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# Welcome

This health care plan was selected by the State Employee Benefits Committee of the State of Delaware for members of the State's Group Health Insurance Program. Our goal is your good health. To achieve this goal, we encourage preventive care in addition to covering you when you are sick or injured.

The Aetna HMO plan provides easy-to-use coverage and personal care. This is a plan that requires you to work with a primary care physician (PCP). Having one doctor as your first point of contact can really make a difference. That's because PCPs do more than give you a checkup. PCPs build a relationship with you. They get to know you and your medical history. They can help guide you on important health decisions and refer you to another doctor or specialist when you need special attention. You'll also have access to the Aetna nationwide HMO network. The Aetna HMO plan includes coverage for services such as: outpatient, inpatient, prenatal and postnatal care, emergency, mental health care, lab, x-ray, vision, chiropractic and many others call customer service or review the SPD to learn more about what is covered.

As used in this Booklet, "HMO" refers to HMO type benefits that are self-funded by the State of Delaware and administered by Aetna.

This Plan Description is not a contract. It explains your plan for easy reference. This Plan Description describes your health plan in effect as of September 1, 2015. It replaces all previous plan descriptions.

**We wish you the best of health!**

## How To Use Your Booklet

This booklet is your guide to the benefits available through your health plan. Please read it carefully and refer to it when you need information about this HMO, to determine what to do in an emergency situation, and to find out how to handle service issues. It is also an excellent source for learning about special programs and value added benefits available through your health plan.

If you cannot find an answer to your question(s) in the booklet, call the Aetna Member/Customer Services toll free number on your ID card. A trained representative will be happy to help you.

This booklet is not a contract. It explains your plan for easy reference. The benefits and terms and conditions of your plan are in an Account Contract on file with the State of Delaware Office of Management and Budget, Statewide Benefits Office. The Account Contract is the final determination of the benefits and rules of your plan.

## Tips for New Plan Participants:

- Keep this booklet where you can easily refer to it.
  - Keep your ID card(s) in your wallet - always show your card when you receive care.
  - Post your Primary Care Physician's name and number near the telephone.
  - Emergencies are covered anytime, anywhere, 24 hours a day. See Medical Emergency section for guidelines.
  - Select your PCP during Open Enrollment.
- Aetna Member/Customer Services staff is ready to answer your questions. Here are some reasons you may need to call:
- Choosing your Primary Care Physician (PCP).
  - Changing a new PCP.
  - Asking questions about this plan.
  - Reporting a lost or stolen ID card.
  - Ordering a new ID card.
  - Checking on the status of a referral or the status of approval.
  - Asking about a claim.

**You may call  
or write Aetna.**

Dedicated State of Delaware  
Member Service number:  
**877-54-AETNA or  
877-542-3862**

State of Delaware DocFind®  
Website:  
**[www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com)**

# Member Services

## Member Services Department

Customer service professionals (CSPs) are trained to answer your questions and to assist you in using the Plan properly and efficiently.

Call the Aetna Member Services toll-free number on your ID card (877-54-AETNA or 877-542-3862) to:

- Ask questions about benefits and coverage;
- Notify Aetna of changes in your name or telephone number;
- Change your PCP; or
- Notify Aetna about an emergency.

Please call your PCP's office directly with questions about appointments, hours of service or medical matters.

## InteliHealth®

InteliHealth is Aetna's online health information affiliate. It was established in 1996 and is one of the most complete consumer health information networks ever assembled. Through this unique program, Plan participants have access, via the Internet, to the wisdom and experience of some of the world's top medical professionals in the field today. Access InteliHealth through the Aetna Internet website home page or directly via [www.intelihealth.com](http://www.intelihealth.com).

## Clinical Policy Bulletins

Aetna uses Clinical Policy Bulletins (CPBs) as a guide when making clinical determinations about health care coverage. CPBs are written on selected clinical issues, especially addressing new technologies, new treatment approaches, and procedures. The CPBs are posted on Aetna's website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).

## Aetna Navigator®

In one easy-to-use website, you can perform a variety of self-service functions and take advantage of a vast amount of health information from IntelliHealth®. Access Aetna Navigator® through the Aetna dedicated State of Delaware website home page, through the Aetna website home page, or directly via [www.aetnavigators.com](http://www.aetnavigators.com).

With Aetna Navigator, you can:

- Print instant eligibility information
- Request a replacement ID card
- Select a physician who participates in the Aetna network
- Check the status of a claim
- Link to a voluntary Health Risk Assessment tool
- Use the hospital comparison tool to compare hospital outcome information for medical care provided by hospitals in your area
- Estimate the cost of common health care services
- Contact Aetna Member Services
- Find answers to common questions
- Change your PCP

## Provider Information

You may obtain, without charge, a listing of network providers from your Plan Administrator, or by calling the toll-free Aetna Member Services number on your ID card.

It is easy to obtain information about providers in Aetna's network using the Internet. With DocFind® you can conduct an online search for participating doctors, hospitals and other providers. To use DocFind, go to [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com) or [www.aetna.com/docfind](http://www.aetna.com/docfind). Select the appropriate provider category and follow the instructions provided to select a provider based on specialty, geographic location and/or hospital affiliation.

## Your ID Card

When you join the Plan, you will receive an ID card that lists the covered members of your family. Your ID card lists the telephone number of the Aetna Primary Care Physician (PCP) you have chosen. You may change your PCP at any time by calling Aetna Member Services at the toll-free number on your ID card (877-54-AETNA or 877-542-3862). If you change your PCP, you will automatically receive a new card displaying the change.

Always carry your ID card with you. It identifies you as a Plan participant when you receive services from participating providers or when you receive emergency services at nonparticipating facilities. If your card is lost or stolen, please notify Aetna immediately.

# How the Plan Works



## How the Plan Works

Members have access to a network of participating Primary Care Physicians (PCPs), specialists and hospitals that meet Aetna's requirements for quality and service. These providers are independent physicians and facilities that are monitored for quality of care, patient satisfaction, cost-effectiveness of treatment, office standards and ongoing training.

Each member of the Plan must select a Primary Care Physician (PCP) when they enroll. Your PCP serves as your guide to care in today's complex medical system and will help you access appropriate care.

### The Primary Care Physician

As a member of the Plan, you will become a partner with your participating PCP in preventive medicine. Consult your PCP whenever you have questions about your health. Your PCP will provide your primary care and, when medically necessary, your PCP will refer you to other doctors or facilities for treatment. The referral is important because it is how your PCP arranges for you to receive necessary, appropriate care and follow-up treatment. Except for PCP, direct access and emergency services, **you must have a prior written or electronic referral from your PCP to receive coverage for all services and any necessary follow-up treatment.**

Participating specialists are required to send reports back to your PCP to keep your PCP informed of any treatment plans ordered by the specialist.

### Primary and Preventive Care

Your PCP can provide preventive care and treat you for illnesses and injuries. The Plan covers routine physical exams, well-baby care, immunizations and allergy shots provided by your PCP. You may also obtain routine vision exams and gynecological exams from participating providers without a referral from your PCP. You are responsible for the copayment shown in the "Copayment Schedule."

### Specialty and Facility Care

Your PCP may refer you to a specialist or facility for treatment or for covered care services, when medically necessary. **Except for those benefits described in this Plan Description as direct access benefits and emergency care, you must have a prior written or electronic referral from your PCP in order to receive coverage for any services the specialist or facility provides.**

When your PCP refers you to a participating specialist or facility for covered services, you will be responsible for the copayment shown in the "Copayment Schedule."

For inpatient expenses and surgery performed in an outpatient facility, you must pay a portion of the covered expenses you incur. Your share of covered expenses is called your copay.

To avoid costly and unnecessary bills, follow these steps:

- Consult your PCP first when you need routine medical care. If your PCP deems it medically necessary, you will get a written or electronic referral to a participating specialist or facility. Referrals are valid for 90 days, as long as you remain an eligible member in the Plan. For direct access benefits, you may contact the participating provider directly, without a referral.
- Certain services require both a referral from your PCP and prior authorization from Aetna. Your PCP is responsible for obtaining authorization from Aetna for in-network covered services.
- Review the referral with your PCP. Understand what specialist services are being recommended and why.
- Present the referral to the participating provider. Except for direct access benefits, any additional treatments or tests that are covered benefits require another referral from your PCP. The referral is necessary to have these services approved for payment. **Without the referral, you are responsible for payment for these services.**

- If it is not an emergency and you go to a doctor or facility **without your PCP's prior written or electronic referral, you must pay the bill yourself.**
- Your PCP may refer you to a nonparticipating provider for covered services that are not available within the network. Services from nonparticipating providers require prior approval by Aetna in addition to a special nonparticipating referral from your PCP. When properly authorized, these services are covered after the applicable copayment.

**REMEMBER:** You cannot request referrals after you visit a specialist or hospital. Therefore, to receive maximum coverage, you need to contact your PCP and get authorization from Aetna (when applicable) before seeking specialty or hospital care.

Some PCPs are affiliated with integrated delivery systems (IDS) or other provider groups (such as Independent Practice Associations and Physician-Hospital Associations). If your PCP participates in such an arrangement, you will usually be referred to specialists and hospitals within that system or group. However, if your medical needs extend beyond the scope of the affiliated providers, you may ask to have services provided by non-affiliated physicians or facilities. Services provided by non-affiliated providers may require prior authorization from Aetna and/or the IDS or other provider group. Check with your PCP or call the Aetna Member Services number that appears on your ID card to find out if prior authorization is necessary.

# Copayment Schedule

All non-emergency specialty and hospital services require a prior referral from your PCP, unless noted below as a “direct access” benefit.

MAXIMUM BENEFIT	UNLIMITED PER PLAN PARTICIPANT PER LIFETIME
<b>Primary and Preventive Care</b>	
<b>PCP Office Visits</b>	\$15 copay per visit
<b>After Hours/Home Visits/Emergency Visits</b>	\$25 copay per visit
<b>Adult Routine Physical Examination</b> 1 visit per plan year	\$0 copay per visit
<b>Preventive Child and Well-Baby Care</b> 7 exams first 12 months of life, 3 exams in the 13th- 24th months of life; 3 exams in the 25th-36 months of life; 1 exam per 12 months thereafter to age 21	\$0 copay per visit
<b>Immunizations</b>	\$0 copay per visit
<b>Inpatient Visits</b>	\$100 copay per day \$200 maximum per admission
<b>Routine Gynecological Exams</b> direct access (no referral) to participating providers for 1 visit per plan year	\$0 copay per visit
<b>Routine Mammogram</b> one annual mammogram for women age 40 and over	\$0 copay per visit
<b>Prostate Screening</b> one annual prostate screening for men age 40 and over	\$0 copay per visit
<b>Colorectal Cancer Screening</b> Includes Virtual Colonoscopies For all members age 50 and over	\$0
<b>Routine Eye Examinations</b> 1 visit every 24 months	\$15 copay per visit
<b>Hearing Exam by an Audiologist</b>	\$20 copay per visit

**MAXIMUM BENEFIT****UNLIMITED PER PLAN PARTICIPANT PER LIFETIME****Hearing Aids**

for children to age 24

20% copay. 3 hearing aids within 36 months (initial allowance, plus 1 replacement; 1 additional hearing aid if needed due to growth).

**Specialty and Outpatient Care****Specialist Office Visits**

\$25 copay per visit

**Prenatal Care** for the first OB visit

\$25 copay

**Subsequent Prenatal Visits**

\$0 copay

**Implantable Contraceptives**

\$0 copay

**All Infertility Services** including Advanced Reproductive Technology (Do not apply to out-of-pocket maximum)Copay based on place of service.  
\$10,000 Lifetime Maximum for medical services**Allergy Testing**

\$25 copay per visit

**Allergy Treatment**

\$5 copay per visit

**X-rays and Lab Tests**

Performed at a Hospital Outpatient Facility

\$10 Laboratory copay per visit  
\$20 X-ray copay per visit  
\$35 Diagnostic Testing copay per visit**High Tech Imaging Scans and Tests**

Complex Imaging Services, including but not limited to: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI); Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT); and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) ; and other outpatient diagnostic imaging service.

\$25 copay  
Services must be pre-certified, except when rendered in the Emergency Room or inpatient.**Outpatient Therapy (speech, occupational, physical)**

Occupational and Physical: Up to 45 visits per incident of illness or injury beginning with the first day of treatment. Speech Therapy: a separate 45 days per incident of illness or injury beginning with the first day of treatment based on medical necessity. Review of medical necessity is completed at 25 visits.

20% (of the contracted rate) per visit

**Autism Spectrum Disorder**20% (of the contracted rate) per visit  
for Applied Behavioral Analysis. \$36,000 annual limit.

MAXIMUM BENEFIT	UNLIMITED PER PLAN PARTICIPANT PER LIFETIME
<b>Chiropractic Care</b>	Lesser of either \$10 copay or 20% of allowable charges
<b>Home Health Care</b> PDN services rendered in the home covered when medically necessary, precert required.	\$0 copay per visit
<b>Hospice Care</b>	\$0 copay per visit
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b>	20% (of the cost) per item
<b>DME Maximum Benefit</b>	Unlimited
<b>Prosthetic Devices</b>	No copay - some prostheses must be approved in advance by Aetna
<b>Plan Payment Limit</b> (Excludes precertification penalties)	
Individual	\$4,500
Family	\$9,000
*Unless otherwise indicated, any applicable deductible must be met before benefits are paid.	
<b>Inpatient Services</b>	
<b>Hospital Room and Board and Other Inpatient Services</b>	\$100 copay per day \$200 copay maximum per admission
<b>Skilled Nursing Facilities</b>	\$0 copay admission
<b>Hospice Facility</b>	\$0 copay per admission
<b>Maternity</b>	\$100 copay per admission \$200 copay maximum per admission
<b>Surgery and Anesthesia</b>	
Inpatient Surgery	Subject to inpatient copay shown above

MAXIMUM BENEFIT	UNLIMITED PER PLAN PARTICIPANT PER LIFETIME
<b>Outpatient Surgery</b>	
Performed at a Hospital Outpatient Facility	\$100 copay per visit
Performed at a facility other than a Hospital Outpatient Facility	\$50 copay per visit
<b>Bariatric Surgery - Pre-Approval Required</b>	
Approved Aetna IOE Facility (Does not apply to out-of-pocket maximum)	100% subject to the applicable inpatient copayment
Non-Approved Participating Aetna Facility	25% copay of the negotiated allowance. Pre-certification is required.
<b>Mental and Nervous Conditions</b>	
<b>Inpatient Treatment</b>	\$100 copay per day \$200 copay maximum per admission (See Inpatient visits)
<b>Outpatient Treatment</b>	\$20 copay per visit
<b>Treatment of Alcohol and Drug Abuse</b>	
<b>Inpatient Detoxification</b>	\$100 copay per day \$200 copay maximum per admission
<b>Outpatient Detoxification</b>	\$20 copay per visit
<b>Emergency Care</b>	
<b>Hospital Emergency Room or Outpatient Department</b>	\$150 copay per visit. Waived if admitted
<b>Urgent Care Facility</b>	\$20 copay per visit
<b>Ambulance</b>	\$50 copay per trip
<b>Walk-in Clinic</b>	\$20 copay per visit
<b>Prescription Drugs</b>	Outpatient prescription drug coverage is administered by Express Scripts. Refer to your Express Scripts booklet describing the coverage available.

