child’s coverage will end on the first to occur of the following:

- Your child is no longer disabled;
- You fail to provide proof that the disability continues;
- You fail to have any required exam performed; or
- Your child’s coverage ends for a reason other than reaching the age limit.

Plan

“Plan” means the California Resources Corporation Retiree Medical Plan, and as used in this Summary Plan Description, unless the context otherwise plainly requires, “Plan” further means the medical benefits described here. Also, in this Summary Plan Description, “Plan” is used interchangeably with “Retiree Medical Plan.”

Schedule of Benefits

Employer: California Resources Corporation

MSA: 867978

Issue Date: February 4, 2015

Effective Date: December 1, 2014

Schedule: 4A

Booklet Base: 4

For: Choice POS II Core Plan - Retired Employees

This is an ERISA plan, and you have certain rights under this plan. Please contact your Employer or refer to your Booklet for additional information.

Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Calendar Year Deductible*		
Individual Deductible*	\$300	\$600
Family Deductible*	\$600	\$1,200

*Unless otherwise indicated, any applicable **deductible** must be met before benefits are paid.

Plan Maximum Out of Pocket Limit includes plan **deductible** and **copayments**.

Plan Maximum Out of Pocket Limit excludes **precertification** penalties.

Individual Maximum Out of Pocket Limit:

- For **network** expenses: \$1,500.
- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$2,500.

Family Maximum Out of Pocket Limit:

- For **network** expenses: \$3,000.
- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$5,000.

Lifetime Maximum Benefit per person	Unlimited	Unlimited
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Payment Percentage listed in the Schedule below reflects the Plan Payment Percentage. This is the amount the Plan pays. You are responsible to pay any deductibles and the remaining payment percentage. You are responsible for full payment of any non-covered expenses you incur.

For information regarding plan limitations and exclusions, refer to your Booklet.

All Covered Expenses Are Subject To The Calendar Year Deductible Unless Otherwise Noted In The Schedule Below.

Maximums for specific covered expenses, including visit, day and dollar maximums are combined maximums between network and out-of-network, unless specifically stated otherwise.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Preventive Care Benefits</i>		
<i>Routine Physical Exams Office Visits</i>	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Covered Persons through age 21: Maximum Age & Visit Limits</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
<i>Covered Persons ages 22 but less than 65: Maximum Visits per Calendar Year</i>	1 visit	1 visit
<i>Covered Persons age 65 and over: Maximum Visits per Calendar Year</i>	1 visit	1 visit
<i>Preventive Care Immunizations</i>		
<i>Performed in a facility or physician's office</i>	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Screening & Counseling Services - Obesity, Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs & Use of Tobacco Products</i>	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visits after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><i>Obesity</i></p> <p>Maximum Visits per Calendar Year (This maximum applies only to Covered Persons ages 22 & older.)</p>	<p>26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*</p>	<p>26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*</p>
<p>*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.</p>		
<p><i>Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs</i></p> <p>Maximum Visits per Calendar Year</p>	<p>5 visits*</p>	<p>5 visits*</p>
<p>*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.</p>		
<p><i>Use of Tobacco Products</i></p> <p>Maximum Visits per Calendar Year</p>	<p>8 visits*</p>	<p>8 visits*</p>
<p>*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.</p>		
<p><i>Well Woman Preventive Visits</i> <i>Office Visits</i></p>	<p>100% per visit</p> <p>No Calendar Year deductible applies.</p>	<p>70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible</p>
<p><i>Well Woman Preventive Visits</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year (age 18 and older)</p>	<p>1 visit</p>	<p>1 visit</p>
<p><i>Routine Cancer Screening</i> <i>Outpatient</i></p>	<p>100% per visit</p> <p>No Calendar Year deductible applies.</p>	<p>70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible</p>

Maximums	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>
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Prenatal Care Office Visits	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Important Note: Refer to the Physician Services and Pregnancy Expenses sections of the Schedule of Benefits for more information on coverage levels for pregnancy expenses under this Plan, including other prenatal care, delivery and postnatal care office visits.		

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Comprehensive Lactation Support and Counseling Services		
Lactation Counseling Services Facility or Office Visits	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

Lactation Counseling Services Maximum Visits either in a group or individual setting	6* visits per 12 months	Not Applicable
*Important Note: Visits in excess of the Lactation Counseling Services Maximum as shown above, are covered under the <i>Physician Services</i> office visit section of the <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .		

Breast Pumps & Supplies	100% per item No copay or deductible applies	70% per item after Calendar Year deductible
Important Note: Refer to the <i>Comprehensive Lactation Support and Counseling Services</i> section of the Booklet for limitations on breast pumps and supplies.		

Family Planning Services		
Female Contraceptive Counseling Services -Office Visits	100% per visit. No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

Contraceptive Counseling Services - Maximum Visits either in a group or individual setting	2* visits per 12 months	Not Applicable
*Important Note: Visits in excess of the Contraceptive Counseling Services Maximum as shown above, are covered under the <i>Physician Services</i> office visit section of the <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> .		

<i>Family Planning - Other</i> Voluntary Termination of Pregnancy Outpatient	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Voluntary Sterilization for Males Outpatient	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Family Planning - Female Voluntary Sterilization</i> <i>Inpatient</i>	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Outpatient</i>	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Family Planning Services - Female Contraceptives</i> <i>Female Contraceptive Generic Prescription Drugs</i> (associated office visit is payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided)	100% per prescription or refill No Calendar Year deductible applies.	70% per prescription or refill after Calendar Year deductible .
<i>Female Contraceptive Devices</i> (associated office visit is payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided)	100% per prescription or refill No Calendar Year deductible applies.	70% per prescription or refill after Calendar Year deductible .

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Vision Care</i>		
<i>Eye Examinations</i> including refraction	100% per exam No Calendar Year deductible applies.	70% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Benefit per Calendar Year	1 exam	1 exam

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Physician Services		
<i>Office Visits to Primary Care Physician</i> Office visits (non-surgical) to non-specialist	\$20 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Specialist Office Visits</i>	\$40 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Physician Office Visits-Surgery		
<i>Physician</i>	\$20 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Specialist</i>	\$40 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Walk-In Clinic Visit (Non-Emergency)</i>		
<i>Preventive Care Services*</i>		
Immunizations	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies. For details, contact your physician , log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com , or call the number on the back of your ID card.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Individual Screening and Counseling Services for Tobacco Use	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Benefit per visit - Individual Screening and Counseling Services for Tobacco Use	Refer to the <i>Preventive Care Benefit</i> section earlier in this Schedule of Benefits for maximums that may apply to these types of services	Refer to the <i>Preventive Care Benefit</i> section earlier in this Schedule of Benefits for maximums that may apply to these types of services
Individual Screening and Counseling Services for Obesity	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Benefit per visit - Individual Screening and Counseling Services for Obesity	Refer to the <i>Preventive Care Benefit</i> section earlier in this Schedule of Benefits for maximums that may apply to these types of services	Refer to the <i>Preventive Care Benefit</i> section earlier in this Schedule of Benefits for maximums that may apply to these types of services
*Important Note: Not all preventive care services are available at all Walk-In Clinics . The types of services offered will vary by the provider and location of the clinic. These services may also be obtained from your physician .		
<i>All Other Services</i>	\$20 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Physician Services for Inpatient Facility and Hospital Visits</i>	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Administration of Anesthesia</i>	90% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible	70% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Allergy Injections</i>	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible .	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible .

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Emergency Medical Services</i>		
<i>Hospital Emergency Facility and Physician</i>	90% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible	Paid the same as the Network level of benefits. See Important Note Below
<p>Important Note: Please note that as these providers are not network providers and do not have a contract with Aetna, the provider may not accept payment of your cost share (your deductible and payment percentage), as payment in full. You may receive a bill for the difference between the amount billed by the provider and the amount paid by this Plan. If the Emergency Room Facility or physician bills you for an amount above your cost share, you are not responsible for paying that amount. Please send us the bill at the address listed on the back of your member ID card and we will resolve any payment dispute with the provider over that amount. Make sure your member ID number is on the bill.</p>		

<i>Non-Emergency Care in a Hospital Emergency Room</i>	Not covered	Not covered
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<i>Urgent Care Services</i>		
<i>Urgent Medical Care (at a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Urgent Medical Care (from other than a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Outpatient Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing</i>		
<i>Complex Imaging Services</i>		
<i>Complex Imaging</i>	90% per test after Calendar Year deductible	70% per test after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Diagnostic Laboratory Testing</i>		
<i>Diagnostic Laboratory Testing</i>	90% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible	70% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Diagnostic X-Rays (except Complex Imaging Services)</i>		
<i>Diagnostic X-Rays</i>	90% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible	70% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Outpatient Surgery</i>		
<i>Outpatient Surgery</i>	90% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Inpatient Facility Expenses</i>		
<i>Birthing Center</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

<i>Hospital Facility Expenses</i>	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Room and Board (including maternity)		
Other than Room and Board	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Skilled Nursing Inpatient Facility</i>	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum Days per Calendar Year	120 days	120 days
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Specialty Benefits</i>		
<i>Home Health Care (Outpatient)</i>	90% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible

Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	120 visits	120 visits
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<i>Hospice Benefits</i>		
<i>Hospice Care - Facility Expenses (Room & Board)</i>	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Hospice Care - Other Expenses during a stay</i>	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible

Maximum Benefit per lifetime	Unlimited days	Unlimited days
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<i>Hospice Outpatient Visits</i>	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Infertility Treatment</i>		
<i>Basic Infertility Expenses</i> Coverage is for the diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition causing the infertility only.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Inpatient Treatment of Mental Disorders</i>		

<i>MENTAL DISORDERS</i>		
<i>Hospital Facility Expenses</i>		
Room and Board	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment</i>		
Facility Expenses	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services	90% after Calendar Year deductible	70% after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Outpatient Treatment Of Mental Disorders</i>		
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<i>Outpatient Services</i>	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100%	70% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Inpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse</i>		
<i>Hospital Facility Expenses</i>		
Room and Board	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment</i>		
Facility Expenses	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Outpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse</i>		
<i>Outpatient Treatment</i>	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100%	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Obesity Treatment Non Surgical</i>		
<i>Outpatient Obesity Treatment (non surgical)</i>	90% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Obesity Treatment Surgical</i>		
<i>Inpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery (includes Surgical procedure and Acute Hospital Services)</i>	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Outpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery</i>	90% per service after Calendar Year deductible	70% per service after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum Benefit Morbid Obesity Surgery (Inpatient and Outpatient)	Unlimited	Unlimited
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK (IOE Facility)	NETWORK (Non-IOE Facility)	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Transplant Services Facility and Non-Facility Expenses</i>			
<i>Transplant Facility Expenses</i>	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	70% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Transplant Physician Services</i> (including office visits)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Other Covered Health Expenses</i>		
<i>Acupuncture in lieu of anesthesia</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
<i>Ground, Air or Water Ambulance (medically necessary services)</i>	90% after Calendar Year deductible	70% after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment</i>	90% per item after the Calendar Year deductible	70% per item after the Calendar Year deductible
<i>Jaw Joint Disorder Treatment</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
<i>Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
<i>Prosthetic Devices</i>	90% per item after Calendar Year deductible	70% per item after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Outpatient Therapies</i>		
<i>Chemotherapy</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

Infusion Therapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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Radiation Therapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Short Term Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapies		
Outpatient Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy combined	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Spinal Manipulation		
	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	70% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

Spinal Manipulation Maximum visits per Calendar Year	25 visits	25 visits
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Autism Spectrum Disorders		
	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

Expense Provisions

The following provisions apply to your health expense plan.

This section describes cost sharing features, benefit maximums and other important provisions that apply to your Plan. The specific cost sharing features and the applicable dollar amounts or benefit percentages are contained in the attached health expense sections of this *Schedule of Benefits*.

This *Schedule of Benefits* replaces any *Schedule of Benefits* previously in effect under your plan of health benefits.

KEEP THIS SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS WITH YOUR BOOKLET.

Deductible Provisions

Covered expenses applied to the **out-of-network provider deductibles** will be applied to satisfy the **network provider deductibles**. Covered expenses applied to the **network provider deductibles** will be applied to satisfy the **out-of-network provider deductibles**.

All **covered expenses** accumulate toward the **network provider and out-of-network provider deductibles** except for those **covered expenses** identified later in this *Schedule of Benefits*.

You and each of your covered dependents have separate Calendar Year **deductibles**. Each of you must meet your **deductible** separately and they cannot be combined. This Plan has individual and family Calendar Year **deductibles**.

Network Provider Calendar Year Deductible

Individual

This is the amount of **covered expenses** that you and each of your covered dependents incur each Calendar Year from a **network provider** for which no benefits will be paid. This individual Calendar Year **deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered expenses** reach this individual Calendar Year **deductible**, this Plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered expenses** that you incur from a **network provider** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Family Deductible Limit

When you and each of your covered dependents incur **covered expenses** that apply towards the individual Calendar Year **deductibles**, these expenses will also count toward a family **deductible** limit.

To satisfy this family **deductible** limit for the rest of the Calendar Year, the following must happen:

The combined **covered expenses** that you and each of your covered dependents incur towards the individual Calendar Year **deductibles** must reach this family **deductible** limit in a Calendar Year.