## Your Benefits

Although a specific service may be listed as a covered benefit, it may not be covered unless it is medically necessary for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of your illness or condition. Refer to the “Glossary” section for the definition of “medically necessary.”

Certain services must be precertified by Aetna. Your participating provider is responsible for obtaining this approval. If services are not precertified by Aetna, claims will not be paid.

## HMO Medical Plan

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

## Wellness

This section on Wellness describes the covered expenses for services and supplies provided when you are well. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for the frequency limits that apply to these services, if not shown below.

Many preventive health services are covered at no cost to you when delivered by an in-network provider. For a complete list of covered no-cost preventive health services, see [www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits/](http://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits/).

### Routine Physical Exams

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

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

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

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

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.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details about any applicable deductibles, payment percentage, benefit maximums and frequency and age limits for physical exams.

## 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.

### For Covered Females

Screening 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 for:
  - Interpersonal and domestic violence;
  - Sexually transmitted diseases; and
  - Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) infections.
- Screening for gestational diabetes.
- High risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing for women age 30 and older, limited to once every three years.

### Routine Cancer Screenings

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

- 1 mammogram every plan year for covered females age 40 and over
- 1 Pap smear every plan year;
- 1 gynecological exam every plan year;
- 1 fecal occult blood test every plan year; and
- 1 digital rectal exam and 1 prostate specific antigen (PSA) test every plan year for covered males age 40 and older.

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

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

## Family Planning Services

Covered expenses include charges for certain contraceptive and family planning services, even though not provided to treat an illness or injury. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for any frequency limits that apply to these services, if not specified below.

### Contraception Services

Covered expenses include charges for contraceptive services and supplies provided on an outpatient basis, including:

- Contraceptive drugs and contraceptive devices prescribed by a physician provided they have been approved by the Federal Drug Administration;
- Related outpatient services such as:
  - Consultations;
  - Exams;
  - Procedures; and
  - Other medical services and supplies.
- Office visit for the injection of injectable contraceptives;

Not covered are:

- Charges for services which are covered to any extent under any other part of the Plan or any other group plans sponsored by your employer; and
- Charges incurred for contraceptive services while confined as an inpatient.

## Primary and Preventive Care

One of the Plan's goals is to help you maintain good health through preventive care. Routine exams, immunizations and well-child care contribute to good health and are covered by the Plan (after any applicable copayment) if provided by your PCP or on referral from your PCP:

- Office visits with your PCP during office hours and during non-office hours.
- Home visits by your PCP.
- Treatment for illness and injury.
- Routine physical examinations, as recommended by your PCP.
- Well-child care from birth, including immunizations and booster doses, as recommended by your PCP.
- Health education counseling and information.
- Annual prostate screening (PSA) and digital exam for males age 40 and over, and for males considered to be at high risk who are under age 40, as directed by physician.
- Sigmoidoscopy for members age 50 and older (considered medically necessary every 5 years for persons at average risk)
- Colonoscopy for members age 50 and older (considered medically necessary every 10 years for persons at average risk)

- Choice of virtual colonoscopies or traditional colonoscopies.
- Routine gynecological examinations and Pap smears performed by your PCP. You may also visit a participating gynecologist for a routine GYN exam and Pap smear without a referral.
- Annual mammography screening for asymptomatic women age 40 and older. Annual screening is covered for younger women who are judged to be at high risk by their PCP.

Note: Diagnostic mammography for women with signs or symptoms of breast disease is covered as medically necessary.

- Routine immunizations (except those required for travel or work).
- Periodic eye examinations
- Routine hearing screenings performed by your PCP as part of a routine physical examination.
- Lead screening test.

## Specialty and Outpatient Care

The Plan covers the following specialty and outpatient services. You must have a prior written or electronic referral from your PCP in order to receive coverage for any non-emergency services the specialist or facility provides.

- Participating specialist office visits.
- Participating specialist consultations, including second opinions.
- Outpatient surgery for a covered surgical procedure when furnished by a participating outpatient surgery center. All outpatient surgery must be approved in advance by Aetna.
- Preoperative and postoperative care.
- Casts and dressings.
- Radiation therapy.
- Cancer chemotherapy.
- Short-term speech, occupational (except vocational rehabilitation and employment counseling), and physical therapy for treatment of non-chronic conditions and acute illness or injury.
- Cognitive therapy associated with physical rehabilitation for treatment of non-chronic conditions and acute illness or injury.
- Short-term cardiac rehabilitation provided on an outpatient basis following angioplasty,

cardiovascular surgery, congestive heart failure or myocardial infarction.

- Short-term pulmonary rehabilitation provided on an outpatient basis for the treatment of reversible pulmonary disease.
- Diagnostic, laboratory and X-ray services.
- Emergency care including ambulance service - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (see “In Case of Emergency”).
- Home health services provided by a participating home health care agency, including:
  - skilled nursing services provided or supervised by an RN.
  - services of a home health aide for skilled care.
  - medical social services provided or supervised by a qualified physician or social worker if your PCP certifies that the medical social services are necessary for the treatment of your medical condition.
- Outpatient hospice services for a member who is terminally ill, including:
  - counseling and emotional support.
  - home visits by nurses and social workers.
  - pain management and symptom control.
  - instruction and supervision of a family member.

**NOTE:** The Plan does not cover the following hospice services:

- funeral arrangements, pastoral counseling, or financial or legal counseling.
- homemaker or caretaker services and any service not solely related to the care of the terminally ill patient.
- Oral surgery (limited to extraction of bony, impacted teeth, treatment of bone fractures, removal of tumors and orthodontogenic cysts).
- Implantable contraceptives prescribed by a physician and approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA).
- Reconstructive breast surgery following a mastectomy, including:
  - reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy is performed, including areolar reconstruction and the insertion of a breast implant,
  - surgery and reconstruction performed on the non-diseased breast to establish symmetry when reconstructive breast surgery on the diseased breast has been performed, and
  - physical therapy to treat the complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

- Chiropractic services. Subluxation services must be consistent with Aetna’s guidelines for spinal manipulation to correct a muscular skeletal problem or subluxation that could be documented by diagnostic X-rays performed by a participating radiologist.
- Phenylketonuria (PKU) and other inherited metabolic diseases - The plan covers medical formulas and foods and low protein modified formulas and modified food products when prescribed as medically necessary and administered under the directions of a physician.
- Prosthetic appliances and orthopedic braces (including repair and replacement when due to normal growth). Certain prosthetics require preauthorization by Aetna. Contact Aetna prior to placing order or making purchase to determine if preauthorization is required. Lack of preauthorization, if required, will result in claim being denied.
- Durable medical equipment (DME), prescribed by a physician for the treatment of an illness or injury, and preauthorized by Aetna.

The Plan covers instruction and appropriate services required for the Plan participant to properly use the item, such as attachment or insertion, if approved by Aetna. Replacement, repair and maintenance are covered only if:

- they are needed due to a change in your physical condition, or
- it is likely to cost less to buy a replacement than to repair the existing equipment or rent like equipment.

The request for any type of DME must be made by your physician and coordinated through the Aetna Patient Management Department.

- Bariatric Surgery. 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; and,
  - Diagnostic tests given or ordered during the first exam.
  - Performed at an “Institute of Quality” network facility or pay 25%.

Covered expenses include one morbid obesity surgical procedure, within a two-year period, beginning with the date of the first morbid obesity surgical procedure, unless a multi-stage procedure is planned, but only when you have a:

- Body mass index (BMI) exceeding 40; or
- BMI greater than 35 in conjunction with any of the following co-morbidities any one of which is aggravated by the obesity:

- Coronary heart disease;
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus;
- Clinically significant obstructive sleep apnea; or;
- Medically refractory hypertension (blood pressure greater than 140 mmHg systolic and/or 90 mmHg diastolic despite optimal medical management).

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 this Booklet.

Annual testing for exposure to hepatitis or tuberculosis, and immunizations for hepatitis, for at-risk employees.

## Autism Spectrum Disorder

Covered expenses include charges made by a physician or behavioral health provider for services and supplies for diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder, including behavioral therapy and Applied Behavioral Analysis. Services and supplies must be ordered by a physician as part of a treatment plan, and:

- The covered child is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum disorder with onset prior to age three; and
- Covered expenses are incurred prior to attainment of age twenty-one.

Applied Behavioral Analysis is an educational service that is the process of applying interventions that:

- Systematically change behavior; and
- Are responsible for the observable improvement in behavior.

Autism Spectrum Disorder means one of the following disorders as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association:

- Autistic Disorder;
- Rett's Disorder;
- Childhood Disintegrative Disorder;
- Asperger's Syndrome; and
- Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified

Coverage for Applied Behavioral Analysis for Autism Spectrum Disorders is subject to a \$36,000 maximum.

## High Tech Imaging Scans and Tests

- Scans and tests classified as High-Tech Imaging include Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Computed Axial Tomography (CT), Positron Emission Tomography (PET), and Nuclear Cardiac Imaging.

Requests for these tests, to be performed as an out-patient, must be reviewed and approved through the member's health care provider to determine if the test is appropriate for the member's medical condition. It is the treating physician's responsibility to submit and receive approval for the high-tech imaging tests prior to the member receiving the test. When the physician receives approval the test may then be scheduled with the testing facility. Failure to receive approval prior to having the test performed will result in the claim being denied and the Provider held accountable for the entire cost of the test. Tests and scans performed during a member's hospitalization or Emergency Room visit are exempt from this program. The member is responsible for applicable copays.

## Infertility

- Infertility means for a female who is under age 45 who does not have the ability to conceive after six months without contraception or six cycles of artificial insemination. Infertility services are covered under your plan to diagnose and treat the underlying medical cause of infertility. You may obtain infertility services from a participating gynecologist or infertility specialist without a referral from your PCP. Infertility benefits are paid based on the provider and place of service identified in your "Schedule of Benefits". There's a \$10,000 lifetime payment limit. Charges are paid at at 75% of the negotiated fee. The \$10,000 limit applies even when you switch to another plan offered by the State of Delaware. If pregnancy results, your maternity benefits are then applied.
- Infertility services to diagnose and treat the underlying medical cause of infertility. You may obtain the following basic infertility services from a participating gynecologist or infertility specialist without a referral from your PCP:
  - initial evaluation, including history, physical exam and laboratory studies performed at an appropriate participating laboratory,
  - evaluation of ovulatory function,

- ultrasound of ovaries at an appropriate participating radiology facility,
- postcoital test,
- hysterosalpingogram,
- endometrial biopsy, and
- hysteroscopy.

Semen analysis at an appropriate participating laboratory is covered for male Plan participants; a referral from your PCP is necessary.

- If you do not conceive after receiving the above infertility services, or if the diagnosis suggests that there is no reasonable chance of pregnancy as a result of the above services, you are eligible to receive the following comprehensive services through a participating infertility specialist when preauthorized through and coordinated by the Aetna Infertility Unit:
  - ovulation induction cycles (bloodwork and ultrasounds), subject to a lifetime maximum of 6 cycles;
  - artificial insemination, subject to a lifetime maximum of 6 attempts, and
  - advanced reproductive technology (ART).
- Coverage for advanced reproductive technology (ART) is limited to:
  - no more than 3 cycles per lifetime for all ART services and treatment, including in vitro fertilization (IVF), Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer (GIFT), Zygote

Intrafallopian Transfer (ZIFT) and cryopreserved embryo transfer.

- charges associated with your care when participating in a donor IVF program, including fertilization and culture.
- charges associated with obtaining your partner's sperm for ART, when your partner is also covered under this Plan.

To receive coverage for advanced reproductive technology, you must:

- obtain a referral from your PCP or participating gynecologist or contact an Infertility Unit case manager at the Aetna Member Services number shown on your ID card,
- undergo an initial evaluation and consultation with, and be recommended for, ART treatment by a participating ART specialist, and
- obtain preauthorization through the Infertility Unit, either directly or through your ART specialist.

The following expenses are not covered:

- ART services when either the male or female partner has undergone a sterilization procedure in the past.
- ART services for females with FSH levels greater than 19 mIU/ml on day 3 of the menstrual cycle.

- ART services for females without a male partner who have not had at least 12 cycles of donor insemination prior to enrolling in the Infertility Program (6 cycles for females age 35 or older).
- ART services that are not reasonably likely to result in success.

## Inpatient Care in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Hospice

If you are hospitalized by a participating PCP or specialist (with prior referral except in emergencies), you receive the benefits listed below. See "Behavioral Health" for inpatient mental health and substance abuse benefits.

- Confinement in semi-private accommodations (or private room when medically necessary and certified by your PCP) while confined to an acute care facility.
- Confinement in semi-private accommodations in an extended care/skilled nursing facility.
- Confinement in semi-private accommodations in a hospice care facility for a Plan participant who is diagnosed as terminally ill.
- Intensive or special care facilities.
- Visits by your PCP while you are confined.
- General nursing care.