When this occurs in a Calendar Year, the individual Calendar Year **deductibles** for you and your covered dependents will be considered to be met for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Out-of-Network Provider Calendar Year Deductible

Individual

This is the amount of **covered expenses** that you and each of your covered dependents incur each Calendar Year from an **out-of-network provider** for which no benefits will be paid. This individual Calendar Year **deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered expenses** reach this individual Calendar Year **deductible**; this Plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered expenses** that you incur from an **out-of-network provider** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Family Deductible Limit

When you and each of your covered dependents incur **covered expenses** that apply towards the individual Calendar Year **deductibles**, these expenses will also count toward a family **deductible** limit.

To satisfy this family **deductible** limit for the rest of the Calendar Year, the following must happen:

The combined **covered expenses** that you and each of your covered dependents incur towards the individual Calendar Year **deductibles** must reach this family **deductible** limit in a Calendar Year.

When this occurs in a Calendar Year, the individual Calendar Year **deductibles** for you and your covered dependents will be considered to be met for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Copayments and Benefit Deductible Provisions

Copayment, Copay

This is a specified dollar amount or percentage of the **negotiated charge** required to be paid by you at the time you receive a covered service from a **network provider**. It represents a portion of the applicable expense.

Payment Provisions

Payment Percentage

This is the percentage of your **covered expenses** that the plan pays and the percentage of **covered expenses** that you pay. The percentage that the plan pays is referred to as the “Plan Payment Percentage”. Once applicable **deductibles** have been met, your plan will pay a percentage of the **covered expenses**, and you will be responsible for the rest of the costs. The payment percentage may vary by the type of expense. Refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* for payment percentage amounts for each covered benefit.

Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit

The **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** is the maximum amount you are responsible to pay for **covered expenses** during the Calendar Year. This Plan has an individual **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**. As to the individual **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**, each of you must meet your **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** separately and they cannot be combined and applied towards one limit.

Certain **covered expenses** do not apply toward the **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**. See list below.

Network Provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit

Individual

Once the amount of eligible **network provider** expenses you or your covered dependents have paid during the Calendar Year meets the individual **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**, this Plan will pay 100% of such **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the remainder of the Calendar Year for that person.

Family Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit

When you and each of your covered dependents incur **covered expenses** that apply towards the individual Calendar Year **network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**, these expenses will also count toward a family **network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**.

To satisfy this family **network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** for the rest of the Calendar Year, the following must happen:

The family **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** is a cumulative **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** for all family members. The family **network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** can be met by a combination of family members with no single individual within the family contributing more than the individual **network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** amount in a Calendar Year.

Out-of-Network Provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit

Individual

Once the amount of eligible **out-of-network provider** expenses you or your covered dependents have paid during the Calendar Year meets the individual **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**, this Plan will pay 100% of such **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the remainder of the Calendar Year for that person.

Family Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit

When you and each of your covered dependents incur **covered expenses** that apply towards the individual Calendar Year **out-of-network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**, these expenses will also count toward a family **out-of-network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**.

To satisfy this family **out-of-network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** for the rest of the Calendar Year, the following must happen:

The family **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** is a cumulative **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** for all family members. The family **out-of-network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** can be met by a combination of family members with no single individual within the family contributing more than the individual **out-of-network provider Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** amount in a Calendar Year.

The **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** applies to both network and out-of-network benefits. **Covered expenses** applied to the out-of-network **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** will be applied to satisfy the in-network **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** and **covered expenses** applied to the in-network **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit** will be applied to satisfy the out-of-network **Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit**.

Expenses That Do Not Apply to Your Out-of-Pocket Limit

Certain covered expenses do not apply toward your plan **out-of-pocket** limit. These include:

- Charges over the **recognized charge**;
- Non-covered expenses;
- Expenses for non-emergency use of the emergency room; and
- Expenses that are not paid, or **precertification** benefit reductions because a required **precertification** for the service(s) or supply was not obtained from **Aetna**.

Precertification Benefit Reduction

The Booklet contains a complete description of the **precertification** program. Refer to the “Understanding Precertification” section for a list of services and supplies that require **precertification**.

Failure to precertify your **covered expenses** when required will result in a benefits reduction as follows:

- A \$500 benefit reduction will be applied separately to each type of expense.

General

This Schedule of Benefits replaces any similar Schedule of Benefits previously in effect under your plan of benefits. Requests for coverage other than that to which you are entitled in accordance with this Schedule of Benefits cannot be accepted. This Schedule is part of your Booklet and should be kept with your Booklet.

BENEFIT PLAN

**Prepared Exclusively for
California Resources Corporation**

**Choice POS II - Core Plan
Retired Employees**

**What Your Plan
Covers and How
Benefits are Paid**



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Preface

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

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

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

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

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Coverage for You and Your Dependents

Health Expense Coverage

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

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

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

Treatment Outcomes of Covered Services

Aetna is not a provider of health care services and therefore is not responsible for and does not guarantee any results or outcomes of the covered health care services and supplies you receive. Providers of health care services, including hospitals, institutions, facilities or agencies, are independent contractors and are neither agents nor employees of **Aetna** or its affiliates.

When Your Coverage Begins

Who Is Eligible

How and When to Enroll

When Your Coverage Begins

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

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

Who Is Eligible

Employees

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

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

Determining if You Are in an Eligible Class

You are in an eligible class if:

- You are a retired employee of an employer participating in this plan, and you:
 - Were eligible for coverage under this plan or another plan sponsored by your employer on the day before you retired; and
 - Have completed 10 years of service and are age 55 or over.

Determining When You Become Eligible

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

On the Effective Date of the Plan

If you are in an eligible class on the effective date of your plan, your eligibility date is the effective date of the plan.

After the Effective Date of the Plan

If you are in an eligible class on the date of retirement, your eligibility date is the date you retire.

If you enter an eligible class after your date of retirement, your eligibility date is the date you enter the eligible class.

Obtaining Coverage for Dependents

Your dependents can be covered under this Plan. You may enroll the following dependents:

- Your spouse.
- Your dependent children.

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

Coverage for Dependent Children

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

An eligible dependent child includes:

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

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

Important Reminder

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

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

How and When to Enroll

Initial Enrollment in the Plan

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

You will need to enroll within 31 days of your eligibility date.

Special Enrollment Periods

If one of the following applies, you may contact your employer and enroll within 31 days of the change in eligibility.

Loss of Other Health Care Coverage

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

- You did not enroll yourself or your dependent when you first became eligible because, at that time:
 - You or your dependents were covered under other **creditable coverage**; and you and/or your dependents are no longer eligible for other **creditable coverage**.

If You Adopt a Child

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

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

- The child meets the plan's definition of an eligible dependent on the date he or she is placed for adoption; and
- You request coverage for the child in writing within 31 days of the placement.
- Proof of placement will need to be presented to your employer prior to the dependent enrollment.

When You Receive a Qualified Child Support Order

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

- The child meets the plan's definition of an eligible dependent; and
- You request coverage for the child in writing within 31 days of the court order.

Coverage for the dependent will become effective on the date of the court order.

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

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

When Your Coverage Begins

Your Effective Date of Coverage

If you have met all the eligibility requirements, your coverage takes effect on the date you are eligible for coverage.

Important Notice:

You must pay the required contribution in full.

Your Dependent's Effective Date of Coverage

Your dependent's coverage takes effect on the same day that your coverage becomes effective, if you have enrolled them in the plan.

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

How Your Medical Plan Works

Common Terms

Accessing Providers

Precertification

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

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

Important Notes

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

Common Terms

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

About Your Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

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

Important Note

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

The plan will pay for **covered expenses** up to the maximum benefits shown in this Booklet.

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

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

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

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

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

Availability of Providers

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

Ongoing Reviews

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

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

How Your Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan Works

The Primary Care Physician:

To access network benefits, you are encouraged to select a **Primary Care Physician (PCP)** from **Aetna's** network of providers at the time of enrollment. Each covered family member may select his or her own **PCP**. If your covered dependent is a minor, or otherwise incapable of selecting a **PCP**, you should select a **PCP** on their behalf.

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

A **PCP** may be a general practitioner, family **physician**, internist, or pediatrician. Your **PCP** provides routine preventive care and will treat you for **illness** or **injury**.

A **PCP** coordinates your medical care, as appropriate either by providing treatment or may direct you to other **network providers** for other covered services and supplies. The **PCP** can also order lab tests and x-rays, prescribe medicines or therapies, and arrange **hospitalization**.

Changing Your PCP

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

Specialists and Other Network Providers

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

Important Note

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

Accessing Network Providers and Benefits

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

Cost Sharing For Network Benefits

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

- **Network providers** have agreed to accept the **negotiated charge**. Aetna will reimburse you for a **covered expense**, incurred from a **network provider**, up to the **negotiated charge** and the maximum benefits under this Plan, less any cost sharing required by you such as **deductibles**, **copayments** and **payment percentage**. Your **payment percentage** is based on the **negotiated charge**. You will not have to pay any balance bills above the **negotiated charge** for that covered service or supply.
- You must satisfy any applicable **deductibles** before the plan will begin to pay benefits.
- **Deductibles** and **payment percentage** are usually lower when you use **network providers** than when you use **out-of-network providers**.
- For certain types of services and supplies, you will be responsible for any **copayments** shown in your *Schedule of Benefits*. The **copayments** will vary depending upon the type of service and whether you obtain covered health care services from a provider who is a **specialist** or non-**specialist**. You will be subject to the **PCP copayments** shown on the *Schedule of Benefits* when you obtain covered health care services from any **PCP** who is a **network provider**. If the provider is a **network specialist**, then the **specialist copayment** will apply.
- After you satisfy any applicable **deductible**, you will be responsible for any applicable **payment percentage** for **covered expenses** that you incur. You will be responsible for your **payment percentage** up to the **maximum out-of-pocket limit** applicable to your plan.
- Once you satisfy any applicable **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limits for the rest of the Calendar Year. Certain designated out-of-pocket expenses may not apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limits**. Refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* for information on what **covered expenses** do not apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limits** and for the specific **maximum out-of-pocket limit** amounts that apply to your plan.
- The plan will pay for **covered expenses**, up to the benefit maximums shown in the *What the Plan Covers* section or the *Schedule of Benefits*. You are responsible for any expenses incurred over the maximum limits outlined in the *What the Plan Covers* section or the *Schedule of Benefits*.
- You may be billed for any **deductible**, **copayment**, or **payment percentage** amounts, or any non-covered expenses that you incur.

Accessing Out-of-Network Providers and Benefits

- Certain health care services such as hospitalization, outpatient surgery and certain other outpatient services, require **precertification** with Aetna to verify coverage for these services. When you receive services from an **out-of-network provider**, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary **precertification** from Aetna. Your provider may **precertify** the services for you. However, you should verify with Aetna prior to the service, that the provider has obtained **precertification** from Aetna. If the service is not **precertified**, the benefit payable may be significantly reduced or may not be covered. This means you will be responsible for the unpaid balance of any bills. You must call the **precertification** toll-free number on your ID card to **precertify** services. Refer to the *Understanding Precertification* section for more information on the **precertification** process and what to do if your request for **precertification** is denied.
- When you use **out-of-network providers**, you may have to pay for services at the time they are rendered. You may be required to pay the full charges and submit a claim form to Aetna for reimbursement. You are responsible for completing and submitting claim forms for reimbursement of **covered expenses** that you paid directly to an **out-of-network provider**.

- When you pay an **out-of-network provider** directly, you will be responsible for completing a claim form to receive reimbursement of **covered expenses** from **Aetna**. You must submit a completed claim form and proof of payment to **Aetna**. Refer to the *General Provisions* section of this Booklet for a complete description of how to file a claim under this plan.
- You will receive notification of what the plan has paid toward your **covered expenses**. It will indicate any amounts you owe towards any **deductible**, or **payment percentage** amounts or other non-covered expenses you have incurred. You may elect to receive this notification by e-mail, or through the mail. Call or e-mail Member Services if you have questions regarding your statement.

Important Note

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

Cost Sharing for Out-of-Network Benefits

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

- **Out-of-network providers** have not agreed to accept the **negotiated charge**. **Aetna** will reimburse you for a **covered expense**, incurred from an **out-of network provider**, up to the **recognized charge** and the maximum benefits under this Plan, less any cost-sharing required by you such as **deductibles** and **payment percentage**. The **recognized charge** is the maximum amount **Aetna** will pay for a **covered expense** from an **out-of-network provider**. Your **payment percentage** is based on the **recognized charge**. If your **out-of-network provider** charges more than the **recognized charge**, you will be responsible for any expenses incurred above the **recognized charge**. Except for emergency services, **Aetna** will only pay up to the **recognized charge**.
- You must satisfy any applicable **deductibles** before the plan begins to pay benefits.
- **Deductibles** and **payment percentage** are usually higher when you use **out-of network providers** than when you use **network providers**.
- After you satisfy any applicable **deductible**, you will be responsible for any applicable **payment percentage** for **covered expenses** that you incur. You will be responsible for your **payment percentage** up to the **maximum out-of-pocket limits** that apply to your plan.
- Once you satisfy any applicable **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limits for the rest of the Calendar Year. Certain designated out-of-pocket expenses may not apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. Refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* for information on what **covered expenses** do not apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limits** and for the specific **maximum out-of-pocket limit** amounts that apply to your plan.
- The plan will pay for **covered expenses**, up to the benefit maximums shown in the *What the Plan Covers* section or the *Schedule of Benefits*. You are responsible for any expenses incurred over the maximum limits outlined in the *What the Plan Covers* section or the *Schedule of Benefits*.