- Surgical, medical and obstetrical services provided by the participating hospital.
- Use of operating rooms and related facilities.
- Medical and surgical dressings, supplies, casts and splints.
- Drugs and medications.
- Intravenous injections and solutions.
- Administration and processing of blood, processing fees and fees related to autologous blood donations. (The blood or blood product itself is not covered.)
- Nuclear medicine.
- Preoperative care and postoperative care.
- Anesthesia and anesthesia services.
- Oxygen and oxygen therapy.
- Inpatient physical and rehabilitation therapy, including:
  - cardiac rehabilitation, and
  - pulmonary rehabilitation.
- X-rays (other than dental X-rays), laboratory testing and diagnostic services.
- Magnetic resonance imaging.
- Transplant services are covered if the transplant is not experimental or investigational and has been approved in advance by Aetna. Transplants must be performed in hospitals specifically approved and designated by Aetna to perform the

procedure. The Institutes of Excellence (IOE) network is Aetna’s network of providers for transplants and transplant-related services, including evaluation and follow-up care. Each facility has been selected to perform only certain types of transplants, based on their quality of care and successful clinical outcomes. A transplant will be covered only if performed in a facility that has been designated as an IOE facility for the type of transplant in question. Any facility that is not specified as an Institute of Excellence network facility is considered as an out-of-network facility for transplant-related services, even if the facility is considered as a participating facility for other types of services.

- Maximum of 365 days per calendar year for hospice services.

## Maternity

The Plan covers physician and hospital care for mother and baby, including prenatal care, delivery and postpartum care. In accordance with the Newborn and Mothers Healthcare Protection Act, you and your newly born child are covered for a minimum of 48 hours of inpatient care following a vaginal delivery (96 hours following a cesarean section). However, your provider may – after consulting with you – discharge you earlier than 48 hours after a

vaginal delivery (96 hours following a cesarean section).

You do not need a referral from your PCP for visits to your participating obstetrician. A list of participating obstetricians can be found in your provider directory or on DocFind (see “Provider Information”).

**NOTE:** Your participating obstetrician is responsible for obtaining precertification from Aetna for all obstetrical care after your first visit. They must request approval (precertification) for any tests performed outside of their office and for visits to other specialists. Please verify that the necessary referral has been obtained before receiving such services.

If you are pregnant at the time you join the Plan, you receive coverage for authorized care from participating providers on and after your effective date. There is no waiting period. Coverage for services incurred prior to your effective date with the Plan are your responsibility or that of your previous plan.

## Transplant Expenses

Once it has been determined that you or one of your dependents may require an organ transplant, you, or your physician should call the Aetna precertification department to discuss coordination of your transplant care. Aetna will coordinate all transplant services. In addition, you must follow any precertification requirements found in the Certification for Admissions sections of this document. Organ means solid organ; stem cell; bone marrow; and tissue.

Benefits may vary if an Institute of Excellence (IOE) facility or non-IOE is used. In addition, some expenses listed below are payable only within the IOE network. The IOE facility must be specifically approved and designated by Aetna to perform the procedure you require. A transplant will be covered as preferred care only if performed in a facility that has been designated as an IOE facility for the type of transplant in question. Any treatment or service related to transplants that is provided by a facility that is not specified as an IOE network

facility, even if the facility is considered as a preferred facility for other types of services, will be covered at the non-preferred level. Please read each section carefully.

### Covered Transplant Expenses

Covered transplant expenses include the following:

- 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 parent, sibling or child.
- Inpatient and outpatient expenses directly related to a transplant.
- 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 IOE 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.

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: (1) 180 days from the date of the transplant; or (2) 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.
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.

For the purposes of this section, the following will be considered to be one Transplant Occurrence:

- Heart
- Lung
- Heart/ Lung
- Simultaneous Pancreas Kidney (SPK)
- Pancreas
- Kidney
- Liver
- Intestine
- Bone Marrow/Stem Cell transplant

- Multiple organs replaced during one transplant surgery
- Tandem transplants (Stem Cell)
- Sequential transplants
- Re-transplant of same organ type within 189 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).

### **Limitations**

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 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

## Behavioral Health

Your mental health/substance abuse benefits will be provided by participating behavioral health providers. You do not need a referral from your PCP to obtain care from participating mental health and substance abuse providers. Instead, when you need mental health or substance abuse treatment, call the behavioral health telephone number shown on your ID card. A clinical care manager will assess your situation and refer you to participating providers, as needed.

### Mental Health Treatment

The Plan covers the following services for mental health treatment:

- Inpatient medical, nursing, counseling and therapeutic services in a hospital or non-hospital residential facility, appropriately licensed by the Department of Health or its equivalent.
- Short-term evaluation and crisis intervention mental health services provided on an outpatient basis.

## Treatment of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

The Plan covers the following services for treatment of alcohol and drug abuse:

- Inpatient care for detoxification, including medical treatment and referral services for substance abuse or addiction.
- Inpatient medical, nursing, counseling and therapeutic rehabilitation services for treatment of alcohol or drug abuse or dependency in an appropriately licensed facility.
- Outpatient visits for substance abuse detoxification. Benefits include diagnosis, medical treatment and medical referral services by your PCP.
- Outpatient visits to a participating behavioral health provider for diagnostic, medical or therapeutic rehabilitation services for substance abuse.

Outpatient treatment for substance abuse or dependency must be provided in accordance with an individualized treatment plan.

## Prescription Drugs

The Plan covers only prescription drugs administered while you are an inpatient in a covered health care facility, administered in a doctor's office, or through home infusion. Prescription drugs, if your doctor writes you a prescription, are covered through the State of Delaware's prescription benefit manager.

Please refer to the separate booklet describing the outpatient prescription drug coverage available through the State of Delaware prescription drug benefit manager.

# Exclusions and Limitations

## Exclusions

The Plan does not cover the following services and supplies:

- Acupuncture and acupuncture therapy, except when performed by a participating physician as a form of anesthesia in connection with covered surgery.
- Ambulance services, when used as routine transportation to receive inpatient or outpatient services.
- Any service in connection with, or required by, a procedure or benefit not covered by the Plan.
- Any services or supplies that are not medically necessary, as determined by Aetna.
- Biofeedback, except as specifically approved by The Plan.
- Breast augmentation and otoplasties, including treatment of gynecomastia.
- Canceled office visits or missed appointments.
- Care for conditions that, by state or local law, must be treated in a public facility, including mental illness commitments.
- Care furnished to provide a safe surrounding, including the charges for

providing a surrounding free from exposure that can worsen the disease or injury.

- Cosmetic surgery or surgical procedures primarily for the purpose of changing the appearance of any part of the body to improve appearance or self-esteem. However, the Plan covers the following:
  - reconstructive surgery to correct the results of an injury.
  - surgery to treat congenital defects (such as cleft lip and cleft palate) to restore normal bodily function.
  - surgery to reconstruct a breast after a mastectomy that was done to treat a disease, or as a continuation of a staged reconstructive procedure.
- Court-ordered services and services required by court order as a condition of parole or probation, unless medically necessary and provided by participating providers upon referral from your PCP.
- Custodial care and rest cures.
- Dental care and treatment, except as specified under “Your Benefits”. The Plan does not cover:
  - care, filling, removal or replacement of teeth,
  - dental services related to the gums,
  - apicoectomy (dental root resection),
  - orthodontics,

- root canal treatment,
- soft tissue impactions,
- alveolectomy,
- augmentation and vestibuloplasty treatment of periodontal disease,
- prosthetic restoration of dental implants, and
- dental implants.
- Drugs and medicines which by law need a physician’s prescription and for which no coverage is provided under the Prescription Drug Expense Coverage.
- Educational services, special education, remedial education or job training. The Plan does not cover evaluation or treatment of learning disabilities, minimal brain dysfunction, developmental and learning disorders, behavioral training or cognitive rehabilitation. Services, treatment, and educational testing and training related to behavioral (conduct) problems, learning disabilities and developmental delays are not covered by the Plan.
- Expenses that are the legal responsibility of Medicare or a third party payor.
- Experimental and investigational services and procedures; ineffective surgical, medical, psychiatric, or dental treatments or procedures; research studies; or other experimental or investigational health care procedures or pharmacological regimes, as

determined by Aetna, unless approved by Aetna in advance.

This exclusion will not apply to drugs:

- that have been granted treatment investigational new drug (IND) or Group c/treatment IND status,
- that are being studied at the Phase III level in a national clinical trial sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, or
- that Aetna has determined, based upon scientific evidence, demonstrate effectiveness or show promise of being effective for the disease.

Refer to the “Glossary” for a definition of “experimental or investigational.”

- False teeth.
- Hair analysis.
- Health services, including those related to pregnancy, that are provided before your coverage is effective or after your coverage has been terminated.
- Hearing aids, eyeglasses, or contact lenses or the fitting thereof, except as specified in the “Copayment Schedule”.
- Household equipment, including (but not limited to) the purchase or rental of exercise cycles, air purifiers, central or unit air conditioners, water purifiers, hypo-allergenic pillows, mattresses or waterbeds, is not covered. Improvements to your home

or place of work, including (but not limited to) ramps, elevators, handrails, stair glides and swimming pools, are not covered.

- Hypnotherapy, except when approved in advance by Aetna.
- Immunizations related to travel or work.
- Implantable drugs
- Infertility services, except as described under “Your Benefits.” The Plan does not cover:
  - purchase of donor sperm and any charges for the storage of sperm.
  - purchase of donor eggs, and any charges associated with care of the donor required for donor egg retrievals or transfers or gestational carriers.
  - cryopreservation and storage of cryopreserved embryos.
  - all charges associated with a gestational carrier program (surrogate parenting) for the Plan participant or the gestational carrier.
  - drugs related to the treatment of non-covered benefits or related to the treatment of infertility that are not medically necessary.
  - injectable infertility drugs.
  - the costs for home ovulation prediction kits.

- services for couples in which one of the partners has had a previous sterilization procedure, with or without reversal.
- services for females with FSH levels greater than 19 mIU/ml on day 3 of the menstrual cycle.
- services for members over age 45 are excluded
- Orthoptics (a technique of eye exercises designed to correct the visual axes of eyes not properly coordinated for binocular vision).
- Orthotics.
- Outpatient supplies, including (but not limited to) outpatient medical consumable or disposable supplies such as syringes, incontinence pads, elastic stockings and reagent strips,
- Personal comfort or convenience items, including services and supplies that are not directly related to medical care, such as guest meals and accommodations, barber services, telephone charges, radio and television rentals, homemaker services, travel expenses, take-home supplies, and other similar items and services.
- Private duty while inpatient or special nursing care. Also, private duty nursing services provided outside of the home (e.g., while attending daycare, preschool or school) or while traveling.

- Radial keratotomy, including related procedures designed to surgically correct refractive errors.
- Recreational, educational and sleep therapy, including any related diagnostic testing.
- Religious, marital and sex counseling, including related services and treatment.
- Reversal of voluntary sterilizations, including related follow-up care.
- Routine hand and foot care services, including routine reduction of nails, calluses and corns.
- Services not covered by the Plan, even when your PCP has issued a referral for those services.
- Services or supplies covered by any automobile insurance policy, up to the policy's amount of coverage limitation.
- Services provided by your close relative (your spouse, child, brother, sister, or the parent of you or your spouse) for which, in the absence of coverage, no charge would be made.
- Services required by a third party, including (but not limited to) physical examinations, diagnostic services and immunizations in connection with:
  - obtaining or continuing employment,
  - obtaining or maintaining any license issued by a municipality, state or federal government,
  - securing insurance coverage,
  - travel, and
  - school admissions or attendance, including examinations required to participate in athletics, unless the service is considered to be part of an appropriate schedule of wellness services.
- Services and supplies that are not medically necessary.
- Services you are not legally obligated to pay for in the absence of this coverage.
- Special education, including lessons in sign language to instruct a Plan participant whose ability to speak has been lost or impaired to function without that ability.
- Special medical reports, including those not directly related to the medical treatment of a Plan participant (such as employment or insurance physicals) and reports prepared in connection with litigation.
- Specific injectable drugs, including:
  - experimental drugs or medications, or drugs or medications that have not been proven safe and effective for a specific disease or approved for a mode of treatment by the FDA and the National Institutes of Health, injectable drugs not considered medically necessary or used for cosmetic, performance, or enhancement purposes, or not specifically covered under this plan,
  - drugs related to treatments not covered by the Plan, and
  - drugs related to the treatment of infertility, contraception, and performance-enhancing steroids.
- 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.
- Speech therapy for treatment of delays in speech development, unless resulting from disease, injury, or congenital defects.
- Surgical operations, procedures or treatment of obesity, except when approved in advance by Aetna.
- Therapy or rehabilitation, including (but not limited to):
  - primal therapy.
  - chelation therapy.
  - rolfing.
  - psychodrama.
  - megavitamin therapy.
  - purging.
  - bioenergetic therapy.
  - vision perception training.
  - carbon dioxide therapy.
- Thermograms and thermography.

- Transsexual surgery, sex change or transformation. The Plan does not cover any procedure, treatment or related service designed to alter a Plan participant's physical characteristics from their biologically determined sex to those of another sex, regardless of any diagnosis of gender role or psychosexual orientation problems.
- Treatment in a federal, state or governmental facility, including care and treatment provided in a nonparticipating hospital owned or operated by any federal, state or other governmental entity, except to the extent required by applicable laws.
- Treatment, including therapy, supplies and counseling, for sexual dysfunctions or inadequacies that do not have a physiological or organic basis.
- Treatment of diseases, injuries or disabilities related to military service for which you are entitled to receive treatment at government facilities that are reasonably available to you.
- Treatment of injuries sustained while committing a felony.
- Treatment of mental retardation, defects and deficiencies. This exclusion does not apply to mental health services or medical treatment of the retarded individual as described under "Your Benefits."
- Treatment of occupational injuries and occupational diseases, including injuries

that arise out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit, or in any way result from a disease or injury which does. If you are covered under a Workers' Compensation law or similar law, and submit proof that you are not covered for a particular disease or injury under such law, that disease or injury will be considered "non-occupational," regardless of cause.

- Treatment of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) syndrome, including (but not limited to):
  - treatment performed by placing a prosthesis directly on the teeth,
  - surgical and non-surgical medical and dental services, and
  - diagnostic or therapeutic services related to TMJ.
- Weight reduction programs and dietary supplements.

## Limitations

In the event there are two or more alternative medical services that, in the judgment of Aetna, are equivalent in quality of care, the Plan reserves the right to cover only the least costly service, as determined by Aetna, provided that Aetna approves coverage for the service or treatment in advance.