Understanding Precertification

Precertification

Certain services, such as inpatient **stays**, certain tests, procedures and **outpatient surgery** require **precertification** by **Aetna**. **Precertification** is a process that helps you and your **physician** determine whether the services being recommended are **covered expenses** under the plan. It also allows **Aetna** to help your provider coordinate your transition from an inpatient setting to an outpatient setting (called discharge planning), and to register you for specialized programs or case management when appropriate.

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

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

Important Note

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

The Precertification Process

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

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

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

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

Aetna will provide a written notification to you and your **physician** of the **precertification** decision. If your **precertified** expenses are approved the approval is good for 60 days as long as you remain enrolled in the plan.

When you have an inpatient admission to a facility, **Aetna** will notify you, your **physician** and the facility about your **precertified** length of **stay**. If your **physician** recommends that your **stay** be extended, additional days will need to be certified. You, your **physician**, or the facility will need to call **Aetna** at the number on your ID card as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than the final authorized day. **Aetna** will review and process the request for an extended **stay**. You and your **physician** will receive a notification of an approval or denial.

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

Services and Supplies Which Require Precertification

Precertification is required for the following types of medical expenses:

Inpatient and Outpatient Care

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

How Failure to Precertify Affects Your Benefits

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

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

How Your Benefits are Affected

The chart below illustrates the effect on your benefits if necessary **precertification** is not obtained.

If precertification is:	then the expenses are:
▪ requested and approved by Aetna .	▪ covered.
▪ requested and denied.	▪ not covered, may be appealed.
▪ not requested, but would have been covered if requested.	▪ covered after a precertification benefit reduction is applied.*
▪ not requested, would not have been covered if requested.	▪ not covered, may be appealed.

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

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

Emergency and Urgent Care

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

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

In Case of a Medical Emergency

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

- Seek the nearest emergency room, or dial 911 or your local emergency response service for medical and ambulatory assistance. If possible, call your **physician** provided a delay would not be detrimental to your health.
- After assessing and stabilizing your condition, the emergency room should contact your **physician** to obtain your medical history to assist the emergency **physician** in your treatment.
- If you are admitted to an inpatient facility, notify your **physician** as soon as reasonably possible.
- If you seek care in an emergency room for a non-emergency condition, the plan will not cover the expenses you incur. Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for specific details about the plan. No other plan benefits will pay for non-emergency care in the emergency room unless otherwise specified under the plan.

Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions

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

Important Reminder

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

In Case of an Urgent Condition

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

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

Coverage for an Urgent Condition

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

Follow-Up Care After Treatment of an Emergency or Urgent Medical Condition

Follow-up care is not considered an emergency or **urgent condition** and is not covered as part of any emergency or urgent care visit. Once you have been treated and discharged, you should contact your **physician** for any necessary follow-up care.

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

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

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

Important Notice

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

Requirements For Coverage

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

1. The service or supply must be covered by the plan. For a service or supply to be covered, it must:
 - Be included as a covered expense in this Booklet;
 - Not be an excluded expense under this Booklet. Refer to the *Exclusions* sections of this Booklet for a list of services and supplies that are excluded;
 - Not exceed the maximums and limitations outlined in this Booklet. Refer to the *What the Plan Covers* section and the *Schedule of Benefits* for information about certain expense limits; and
 - Be obtained in accordance with all the terms, policies and procedures outlined in this Booklet.
2. The service or supply must be provided while coverage is in effect. See the *Who Can Be Covered, How and When to Enroll, When Your Coverage Begins, When Coverage Ends* and *Continuation of Coverage* sections for details on when coverage begins and ends.
3. The service or supply must be **medically necessary**. To meet this requirement, the medical services or supply must be provided by a **physician**, or other health care provider, exercising prudent clinical judgment, to a patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an **illness, injury**, disease or its symptoms. The provision of the service or supply must be:
 - (a) In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
 - (b) Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient's **illness, injury** or disease; and
 - (c) Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, **physician** or other health care provider;
 - (d) And not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient's **illness, injury**, or disease.

For these purposes “generally accepted standards of medical practice” means standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, or otherwise consistent with **physician** specialty society recommendations and the views of **physicians** practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

Important Note

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

What The Plan Covers

Wellness

Physician Services

Hospital Expenses

Other Medical Expenses

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

Preventive Care

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

Routine Physical Exams

Covered expenses include charges made by your **physician** for routine physical exams. This includes routine vision and hearing screenings given as part of the routine physical exam. A routine exam is a medical exam given by a **physician** for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified **illness** or **injury**, and also includes:

- Evidence-based items that have in effect a rating of A or B in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- Screenings and counseling services as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration. These services may include but are not limited to:
 - Screening and counseling services, such as:
 - Interpersonal and domestic violence;
 - Sexually transmitted diseases; and
 - Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) infections.
 - Screening for gestational diabetes for women.
 - High risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing for women age 30 and older.
- X-rays, lab and other tests given in connection with the exam.
- For covered newborns, an initial **hospital** check up.

Limitations:

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

- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan;
- Services which are for diagnosis or treatment of a suspected or identified **illness** or **injury**;
- Exams given during your **stay** for medical care;
- Services not given by a **physician** or under his or her direction;
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams;

Preventive Care Immunizations

Covered expenses include charges made by your **physician** or a facility for:

- immunizations for infectious diseases; and
- the materials for administration of immunizations;

that have been recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Limitations

Not covered under this Preventive Care benefit are charges incurred for immunizations that are not considered Preventive Care such as those required due to your employment.

Well Woman Preventive Visits

Covered expenses include charges made by your **physician** for a routine well woman preventive exam office visit, including Pap smears, in accordance with the recommendations by the Health Resources and Services Administration. A routine well woman preventive exam is a medical exam given by a **physician** for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified **illness** or **injury**.

Limitations:

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

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

Routine Cancer Screenings

Covered expenses include, but are not limited to, charges incurred for routine cancer screening as follows:

- Mammograms;
- Fecal occult blood tests;
- Digital rectal exams;
- Prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests;
- Sigmoidoscopies;
- Double contrast barium enemas (DCBE); and
- Colonoscopies.

These benefits will be subject to any age; family history; and frequency guidelines that are:

- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of A or B in the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force; and
- Evidence-informed items or services provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Limitations:

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

- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan.

Important Notes:

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for details about cost sharing and benefit maximums that apply to Preventive Care. For details on the frequency and age limits that apply to Routine Physical Exams and Routine Cancer Screenings, contact your **physician**, log onto the **Aetna** website www.aetna.com, or call the member services at the number on the back of your ID card.

Screening and Counseling Services

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

Obesity

Screening and counseling services to aid in weight reduction due to obesity. Coverage includes:

- preventive counseling visits and/or risk factor reduction intervention;
- medical nutrition therapy;
- nutrition counseling; and
- healthy diet counseling visits provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease.

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

Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs

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

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

Use of Tobacco Products

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

- preventive counseling visits;
- treatment visits; and
- class visits;

to aid in the cessation of the use of tobacco products.

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

Limitations:

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

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

Prenatal Care

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

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

Limitations:

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

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

Important Notes:

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

Comprehensive Lactation Support and Counseling Services

Covered expenses include comprehensive lactation support (assistance and training in breast feeding) and counseling services provided to females during pregnancy and in the post partum period by a certified lactation support provider. The "post partum period" means the one-year period directly following the child's date of birth. **Covered expenses** incurred during the post partum period also include the rental or purchase of breast feeding equipment as described below.

Lactation support and lactation counseling services are **covered expenses** when provided in either a group or individual setting. Benefits for lactation counseling services are subject to the visit maximum shown in your *Schedule of Benefits*.

Breast Feeding Durable Medical Equipment

Coverage includes the rental or purchase of breast feeding **durable medical equipment** for the purpose of lactation support (pumping and storage of breast milk) as follows.

Breast Pump

Covered expenses include the following:

- The rental of a hospital-grade electric pump for a newborn child when the newborn child is confined in a **hospital**.
- The purchase of:
 - An electric breast pump (non-hospital grade). A purchase will be covered once every three years; or
 - A manual breast pump. A purchase will be covered once every three years.
- If an electric breast pump was purchased within the previous three year period, the purchase of an electric or manual breast pump will not be covered until a three year period has elapsed from the last purchase of an electric pump.

Breast Pump Supplies

Coverage is limited to only one purchase per pregnancy in any year where a covered female would not qualify for the purchase of a new pump.

Coverage for the purchase of breast pump equipment is limited to one item of equipment, for the same or similar purpose, and the accessories and supplies needed to operate the item. You are responsible for the entire cost of any additional pieces of the same or similar equipment you purchase or rent for personal convenience or mobility.

Aetna reserves the right to limit the payment of charges up to the most cost efficient and least restrictive level of service or item which can be safely and effectively provided. The decision to rent or purchase is at the discretion of **Aetna**.

Limitations:

Unless specified above, not covered under this *Preventive Care* benefit are charges incurred for services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan.

Important Notes:

If a breast pump service or supply that you need is covered under this Plan but not available from a **network provider** in your area, please contact Member Services at the toll-free number on your ID card for assistance.

Family Planning Services - Female Contraceptives

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

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

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

Voluntary Sterilization

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

Covered expenses under this *Preventive Care* benefit would not include charges for a voluntary sterilization procedure to the extent that the procedure was not billed separately by the provider or because it was not the primary purpose of a confinement.

Contraceptives

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

- Female contraceptives that are **brand name and generic prescription drugs**;
- Female contraceptive devices including the related services and supplies needed to administer the device.

Limitations:

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

- Services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan;
- Services and supplies incurred for an abortion;
- Services which are for the treatment of an identified **illness** or **injury**;
- Services that are not given by a **physician** or under his or her direction;
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams;
- Any contraceptive methods that are only "reviewed" by the FDA and not "approved" by the FDA;
- Male contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures or devices;
- The reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures, including any related follow-up care.

Family Planning Services - Other

Covered expenses include charges for certain family planning services, even though not provided to treat an illness or injury.

- Voluntary sterilization for males
- Voluntary termination of pregnancy

Limitations:

Not covered are:

- Reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures, including related follow-up care;
- Charges for services which are covered to any extent under any other part of this Plan or any other group plans sponsored by your employer; and
- Charges incurred for family planning services while confined as an inpatient in a hospital or other facility for medical care.

Important Notes:

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

Vision Care Services

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

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

Limitations

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

Physician Services

Physician Visits

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

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

Surgery

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

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

Anesthetics

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

Important Reminder

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

Alternatives to Physician Office Visits

Walk-In Clinic Visits

Covered expenses include charges made by **walk-in clinics** for:

- Unscheduled, non-emergency illnesses and injuries;
- The administration of certain immunizations administered within the scope of the clinic's license; and
- Individual screening and counseling services to aid you:
 - to stop the use of tobacco products;
 - in weight reduction due to obesity.

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

- In a group setting for screening and counseling services.

Important Note:

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

Hospital Expenses

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

Room and Board

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

Room and board charges also include:

- Services of the **hospital's** nursing staff;
- Admission and other fees;
- General and special diets; and
- Sundries and supplies.

Other Hospital Services and Supplies

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

Covered expenses include hospital charges for other services and supplies provided, such as:

- **Ambulance** services.
- **Physicians** and surgeons.
- Operating and recovery rooms.
- Intensive or special care facilities.
- Administration of blood and blood products, but not the cost of the blood or blood products.
- Radiation therapy.
- Speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy.
- Oxygen and oxygen therapy.
- Radiological services, laboratory testing and diagnostic services.
- Medications.
- Intravenous (IV) preparations.
- Discharge planning.

Outpatient Hospital Expenses

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

Important Reminders

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

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

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

In addition to charges made by the **hospital**, certain **physicians** and other providers may bill you separately during your stay.

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any applicable **deductible**, **copay** and **payment percentage** and maximum benefit limits.

Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions

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

The **emergency care** benefit covers:

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Coverage for Urgent Conditions

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

Your coverage includes:

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

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

Alternatives to Hospital Stays

Outpatient Surgery and Physician Surgical Services

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

- A **physician** or **dentist** for professional services;
- A **surgery center**; or
- The outpatient department of a **hospital**.

The surgery must meet the following requirements:

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

Important Note

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

The following outpatient surgery expenses are covered:

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

Limitations

Not covered under this plan are charges made for:

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

Birth Center

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

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

Limitations

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

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

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

Home Health Care

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

- Transitioning from a **hospital** or other inpatient facility, and the services are in lieu of a continued inpatient **stay**;
or
- **Homebound**

Covered expenses include only the following:

- **Skilled nursing services** that require medical training of, and are provided by, a licensed nursing professional within the scope of his or her license. These services need to be provided during intermittent visits of 4 hours or less, with a daily maximum of 3 visits. Intermittent visits are considered periodic and recurring visits that skilled nurses make to ensure your proper care, which means they are not on site for more than four hours at a time. If you are discharged from a **hospital** or **skilled nursing facility** after an inpatient **stay**, the intermittent requirement may be waived to allow coverage for up to 12 hours (3 visits) of continuous **skilled nursing services**. However, these services must be provided for within 10 days of discharge.
- Home health aide services, when provided in conjunction with skilled nursing care, that directly support the care. These services need to be provided during intermittent visits of 4 hours or less, with a daily maximum of 3 visits.
- Medical social services, when provided in conjunction with skilled nursing care, by a qualified social worker.