## In Case of Medical Emergency

### Guidelines

If you need emergency care, you are covered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere in the world. Aetna has adopted the following definition of an emergency medical condition from the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997:

An emergency medical condition is a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson (including the parent of a minor child or the guardian of a disabled individual), who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in:

- Placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy;
- Serious impairment to bodily function; or
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

Some examples of emergencies are:

- Heart attack or suspected heart attack.
- Suspected overdose of medication.
- Poisoning.
- Severe burns.

- Severe shortness of breath.
- High fever (especially in infants).
- Uncontrolled or severe bleeding.
- Loss of consciousness.

Whether you are in or out of Aetna’s service area, we ask that you follow the guidelines below when you believe you may need emergency care.

1. Call your PCP first, if possible. Your PCP is required to provide urgent care and emergency coverage 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays. However, if a delay would be detrimental to your health, seek the nearest emergency facility, or dial 911 or your local emergency response service.
2. After assessing and stabilizing your condition, the emergency facility should contact your PCP so they can assist the treating physician by supplying information about your medical history.
3. If you are admitted to an inpatient facility, notify your PCP as soon as reasonably possible. The emergency room copayment will be waived if you are admitted to the hospital.
4. All follow-up care must be coordinated by your PCP.
5. If you go to an emergency facility for treatment that Aetna determines is non-emergency in nature, you will be

responsible for the bill. The Plan does not cover non-emergency use of the emergency room.

## Follow-Up Care After Emergencies

All follow-up care should be coordinated by your PCP. You must have a referral from your PCP and approval from Aetna to receive follow-up care from a nonparticipating provider. Whether you were treated inside or outside your Aetna service area, you must obtain a referral before any follow-up care can be covered. Suture removal, cast removal, X-rays, and clinic and emergency room revisits are some examples of follow-up care.

## Urgent Care

Treatment that you obtain outside of your service area for an urgent medical condition is covered if:

- The service is a covered benefit;
- You could not reasonably have anticipated the need for the care prior to leaving the network service area; and
- A delay in receiving care until you could return and obtain care from a participating network provider would have caused serious deterioration in your health.

Urgent care from participating providers within your service area is covered if your PCP

is not reasonably available to provide services to you. You should first seek care through your PCP. Referrals to participating urgent care providers are not required, but the care must be urgent, non-preventive or non-routine.

Some examples of urgent medical conditions are:

- Severe vomiting
- Sore throat
- Earaches
- Fever

Follow-up care provided by your PCP is covered, subject to the office visit copayment. Other follow-up care by participating specialists is fully covered with a prior written or electronic referral from your PCP, subject to the specialist copay shown in the “Copayment Schedule.”

## Walk-in Clinic Visits

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

Unscheduled, non-emergency illnesses and injuries; and the administration of certain immunizations administered within the scope of the clinic’s license.

Walk-in Clinics are network, free-standing health care facilities. They are an alternative to a physician’s office visit for treatment of unscheduled, non-emergency illnesses and injuries and the administration of certain immunizations. 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.

## What to Do Outside Your Aetna Service Area

Members who are traveling outside the service area, or students who are away at school, are covered for emergency care and treatment of urgent medical conditions. Urgent care may be obtained from a private practice physician, a walk-in clinic, or an urgent care center. An urgent medical condition that occurs outside your Aetna service area can be treated in any of the above settings. You should call your PCP before receiving treatment from a non-participating urgent care provider.

If, after reviewing information submitted to Aetna by the provider(s) who supplied your care, the nature of the urgent or emergency problem does not clearly qualify for coverage, it may be necessary to provide additional information. Aetna will send you an Emergency Room Notification Report or a customer service professional (CSP) can take this information over the telephone.

## Telemedicine Consultations

Covered Benefits include charges made by a Physician, PCP or Provider for a routine, non-emergency, medical consultation. You must make your Telemedicine appointment through an Aetna authorized internet service vendor. You may have to register with that internet service vendor. Information about providers who are signed up with an authorized vendor may be found in the provider Directory or online in DocFind on [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com) or by calling the number on your Member identification card.

## Specialist Physician Benefits

Covered Benefits include outpatient and inpatient services.

Member may request a second opinion regarding a proposed surgery or course of treatment recommended by Member's PCP or a Specialist. Second opinions must be obtained by a Participating Provider and are subject to precertification.

Covered Benefits also include Telemedicine consultations. Registration with a service vendor may be required. Information about Participating Providers who conduct Telemedicine consultations may be found in the provider Directory, online in DocFind on [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com) or by calling the number on your Member identification card.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** For a description of the preventive care benefits covered under this Certificate Booklet, refer to the Preventive Care Benefits section in this Certificate Booklet.

# Special Programs

## Discount Arrangements

From time to time, Aetna may offer, provide, or arrange for discount arrangements or special rates from certain service providers such as, optometrists, dentists, alternative medicine, wellness and healthy living providers to persons covered under the 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 covered persons for the provision of any such goods and/or services. Aetna reserves the right to modify or discontinue such arrangements at any time. These discount arrangements are not insurance. There are no benefits payable to covered persons nor does Aetna compensate providers for services they may render.

## Aetna Natural Products and Services<sup>SM</sup> Discount Programs

You and your family can save on complementary health care products and professional services, not traditionally covered by your health benefit plan, through the Aetna

Natural Products and Services discount program. All products and services are delivered through American Specialty Health Incorporated (ASH) and its subsidiaries, American Specialty Health Networks, Inc. (ASH Networks) and Healthyroads, Inc. ASH is a recognized leader in the complementary health care market.

You can access the following services from participating natural therapy professionals at reduced rates: acupuncture, chiropractic care, massage therapy and dietetic counseling. You can also purchase the following health-related products at a discount: over-the-counter vitamins, herbal and nutritional supplements, and natural products.

For more information or to locate participating natural therapy professionals, call the Member Services number on your ID card or visit the Aetna Natural Products and Services discount program page in Aetna Navigator by logging onto our website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).

## Aetna Fitness<sup>SM</sup> Discount Program

You and your family members can save on gym memberships, programs and other products and services that support your healthy lifestyle with the Aetna Fitness

discount program, offered with services provided by GlobalFit<sup>TM</sup>.

With the Aetna Fitness discount program, you have access to:

- Thousands of gyms nationwide and in Canada, including well-known national chains and independent local facilities
- Preferred rates\*
- Flexible membership options, guest privileges\*\* at participating network gyms when traveling and free guest passes\*\* to try participating gyms before joining
- Convenient billing options

Plus more support for your healthy lifestyles with access to:

- At-home weight loss programs
- Home exercise products and equipment
- One-on-one health coaching services\*\*\*

For more information, call the Member Services number on your ID card or visit the Aetna Fitness discount program page in Aetna Navigator by logging onto our website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com). You can also contact GlobalFit directly at 1-800-298-7800.

\*Participation in GlobalFit is for new gym members only. Membership to a gym of which you are now, or were recently, a member may not be available.

\*\*Not available at all gyms.

\*\*\*Provided by WellCall, Inc. through GlobalFit.

## Aetna Hearing<sup>SM</sup> Discount Program

Plan participants are eligible to receive discounts on hearing aids. The discount program includes savings on many styles, from complete canal to behind-the-ear hearing aids from leading manufacturers. Available devices include the newest technologies, such as programmable and digital instruments. Plan participants have a choice of over 1,800 participating locations across the country.

To access the discount program, members must call HearPO<sup>®</sup> customer service (weekdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., EST) at 1-888-HEARING (1-888-432-7464). Identify yourself as an Aetna member, and you will be sent a referral packet to a conveniently located provider. Make an appointment with your selected provider after you receive the packet, and you will receive the discounts at the point of sale.

## Aetna Weight Management<sup>SM</sup> Discount Program

Aetna's Weight Management discount program can help you achieve your weight loss goals and develop a balanced approach to your active lifestyle. This program provides Aetna members and their eligible family members access to discounts on eDiets<sup>®</sup> diet plans and products, Jenny Craig<sup>®</sup> weight loss programs and products and Nutrisystem<sup>®</sup> weight loss meal plans.

### eDiets

You can save 30 percent on the online monthly plan membership dues. Once you enroll, you can upgrade to an online annual plan and save 20 percent on the already discounted annual plan price. When you enroll in an online plan, you can choose from over 20 online diet plans. Or, you can enroll in the Meal Delivery Plan (5-day or 7-day) and save 15 percent on the cost of food, delivered right to your door. Once you enroll in a plan, you'll receive one-on-one professional support, customized menus, unlimited access to the eDiets interactive community, a personalized fitness plan, live phone, chat and email support from certified and registered dietitians, 24/7 online member support and more.

You can also save 15 percent on all purchases from the eDiets Online Store and choose from DVDs, CDs, fitness and exercise equipment and more.

### Jenny Craig

Start with a FREE 30-day program\*, then receive 25 percent off a Jenny Craig Premium Program\* available at participating Jenny Craig centres and through Jenny Craig At Home. You also receive individual weekly schedule weight loss consultations, personalized menu planning, tailored activity planning, motivational materials, 24/7 customer care support, online support and free Jenny e-tools, message boards, live chat and much more.

### Nutrisystem

You can save 12 percent on any 28-day Nutrisystem<sup>®</sup> weight loss meal plan\*\* plus any other discount offers available from Nutrisystem at the time you enroll. Choose from Basic, Silver, Diabetic, Vegetarian and the Nutrisystem<sup>®</sup>Select™ programs and take advantage of meal plans for men and women. Create your own 28-day menu (choose a breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert for each day) or start with a pre-selected Favorite

\*Food and, if applicable, shipping not included. Offer applies to initial membership fee only and is valid at participating centres in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico and through Jenny Craig At Home. Each offer is a separate offer and can be used only once per person. Restrictions apply.

\*\*Aetna discount offers do not apply to any program in which you are already enrolled. To receive the discounted rate, you must wait until your current program ends. Discounts do not apply to Nu-Kitchen Fresh for Nutrisystem and Nutrisystem Flex.

Foods Package, delivered right to your door. You'll also receive any easy-to-follow meal plan, free online membership with access to an extensive array of online tools, tracker, newsletter content and more, unlimited telephone and online counseling by trained weight loss counselors and dietitians, Online Mindset Makeover™ behavioral guide and much more.

## Aetna Book<sup>SM</sup> Discount Program

The Aetna Book<sup>SM</sup> discount program provides you with access to discounts on books and other items purchased from the American Cancer Society Bookstore, the [MayoClinic.com](http://MayoClinic.com) Bookstore and Pranamaya.

Through the American Cancer Society Bookstore and the [MayoClinic.com](http://MayoClinic.com) Bookstore, you can choose from a variety of different books and other items like DVDs and greeting cards covering topics such as healthy living, staying in shape, living with certain health conditions and specific topics related to cancer. Through Pranamaya, choose from a variety of yoga DVDs, CDs, books and online videos featuring different yoga instructors and styles.

Through the American Cancer Society Bookstore, you will receive a 30% discount on your purchase of books, greeting cards and

kits\*\*\* plus free standard shipping to U.S. addresses. You can choose from two main categories, offering a selection of over 50 different books for adults and children:

- Stay Well - healthy living, disease prevention, smoking cessation, etc.
- Get Well - cancer treatments, side effects, caregiving, etc.

You will receive a 10% discount when you order online at the [MayoClinic.com](http://MayoClinic.com) Bookstore, plus receive free standard shipping. (Mayo Clinic newsletters are regular price. No discounts apply.)

You can choose from 25 different categories. There are over 30 different books and DVDs containing recipes for healthy living, advice on staying in shape, guidance for living with certain health conditions, and more. Many publications are also available in Spanish\*\*\*\*!

Through Pranamaya, you can save 25% on yoga DVDs, CDs, books and online videos.

Choose from a variety of products from well-renowned yoga instructors, including DVDs from Paul Grilley and Sarah Powers and Gary Kraftsow's acclaimed Viniyoga Therapy for Back Care series. You can also find products featuring different yoga styles, such as Vinyasa, Yin Yoga and more.

For more information, call the Member Services number on your ID card or visit the Aetna Book discount program page in Aetna Navigator by logging onto [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).

## Member Health Education Programs

The key to a long, healthy life is developing good health habits and sticking with them. Through the use of educational materials, Aetna's innovative Member Health Education Programs offer health education, preventive care and wellness programs to Plan participants. These programs provide materials that, in conjunction with care and advice from a physician, help promote a healthy lifestyle and good health.

To obtain information on Member Health Education Programs, call the toll-free number on your ID card or visit [www.aetna.com/products/health\\_education.html](http://www.aetna.com/products/health_education.html).

## Childhood Immunization Program

Children need immunizations to protect them from a number of dangerous childhood diseases that could have very serious complications. Vaccines have been proven to be powerful tools for preventing certain diseases. It has been shown over time that the risks of serious illness from not

\*\*\*Includes two or more books combined as a special discount package.

\*\*\*\*Spanish publications are offered through Libros de Salud. No discounts apply. Libros de Salud is a third party Web site, which is not part of the [MayoClinic.com](http://MayoClinic.com) Bookstore.

vaccinating children far outweigh any risk of reaction to immunization. The common childhood diseases that vaccinations can guard against are:

- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Polio
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Haemophilus influenzae type B
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (chicken pox)

To promote good health through prevention, the Childhood Immunization Program sends immunization reminders to parents of children covered under this Plan.

An 18-month reminder is sent to families encouraging parents to schedule immunization visits with their pediatrician or family doctor if their child is not already fully immunized. This reminder contains a list of immunizations recommended at 18 months.\* The objective of this reminder is to help promote timely childhood immunizations and to stress the importance of completing immunizations.

If you have questions about specific vaccinations, please call your pediatrician or your family doctor.

## Adolescent Immunization

Adolescents need to see their doctors regularly for physical exams and screenings and to update immunizations. To reinforce the importance of protecting their children's health, parents of all 11- and 12-year-olds are sent a newsletter that includes examination and immunization schedule recommended for these age groups. This reminder is in the form of a newsletter provided by Merck & Co., Inc.

## Preventive Reminders

Influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia and colorectal cancer are serious health threats. Each year, Aetna sends a preventive health care reminder to households with a member who is particularly vulnerable to one or more of these diseases – adults who are age 50 and older, children ages 6-23 months, and people over age 2 with a chronic condition such as asthma, congestive heart failure, or chronic renal failure.

The reminder stresses the importance of receiving vaccines to prevent influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia, as well as completing appropriate colorectal cancer screening.

## Cancer Screening Programs

Early detection and treatment is important in helping our members lead longer, healthier lives. Member Health Education provides members with an important means of early detection.

## Breast Cancer Screening

Beginning annually at age 40, each female Plan participant is sent information that stresses the importance of mammography, breast self-examination and annual gynecological exams. The mailer also includes information about menopause and heart disease. The mailer may also include information on participating mammography centers or information for women who have chosen a primary care physician with a capitated radiology office.

## Cervical

Gynecological examinations and Pap smears are vital to women's health because they are often the first step in the detection and treatment of abnormalities. This program reminds female members, starting at 18 years of age, to get exams and Pap smears on a regular basis. Annually, female members are sent information stressing the importance of annual gynecological exams, direct access to care, as well as instructions on how to perform breast self-examination.

\* Source: Office of Prevention and Health Promotion, in cooperation with the agencies of Public Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Association of Pediatrics (AAP), and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

## Colorectal

The colorectal cancer cure rate can exceed 80 percent when detected early. We encourage you to discuss questions about colorectal cancer screening with your physician. Together you and your physician can choose the most appropriate method of colorectal cancer screening. Aetna sends annual reminders stressing the importance of completing appropriate colorectal cancer screening.

## Numbers-to-Know™ — Hypertension and Cholesterol Management

Aetna created Numbers To Know™ to promote blood pressure and cholesterol monitoring. The Numbers To Know mailer is sent to Plan participants who are targeted by selected diagnoses within specific age groups. The mailer includes helpful tips on blood pressure and cholesterol management; desirable goals for blood pressure and cholesterol; and a tri-fold wallet card to track blood pressure, total cholesterol, medication and dosage information.

Hypertension and high cholesterol are never “cured” but may be controlled with lifestyle changes and adherence to a treatment plan. You can help to stay “heart healthy” by monitoring your blood pressure and blood cholesterol numbers.

Numbers To Know can help encourage you to understand your illness, monitor your high blood pressure and high cholesterol and work with your physician to develop an appropriate treatment plan.

## Aetna SmartSource

Aetna SmartSource delivers information that’s specific to you based on where you live, your selected Aetna health benefits and other information. With one search, Aetna SmartSource provides relevant information to make important decisions about caring for your health needs. Simply enter a condition or symptom. Aetna SmartSource does the work for you, scanning Aetna’s vast resources to bring you.

- Doctors in your local area that specialize in treating your condition - and who participate in your health plan.
- Commonly prescribed medications and treatment options associated with your condition.
- Estimated health costs.
- Aetna programs and discounts that may help you manage your health needs.
- Easy-to-understand health articles and tips.

Aetna SmartSource provides your search results in a HealthMap, a handy visual diagram that helps you gain a deeper understanding of the condition or symptom you’re searching for. With the HealthMap, you’ll see the full spectrum of your health topic - including symptoms, treatment options, preventive steps and more - to help you see and plan for the road ahead.

You can access Aetna SmartSource through Aetna Navigator.™

## Aetna Vision Discounts<sup>SM\*</sup>

Plan participants are eligible to receive discounts on eyeglasses, contact lenses and nonprescription items such as sunglasses and contact lens solutions through the Aetna Vision Discounts program at thousands of locations nationwide. Just call 1-800-793-8616 for information and the location nearest you.

Plan participants are also eligible to receive a discount off the usual retail charge for Lasik surgery (the laser vision corrective procedure) through providers participating in the U.S. laser Network. Included in the discounted price is patient education, an initial screening, the Lasik procedure and follow-up care. To access Lasik surgery discounts, call 1-800-422-6600 and speak to a Lasik customer service representative.

\*Formerly known as the Vision One Discount Program. Vision One is a registered trademark of Cole Vision Corporation.

## Women's Health Care

Aetna is focused on the unique health care needs of women. They have designed a variety of benefits and programs to promote good health throughout each distinct life stage, and are committed to educating female Plan participants about the lifelong benefits of preventive health care.

### Support for Women with Breast Cancer

Aetna's Breast Health Education Center helps women make informed choices when they've been newly-diagnosed with breast cancer. A dedicated breast cancer nurse consultant provides the following services:

- Breast cancer information
- Second opinion options
- Information about community resources
- Benefit eligibility
- Help with accessing participating providers for:
  - Wigs
  - Lymphedema pumps

Call 1-888-322-8742 to reach Aetna's Breast Health Education Center.

### Confidential Genetic Testing for Breast and Ovarian Cancers

Aetna covers confidential genetic testing for Plan participants who have never had breast or ovarian cancer, but have a strong familial history of the disease. Screening test results are reported directly to the provider who ordered the test.

### Direct Access for OB/GYN Visits

This program allows a female Plan participant to visit any participating gynecologist for one routine well-woman exam (including a Pap smear) per year, without a referral from her PCP. The Plan also covers additional visits for treatment of gynecological problems and follow-up care, without a PCP referral.

Participating general gynecologists may also refer a woman directly for appropriate gynecological services without the patient having to go back to her participating PCP.

If your gynecologist is affiliated with an IDS or provider group, such as an independent practice association (IPA), you may be required to coordinate your care through that IDS or provider group.

### Infertility Case Management and Education

Infertility treatment can be an emotional experience for couples. Aetna's infertility case management unit provides Plan participants with educational materials and assistance with coordinating covered infertility care. A dedicated team of registered nurses and infertility coordinators staffs the unit.

## Beginning Right Maternity Program<sup>SM</sup>

The Beginning Right Maternity Program provides you with maternity health care information, and guides you through pregnancy. This program provides:

- Educational materials on prenatal care, labor and delivery, postpartum depression and breastfeeding
- Specialized information for Dad or partner
- Web-based materials and access to program services through Women's Health Online
- Care coordination by trained obstetrical nurses
- Access to Smoke-free Moms-to-be<sup>®</sup> smoking cessation program for pregnant women
- Preterm labor education
- Access to breastfeeding support services

Under the program, all care during your pregnancy is coordinated by your participating obstetrical care provider and program case managers, so there is no need to return to your PCP for referrals. However, your obstetrician will need to request a referral from Aetna for any tests performed outside of the office. To ensure that you are covered, please make sure your obstetrician has obtained this referral before the tests are performed.

Another important feature, Pregnancy Risk Assessment, identifies women who may need more specialized prenatal and/or postnatal care due to medical history or present health status. If risk is identified, the program assists you and your physician in coordinating any specialty care that may be medically necessary.

# Eligibility



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## Who Can Be Covered

Your plan may cover:

- You;
- Your spouse by marriage; or;
- Your children.

**NOTE:** The State of Delaware requires proof of dependency.

You Are Eligible To Be Covered If:

- You are a regular officer or employee of the State;
- You are a regular officer or employee of a State agency or school district;
- You are a pensioner already receiving a State pension;
- You are a per diem and contractual employee of the Delaware General Assembly and have been continuously employed for 5 or more years;
- You are regularly scheduled full-time employee of any Delaware authority or commission participating in the State's Group Health Insurance Program;
- You are a regularly scheduled full-time employee of the Delaware Stadium Corporation or the Delaware Riverfront Corporation;

- You are a paid employee of any volunteer fire or volunteer ambulance company participating in the State's Group Health Insurance Program;
- You are a regularly scheduled full-time employee of any county, soil and water conservation district or municipality participating in the Group Health Insurance program;
- You are receiving or eligible to receive retirement benefits in accordance with the Delaware County and Municipal Police/Firefighter Pension Plan with Chapter 88 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code or the county and municipal pension plan under Chapter 55A of Title 29 of the Delaware Code.
- You are a pensioner eligible to receive a State pension.

### Coverage Administration for Spouses

You may enroll your spouse. A spouse is one of two persons united in marriage that is recognized by and valid under Delaware law.

Information on civil union or same-gender marriage, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), tax dependent status, coverage codes, health plan rates and enrollment is available at [www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/cusgm](http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/cusgm).

The benefits for spouses enrolled under this contracted health plan are as follows:

- We pay normal plan benefits if your spouse isn't employed.
- We pay after your spouse's plan pays if your spouse:
  - is eligible for, and,
  - is enrolled in a health benefit plan sponsored by his/her employer or by an organization from which he or she is collecting a pension benefit or
  - is enrolled in an individual health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace.
- We pay 20% of allowable covered charges if your spouse's employer provides a benefit plan or cash in lieu of a benefit plan, or an organization from which your spouse is collecting a pension provides a benefit plan or cash in lieu of a benefit plan, and your spouse:
  - is eligible for, and,
  - is not enrolled in that plan or
  - is not enrolled in an individual health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

The combined payments can't be more than 100% of covered charges. Additional information can be found in the Coordination of Benefits section.

## Children

To be covered, a child must be:

- under age 26; and,
- either:
  - born to you or your spouse;
  - adopted by you or your spouse; or,
  - placed in your home for adoption; or
- someone for whom health care coverage is your or your spouse's responsibility under the terms of a Qualified Medical Child Support Order. A copy of the order must be provided to your Human Resources/Benefits Office.

The State of Delaware requires proof of dependency when submitting application for coverage, such as a birth certificate or adoption papers.

## Disabled Children

Disabled children can be covered after age 26. They may be covered if:

- They were continuously covered as a dependent by a parent's health plan before reaching age 26;
- They are not married;
- They cannot support themselves because of a disability;
- Their disability happened before age 26;
- They depend on you for at least 50% of support;
- Disability is expected to last more than 12 months or result in death; and

- They are not eligible for coverage under Medicare, unless federal or state law requires otherwise.

Other rules may apply in the case of divorced parents.

You must file a Request for Continuation of Coverage for Handicapped Child form with Aetna. A Handicapped Child Attending Physician Statement is also required. Forms are available at [www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna](http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna). Aetna can also provide you with the forms if you request them from Aetna Member Services.

You must print the form, complete it, obtain physician's information and signature, and mail the form to Aetna at the address provided on the form.

## Coverage for Other Children

You may also cover a child who is not your or your spouse's natural or adoptive child if the child is:

- Unmarried; and
- Living with you in a regular parent-child relationship; and
- Dependent on you for support and qualifies as your dependent under Internal Revenue Code Sections 105 and 152; and
- Is under age 19; or
- Is a full-time student and under age 24.

For each child, you are required to show proof of dependency, such as a birth certificate, court

order or federal tax return. The applicable documents must be provided to your Human Resources/Benefits Office upon enrollment. You must request enrollment within 30 days of the date the child became eligible.

You must also submit a Statement of Support form to verify you provide at least 50 percent support for the child upon enrollment and any time there are changes to the support you provide. The Statement of Support form is available at [www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna](http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna). Please print the form, complete it, and provide to your Human Resources/Benefits Office.

You must also submit a Full-Time Student Certification form for each child between the ages of 19 and under age 24, when the child is initially eligible as a full-time student, each time the child's student status changes, and for each school semester. The Full-Time Student Certification form is available at [www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna](http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna). Please print the form, complete it, and provide to your Human Resources/Benefits Office.

## Special Enrollment Period for Certain Individuals Who Lose Other Health Coverage

You or an eligible dependent may be enrolled during a special enrollment period, if requirements a, b, c, and d are met:

- a. You or your eligible dependent was covered under another group health plan or other

- health insurance coverage when initially eligible for coverage under the Plan.
- b. You or your eligible dependent previously declined coverage in writing under the Plan;
  - c. You or your eligible dependent loses coverage under the other group health plan or other health insurance coverage for one of the following reasons:
    - i. the other group health coverage is COBRA continuation coverage under another plan, and the COBRA continuation coverage under that other plan has since been exhausted; or,
    - ii. the other coverage is a group health plan or other health insurance coverage, and the other coverage has been terminated because you or your dependent lose eligibility for the coverage or employer contributions towards the other coverage have been terminated.

Loss of eligibility includes the following:

- a loss of coverage as a result of legal separation, divorce, or death;
- termination of employment;
- reduction in the number of hours of employment;
- any loss of eligibility after a period that is measured by reference to any of the foregoing;

- termination of Plan coverage due to you or your dependent moving outside of the Plan's service area; and also the termination of health coverage including Non-HMO, due to plan termination;
- plan ceases to offer coverage to a group of similarly situated individuals;
- cessation of a dependent's status as an eligible dependent;
- termination of benefit package;
- with respect to coverage under Medicaid or an S-Chip Plan (State Children's Health Insurance Program), you or your dependents no longer qualify for such coverage.
- d. You or your dependents become eligible for premium assistance, with respect to coverage under the Plan, under Medicaid or an S-Chip Plan.

Loss of eligibility does not include a loss due to failure of you or your dependent to pay premiums on a timely basis or due to termination of coverage for cause as referenced in the Termination of Coverage section of this Plan Description and

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

- 30 days of the loss of coverage under the other group health plan or other health insurance coverage;

- 60 days of when coverage under Medicaid or an S-Chip Plan ends; or
- 60 days of the date you or your dependents become eligible for Medicaid or S-Chip premium assistance.

### Medicare Eligibility and Enrollment

You, and your spouse, are eligible to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B based on age when you turn 65 or sooner based on being disabled. In accordance with 29 Delaware Code § 5203(b) and the State of Delaware's Group Health Insurance Program's Eligibility and Enrollment Rule 4.08 you and your spouse must enroll in Medicare upon eligibility. Failure to enroll and maintain enrollment in Medicare Parts A and B when eligible may result in you, as the subscriber, being held financially responsible for the cost of claims incurred, including prescription costs, for you and your spouse. The following information is for you and your spouse.

Medicare Part A helps cover inpatient care in hospitals and is provided at no charge to you. Medicare Part B helps cover doctors' and other health care providers' services, outpatient care, durable medical equipment, and home health care and is provided to you at a monthly cost to you as determined by the Social Security Administration.

If you are a benefit eligible active employee, or the spouse of a benefit eligible active employee, about three months before turning 65:

- Visit your local Social Security Administration Office and apply for Medicare Part A;
- Advise your Human Resources/Benefits Office that you have applied;
- When you receive your Medicare Part A card, provide your Human Resources/Benefits Office with a copy of your card.

Active employees and their spouses who are age 65 or older have a right to decide which medical plan will be their primary insurer: either the employer health plan or Medicare.