- Skilled behavioral health care services provided in the home by a **behavioral health provider** when ordered by a **physician** and directly related to an active treatment plan of care established by the **physician**. All of the following must be met:
 - The skilled behavioral health care is appropriate for the active treatment of a condition, **illness** or disease to avoid placing you at risk for serious complications.
 - The services are in lieu of a continued confinement in a **hospital** or **residential treatment facility**, or receiving outpatient services outside of the home.
 - You are **homebound** because of **illness** or **injury**.
 - The services provided are not primarily for comfort, convenience or custodial in nature.
 - The services are intermittent or hourly in nature.
 - The services are not for Applied Behavior Analysis.

Benefits for home health care visits are payable up to the Home Health Care Maximum. Each visit by a nurse, **behavioral health provider** or therapist is 1 visit.

In figuring the Calendar Year Maximum Visits, each visit of:

- Nurse or Therapist, up to 4 hours is 1 visit and
- **behavioral health provider**, of up to 1 hour, is 1 visit.

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

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

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

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

Limitations

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

- Services or supplies that are not a part of the **Home Health Care Plan**.
- Services of a person who usually lives with you, or who is a member of your, your spouse's family.
- Services of a certified or licensed social worker.
- Services for Infusion Therapy.
- Transportation.
- Services or supplies provided to a minor or dependent adult when a family member or caregiver is not present.
- Services that are **custodial care**.

Important Reminders

The plan does *not* cover **custodial care**, even if care is provided by a nursing professional, and family member or other caretakers cannot provide the necessary care.

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

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

Skilled Nursing Facility

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

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

Important Reminder

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Hospice Care

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

Facility Expenses

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

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

Outpatient Hospice Expenses

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

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

Charges made by the providers below if they are not an employee of a **Hospice Care Agency**; and such Agency retains responsibility for your care:

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

Limitations

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

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

Important Reminders

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

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

Other Covered Health Care Expenses

Acupuncture

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Ambulance Service

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

Ground Ambulance

Covered expenses include charges for transportation:

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

Air or Water Ambulance

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

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

Limitations

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

- If an **ambulance** service is not required by your physical condition; or
- If the type of **ambulance** service provided is not required for your physical condition; or
- By any form of transportation other than a professional **ambulance** service; or
- By fixed wing air ambulance from an **out-of-network provider**.

Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing

Diagnostic Complex Imaging Expenses

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

- C.A.T. scans;
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI);
- Nuclear medicine imaging including positron emission tomography (PET) Scans; and
- Any other outpatient diagnostic imaging service where the **recognized charge** exceeds \$500.

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

Limitations

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

Outpatient Diagnostic Lab Work and Radiological Services

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

Important Reminder

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for details about any **deductible, payment percentage** and maximum that may apply to outpatient diagnostic testing, and lab and radiological services.

Outpatient Preoperative Testing

Prior to a scheduled covered surgery, **covered expenses** include charges made for tests performed by a **hospital, surgery center, physician** or licensed diagnostic laboratory provided the charges for the surgery are **covered expenses** and the tests are:

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

Limitations

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME)

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

The initial purchase of **DME** if:

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

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

Replacement of purchased equipment if:

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

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

Covered **Durable Medical Equipment** includes those items covered by Medicare unless excluded in the Exclusions section of this Booklet. **Aetna** reserves the right to limit the payment of charges up to the most cost efficient and least restrictive level of service or item which can be safely and effectively provided. The decision to rent or purchase is at the discretion of **Aetna**.

Important Reminder

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for details about **durable medical and surgical equipment deductible, payment percentage** and benefit maximums. Also refer to *Exclusions* for information about Home and Mobility exclusions.

Experimental or Investigational Treatment

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

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

Pregnancy Related Expenses

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

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

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

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

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

Prosthetic Devices

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

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

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

Covered expenses also include replacement of a prosthetic device if:

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

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

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

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

- Orthopedic shoes, therapeutic shoes, foot orthotics, or other devices to support the feet, unless required for the treatment of or to prevent complications of diabetes and you are participating in case management; or if the shoes are the first pair of corrective shoes for a child under age 2; or if the orthopedic shoe is an integral part of a covered leg brace; or
- Trusses, corsets, and other support items; or
- any item listed in the *Exclusions* section.

Short-Term Rehabilitation Therapy Services

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

- A licensed or certified physical, occupational or speech therapist;
- A **hospital, skilled nursing facility, or hospice facility**; or
- A **physician**.

Charges for the following short term rehabilitation expenses are covered:

Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Benefits.

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

Outpatient Cognitive Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Rehabilitation Benefits.

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

- Physical therapy is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute **illnesses** and **injuries**, provided the therapy expects to significantly improve, develop or restore physical functions lost or impaired as a result of an acute **illness, injury** or surgical procedure. Physical therapy does not include educational training or services designed to develop physical function.
- Occupational therapy (except for vocational rehabilitation or employment counseling) is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute **illnesses** and **injuries**, provided the therapy expects to significantly improve, develop or restore physical functions lost or impaired as a result of an acute **illness, injury** or surgical procedure, or to relearn skills to significantly improve independence in the activities of daily living. Occupational therapy does not include educational training or services designed to develop physical function.

- Speech therapy is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute illnesses and injuries provided the therapy is expected to restore the speech function or correct a speech impairment resulting from **illness** or **injury**; or for delays in speech function development as a result of a gross anatomical defect present at birth. Speech function is the ability to express thoughts, speak words and form sentences. Speech impairment is difficulty with expressing one's thoughts with spoken words.
- Cognitive therapy associated with physical rehabilitation is covered when the cognitive deficits have been acquired as a result of neurologic impairment due to trauma, stroke, or encephalopathy, and when the therapy is part of a treatment plan intended to restore previous cognitive function.

A "visit" consists of no more than one hour of therapy. Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any applicable visit maximum. **Covered expenses** include charges for two therapy visits of no more than one hour in a 24-hour period.

The therapy should follow a specific treatment plan that:

- Details the treatment, and specifies frequency and duration; and
- Provides for ongoing reviews and is renewed only if continued therapy is appropriate.

Important Reminder

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for details about any applicable short-term rehabilitation therapy maximum benefit.

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

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

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Covered expenses include charges made by a **physician** or **behavioral health provider** for the services and supplies for the diagnosis and treatment (including routine behavioral health services such as office visits and therapy but excluding Applied Behavior Analysis) of Autism Spectrum Disorder when ordered by a **physician**, licensed psychologist, or licensed clinical social worker as part of a Treatment Plan; and the covered child is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association.

Reconstructive or Cosmetic Surgery and Supplies

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

- Surgery needed to improve a significant functional impairment of a body part.
- Surgery to correct the result of an accidental injury, including subsequent related or staged surgery, provided that the surgery occurs no more than 24 months after the original injury. For a covered child, the time period for coverage may be extended through age 18.
- Surgery to correct the result of an injury that occurred during a covered surgical procedure provided that the reconstructive surgery occurs no more than 24 months after the original injury.

Note: Injuries that occur as a result of a medical (*i.e.*, non surgical) treatment are not considered accidental injuries, even if unplanned or unexpected.

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

Reconstructive Breast Surgery

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

Important Notice

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

Specialized Care

Chemotherapy

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

Radiation Therapy Benefits

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

Outpatient Infusion Therapy Benefits

Covered expenses include infusion therapy received from an outpatient setting including but not limited to:

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

The list of preferred infusion locations can be found by contacting Member Services by logging onto your Aetna Navigator® secure member website at www.aetna.com or calling the number on the back of your ID card.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Important Reminder

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for details about any applicable **deductible**, **coinsurance** and maximum benefit limits.

Specialty Care Prescription Drugs

Covered expenses include specialty care **prescription drugs** when they are:

- Purchased by your **provider**, and
- Injected or infused by your **provider** in an outpatient setting such as:
 - A free-standing outpatient facility
 - The outpatient department of a **hospital**
 - A **physician** in his/her office
 - A home care **provider** in your home
- And, listed on our specialty care **prescription drug** list as covered under this certificate.

Treatment of Infertility

Basic Infertility Expenses

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

Spinal Manipulation Treatment

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

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

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

Transplant Services

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

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

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

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

The **network** level of benefits is paid only for a treatment received at a facility designated by the plan as an **Institute of Excellence™ (IOE)** for the type of transplant being performed. Each **IOE** facility has been selected to perform only certain types of transplants.

Services obtained from a facility that is not designated as an **IOE** for the transplant being performed will be covered as **out-of-network** services and supplies, even if the facility is a **network** facility or **IOE** for other types of services.

The plan covers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Important Reminders

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

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for details about transplant expense maximums, if applicable.

Limitations

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

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

Network of Transplant Specialist Facilities

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

Obesity Treatment

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

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

Morbid Obesity Surgical Expenses

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

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

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

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

Complications, other than those directly related to the surgery, will be covered under the related medical plan's covered medical expenses, subject to plan limitations and maximums.

Limitations

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Treatment of Mental Disorders and Substance Abuse

Treatment of Mental Disorders

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

Important Note

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

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

Inpatient Treatment

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

Important Reminder

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

Partial Confinement Treatment

Covered expenses include charges made for **partial confinement treatment** provided in a facility or program for the intermediate short-term or medically-directed intensive treatment of a **mental disorder**. Such benefits are payable if your condition requires services that are only available in a **partial confinement treatment** setting.

Important Reminder

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

Outpatient Treatment

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

The plan covers partial **hospitalization** services (more than 4 hours, but less than 24 hours per day) provided in a facility or program for the intermediate short-term or medically-directed intensive treatment. The partial **hospitalization** will only be covered if you would need inpatient care if you were not admitted to this type of facility.

Important Reminder

- Inpatient care, partial **hospitalizations** and outpatient treatment must be **precertified** by **Aetna**. Refer to *How the Plan Works* for more information about **precertification**.
- Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any **copayments/ deductibles**, maximums, **payment limits** or **maximum out of pocket limits** that may apply to your **mental disorders** benefits.

Treatment of Substance Abuse

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

Important Note

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

Substance Abuse

Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any **substance abuse deductibles**, maximums and **payment limits** or **maximum out-of-pocket limits** that may apply to your **substance abuse** benefits.

Inpatient Treatment

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

Coverage includes:

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

Important Reminder

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

Outpatient Treatment

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

This Plan covers partial **hospitalization** services (more than 4 hours, but less than 24 hours per day) provided in a facility or program for the intermediate short-term or medically-directed intensive treatment of alcohol or drug abuse. The partial **hospitalization** will only be covered if you would need inpatient treatment if you were not admitted to this type of facility.

Important Reminder

Inpatient treatment, partial-**hospitalization** care and outpatient treatment must be **precertified** by **Aetna**. Refer to *How the Plan Works* for more information about **precertification**.

Partial Confinement Treatment

Covered expenses include charges made for **partial confinement treatment** provided in a facility or program for the intermediate short-term or medically-directed intensive treatment of **substance abuse**.

Such benefits are payable if your condition requires services that are only available in a **partial confinement treatment** setting.

Important Reminders:

- Inpatient care, partial **hospitalizations** and outpatient treatment must be **precertified** by **Aetna**. Refer to *How the Plan Works* for more information about **precertification**.
- Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any **copayments/ deductibles**, maximums, **payment limits** or **maximum out-of-pocket limits** that may apply to your **substance abuse** benefits.

Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)

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

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

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

- Treat a fracture, dislocation, or wound.
- Cut out teeth that are partly or completely impacted in the bone of the jaw; teeth that will not erupt through the gum; other teeth that cannot be removed without cutting into bone; the roots of a tooth without removing the entire tooth; cysts, tumors, or other diseased tissues.
- Cut into gums and tissues of the mouth. This is only covered when **not** done in connection with the removal, replacement or repair of teeth.
- Alter the jaw, jaw joints, or bite relationships by a cutting procedure when appliance therapy alone cannot result in functional improvement.

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

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

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

due to **injury**.

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

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

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

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

Jaw Joint Disorder Treatment

The plan covers charges for the following services and supplies for treatment of a **jaw joint disorder** if they are the result of a disease:

- Diagnosis;
- Non-surgical treatment(including appliance therapy and adjustments to a maximum of 6 months per lifetime);
- Surgery to alter the jaw, jaw joints, or bite relationships by a cutting procedure when appliance therapy alone cannot result in functional improvement; and
- **Hospital** services and supplies.

If treatment is for an **injury**, the treatment must be completed in the Calendar Year of the **accident** which caused the **injury** or in the next Calendar Year.

Medical Plan Exclusions

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

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

Allergy: Specific non-standard allergy services and supplies, including but not limited to, skin titration (Rinkel method), cytotoxicity testing (Bryan's Test) treatment of non-specific candida sensitivity, and urine autoinjections.

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

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

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

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

Behavioral Health Services:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Over the counter contraceptive supplies including but not limited to condoms, contraceptive foams, jellies and ointments.

Cosmetic services and plastic surgery: any treatment, surgery (cosmetic or plastic), service or supply to alter, improve or enhance the shape or appearance of the body whether or not for psychological or emotional reasons including:

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

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

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

Custodial Care

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

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

This exclusion does not include removal of bony impacted teeth, bone fractures, removal of tumors and orthodontogenic cysts.