If you or your spouse selects Medicare as primary, the State cannot offer or subsidize a health plan to supplement Medicare's benefits. If you choose, BCBSD may remain your primary plan while you are an active employee.

- About three months before retirement, you must apply for Medicare Part B

If you are a State of Delaware pensioner, or the spouse of a State of Delaware pensioner, about three months before turning 65:

- Visit your local Social Security Administration Office and apply for Medicare Parts A and B;

- Advise the State's Office of Pensions that you have applied;
- When you receive your Medicare Parts A and B card, provide the State's Office of Pensions with a copy of your identification card. The Office of Pensions will enroll you in a Medicare Supplement, Special Medicfill, plan to cover costs not covered by Medicare Parts A and B.

If you are a State of Delaware pensioner, or the spouse of a State of Delaware pensioner, and are disabled or become disabled, regardless of age:

- Visit your local Social Security Administration Office and apply for Medicare Parts A and B;
- Advise the State's Office of Pensions that you have applied;
- When you receive your Medicare Parts A and B card, provide the State's Office of Pensions with a copy of your identification card. The Office of Pensions will enroll you in a Medicare Supplement, Special Medicfill, plan to cover costs not covered by Medicare Parts A and B.

If you are denied enrollment in Medicare Parts A and/or B, then you are required to appeal and provide a copy of the denial and your appeal to the State's Office of Pensions. Failure to enroll and maintain enrollment in

Medicare Parts A and B when eligible may result in you, as the subscriber, being held financially responsible for the cost of the claims incurred, including prescription costs, for you and your spouse. Should Medicare deny your appeal and you provide a copy of the denial to the State's Office of Pensions, then you will continue to be covered under your Aetna plan with the State's Group Health Insurance Plan.

**NOTE:** The classification of being "disabled" by the State of Delaware as it relates to your ability to perform your job for the State of Delaware (or another employer for a spouse) may differ from the classification of being "disabled" by the Social Security Administration, it is always your responsibility to provide the State's Office of Pensions with your current classification by the Social Security Administration.

There are special Medicare requirements regarding some health conditions, such as End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Upon receiving a diagnosis of either of these conditions, whether you are an active employee or pensioner or spouse, you should contact Aetna's Customer Services at 1-877-542-3862 and request information on the Medicare requirements.

# Enrollment

## Types of Enrollment

You may enroll in one of these coverage types:

- Employee for you only;
- Employee and Child (ren) for you and your family;
- Employee and Spouse for you and your spouse; or
- Family for you, your spouse and your children.

## Enrollment Date

Your enrollment date is the later of:

- Your date of hire for Timely Enrollees (if you're in an employee class eligible for health coverage);
- The date you move to an employee class that is eligible for health coverage (such as going from part-time to full-time employee); or,
- The date coverage begins if you're a Special Enrollee or a Late Enrollee.

## How to Enroll

You may enroll yourself and your dependents when you are first eligible or at open enrollment by completing an enrollment form/application and returning it to your Human Resources/Benefits Office (with any premium

owed). If you want to cover your spouse, you'll need to complete the Spousal Coordination of Benefits Form. You can get both the enrollment form/application and Spousal COB form from your Human Resources/Benefits Office.

## How to Decline Coverage

You may decline coverage if you don't want to enroll when you are first eligible. You will need to complete the enrollment process indicating that you are waiving coverage as designated by your Human Resources/Benefits Office.

## Pre-existing Conditions

A pre-existing condition is an injury or illness (excluding pregnancy) for which medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment was received during the three months before enrollment in this Plan. This Plan does not include any exclusions or limitations for expenses related to any pre-existing condition.

## When Coverage Begins

When your coverage begins is determined by:

- When you are eligible for coverage; and,
- When you enroll for coverage.

There are three categories of enrollees based on when you enroll for coverage. You can be a:

- Timely Enrollee;
- Special Enrollee; or,
- Late Enrollee.

## Timely Enrollees

You are a Timely Enrollee if you enroll within 30 days (31 days for newborns) of when you are first eligible to be covered.

Coverage for new employees (and their dependents) begins:

- on the date of hire; or
- on the first of the month of any month following date of hire up to the first of the month when eligible for State/Employer Share when an employee moves to a class that is eligible for health coverage.

## Special Enrollees

You are a Special Enrollee if you request enrollment within the 30-day enrollment period. The enrollment period is within 30 days of:

- Losing other health coverage under certain conditions;
- Obtaining a new dependent because of marriage, birth (enrollment period is 31 days for newborns, see Changes in Enrollment / Newborns section), adoption, or placement in the home for adoption, or court ordered support.

Employees or dependents may qualify as Special Enrollees if the following requirements are met:

- Employees: if you're not already enrolled in this plan, you must:
    - be eligible to enroll in this plan; and,
    - enroll at the same time you enroll a dependent.
  - Spouses and Children: you're a dependent of an employee:
    - who is already enrolled or is eligible to enroll in this plan; and,
    - who enrolls at the same time you enroll.
- the employer stopped contributing; and,
  - you request enrollment within 30 days of the date
  - COBRA continuation coverage that is exhausted; or,
  - the other (non-COBRA) coverage that was lost because:
    - you lost eligibility; or,
    - the employer stopped contributing, and,
  - You can prove the loss of the other coverage by providing proof of coverage, such as a Certificate of Coverage.

If you don't request enrollment within the 30-day enrollment period, you are a Late Enrollee.

### Loss of Other Coverage

To qualify as a Special Enrollee because of loss of coverage, you (the employee or dependent) must meet all these conditions:

- You were covered under another group or individual health plan when coverage was previously offered under this plan (when first eligible or during open enrollment);
- When this plan was previously offered, you declined coverage under this plan because you had other coverage; and,
- The other coverage was either:
  - COBRA continuation coverage that is exhausted; or,
  - other (non-COBRA) coverage that was lost because:
    - you are no longer eligible;

### New Dependents

You (employee or dependent) are a Special Enrollee if the employee gets a new dependent because of:

- Marriage;
- Birth;
- Adoption;
- Placement of a child in the home for adoption; or,
- Court ordered support.

### When Coverage Begins

Coverage for Special Enrollees begins as follows if the Human Resources/Benefits Office was notified of a loss of coverage or new dependent within 30 days and your application and premium is subsequently submitted:

- Employees: the first day of the month after the loss of coverage.
- Spouses: either the date of the marriage or the first day of the month after the marriage.
- Children: either:
  - the date of birth, adoption or placement in the home for adoption;
  - the first day of the month after you request enrollment if:
    - you lost coverage under a prior plan; or,
    - you got married.

Remember, if you enroll after the 30-day enrollment period, you (and your dependents) will be Late Enrollees.

When you get married and add your spouse, you'll need to complete the Spousal Coordination of Benefits Form, available at <http://ben.omb.delaware.gov/documents/cob>, and provide copy of your Marriage/Civil Union Certificate to your Human Resources/Benefits Office. The Spousal Coordination of Benefits Form must be completed and submitted online annually or when your spouse has a change of job status or health insurance status.

## Late Enrollees

### Who Can Be a Late Enrollee

If you did not enroll as a Timely or Special Enrollee, you are a Late Enrollee. Late Enrollees can enroll at an open enrollment period.

Children are Late Enrollees if enrollment was not requested within 30 days of:

- Birth (31 days);
- Adoption;
- Placement in the home for adoption; or
- Parents married.

Coverage for Late Enrollees begins the first day of the new plan year.

## Changes in Enrollment

You can change your enrollment because of one of the reasons described below. You must enroll yourself (and any dependents) within 30 days of the date of the event. You and your dependents will be late enrollees if you are not enrolled in the 30-day waiting period.

Newborns must be enrolled within a 31-day period. See your Human Resources/Benefits Office. If added premium is due, you must pay when you enroll.

### Marriage

You may add your spouse when you get married. You must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage. If added premium is due, you must pay when you request enrollment. If you request enrollment within the 30-day period, your spouse will be a Special Enrollee. If you don't request enrollment within the 30-day period, your spouse will be a Late Enrollee.

Don't forget, when you get married you'll also need to complete the Spousal Coordination of Benefits Form and provide a copy of your marriage certificate to your Human Resources/Benefits Office. You may also add stepchildren you acquire when you marry. See section below describing coverage for other children.

### Divorce

Former spouses are not eligible for coverage under this program. You must notify your Human Resources/Benefits Office of the divorce and provide them with a copy of your divorce decree. An enrollment form/application must be completed within 30 days of the divorce. You should state "divorce" as the reason for the change.

Coverage ends on the day after the date the divorce is granted. Failure to provide notice of your divorce to your Human Resources/Benefits Office will result in you being held financially responsible for the cost of the premium as well as health care and prescription services provided to your former spouse and his or her children.

### Newborns

You may add your newborn child. A birth certificate or legal documentation needs to be supplied to your Human Resources/Benefits Office. Hospital nursery care is covered for infants when the mother is having hospital obstetrical care. If a sick infant must stay in

the hospital, the baby remains covered for the first 31 days after the infant's birth. There is no coverage after those 31 days unless:

- You have coverage that already covers dependent children. You must request enrollment for the child within 31 days of the child's birth.
- You have coverage that doesn't cover dependent children and you request enrollment for coverage that includes children. You must request enrollment for the child within 31 days of the child's birth. If added premium is due, you must pay it when you enroll.

Upon enrollment, you must provide a valid copy of the child's birth certificate.

If you request enrollment within the 31-day period, the newborn will be a Special Enrollee. If you don't request enrollment within the 31-day period, the child will be a Late Enrollee.

### Adopted Children

You may add a child because of adoption or placement in your home for adoption. A birth certificate or legal documentation needs to be supplied to your Human Resources/Benefits Office. You must request enrollment within 30 days of the date of adoption or placement in the home in order for the child to be a Special Enrollee. If you don't request enrollment within the 30-day period, the child will be a Late Enrollee.

## Other Children

You may also cover a child who is not your or your spouse's natural or adoptive child if the child is:

- Unmarried; and
- Living with you in a regular parent-child relationship; and
- Dependent on you for support and qualifies as your dependent under Internal Revenue Code Sections 105 and 152; and
- Is under age 19; or
- A full-time student and under age 24.

For each child, you are required to show proof of dependency, such as a birth certificate, court order or federal tax return. The applicable documents must be provided to your Human Resources/Benefits Office upon enrollment. You must request enrollment within 30 days of the date the child became eligible.

You must also submit a Statement of Support form to verify you provide at least 50 percent support for the child upon enrollment and any time there are changes to the support you provide. The Statement of Support form is available at [www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna](http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna). Please print the form, complete it, and provide to your Human Resources/Benefits Office.

You must also submit a Full-Time Student Certification form for each child between the ages of 19 and under age 24, when the child is

initially eligible as a full-time student, each time the child's student status changes, and for each school semester. The Full-Time Student Certification form is available at [www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna](http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna). Please print the form, complete it, and provide to your Human Resources/Benefits Office.

## When Continuation of Coverage Under COBRA Ends

You may have declined coverage under this plan when you were first eligible because you chose to keep COBRA coverage with another plan. If you enroll in this plan before your COBRA continuation coverage is exhausted, you will be a Late Enrollee.

When your COBRA continuation coverage is exhausted, you may request enrollment in this plan within 30 days. If you request enrollment within the 30-day period, you will be a Special Enrollee. If you don't request enrollment within the 30-day period, you will be a Late Enrollee.

## When Coverage Ends

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

## When Coverage Ends for Employees

Your Aetna health benefits coverage will end if:

- The Aetna health benefits plan is discontinued;
- You voluntarily stop your coverage;
- You are no longer eligible for coverage;
- You do not make any required contributions;
- You become covered under another plan offered by your employer; or
- Your employer notifies Aetna that your employment is ended.
- The date of your death.

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

Coverage terminates at the end of the month in which you leave your job.

## Your Proof of Prior Medical Coverage

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

## When Coverage Ends for Dependents

- You are no longer eligible for dependents' coverage;
- You do not make the required contribution toward the cost of dependents' coverage;

- Your own coverage ends for any of the reasons listed under When Coverage Ends for Employees;
- Your dependent is no longer eligible for coverage. In this case, coverage ends at the end of the calendar month when your dependent no longer meets the plan's definition of a dependent; or
- Your dependent becomes eligible for comparable benefits under this or any other group plan offered by your employer.
- Unless covered as a disabled child, your child's coverage ends at the end of the month in which he or she reaches:
  - age 26 if your natural or adopted child;
  - age 19 if eligible under the terms described in coverage for other children;
  - age 24 if similarly eligible and a full-time student.
- The plan is canceled. (Coverage ends the day the State of Delaware's contract ends with Aetna.)

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

## Divorce

Former spouses are not eligible for coverage under this program. You must notify your

Human Resources/Benefits Office of the divorce and provide them with a copy of your divorce decree. An enrollment form/application must be completed within 30 days of the divorce. You should state "divorce" as the reason for the change.

Coverage ends on the day after the date the divorce is granted. Failure to provide notice of your divorce to your Human Resources/Benefits Office will result in you being held financially responsible for the cost of the premium as well as health care and prescription services provided to your former spouse and his or her children.

## Continuation of Coverage

### Continuing Health Care Benefits

Continuing Coverage for Dependent Students on Medical Leave of Absence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If at the end of this 12 month continuation period, your dependent child's leave of absence from school (or change in full-time student status) continues, such child may qualify for a further continuation of coverage under the Handicapped Dependent Children provision of this plan. Please see the section, Handicapped Dependent Children, for more information.

### Handicapped Dependent Children

Health Expense Coverage for your fully handicapped dependent child may be continued past the maximum age for a dependent child. However, such coverage may not be continued if the child has been issued an individual medical conversion policy.

Your child is fully handicapped if:

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

Proof that your child is fully handicapped must be submitted to Aetna no later than 30 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.

### Continuing Your Coverage Under COBRA

You may continue your coverage after you lose coverage under this plan. This right is provided under a law called the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). If you decide to continue your coverage, you will have to pay up to 102% of the cost of coverage.

The following is a brief explanation of the law:

#### Employee

You (and your dependents) can continue coverage for up to 18 months if you lose group coverage because:

- your hours at work are reduced; or,

- your job ends (for reasons other than gross misconduct).

You, the employee, can continue coverage beyond 18 months if you:

- are disabled when you become eligible for COBRA coverage; and,
- are considered disabled under Social Security.