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

Drugs, medications and supplies:

- Over-the-counter drugs, biological or chemical preparations and supplies that may be obtained without a **prescription** including vitamins;
- Any services related to the dispensing, injection or application of a drug;
- Any **prescription drug** purchased illegally outside the United States, even if otherwise covered under this plan within the United States;
- Immunizations related to work;
- Needles, syringes and other injectable aids, except as covered for diabetic supplies;
- Drugs related to the treatment of non-**covered expenses**;
- Performance enhancing steroids;
- Injectable drugs if an alternative oral drug is available;
- Outpatient **prescription drugs**;
- Self-injectable **prescription drugs** and medications;
- Any **prescription drugs**, injectibles, or medications or supplies provided by the customer or through a third party vendor contract with the customer; and
- Charges for any **prescription drug** for the treatment of erectile dysfunction, impotence, or sexual dysfunction or inadequacy.

Educational services:

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

Examinations:

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

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

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

Facility charges for care services or supplies provided in:

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

Food items: Any food item, including infant formulas, nutritional supplements, vitamins, including prescription vitamins, medical foods and other nutritional items, even if it is the sole source of nutrition. This exclusion does not apply to specialized medical foods delivered enterally (only when delivered via a tube directly into the stomach or intestines) or parenterally.

Foot care: Except as specifically covered for diabetics, any services, supplies, or devices to improve comfort or appearance of toes, feet or ankles, including but not limited to:

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

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

Hearing:

- Any hearing service or supply that does not meet professionally accepted standards;
- Hearing exams given during a **stay** in a **hospital** or other facility; and
- Any tests, appliances, and devices for the improvement of hearing (including hearing aids and amplifiers), or to enhance other forms of communication to compensate for hearing loss or devices that simulate speech.

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

- Purchase or rental of exercise equipment, air purifiers, central or unit air conditioners, water purifiers, waterbeds, and swimming pools;
- Exercise and training devices, whirlpools, portable whirlpool pumps, sauna baths, or massage devices;

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

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

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

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

Maintenance Care.

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

Miscellaneous charges for services or supplies including:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Services that are not covered under this Booklet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Transplant-The transplant coverage does not include charges for:

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

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

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

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

- Special supplies such as non-**prescription** sunglasses and subnormal vision aids;
- Vision service or supply which does not meet professionally accepted standards;
- Eye exams during your **stay** in a **hospital** or other facility for health care;
- Eye exams for contact lenses or their fitting;
- Eyeglasses or duplicate or spare eyeglasses or lenses or frames;
- Replacement of lenses or frames that are lost or stolen or broken;
- Acuity tests;
- Eye surgery for the correction of vision, including radial keratotomy, LASIK and similar procedures;
- Services to treat errors of refraction.

Weight: Any treatment, drug service or supply intended to decrease or increase body weight, control weight or treat obesity, including **morbid obesity**, regardless of the existence of comorbid conditions; except as specifically provided in the *What the Plan Covers* section, including but not limited to:

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

Wilderness treatment programs (whether or not the program is part of a licensed **residential treatment facility**, or otherwise licensed institution), educational services, schooling or any such related or similar program, including therapeutic programs within a school setting.

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

When Coverage Ends

Coverage under your plan can end for a variety of reasons. In this section, you will find details on how and why coverage ends, and how you may still be able to continue coverage.

When Coverage Ends for Retirees

Your **Aetna** health benefits coverage will end if:

- The **Aetna** health benefits plan is discontinued;
- You voluntarily stop your coverage;
- You are no longer eligible for coverage; in that case, coverage ends at the end of the month in which you are no longer eligible for coverage;
- You do not make any required contributions;
- You become covered under another plan offered by your employer;
- You have exhausted your overall maximum lifetime benefit under your health plan, if your plan contains such a maximum benefit.

It is your employer's responsibility to let **Aetna** know when your coverage ends.

When Coverage Ends for Dependents

Coverage for your dependents will end if:

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

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

Continuation of Coverage

Continuing Health Care Benefits

Continuing Coverage for Dependents After Your Death

If you should die while enrolled, or eligible to enroll, in this plan, your spouse may elect to continue coverage for your dependents as of your date of death by paying the appropriate amount of retiree contributions.

Your dependent's eligibility for coverage will end when the first of the following occurs:

- He or she no longer meets the plan's definition of "dependent";
- Dependent coverage is discontinued under the group contract;
- A dependent becomes covered as an employee; or
- When your coverage terminates.

Handicapped Dependent Children

Health Expense Coverage for your fully handicapped dependent child may be continued past the maximum age for a dependent child.

Your child is fully handicapped if:

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

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

Coverage will cease on the first to occur of:

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

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

COBRA Continuation of Coverage

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

Continuing Coverage through COBRA

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

You or your dependents will need to:

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

Who Qualifies for COBRA

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

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

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

Disability May Increase Maximum Continuation to 29 Months

If You or Your Covered Dependents Are Disabled

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

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

If There Are Multiple Qualifying Events

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

Determining Your Contributions For Continuation Coverage

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

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

When You Acquire a Dependent During a Continuation Period

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

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

Important Note

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

When Your COBRA Continuation Coverage Ends

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

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

Coordination of Benefits - What Happens When There is More Than One Health Plan

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When Coordination of Benefits Applies

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Which Plan Pays First

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

- The primary plan pays or provides its benefits as if the secondary plan or plans did not exist.
- A plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this provision is always primary. There is one exception: coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits may provide that the supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are superimposed over base plan **hospital** and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a closed panel plan to provide out-of-network benefits.
- A plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another plan in determining its benefits only when it is secondary to that other plan.
- The first of the following rules that describes which plan pays its benefits before another plan is the rule to use:
 1. Non-Dependent or Dependent. The plan that covers the person other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is primary and the plan that covers the person as a dependent is secondary. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the plan covering the person as a dependent; and primary to the plan covering the person as other than a dependent (e.g. a retired employee); then the order of benefits between the two plans is reversed so that the plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is secondary and the other plan is primary.
 2. Child Covered Under More than One Plan. The order of benefits when a child is covered by more than one **plan** is:
 - A. The primary plan is the plan of the parent whose birthday is earlier in the year if:
 - i. The parents are married or living together whether or not married;
 - ii. A court decree awards joint custody without specifying that one party has the responsibility to provide health care coverage or if the decree states that both parents are responsible for health coverage. If both parents have the same birthday, the plan that covered either of the parents longer is primary.
 - B. If the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the parents is responsible for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. If the parent with responsibility has no health coverage for the dependent child's health care expenses, but that parent's spouse does, the plan of the parent's spouse is the primary plan.
 - C. If the parents are separated or divorced or are not living together whether or not they have ever been married and there is no court decree allocating responsibility for health coverage, the order of benefits is:
 - The plan of the **custodial parent**;
 - The plan of the spouse of the **custodial parent**;
 - The plan of the **noncustodial parent**; and then
 - The plan of the spouse of the **noncustodial parent**.
- 3. Active Employee or Retired or Laid off Employee. The plan that covers a person as an employee who is neither laid off nor retired or as a dependent of an active employee, is the primary plan. The plan covering that same person as a retired or laid off employee or as a dependent of a retired or laid off employee is the secondary plan. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the

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

order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule will not apply if the Non-Dependent or Dependent rules above determine the order of benefits.

4. Continuation Coverage. If a person whose coverage is provided under a right of continuation provided by federal or state law also is covered under another plan, the plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree (or as that person's dependent) is primary, and the continuation coverage is secondary. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule will not apply if the Non-Dependent or Dependent rules above determine the order of benefits.
5. Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage. The plan that covered the person as an employee, member, subscriber longer is primary.
6. If the preceding rules do not determine the primary plan, the allowable expenses shall be shared equally between the plans meeting the definition of plan under this provision. In addition, this plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been primary.

How Coordination of Benefits Works

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

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

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

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

Right To Receive And Release Needed Information

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

Facility of Payment

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

Right of Recovery

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

When You Have Medicare Coverage

Effect of Medicare

Effect of Medicare

Health Expense Coverage under this Plan will be changed for any person while eligible for Medicare.

A person is "eligible for Medicare" if he or she:

- Is covered under it;
- Is not covered under it because of:
 - Having refused it;
 - Having dropped it;
 - Having failed to make proper request for it.

These are the changes:

- The total amount of "regular benefits" under all Health Expense Benefits will be figured. (This will be the amount that would be payable if there were no Medicare benefits.) If this is more than the amount Medicare provides for the expenses involved, this Plan will pay the difference. Otherwise, this Plan will pay no benefits. This will be done for each claim.
- Charges used to satisfy a person's Part B deductible under Medicare will be applied under this Plan in the order received by **Aetna**. Two or more charges received at the same time will be applied starting with the largest first.
- Medicare benefits will be taken into account for any person while he or she is eligible for Medicare. This will be done whether or not he or she is entitled to Medicare benefits.
- Any rule for coordinating "other plan" benefits with those under this Plan will be applied after this Plan's benefits have been figured under the above rules. Any benefits under Medicare will not be deemed to be an "Allowable Expense."

Coverage will not be changed at any time when your Employer's compliance with federal law requires this Plan's benefits for a person to be figured before benefits are figured under Medicare.

General Provisions

Type of Coverage

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

Physical Examinations

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

Legal Action

No legal action can be brought to recover payment under any benefit after 3 years from the deadline for filing claims.

Additional Provisions

The following additional provisions apply to your coverage:

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

Assignments

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

Misstatements

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

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

Rescission of Coverage

Aetna may rescind your coverage if you, or the person seeking coverage on your behalf:

- Performs an act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud; or
- Makes an intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

You will be given 30 days advance written notice of any rescission of coverage.

As to medical and **prescription drug** coverage only, you have the right to an internal Appeal with **Aetna** and/or the right to a third party review conducted by an independent External Review Organization if your coverage under this Booklet is rescinded retroactive to its Effective Date.

Subrogation and Right of Recovery Provision

The provisions of this section apply to all current or former plan participants and also to the parents, guardian, or other representative of a dependent child who incurs claims and is or has been covered by the plan. The plan's right to recover (whether by subrogation or reimbursement) shall apply to the personal representative of your estate, your decedents, minors, and incompetent or disabled persons. "You" or "your" includes anyone on whose behalf the plan pays benefits. No adult covered person hereunder may assign any rights that it may have to recover medical expenses from any tortfeasor or other person or entity to any minor child or children of said adult covered person without the prior express written consent of the plan.

The plan's right of subrogation or reimbursement, as set forth below, extend to all insurance coverage available to you due to an **injury, illness** or condition for which the plan has paid medical claims (including, but not limited to, liability coverage, uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, personal umbrella coverage, medical payments coverage, workers' compensation coverage, no-fault automobile coverage or any first party insurance coverage).

Your health plan is always secondary to automobile no-fault coverage, personal injury protection coverage, or medical payments coverage.

Subrogation

The right of subrogation means the plan is entitled to pursue any claims that you may have in order to recover the benefits paid by the plan. Immediately upon paying or providing any benefit under the plan, the plan shall be subrogated to (stand in the place of) all rights of recovery with respect to any claim or potential claim against any party, due to an **injury, illness** or condition to the full extent of benefits provided or to be provided by the plan. The plan may assert a claim or file suit in your name and take appropriate action to assert its subrogation claim, with or without your consent. The plan is not required to pay you part of any recovery it may obtain, even if it files suit in your name.

Reimbursement

If you receive any payment as a result of an **injury, illness** or condition, you agree to reimburse the plan first from such payment for all amounts the plan has paid and will pay as a result of that **injury, illness** or condition, up to and including the full amount of your recovery.

Constructive Trust

By accepting benefits (whether the payment of such benefits is made to you or made on your behalf to any provider) you agree that if you receive any payment as a result of an **injury, illness** or condition, you will serve as a constructive trustee over those funds. Failure to hold such funds in trust will be deemed a breach of your fiduciary duty to the plan.

Lien Rights

Further, the plan will automatically have a lien to the extent of benefits paid by the plan for the treatment of the **illness, injury** or condition upon any recovery whether by settlement, judgment, or otherwise, related to treatment for any **illness, injury** or condition for which the plan paid benefits. The lien may be enforced against any party who possesses funds or proceeds representing the amount of benefits paid by the plan including, but not limited to, you, your representative or agent, and/or any other source possessing funds representing the amount of benefits paid by the plan.

Assignment

In order to secure the plan's recovery rights, you agree to assign to the plan any benefits or claims or rights of recovery you have under any automobile policy or other coverage, to the full extent of the plan's subrogation and reimbursement claims. This assignment allows the plan to pursue any claim you may have, whether or not you choose to pursue the claim.

First-Priority Claim

By accepting benefits from the plan, you acknowledge that the plan's recovery rights are a first priority claim and are to be repaid to the plan before you receive any recovery for your damages. The plan shall be entitled to full reimbursement on a first-dollar basis from any payments, even if such payment to the plan will result in a recovery which is insufficient to make you whole or to compensate you in part or in whole for the damages sustained. The plan is not required to participate in or pay your court costs or attorney fees to any attorney you hire to pursue your damage claim.

Applicability to All Settlements and Judgments

The terms of this entire subrogation and right of recovery provision shall apply and the plan is entitled to full recovery regardless of whether any liability for payment is admitted and regardless of whether the settlement or judgment identifies the medical benefits the plan provided or purports to allocate any portion of such settlement or judgment to payment of expenses other than medical expenses. The plan is entitled to recover from *any and all* settlements or judgments, even those designated as pain and suffering, non-economic damages, and/or general damages only. The plan's claim will not be reduced due to your own negligence.

Cooperation

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

You shall do nothing to prejudice the plan's subrogation or recovery interest or to prejudice the plan's ability to enforce the terms of this plan provision. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from making any settlement or recovery that attempts to reduce or exclude the full cost of all benefits provided by the plan. If you fail to cooperate with the plan in its efforts to recover such amounts or do anything to hinder or prevent such a recovery, you will cease to be entitled to any further plan benefits. The plan will also have the right to withhold or offset future benefit payments up to the amount of any settlement, judgment, or recovery you obtain, regardless of whether the settlement, judgment or recovery is designated to cover future medical benefits or expenses.

You acknowledge that the plan has the right to conduct an investigation regarding the **injury, illness** or condition to identify potential sources of recovery. The plan reserves the right to notify all parties and his/ her agents of its lien. Agents include, but are not limited to, insurance companies and attorneys.

You acknowledge that the plan has notified you that it has the right pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 1301 *et seq.*, to share your personal health information in exercising its subrogation and reimbursement rights.

Interpretation

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

Jurisdiction

By accepting benefits from the plan, you agree that any court proceeding with respect to this provision may be brought in any court of competent jurisdiction as the plan may elect. By accepting such benefits, you hereby submit to each such jurisdiction, waiving whatever rights may correspond by reason of your present or future domicile. By accepting such benefits, you also agree to pay all attorneys' fees the plan incurs in successful attempts to recover amounts the plan is entitled to under this section.

Workers' Compensation

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

The Recovery Rights will be applied even though:

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

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

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

Recovery of Overpayments

Health Coverage

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

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

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

Reporting of Claims

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

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

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

Payment of Benefits

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

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

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

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

Records of Expenses

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

Very important are:

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

Contacting Aetna

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

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

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

Effect of Benefits Under Other Plans

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

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

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

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

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

Discount Programs

Discount Arrangements

From time to time, we may offer, provide, or arrange for discount arrangements or special rates from certain service providers such as pharmacies, optometrists, **dentists**, alternative medicine, wellness and healthy living providers to you under this plan. Some of these arrangements may be made available through third parties who may make payments to **Aetna** in exchange for making these services available.

The third party service providers are independent contractors and are solely responsible to you for the provision of any such goods and/or services. We reserve the right to modify or discontinue such arrangements at any time. These discount arrangements are not insurance. There are no benefits payable to you nor do we compensate providers for services they may render through discount arrangements.

Incentives

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

Claims, Appeals and External Review

Filing Health Claims under the Plan

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

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

Urgent Care Claims

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

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

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

Other Claims (Pre-Service and Post-Service)

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

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

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

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

Ongoing Course of Treatment

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

Health Claims – Standard Appeals

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

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

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

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

Exhaustion of Internal Appeals Process

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

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

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

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

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

Full and Fair Review of Claim Determinations and Appeals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Health Claims – Voluntary Appeals

External Review

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

A “Final External Review Decision” is a determination by an ERO at the conclusion of an External Review.

You must complete all of the levels of standard appeal described above before you can request External Review, other than in a case of Deemed Exhaustion. Subject to verification procedures that the Plan may establish, your Authorized Representative may act on your behalf in filing and pursuing this voluntary appeal.

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

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

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

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

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

Request for External Review

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

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

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

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

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

Preliminary Review

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

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

Referral to ERO

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

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

- (i) Your medical records;
- (ii) The attending health care professional's recommendation;
- (iii) Reports from appropriate health care professionals and other documents submitted by the Plan or issuer, you, or your treating provider;
- (iv) The terms of your Plan to ensure that the ERO's decision is not contrary to the terms of the Plan, unless the terms

- are inconsistent with applicable law;
- (v) Appropriate practice guidelines, which must include applicable evidence-based standards and may include any other practice guidelines developed by the Federal government, national or professional medical societies, boards, and associations;
- (vi) Any applicable clinical review criteria developed and used by Aetna, unless the criteria are inconsistent with the terms of the Plan or with applicable law; and
- (vii) The opinion of the ERO's clinical reviewer or reviewers after considering the information described in this notice to the extent the information or documents are available and the clinical reviewer or reviewers consider appropriate.

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

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

Upon receipt of a notice of a Final External Review Decision reversing the Adverse Benefit Determination or Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination, the Plan immediately must provide coverage or payment (including immediately authorizing or immediately paying benefits) for the claim.

Expedited External Review

The Plan must allow you to request an expedited External Review at the time you receive:

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

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

Referral of Expedited Review to ERO

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

Glossary

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

A

Accident

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

Aetna

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

Ambulance

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

Average Wholesale Price (AWP)

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

B

Behavioral Health Provider/Practitioner

A licensed organization or professional providing diagnostic, therapeutic or psychological services for behavioral health conditions.

Birthing Center

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

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide prenatal care, delivery and immediate postpartum care.
- Charges for its services.
- Is directed by at least one **physician** who is a **specialist** in obstetrics and gynecology.
- Has a **physician** or certified nurse midwife present at all births and during the immediate postpartum period.
- Extends staff privileges to **physicians** who practice obstetrics and gynecology in an area **hospital**.
- Has at least 2 beds or 2 birthing rooms for use by patients while in labor and during delivery.
- Provides, during labor, delivery and the immediate postpartum period, full-time **skilled nursing services** directed by an **R.N.** or certified nurse midwife.
- Provides, or arranges with a facility in the area for, diagnostic X-ray and lab services for the mother and child.
- Has the capacity to administer a local anesthetic and to perform minor surgery. This includes episiotomy and repair of perineal tear.
- Is equipped and has trained staff to handle **emergency medical conditions** and provide immediate support measures to sustain life if:
 - Complications arise during labor; or
 - A child is born with an abnormality which impairs function or threatens life.
- Accepts only patients with low-risk pregnancies.

- Has a written agreement with a **hospital** in the area for emergency transfer of a patient or a child. Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by **physicians** who do not own or direct the facility.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient and child.

Body Mass Index

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

Brand-Name Prescription Drug

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

C

Copay or Copayment

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

Cosmetic

Services or supplies that alter, improve or enhance appearance.

Covered Expenses

Medical, dental, vision or hearing services and supplies shown as covered under this Booklet.

Creditable Coverage

A person's prior medical coverage as defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Such coverage includes:

- Health coverage issued on a group or individual basis;
- Medicare;
- Medicaid;
- Health care for members of the uniformed services;
- A program of the Indian Health Service;
- A state health benefits risk pool;
- The Federal Employees' Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP);
- A public health plan (any plan established by a State, the government of the United States, or any subdivision of a State or of the government of the United States, or a foreign country);
- Any health benefit plan under Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act; and
- The State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-Chip).

Custodial Care

Services and supplies that are primarily intended to help you meet personal needs. **Custodial care** can be prescribed by a **physician** or given by trained medical personnel. It may involve artificial methods such as feeding tubes, ventilators or catheters. Examples of **custodial care** include:

- Routine patient care such as changing dressings, periodic turning and positioning in bed, administering medications;
- Care of a stable tracheostomy (including intermittent suctioning);
- Care of a stable colostomy/ileostomy;
- Care of stable gastrostomy/jejunostomy/nasogastric tube (intermittent or continuous) feedings;
- Care of a stable indwelling bladder catheter (including emptying/changing containers and clamping tubing);
- Watching or protecting you;
- Respite care, adult (or child) day care, or convalescent care;
- Institutional care, including **room and board** for rest cures, adult day care and convalescent care;
- Help with the daily living activities, such as walking, grooming, bathing, dressing, getting in or out of bed, toileting, eating or preparing foods;
- Any services that a person without medical or paramedical training could be trained to perform; and
- Any service that can be performed by a person without any medical or paramedical training.

D

Day Care Treatment

A **partial confinement treatment** program to provide treatment for you during the day. The **hospital, psychiatric hospital** or **residential treatment facility** does not make a room charge for **day care treatment**. Such treatment must be available for at least 4 hours, but not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

Deductible

The part of your **covered expenses** you pay before the plan starts to pay benefits. Additional information regarding **deductibles** and **deductible** amounts can be found in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

Dentist

A legally qualified **dentist**, or a **physician** licensed to do the dental work he or she performs.

Detoxification

The process by which an alcohol-intoxicated or drug-intoxicated; or an alcohol-dependent or drug-dependent person is medically managed through the period of time necessary to eliminate, by metabolic or other means, the:

- Intoxicating alcohol or drug;
- Alcohol or drug-dependent factors; or
- Alcohol in combination with drugs;

as determined by a **physician**. The process must keep the physiological risk to the patient at a minimum, and take place in a facility that meets any applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.

Directory

A listing of all **network providers** serving the class of employees to which you belong. The contractholder will give you a copy of this **directory**. **Network provider** information is also available through **Aetna's** online provider **directory**, DocFind®.

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME)

Equipment, and the accessories needed to operate it, that is:

- Made to withstand prolonged use;
- Made for and mainly used in the treatment of an **illness** or **injury**;
- Suited for use in the home;
- Not normally of use to people who do not have an **illness** or **injury**;
- Not for use in altering air quality or temperature; and
- Not for exercise or training.

Durable medical and surgical equipment does not include equipment such as whirlpools, portable whirlpool pumps, sauna baths, massage devices, over bed tables, elevators, communication aids, vision aids and telephone alert systems.

E

Emergency Care

This means the treatment given in a **hospital's** emergency room to evaluate and treat an **emergency medical condition**.

Emergency Medical Condition

A recent and severe medical condition, including (but not limited to) severe pain, which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that his or her condition, **illness**, or **injury** is of such a nature that failure to get immediate medical care could result in:

- Placing your health in serious jeopardy; or
- Serious impairment to bodily function; or
- Serious dysfunction of a body part or organ; or
- In the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the fetus.

Experimental or Investigational

Except as provided for under the Clinical Trials benefit provision, a drug, a device, a procedure, or treatment will be determined to be **experimental or investigational** if:

- There is not enough outcomes data available from controlled clinical trials published in the peer-reviewed literature to substantiate its safety and effectiveness for the **illness** or **injury** involved; or
- Approval required by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not been granted for marketing; or
- A recognized national medical or dental society or regulatory agency has determined, in writing, that it is **experimental or investigational**, or for research purposes; or
- It is a type of drug, device, procedure or treatment that is the subject of a Phase I or Phase II clinical trial or the experimental or research arm of a Phase III clinical trial, using the definition of “phases” indicated in regulations and other official actions and publications of the FDA and Department of Health and Human Services; or
- The written protocol or protocols used by the treating facility, or the protocol or protocols of any other facility studying substantially the same:
 - drug;
 - device;
 - procedure; or
 - treatment.

It also includes the written informed consent used by:

- the treating facility; or
- by another facility studying the same:
 - drug;
 - device;
 - procedure; or
 - treatment.

that states that it is **experimental or investigational**, or for research purposes.

G

Generic Prescription Drug

A **prescription drug**, that is identified by its:

- chemical;
- proprietary; or
- non-proprietary name; and
- is accepted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as therapeutically the same; and
- can be replaced with drugs with the same amount of active ingredient; and
- so stated by Medispan or any other publication named by **Aetna** or consort.

H

Homebound

This means that you are confined to your place of residence:

- Due to an **illness** or **injury** which makes leaving the home medically contraindicated; or
- Because the act of transport would be a serious risk to your life or health.

Situations where you would not be considered **homebound** include (but are not limited to) the following:

- You do not often travel from home because of feebleness or insecurity brought on by advanced age (or otherwise); or
- You are wheelchair bound but could safely be transported via wheelchair accessible transportation.

Home Health Care Agency

An agency that meets all of the following requirements.

- Mainly provides skilled nursing and other therapeutic services.
- Is associated with a professional group (of at least one **physician** and one **R.N.**) which makes policy.
- Has full-time supervision by a **physician** or an **R.N.**
- Keeps complete medical records on each person.
- Has an administrator.
- Meets licensing standards.

Home Health Care Plan

This is a plan that provides for continued care and treatment of an **illness** or **injury**. The care and treatment must be:

- Prescribed in writing by the attending **physician**; and
- An alternative to a **hospital** or **skilled nursing facility stay**.

Hospice Care

This is care given to a **terminally ill** person by or under arrangements with a **hospice care agency**. The care must be part of a **hospice care program**.

Hospice Care Agency

An agency or organization that meets all of the following requirements:

- Has **hospice care** available 24 hours a day.
- Meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located.
- Provides:
 - **Skilled nursing services**;
 - Medical social services; and
 - Psychological and dietary counseling.
- Provides, or arranges for, other services which include:
 - **Physician** services;
 - Physical and occupational therapy;
 - Part-time home health aide services which mainly consist of caring for **terminally ill** people; and
 - Inpatient care in a facility when needed for pain control and acute and chronic symptom management.
- Has at least the following personnel:
 - One **physician**;
 - One **R.N.**; and
 - One licensed or certified social worker employed by the agency.
- Establishes policies about how **hospice care** is provided.
- Assesses the patient's medical and social needs.
- Develops a **hospice care program** to meet those needs.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by **physicians**, other than those who own or direct the agency.
- Permits all area medical personnel to utilize its services for their patients.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.
- Uses volunteers trained in providing services for non-medical needs.
- Has a full-time administrator.

Hospice Care Program

This is a written plan of **hospice care**, which:

- Is established by and reviewed from time to time by a **physician** attending the person, and appropriate personnel of a **hospice care agency**;
- Is designed to provide palliative and supportive care to **terminally ill** persons, and supportive care to their families; and
- Includes an assessment of the person's medical and social needs; and a description of the care to be given to meet those needs.