You are then entitled to an additional 11 months (totaling 29 months). Your cost would be 150% of the plan cost for months 19 through 29.

#### Spouse of Employee

Your spouse can continue coverage for up to 36 months if coverage ends because:

- you die;
- you divorce from your spouse; or,
- you become eligible for Medicare.

#### Dependent Child of Employee

A child can continue coverage for up to 36 months if coverage ends because:

- you die;
- you and your spouse are divorced or legally separated;
- you become eligible for Medicare; or,
- the child is no longer considered a dependent under this plan.

## Notifying the State

You need to let your Human Resources/ Benefits Office know within 30 days of:

- a divorce;
- a child losing dependent status; or,
- disability determination by Social Security

Notify your Human Resources/Benefits Office within 30 days if Social Security determines you are no longer disabled.

After you notify your Human Resources/ Benefits Office, you will be sent information about COBRA and how much it costs. You can choose to continue coverage under COBRA. If you do, then you have the right to the same coverage as the active employees. If you don't, your coverage under this plan ends.

You should contact State of Delaware's COBRA Administrator if you have any questions.

## When Your Coverage Under COBRA Ends

You can lose the coverage you continued under COBRA if:

- the State of Delaware no longer has any group health coverage;
- you don't pay the premium on time;
- you become eligible for Medicare or,
- you get coverage under another group plan. An exception may apply if the other plan:
  - has a preexisting condition waiting period; and,

- provides credit for prior creditable coverage to offset the preexisting condition waiting period.

In such cases, you can be covered under both plans.

You are eligible to receive a standard Certificate of Coverage after you lose coverage under COBRA.

## Termination for Cause

A Plan participant's coverage may be terminated for cause. "For cause" is defined as:

- Failure to make copayments: You or a member of your family fails to make any required copayment or any other payment that you are obligated to pay.
- Furnishing incorrect or incomplete information: You or a member of your family willfully furnishes incorrect or incomplete information in a statement made for the purpose of enrolling in, or obtaining benefits from, the Plan. Termination will be effective immediately.
- Fraud against the Plan: This may include, but is not limited to, allowing a person who is not a participant of the Plan to use your Aetna ID card. Termination will be effective immediately.
- Misconduct: You or a covered member of your family abuses the system, including

(but not limited to) theft, damage to the property of a participating provider, or forgery of drug prescriptions. Termination will be effective immediately.

No benefits will be provided to you and your family members once coverage is terminated.

Any termination for cause is subject to review in accordance with the Plan's grievance process. You may request that Aetna conduct a grievance hearing within 15 working days after receiving notice that coverage has been or will be terminated. Coverage will be continued until a final decision on the grievance is rendered, provided you continue to make required contributions. Termination may be retroactive to the original date of termination if the final decision is in favor of Aetna.

## Family and Medical Leave

If your employer grants you an approved family or medical leave of absence in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), you may continue coverage for yourself and your eligible dependents during your approved leave. You must agree to make any required contributions.

The continued coverage will cease when:

- You fail to make any required contribution;
- Your approved leave is determined by your employer to be terminated; or
- The Plan is discontinued.

In addition, any coverage for a dependent will not be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate.

If you do not return to work at the end of the approved leave, your employer may recover from you the cost of maintaining your benefits coverage during the entire period of the leave, unless the failure to return to work was for reasons beyond your control.

If coverage under the Plan terminates because your approved FMLA leave is deemed terminated, you may, on the date of termination, be eligible to continue coverage under COBRA on the same terms as though your employment terminated on that date. If, however, your employment is terminated because of your gross misconduct, you will not be eligible for COBRA continued coverage.

## Claim Procedures

A claim occurs whenever a Plan participant requests:

- An authorization or referral from a participating provider or Aetna; or
- Payment for items or services received.

Because you are a participant in an HMO-type plan, you do not need to submit a claim for most of your covered healthcare expenses. However, if you receive a bill for covered services, the bill must be submitted promptly to Aetna for payment. Send the itemized bill for payment with your identification number clearly marked to the address shown on your ID card.

Aetna will make a decision on your claim. For concurrent care claims, Aetna will send you written notification of an affirmative benefit determination. For other types of claims, you may only receive written notice if Aetna makes an adverse benefit determination.

Adverse benefit determinations are decisions Aetna makes that result in denial, reduction, or termination of a benefit or the amount paid for it. It also means a decision not to provide a benefit or service. Adverse benefit determinations can be made for one or more of the following reasons:

- The individual is not eligible to participate in the Plan; or
- Aetna determines that a benefit or service is not covered by the Plan because:
  - it is not included in the list of covered benefits,
  - it is specifically excluded,
  - a Plan limitation has been reached, or
  - it is not medically necessary.

Aetna will provide you with written notices of adverse benefit determinations within the time frames shown below. These time frames may be extended under certain limited circumstances. The notice you receive from Aetna will provide important information that will assist you in making an appeal of the adverse benefit determination, if you wish to do so. Please see “Complaints and Appeals” for more information about appeals.

TYPE OF CLAIM	RESPONSE TIME
<p><b>URGENT CARE CLAIM:</b> a claim for medical care or treatment where delay could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seriously jeopardize your life or health, or your ability to regain maximum function; or</li> <li>• Subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the requested care or treatment.</li> </ul>	As soon as possible but not later than 72 hours.
<p><b>PRE-SERVICE CLAIM:</b> a claim for a benefit that requires Aetna’s approval of the benefit in advance of obtaining medical care.</p>	15 calendar days
<p><b>CONCURRENT CARE CLAIM EXTENSION:</b> a request to extend a previously approved course of treatment.</p>	<p>Urgent care claim – as soon as possible, but not later than 24 hours, provided the request was received at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the approved treatment</p> <p>Other claims – 15 calendar days</p>
<p><b>CONCURRENT CARE CLAIM REDUCTION OR TERMINATION:</b> a decision to reduce or terminate a course of treatment that was previously approved.</p>	With enough advance notice to allow the Plan participant to appeal
<p><b>POST-SERVICE CLAIM:</b> a claim for a benefit that is not a pre-service claim.</p>	30 calendar days

**Extensions of Time Frames**

The time periods described in the chart may be extended.

For urgent care claims: If Aetna does not have sufficient information to decide the claim, you will be notified as soon as possible (but no more than 24 hours after Aetna receives the claim) that additional information is needed. You will then have at least 48 hours to provide the information. A decision on your claim will be made within 48 hours after the additional information is provided.

For non-urgent pre-service and post-service claims: The time frames may be extended for up to 15 additional days for reasons beyond the plan’s control. In this case, Aetna will notify you of the extension before the original notification time period has ended. If you fail to provide the information, your claim will be denied.

If an extension is necessary because Aetna needs more information to process your post service claim, Aetna will notify you and give you an additional period of at least 45 days after receiving the notice to provide the information. Aetna will then inform you of the claim decision within 15 days after the additional period has ended (or within 15 days after Aetna receives the information, if earlier). If you fail to provide the information, your claim will be denied.

## 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](http://www.aetna.com).

## 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 though 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 of 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 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 following are satisfied:

- Aetna, or the Plan or its designee, does not strictly adhere to all claim determination and appeal requirements under federal law; or
- The standard levels of appeal have been exhausted and the appeal relates to a medical judgment; or
- The standard levels of appeal have been exhausted and 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.

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 (External Review Organization)**

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.

## **Appeal to the Plan**

If you choose to appeal to the Plan or its designee following an adverse determination by External Review where applicable or an adverse determination at the final level of standard appeals, you must do so in writing, and you should send the following information:

- The specific reason(s) for the appeal;
- Copies of all past correspondence with Aetna or the ERO (including any EOBs); and
- Any applicable information that you have not yet sent to Aetna and the ERO.

If you file a voluntary appeal, you will be deemed to authorize the Plan or its designee to obtain information from Aetna relevant to your claim.

Should you remain unsatisfied with the results of Aetna's review of your appeals and the External Review, you may within 20 days of the postmark of the results of the External Review request a fourth level appeal to the following address. Your fourth level appeal will be reviewed and you will receive a written response within 30 days of receipt of your request.

**State of Delaware  
Statewide Benefits Office  
500 W. Loockerman Street, Suite 320  
Dover, DE 19904  
Phone: 1-800-489-8933 or 739-8331**

Should you remain unsatisfied with the results of your fourth level appeal, you may within 20 days of the postmark of the Statewide Benefits Office notice of denial file a written request for a fifth level appeal to the State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) to the following address. Your fifth level appeal will be reviewed and you will receive a written response within 60 days of receipt of your request.

**Chair, State Employee Benefits Committee  
RE: Appeal  
Office of Management and Budget  
Haslet Armory, Third Floor, Suite 301  
122 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. South  
Dover, DE 19901**

Should you remain unsatisfied with the results of your fifth level appeal, you may within 30 days of the postmark of the SEBC's notice of denial file a sixth level of appeal to the Delaware Superior Court.

Information on the State of Delaware's appeal process is available by calling 1-800-489-8933 or 739-8331 or can be reviewed at [www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna/index.shtml](http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna/index.shtml)

# Coordination of Benefits



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## Spouse's Benefits

You may add your spouse when you get married. You must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage. A copy of your marriage certificate is required by your Human Resources/Benefits Office. If added premium is due, you must pay when you request enrollment.

Don't forget, when you cover a spouse, you'll also need to complete the Spousal Coordination of Benefits form available at <http://ben.omb.delaware.gov/documents/cob>. The form must be completed and submitted online.

The benefits for spouses enrolled under this contracted health plan are as follows:

- We pay normal plan benefits if your spouse isn't employed.
- We pay after your spouse's plan pays if your spouse:
  - is eligible for, and,
  - is enrolled in a health benefit plan sponsored by his/her employer or by an organization from which he or she is collecting a pension benefit, or
  - is enrolled in an individual health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

- We pay 20% of allowable covered charges if your spouse's employer provides a benefit plan or cash in lieu of a benefit plan, or an organization from which your spouse is collecting a pension provides a benefit plan or cash in lieu of a benefit plan, and your spouse:
  - is eligible for, and,
  - is not enrolled in that plan or
  - is not enrolled in an individual health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

The combined payments can't be more than 100% of covered charges.

The above will not apply if your spouse is not enrolled in his/her employer's plan because your spouse:

- doesn't work full time;
- isn't eligible because he/she doesn't work enough hours to be eligible;
- isn't eligible because he/she hasn't completed a waiting period;
- has to pay more than 50% of the plan's cost (including flexible credits);
- doesn't meet the underwriting requirements of the sponsored plans; or
- is not offered health coverage at work.

You may also add any stepchildren you acquire when you marry. A birth certificate or legal documentation must be supplied to your Human Resources/Benefits Office. You must request enrollment within 30 days of the date the child becomes eligible.

## Dependent Children

You are responsible for completing a Dependent Coordination of Benefits form for each enrolled dependent regardless of age, any time the dependent is enrolled in other health coverage or upon request by the Statewide Benefits Office or Aetna. The Dependent Coordination of Benefits form is available at [www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna/](http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna/).

## Terms

These terms are used to explain the rules for Coordination of Benefits (COB):

- Allowable Expense is a necessary, reasonable and usual health care expense. The expense must be covered at least in part by a plan that covers you.
- COB Provision sets the order in which plans pay when you're covered by two or more plans.
- Other Plans is any arrangement you have that covers your health care.
- Primary Plan is the plan applied before any other plan. Benefits under this plan are set without considering the other plan's benefits.
- Secondary Plan is the plan applied after the other plan. Benefits under this plan may be cut because of the other plan's benefits.

## Order of Benefits Determination

The primary and secondary plan payments are set by these rules:

- A plan with no COB rules is primary over a plan with such rules.
- A plan that covers you as an employee is primary over a plan that covers you as a dependent.
- A plan that covers you as an active employee is primary over a plan that covers you as a non-active employee. Non-active means a laid-off or retired employee. This rule applies if you're the employee's dependent.
- For a child covered by plans under both parents, these rules apply:
  - The plan of the parent whose birthday comes first is primary.
  - If both parents have the same birthday, the plan that covered one parent longer is primary.
  - If the other plan does not have the parent birthday rule, the other plan's COB rules apply.
- If the parents are divorced or separated, this order applies:
  - First, the plan of the parent with custody;
  - Then, the plan of the spouse of the parent with custody; and,

- Last, the plan of the parent not having custody.

This order can change by court decree. A court decree may make one parent responsible for the child's health care costs. If so, that parent's plan is primary.

- If these rules don't decide the primary plan, then the plan covering you longest is the primary.
- There may be two or more secondary plans. If so, these rules repeat until this plan's obligation for benefits is set.

## Effect of Benefits

- When this plan is primary, we pay without regard to any secondary plan.
- When this plan is secondary, we account for payments made by other plans. We'll coordinate with the other plans. We'll make sure payments by all plans don't exceed the Allowable Expenses. Our payment will never be more than if we were primary.
- If the other plan is primary and reduces or does not cover benefits because there is coverage under this plan, then we'll calculate the benefit as if:
  - the State's plan is secondary; and,
  - the other plan has paid the normal payment.

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 COB Works With Managed Care

The rules below will apply to you, your spouse and your dependent children.

### COB When This Plan is Primary

The State's managed care rules must be followed. If you don't, benefits are coordinated by applying the penalties of this plan.

### COB When This Plan is Secondary

Your health care plan coverage through the state will never pay more than what we would pay if this plan were primary.

You don't have to follow the State's managed care rules when this plan is secondary. However, you should follow the primary plan's managed care rules.

- If you do, both plans will pay up to the maximum.
- If you don't, we'll apply the other plan's penalties when calculating your benefit payment.

We will coordinate benefits if the primary plan:

- Has a preferred Provider Network; or
- Is a Point of Service Plan.

You will have to follow the primary plan's In-Network or Out-of-Network managed care guidelines to get the maximum payment.

Exceptions are:

- This plan may cover benefits that the other plan doesn't cover. If this happens, we'll pay benefits as if this plan were primary. You must follow the State's managed care rules to receive maximum payment.
- The other plan may have a day or dollar maximum on a particular benefit. This plan will pay benefits if:
  - you've met the maximum for that benefits; and,
  - this plan covers the particular benefit.

The State's plan will pay until you are again eligible for that benefit under the other plan.