Hospice Facility

A facility, or distinct part of one, that meets all of the following requirements:

- Mainly provides inpatient **hospice care** to **terminally ill** persons.
- Charges patients for its services.
- Meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program including reviews by **physicians** other than those who own or direct the facility.
- Is run by a staff of **physicians**. At least one staff **physician** must be on call at all times.
- Provides 24-hour-a-day nursing services under the direction of an **R.N.**
- Has a full-time administrator.

Hospital

An institution that:

- Is primarily engaged in providing, on its premises, inpatient medical, surgical and diagnostic services;
- Is supervised by a staff of **physicians**;
- Provides twenty-four (24) hour-a-day **R.N.** service,
- Charges patients for its services;
- Is operating in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is located; and
- Does not meet all of the requirements above, but does meet the requirements of the jurisdiction in which it operates for licensing as a **hospital** and is accredited as a **hospital** by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

In no event does **hospital** include a convalescent nursing home or any institution or part of one which is used principally as a convalescent facility, rest facility, nursing facility, facility for the aged, extended care facility, intermediate care facility, **skilled nursing facility**, hospice, rehabilitative **hospital** or facility primarily for rehabilitative or custodial services.

Hospitalization

A continuous confinement as an inpatient in a **hospital** for which a **room and board** charge is made.

I

Illness

A pathological condition of the body that presents a group of clinical signs and symptoms and laboratory findings peculiar to the findings set the condition apart as an abnormal entity differing from other normal or pathological body states.

Infertile or Infertility

The condition of a presumably healthy covered person who is unable to conceive or produce conception after:

- *For a woman who is under 35 years of age:* 1 year or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 12 cycles of artificial insemination; or
- *For a woman who is 35 years of age or older:* 6 months or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 6 cycles of artificial insemination.

Injury

An accidental bodily **injury** that is the sole and direct result of:

- An unexpected or reasonably unforeseen occurrence or event; or
- The reasonable unforeseeable consequences of a voluntary act by the person.
- An act or event must be definite as to time and place.

Institute of Excellence (IOE)

A **hospital** or other facility that has contracted with **Aetna** to give services or supplies to an **IOE** patient in connection with specific transplants, procedures at a **negotiated charge**. A facility is an **IOE** facility only for those types of transplants, procedures for which it has signed a contract.

J

Jaw Joint Disorder

This is:

- A Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) dysfunction or any alike disorder of the jaw joint; or
- A Myofacial Pain Dysfunction (MPD); or
- Any alike disorder in the relationship of the jaw joint and the related muscles and nerves.

L

Late Enrollee

This is an employee in an Eligible Class who requests enrollment under this Plan after the Initial Enrollment Period. In addition, this is an eligible dependent for whom the employee did not elect coverage within the Initial Enrollment Period, but for whom coverage is elected at a later time.

However, an eligible employee or dependent may not be considered a **Late Enrollee** under certain circumstances. See the *Special Enrollment Periods* section of the Booklet.

L.P.N.

A licensed practical or vocational nurse.

M

Mail Order Pharmacy

An establishment where **prescription drugs** are legally given out by mail or other carrier.

Maintenance Care

Care made up of services and supplies that:

- Are given mainly to maintain, rather than to improve, a level of physical, or mental function; and
- Give a surrounding free from exposures that can worsen the person's physical or mental condition.

Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit

Your plan has a **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. Your **deductibles, payment percentage, copays** and other eligible out-of-pocket expense apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. Once you satisfy the maximum amount the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the calendar year. **The maximum out-of-pocket limit** applies to both network and out-of-network out-of-pocket expenses.

Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity

These are health care or dental services, and supplies or **prescription drugs** that a **physician**, other health care provider or **dental provider**, exercising prudent clinical judgment, would give to a patient for the purpose of:

- preventing;
- evaluating;
- diagnosing; or
- treating:
 - an **illness**;
 - an **injury**;
 - a disease; or
 - its symptoms.

The provision of the service, supply or **prescription drug** must be:

- a) In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical or dental practice;
- b) Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient's **illness, injury** or disease; and
- c) Not mostly for the convenience of the patient, **physician**, other health care or **dental provider**; and
- d) And do not cost more than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce the same therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient's **illness, injury**, or disease.

For these purposes “generally accepted standards of medical or dental practice” means standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed literature. They must be generally recognized by the relevant medical or dental community. Otherwise, the standards are consistent with **physician** or dental specialty society recommendations. They must be consistent with the views of **physicians** or **dentists** practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

Mental Disorder

An **illness** commonly understood to be a **mental disorder**, whether or not it has a physiological basis, and for which treatment is generally provided by or under the direction of a **behavioral health provider** such as a **psychiatric physician**, a psychologist or a psychiatric social worker.

Any one of the following conditions is a **mental disorder** under this plan:

- Anorexia/Bulimia Nervosa.
- Bipolar disorder.
- Major depressive disorder.
- Obsessive compulsive disorder.
- Panic disorder.
- Pervasive developmental disorder (including Autism).
- Psychotic disorders/Delusional disorder.
- Schizo-affective disorder.
- Schizophrenia.

Also included is any other mental condition which requires **Medically Necessary** treatment.

Morbid Obesity

This means a **Body Mass Index** that is: greater than 40 kilograms per meter squared; or equal to or greater than 35 kilograms per meter squared with a comorbid medical condition, including: hypertension; a cardiopulmonary condition; sleep apnea; or diabetes.

N

Negotiated Charge

The maximum charge a **network provider** has agreed to make as to any service or supply for the purpose of the benefits under this plan.

Network Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART) Specialist

A specialist **physician** who has entered into a contractual agreement with **Aetna** for the provision of covered **Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART)** services.

Network Provider

A health care provider who has contracted to furnish services or supplies for this plan; but only if the provider is, with **Aetna's** consent, included in the **directory** as a **network provider** for:

- The service or supply involved; and
- The class of employees to which you belong.

Network Service(s) or Supply(ies)

Health care service or supply that is:

- Furnished by a **network provider**; or
- Furnished or arranged by your **PCP**.

Night Care Treatment

A **partial confinement treatment** program provided when you need to be confined during the night. A room charge is made by the **hospital, psychiatric hospital** or **residential treatment facility**. Such treatment must be available at least:

- 8 hours in a row a night; and
- 5 nights a week.

Non-Occupational Illness

A **non-occupational illness** is an **illness** that does not:

- Arise out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit; or
- Result in any way from an **illness** that does.

An **illness** will be deemed to be non-occupational regardless of cause if proof is furnished that the person:

- Is covered under any type of workers' compensation law; and
- Is not covered for that **illness** under such law.

Non-Occupational Injury

A **non-occupational injury** is an accidental bodily **injury** that does not:

- Arise out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit; or
- Result in any way from an **injury** which does.

Non-Specialist

A **physician** who is not a **specialist**.

Non-Urgent Admission

An inpatient admission that is not an **emergency admission** or an **urgent admission**.

O

Occupational Injury or Occupational Illness

An **injury** or **illness** that:

- Arises out of (or in the course of) any activity in connection with employment or self-employment whether or not on a full time basis; or
- Results in any way from an **injury** or **illness** that does.

Occurrence

This means a period of disease or **injury**. An **occurrence** ends when 60 consecutive days have passed during which the covered person:

- Receives no medical treatment; services; or supplies; for a disease or **injury**; and
- Neither takes any medication, nor has any medication prescribed, for a disease or **injury**.

Orthodontic Treatment

This is any:

- Medical service or supply; or
- Dental service or supply;

furnished to prevent or to diagnose or to correct a misalignment:

- Of the teeth; or
- Of the bite; or
- Of the jaws or jaw joint relationship;

whether or not for the purpose of relieving pain.

The following are not considered **orthodontic treatment**:

- The installation of a space maintainer; or
- A surgical procedure to correct malocclusion.

Out-of-Network Service(s) and Supply(ies)

Health care service or supply that is:

- Furnished by an **out-of network provider**; or
- Not furnished or arranged by your **PCP**.

Out-of-Network Provider

A health care provider who has not contracted with **Aetna**, an affiliate, or a third party vendor, to furnish services or supplies for this plan.

P

Partial Confinement Treatment

A plan of medical, psychiatric, nursing, counseling, or therapeutic services to treat substance abuse or **mental disorders**. The plan must meet these tests:

- It is carried out in a **hospital; psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility**; on less than a full-time inpatient basis.
- It is in accord with accepted medical practice for the condition of the person.
- It does not require full-time confinement.
- It is supervised by a **psychiatric physician** who weekly reviews and evaluates its effect.
- **Day care treatment** and **night care treatment** are considered **partial confinement treatment**.

Payment Percentage

Payment percentage is both the percentage of **covered expenses** that the plan pays, and the percentage of **covered expenses** that you pay. The percentage that the plan pays is referred to as the “plan **payment percentage**,” and varies by the type of expense. Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for specific information on **payment percentage** amounts.

Pharmacy

An establishment where **prescription drugs** are legally dispensed. **Pharmacy** includes a retail **pharmacy**, **mail order pharmacy** and **specialty pharmacy network pharmacy**.

Physician

A duly licensed member of a medical profession who:

- Has an M.D. or D.O. degree;
- Is properly licensed or certified to provide medical care under the laws of the jurisdiction where the individual practices; and
- Provides medical services which are within the scope of his or her license or certificate.

This also includes a health professional who:

- Is properly licensed or certified to provide medical care under the laws of the jurisdiction where he or she practices;
- Provides medical services which are within the scope of his or her license or certificate;
- Under applicable insurance law is considered a "physician" for purposes of this coverage;
- Has the medical training and clinical expertise suitable to treat your condition;

- Specializes in psychiatry, if your **illness** or **injury** is caused, to any extent, by alcohol abuse, substance abuse or a mental disorder; and
- A physician is not you or related to you.

Precertification or Precertify

A process where **Aetna** is contacted before certain services are provided, such as **hospitalization** or outpatient surgery, or **prescription drugs** are prescribed to determine whether the services being recommended or the drugs prescribed are considered **covered expenses** under the plan. It is not a guarantee that benefits will be payable.

Prescriber

Any **physician** or **dentist**, acting within the scope of his or her license, who has the legal authority to write an order for a **prescription drug**.

Prescription

An order for the dispensing of a **prescription drug** by a **prescriber**. If it is an oral order, it must be promptly put in writing by the pharmacy.

Prescription Drug

A drug, biological, or compounded **prescription** which, by State and Federal Law, may be dispensed only by **prescription** and which is required to be labeled "Caution: Federal Law prohibits dispensing without prescription." This includes:

- An injectable drug prescribed to be self-administered or administered by any other person except one who is acting within his or her capacity as a paid healthcare professional. Covered injectable drugs include injectable insulin.

Primary Care Physician (PCP)

This is the **network provider** who:

- Is selected by a person from the list of **primary care physicians** in the **directory**;
- Supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to a person as a general or family care practitioner, or in some cases, as an internist or a pediatrician; and
- Is shown on **Aetna's** records as the person's **PCP**.

Psychiatric Hospital

This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements.

- Mainly provides a program for the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or **mental disorders**.
- Is not mainly a school or a custodial, recreational or training institution.
- Provides infirmary-level medical services. Also, it provides, or arranges with a **hospital** in the area for, any other medical service that may be required.
- Is supervised full-time by a **psychiatric physician** who is responsible for patient care and is there regularly.
- Is staffed by **psychiatric physicians** involved in care and treatment.
- Has a **psychiatric physician** present during the whole treatment day.
- Provides, at all times, **psychiatric** social work and nursing services.
- Provides, at all times, **skilled nursing services** by licensed nurses who are supervised by a full-time **R.N.**
- Prepares and maintains a written plan of treatment for each patient based on medical, psychological and social needs. The plan must be supervised by a **psychiatric physician**.
- Makes charges.
- Meets licensing standards.

Psychiatric Physician

This is a **physician** who:

- Specializes in psychiatry; or
- Has the training or experience to do the required evaluation and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or **mental disorders**.

R

Recognized Charge

The **covered expense** is only that part of a charge which is the **recognized charge**.

As to medical, vision and hearing expenses, the **recognized charge** for each service or supply is the lesser of:

- What the provider bills or submits for that service or supply; and
- For professional services and other services or supplies not mentioned below:
 - the 85th percentile of the Prevailing Charge Rate;for the Geographic Area where the service is furnished.

If **Aetna** has an agreement with a provider (directly, or indirectly through a third party) which sets the rate that **Aetna** will pay for a service or supply, then the **recognized charge** is the rate established in such agreement.

Aetna may also reduce the **recognized charge** by applying **Aetna** Reimbursement Policies. **Aetna** Reimbursement Policies address the appropriate billing of services, taking into account factors that are relevant to the cost of the service such as:

- the duration and complexity of a service;
- whether multiple procedures are billed at the same time, but no additional overhead is required;
- whether an assistant surgeon is involved and necessary for the service;
- if follow up care is included;
- whether there are any other characteristics that may modify or make a particular service unique; and
- when a charge includes more than one claim line, whether any services described by a claim line are part of or incidental to the primary service provided.

Aetna Reimbursement Policies are based on **Aetna's** review of: the policies developed for Medicare; the generally accepted standards of medical and dental practice, which are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed literature generally recognized by the relevant medical or dental community or which is otherwise consistent with **physician** or dental specialty society recommendations; and the views of **physicians** and dentists practicing in the relevant clinical areas. **Aetna** uses a commercial software package to administer some of these policies.

As used above, Geographic Area and Prevailing Charge Rates are defined as follows:

- **Geographic Area:** This means an expense area grouping defined by the first three digits of the U.S. Postal Service zip codes. If the volume of charges in a single three digit zip code is sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, an expense area is made up of a single three digit zip code. If the volume of charges is not sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, two or more three digit zip codes are grouped to produce a statistically valid sample. When it is necessary to group three digit zip codes, the grouping never crosses state lines.
- **Prevailing Charge Rates:** These are rates reported by FAIR Health, a nonprofit company, in their database. FAIR Health reviews and, if necessary, changes these rates periodically. **Aetna** updates its systems with these changes within 180 days after receiving them from FAIR Health.

Important Note

Aetna periodically updates its systems with changes made to the Prevailing Charge Rates.

What this means to you is that the **recognized charge** is based on the version of the rates that is in use by **Aetna** on the date that the service or supply was provided.

Additional Information

Aetna's website aetna.com may contain additional information which may help you determine the cost of a service or supply. Log on to **Aetna Navigator** to access the "Estimate the Cost of Care" feature. Within this feature, view our "Cost of Care" and "Member Payment Estimator" tools, or contact our Customer Service Department for assistance.

Rehabilitation Facility

A facility, or a distinct part of a facility which provides **rehabilitative services**, meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located, and makes charges for its services.

Rehabilitative Services

The combined and coordinated use of medical, social, educational and vocational measures for training or retraining if you are disabled by **illness** or **injury**.

Residential Treatment Facility (Mental Disorders)

This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- On-site licensed **Behavioral Health Provider** 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides a comprehensive patient assessment (preferably before admission, but at least upon admission).
- Is admitted by a **Physician**.
- Has access to necessary medical services 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides living arrangements that foster community living and peer interaction that are consistent with developmental needs.
- Offers group therapy sessions with at least an RN or Masters-Level Health Professional.
- Has the ability to involve family/support systems in therapy (required for children and adolescents; encouraged for adults).
- Provides access to at least weekly sessions with a **Psychiatrist** or psychologist for individual psychotherapy.
- Has peer oriented activities.
- Services are managed by a licensed **Behavioral Health Provider** who, while not needing to be individually contracted, needs to (1) meet the **Aetna** credentialing criteria as an individual practitioner, and (2) function under the direction/supervision of a licensed psychiatrist (Medical Director).
- Has individualized active treatment plan directed toward the alleviation of the impairment that caused the admission.
- Provides a level of skilled intervention consistent with patient risk.
- Meets any and all applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.
- Is not a wilderness treatment program (whether or not the program is part of a licensed **residential treatment facility**, or otherwise licensed institution), educational services, schooling or any such related or similar program, including therapeutic programs within a school setting.

Residential Treatment Facility (Substance Abuse)

This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- On-site licensed **Behavioral Health Provider** 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides a comprehensive patient assessment (preferably before admission, but at least upon admission).
- Is admitted by a **Physician**.
- Has access to necessary medical services 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- If the member requires **detoxification** services, must have the availability of on-site medical treatment 24 hours per day/7days a week, which must be actively supervised by an attending **Physician**.

- Provides living arrangements that foster community living and peer interaction that are consistent with developmental needs.
- Offers group therapy sessions with at least an RN or Masters-Level Health Professional.
- Has the ability to involve family/support systems in therapy (required for children and adolescents; encouraged for adults).
- Provides access to at least weekly sessions with a **Psychiatrist** or psychologist for individual psychotherapy.
- Has peer oriented activities.
- Services are managed by a licensed **Behavioral Health Provider** who, while not needing to be individually contracted, needs to (1) meet the **Aetna** credentialing criteria as an individual practitioner, and (2) function under the direction/supervision of a licensed psychiatrist (Medical Director).
- Has individualized active treatment plan directed toward the alleviation of the impairment that caused the admission.
- Provides a level of skilled intervention consistent with patient risk.
- Meets any and all applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.
- Is not a wilderness treatment program (whether or not the program is part of a licensed **residential treatment facility**, or otherwise licensed institution), educational services, schooling or any such related or similar program, including therapeutic programs within a school setting.
- Ability to assess and recognize withdrawal complications that threaten life or bodily functions and to obtain needed services either on site or externally.
- 24-hours per day/7 days a week supervision by a **physician** with evidence of close and frequent observation.
- On-site, licensed **Behavioral Health Provider**, medical or **substance abuse** professionals 24 hours per day/7 days a week.

R.N.

A registered nurse.

Room and Board

Charges made by an institution for **room and board** and other **medically necessary** services and supplies. The charges must be regularly made at a daily or weekly rate.

S

Semi-Private Room Rate

The **room and board** charge that an institution applies to the most beds in its semi-private rooms with 2 or more beds. If there are no such rooms, **Aetna** will figure the rate based on the rate most commonly charged by similar institutions in the same geographic area.

Service Area

This is the geographic area, as determined by **Aetna**, in which **network providers** for this plan are located.

Skilled Nursing Facility

An institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- It is licensed to provide, and does provide, the following on an inpatient basis for persons convalescing from **illness** or **injury**:
 - Professional nursing care by an **R.N.**, or by a **L.P.N.** directed by a full-time **R.N.**; and
 - Physical restoration services to help patients to meet a goal of self-care in daily living activities.
- Provides 24 hour a day nursing care by licensed nurses directed by a full-time **R.N.**
- Is supervised full-time by a **physician** or an **R.N.**
- Keeps a complete medical record on each patient.
- Has a utilization review plan.

- Is not mainly a place for rest, for the aged, for drug addicts, for alcoholics, for mental retardates, for custodial or educational care, or for care of **mental disorders**.
- Charges patients for its services.
- An institution or a distinct part of an institution that meets all of the following requirements:
 - It is licensed or approved under state or local law.
 - Is primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing care and related services for residents who require medical or nursing care, or rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled, or sick persons.
- Qualifies as a **skilled nursing facility** under Medicare or as an institution accredited by:
 - The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations;
 - The Bureau of **Hospitals** of the American Osteopathic Association; or
 - The Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities

Skilled nursing facilities also include rehabilitation **hospitals** (all levels of care, e.g. acute) and portions of a **hospital** designated for skilled or **rehabilitation services**.

Skilled nursing facility does not include:

- Institutions which provide only:
 - Minimal care;
 - Custodial care services;
 - Ambulatory; or
 - Part-time care services.
- Institutions which primarily provide for the care and treatment of alcoholism, **substance abuse** or **mental disorders**.

Skilled Nursing Services

Services that meet all of the following requirements:

- The services require medical or paramedical training.
- The services are rendered by an **R.N.** or **L.P.N.** within the scope of his or her license.
- The services are not custodial.

Specialist

A **physician** who practices in any generally accepted medical or surgical sub-specialty.

Specialty Care

Health care services or supplies that require the services of a **specialist**.

Stay

A full-time inpatient confinement for which a **room and board** charge is made.

Substance Abuse

This is a physical or psychological dependency, or both, on a controlled substance or alcohol agent (These are defined on Axis I in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of **Mental Disorders** (DSM) published by the American Psychiatric Association which is current as of the date services are rendered to you or your covered dependents.) This term does not include conditions not attributable to a **mental disorder** that are a focus of attention or treatment (the V codes on Axis I of DSM); an addiction to nicotine products, food or caffeine intoxication.

Surgery Center

A freestanding ambulatory surgical facility that meets all of the following requirements:

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide general surgery.
- Charges for its services.
- Is directed by a staff of **physicians**. At least one of them must be on the premises when surgery is performed and during the recovery period.
- Has at least one certified anesthesiologist at the site when surgery requiring general or spinal anesthesia is performed and during the recovery period.
- Extends surgical staff privileges to:
 - **Physicians** who practice surgery in an area **hospital**; and
 - **Dentists** who perform oral surgery.
- Has at least 2 operating rooms and one recovery room.
- Provides, or arranges with a medical facility in the area for, diagnostic x-ray and lab services needed in connection with surgery.
- Does not have a place for patients to **stay** overnight.
- Provides, in the operating and recovery rooms, full-time **skilled nursing services** directed by an **R.N.**
- Is equipped and has trained staff to handle **emergency medical conditions**.

Must have all of the following:

- A **physician** trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
- A defibrillator; and
- A tracheotomy set; and
- A blood volume expander.
- Has a written agreement with a **hospital** in the area for immediate emergency transfer of patients.
- Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. The program must include reviews by **physicians** who do not own or direct the facility.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.

T

Terminally Ill (Hospice Care)

Terminally ill means a medical prognosis of 12 months or less to live.

U

Urgent Admission

A **hospital** admission by a **physician** due to:

- The onset of or change in an **illness**; or
- The diagnosis of an **illness**; or
- An **injury**.
- The condition, while not needing an **emergency admission**, is severe enough to require confinement as an inpatient in a **hospital** within 2 weeks from the date the need for the confinement becomes apparent.

Urgent Care Facility

A facility licensed as a freestanding medical facility by applicable state and federal laws to treat an **urgent condition**.

Urgent Care Provider

This is:

- A freestanding medical facility that meets all of the following requirements.
 - Provides unscheduled medical services to treat an **urgent condition** if the person's **physician** is not reasonably available.
 - Routinely provides ongoing unscheduled medical services for more than 8 consecutive hours.
 - Makes charges.
 - Is licensed and certified as required by any state or federal law or regulation.
 - Keeps a medical record on each patient.
 - Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by **physicians** other than those who own or direct the facility.
 - Is run by a staff of **physicians**. At least one **physician** must be on call at all times.
 - Has a full-time administrator who is a licensed **physician**.
- A **physician's** office, but only one that:
 - Has contracted with **Aetna** to provide urgent care; and
 - Is, with **Aetna's** consent, included in the **directory** as a network **urgent care provider**.

It is not the emergency room or outpatient department of a **hospital**.

Urgent Condition

This means a sudden **illness; injury**; or condition; that:

- Is severe enough to require prompt medical attention to avoid serious deterioration of your health;
- Includes a condition which would subject you to severe pain that could not be adequately managed without urgent care or treatment;
- Does not require the level of care provided in the emergency room of a **hospital**; and
- Requires immediate outpatient medical care that cannot be postponed until your physician becomes reasonably available.

W

Walk-in Clinic

Walk-in Clinics are free-standing health care facilities. They are an alternative to a **physician's** office visit for treatment of:

- Unscheduled, non-emergency **illnesses and injuries**;
- The administration of certain immunizations; and
- Individual screening and counseling services.

It is not an alternative for emergency room services or the ongoing care provided by a **physician**.

Neither:

- An emergency room; nor
- The outpatient department of a **hospital**;

shall be considered a **Walk-in Clinic**.

Additional Information Provided by California Resources Corporation

The following information is provided to you in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Name of Plan:

California Resources Corporation Retiree Medical Plan

Employer Identification Number:

46-5676989

Plan Number:

701

Type of Plan:

ERISA Welfare Plan

Type of Administration:

Administrative Services Contract with:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

Plan Administrator:

California Resources Employee Benefits Committee
CRC Services, LLC
10889 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Telephone Number: (888) 848-4754

Agent For Service of Legal Process:

CRC Services, LLC
10889 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Service of legal process may also be made upon the Plan Administrator

Named Fiduciary:

For Medical Claims:

Aetna Life Insurance Company

End of Plan Year:

December 31

Source of Contributions:

Employee Contributions and Employer General Assets

Procedure for Amending the Plan:

The Employer may amend the Plan from time to time by a written instrument signed by the Vice President of Compensation and Benefits.

ERISA Rights

As a participant in the group benefit plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits

Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) that is filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and an updated Summary Plan Description. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

Receive a copy of the procedures used by the Plan for determining a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO).

Continue Group Health Plan Coverage

Continue health care coverage for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this summary plan description and the documents governing the Plan for the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

Reduction or elimination of exclusionary periods of coverage for preexisting conditions under your group health plan, if you have creditable coverage from another plan. You should be provided a certificate of creditable coverage, free of charge, from your group health plan or health insurance issuer when you lose coverage under the Plan, when you become entitled to elect COBRA continuation coverage, when your COBRA continuation coverage ceases, if you request it before losing coverage, or if you request it up to 24 months after losing coverage. Without evidence of creditable coverage, you may be subject to preexisting condition exclusion for 12 months after your enrollment date in your coverage under this Plan. Contact your Plan Administrator for assistance in obtaining a certificate of creditable coverage.

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in your interest and that of other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

Enforce Your Rights

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay up to \$ 110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in a federal court.

If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Your Questions

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.

If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact:

- the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory; or
- the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 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.

Statement of Rights under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

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

Also, under federal law, plans and issuers may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48-hour (or 96-hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

In addition, a plan or issuer may not, under federal law, require that you, your physician, or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, you may be required to obtain precertification for any days of confinement that exceed 48 hours (or 96 hours). For information on precertification, contact your plan administrator.

Notice Regarding Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

Under this health plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, coverage will be provided to a person who is receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy and who elects breast reconstruction in connection with the mastectomy for:

- (1) all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which a mastectomy has been performed;
- (2) surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- (3) prostheses; and
- (4) treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

This coverage will be provided in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, and will be provided in accordance with the plan design, limitations, copays, deductibles, and referral requirements, if any, as outlined in your plan documents.

If you have any questions about our coverage of mastectomies and reconstructive surgery, please contact the Member Services number on your ID card.

For more information, you can visit this U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, <http://www.cms.gov/home/regsguidance.asp>, and this U.S. Department of Labor website, http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/consumer_info_health.html.