To file a secondary claim, you'll need to send to a completed claim form to Aetna (or a detailed receipt from the provider indicating both the procedure and diagnosis code) and a copy of your Notice of Benefits from the other carrier if applicable. That way we'll be able to see what the primary plan paid and what the managed care penalties were, if any.

## Right to Receive and Release Needed Information

We have the right to decide when to apply COB rules. To do this, we may obtain information as needed. We may also release information to any organization or person as needed for payment purposes.

You must give us the information we need to apply COB rules. This includes information about you and your dependents. If you do not cooperate, we may deny payment.

## Facility of Payment

If your contracted health care plan through the state is primary, but the other plan paid a claim, we have the right to pay the other plan. Our payment will be the amount we decide is our share under COB rules. Such payment will meet our obligation under this plan.

## Right of Recovery

If we paid more than our share under COB rules, we'll recover the excess from:

- you or any person to or for whom such payments were made;
- any insurance plan;
- other organizations.

# Subrogation

## Subrogation and Right of Recovery Provision

### Terms

These terms are used to explain the Subrogation and Right of Recovery provisions:

- Responsible Party means any party actually, possible, or potentially responsible for making any payment to a Covered Person due to a Covered Person's injury, illness or condition. The term "Responsible Party" includes the liability insurer of such party or any insurance coverage.
- Insurance Coverage refers to any coverage providing medical expense coverage or liability coverage including, but not limited to, uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, personal umbrella coverage, medical payments coverage, workers' compensation coverage, no-fault automobile insurance coverage, or any first party insurance coverage.
- Covered Person includes anyone on whose behalf the Plan pays or provides any benefits including, but not limited to, the minor child or dependent of any Plan member or person entitled to receive any benefits from the Plan.

### Subrogation

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

### Reimbursement

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

### Constructive Trust

By accepting benefits (whether the payment of such benefits is made to the Covered Person or made on behalf of the Covered Person to any provider) from the Plan, the Covered Person agrees that if he or she receives any payment from any Responsible Party as a result of an injury, illness, or condition, he or she will serve as a constructive trustee over the funds that constitute such

payment. Failure to hold such funds in trust will be deemed a breach of the Covered Person's fiduciary duty to the Plan.

### Lien Rights

Further, the Plan will automatically have a lien to the extent of benefits paid by the Plan for treatment of the illness, injury, or condition for which the Responsible Party is liable. The lien shall be imposed 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, the Covered Person, the Covered Person's representative or agent; Responsible Party; Responsible Party's insurer, representative, or agent; and/or any other source possessing funds representing the amount of benefits paid by the Plan.

### First Priority Claims

By accepting benefits (whether the payment of such benefits is made to the Covered Person or made on behalf of the Covered Person to any provider) from the Plan, the Covered Person acknowledges that this Plan's recovery rights are a first priority claim against all Responsible Parties and are to be paid to the Plan before any other claim for the Covered Person's damages. This Plan shall be entitled to full reimbursement on a first-dollar

basis from any Responsible Party's payments, even if such payment to the Plan will result in a recovery to the Covered Person which is insufficient to make the Covered Person whole or to compensate the Covered Person in part or in whole for the damages sustained. The Plan is not required to participate in or pay court costs or attorney fees to any attorney hired by the Covered Person to pursue the Covered Person's damage claim.

### **Applicability to All Settlements and Judgments**

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

### **Cooperation**

The Covered Person shall fully cooperate with the Plan's efforts to recover its benefits paid. It is the duty of the Covered Person to notify the Plan within 30 days of the date when any

notice is given to any party, including an insurance company or attorney, of the Covered Person's intention to pursue or investigate a claim to recover damages or obtain compensation due to injury, illness, or condition sustained by the Covered Person. The Covered Person and his or her agents shall provide all information requested by the Plan, including, but not limited to, completing and submitting any applications or other forms or statements as the Plan may reasonably request. Failure to provide this information may result in the termination of health benefits for the Covered Person or the institution of court proceedings against the Covered Person.

The Covered Person shall do nothing to prejudice the Plan's subrogation or recovery interest or to prejudice the Plan's ability to enforce the terms of 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.

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

### **Interpretation**

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

### **Jurisdiction**

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

### **Exclusion**

This Plan does not cover services and supplies, in the opinion of the Claims Administrator or its authorized representative, that are associated with injuries, illness, or conditions suffered due to the acts or omissions of a third party.

## Federal Notices

### The Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Plan Act

Federal law generally prohibits restricting benefits for hospital lengths of stay to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery and less than 96 hours following a caesarean section. However, the plan may pay for a shorter stay if the attending provider (physician, nurse midwife or physician assistant) discharges the mother or newborn earlier, after consulting with the mother.

Also, federal law states that plan benefits may not, for the purpose of benefits or out-of-pocket costs, treat the later portion of a hospital stay in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

Finally, federal law states that a plan may not require a physician or other health care provider to obtain authorization of a length of stay up to 48 hours or 96 hours, as described above. However, to use certain providers or facilities, or to reduce your out-of-pocket costs, you may be required to obtain precertification.

### The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

In accordance with the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act, this Plan covers the following procedures for a person receiving benefits for an appropriate mastectomy:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which a mastectomy has been performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the breast to create a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- 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 subject to the same annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions that apply to the mastectomy.

For answers to questions about the plan's coverage of mastectomies and reconstructive surgery, call Aetna Member/Customer Services Department at the number shown on your ID card.

# Your Rights and Responsibilities



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As a Plan participant, you have a right to:

- Get up-to-date information about the doctors and hospitals participating in the Plan.
- Obtain primary and preventive care from the PCP you chose from the Plan's network.
- Change your PCP to another available PCP who participates in the Aetna network.
- Obtain covered care from participating specialists, hospitals and other providers.
- Be referred to participating specialists who are experienced in treating your chronic illness.
- Be told by your doctors how to make appointments and get health care during and after office hours.
- Be told how to get in touch with your PCP or a back-up doctor 24 hours a day, every day.
- Call 911 (or any available area emergency response service) or go to the nearest emergency facility in a situation that might be life-threatening.
- Be treated with respect for your privacy and dignity.
- Have your medical records kept private, except when required by law or contract, or with your approval.

- Help your doctor make decisions about your health care.
- Discuss with your doctor your condition and all care alternatives, including potential risks and benefits, even if a care option is not covered.
- Know that your doctor cannot be penalized for filing a complaint or appeal.
- Know how the Plan decides what services are covered.
- Know how your doctors are compensated for the services they provide. If you would like more information about Aetna's physician compensation arrangements, visit their website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com). Select DocFind from the drop-down menu under Quick Tools, then under "How do I learn more about:" select the type of plan you're enrolled in.
- Get up-to-date information about the services covered by the Plan — for instance, what is and is not covered, and any applicable limitations or exclusions.
- Get information about copayments and fees you must pay.
- Be told how to file a complaint, grievance or appeal with the Plan.
- Receive a prompt reply when you ask the Plan questions or request information.

- Obtain your doctor's help in decisions about the need for services and in the grievance process.
- Suggest changes in the Plan's policies and services.

As a Plan participant, you have the responsibility to:

- Choose a PCP from the Plan's network and form an ongoing patient-doctor relationship.
- Help your doctor make decisions about your health care.
- Tell your PCP if you do not understand the treatment you receive and ask if you do not understand how to care for your illness.
- Follow the directions and advice you and your doctors have agreed upon.
- Tell your doctor promptly when you have unexpected problems or symptoms.
- Consult with your PCP for non-emergency referrals to specialist or hospital care.
- See the specialists your PCP refers you to.
- Make sure you have the appropriate authorization for certain services, including inpatient hospitalization and out-of-network treatment.
- Call your PCP before getting care at an emergency facility, unless a delay would be detrimental to your health.

- Understand that participating doctors and other health care providers who care for you are not employees of Aetna and that Aetna does not control them.
- Show your ID card to providers before getting care from them.
- Pay the copayments and coinsurance required by the Plan.
- Call Member Services if you do not understand how to use your benefits.
- Promptly follow the Plan’s grievance procedures if you believe you need to submit a grievance.
- Give correct and complete information to doctors and other health care providers who care for you.
- Treat doctors and all providers, their staff, and the staff of the Plan with respect.
- Advise Aetna about other medical coverage you or your family members may have.
- Not be involved in dishonest activity directed to the Plan or any provider.
- Read and understand your Plan and benefits. Know the copayments and what services are covered and what services are not covered.

## Patient Self-Determination Act (Advance Directives)

There may be occasions when you are not able to make decisions about your medical care. An Advance Directive can help you and your family members in such a situation.

### What Is an Advance Directive?

An Advance Directive is generally a written statement that you complete in advance of serious illness that outlines how you want medical decisions made.

If you can’t make treatment decisions, your physician will ask your closest available relative or friend to help you decide what is best for you. But there are times when everyone doesn’t agree about what to do. That’s why it is helpful if you specify in advance what you want to happen if you can’t speak for yourself. There are several kinds of Advance Directives that you can use to say what you want and whom you want to speak for you. The two most common forms of an Advance Directive are:

- A Living Will; and
- A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

### What Is a Living Will?

A Living Will states the kind of medical care you want, or do not want, if you become unable to make your own decisions. It is called a Living Will because it takes effect while you are still living.

The Living Will is a document that is limited to the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures and/or treatment in the event of a terminal condition. If you write a living will, give a copy to your PCP.

### What Is a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care?

A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is a document giving authority to make medical decisions regarding your health care to a person that you choose. The Durable Power of Attorney is planned to take effect when you can no longer make your own medical decisions.

A Durable Power of Attorney can be specific to a particular treatment or medical condition, or it can be very broad. If you write a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, give a copy to your PCP.

## Who Decides About My Treatment?

Your physicians will give you information and advice about treatment. You have the right to choose. You can say “Yes” to treatments you want. You can say “No” to any treatment you don’t want — even if the treatment might keep you alive longer.

## How Do I Know What I Want?

Your physician must tell you about your medical condition and about what different treatments can do for you. Many treatments have side effects, and your doctor must offer you information about serious problems that medical treatment is likely to cause you. Often, more than one treatment might help you — and people have different ideas about which is best. Your physician can tell you which treatments are available to you, but they can’t choose for you. That choice depends on what is important to you.

How Does the Person Named in My Advance Directive Know What I Would Want?

Make sure that the person you name knows that you have an Advance Directive and knows where it is located. You might consider the following:

- If you have a Durable Power of Attorney, give a copy of the original to your “agent” or “proxy.” Your agent or proxy is the person you choose to make your medical decisions when you are no longer able.

- Ask your PCP to make your Advance Directive part of your permanent medical record.
- Keep a second copy of your Advance Directive in a safe place where it can be found easily, if it is needed.
- Keep a small card in your purse or wallet that states that you have an Advance Directive and where it is located, and who your agent or proxy is, if you have named one.

## Who Can Fill Out the Living Will or Advance Directive Form?

If you are 18 years or older and of sound mind, you can fill out this form. You do not need a lawyer to fill it out.

## Whom Can I Name to Make Medical Treatment Decisions When I’m Unable to Do So?

You can choose an adult relative or friend you trust to be your agent or proxy, and to speak for you when you’re too sick to make your own decisions.

There are a variety of living will forms available, or you can write your wishes on a piece of paper. If necessary, your doctor and family can use what you write to help make decisions about your treatment.

## Do I Have to Execute an Advance Directive?

No. It is entirely up to you.

## Will I Be Treated If I Don’t Execute an Advance Directive?

Absolutely. We just want you to know that if you become too ill to make decisions, someone else will have to make them for you. With an Advance Directive, you can instruct others about your wishes before becoming unable to do so.

## Can I Change My Mind After Writing an Advance Directive?

Yes. You may change your mind or cancel these documents at any time as long as you are competent and can communicate your wishes to your physician, your family and others who may need to know.

## What Is the Plan's Policy Regarding Advance Directives?

We share your interest in preventive care and maintaining good health. Eventually, however, every family may face the possibility of serious illness in which important decisions must be made. We believe it is never too early to think about decisions that may be very important in the future and urge you to discuss these topics with your PCP, family, friends, and other trusted, interested people.

You are not required to execute an Advance Directive. If you choose to complete an Advance Directive, it is your responsibility to provide a copy to your physician and to take a copy with you when you check into a hospital or other health facility so that it can be kept with your medical records.

## How Can I Get More Information About Advance Directives?

Call the Member Services toll-free number on your ID card.

# General Information About the Plan

## Amendment or Termination of the Plan

The State of Delaware has the right to amend or terminate the Plan, in whole or in part, at any time. If a change is made, you will be notified.

The establishment of an employee benefit plan does not imply that employment is guaranteed for any period of time or that any employee receives any nonforfeitable right to continued participation in any benefits plan.

## Plan Documents

This Plan Description covers the major features of the HMO Plan administered by Aetna Life Insurance Company, effective September 1, 2011 or the State of Delaware. This Plan Description has been designed to provide a clear and understandable summary of the Plan.

# Glossary

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## B

**Body Mass Index** - means 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.

## C

**Claims Administrator** - means the person designated as such by the instrument under which the plan is operated. (If the administrator is not so designated, administrator then means the plan sponsor.) The administrator's responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Act solely in the interest of the plan participants and beneficiaries, and for the exclusive purposes of providing benefits and defraying reasonable administrative expenses.
- Manage the Plan's assets to minimize the risk of large losses.
- Act in accordance with the documents governing the Plan.

**Coinsurance** - means the sharing of certain covered expenses by the Plan and the Plan participant. For example, if the Plan covers an expense at 80% (the Plan's coinsurance), your coinsurance share is 20%.

**Companion** - means a person whose presence as a companion or caregiver is necessary to enable a National Medical Excellence (NME) patient to:

- Receive services from an NME Program provider on an inpatient or outpatient basis; or
- Travel to and from an NME Program provider to receive covered services.

**Copayment (copay)** - means the fee that must be paid by a Plan participant to a participating provider at the time of service for certain covered expenses and benefits, as described in the "Copayment Schedule."

**Cosmetic surgery** - means any surgery or procedure that is not medically necessary and whose primary purpose is to improve or change the appearance of any portion of the body to improve self-esteem, but which does not:

- Restore bodily function;
- Correct a diseased state, physical appearance or disfigurement caused by an accident or birth defect; or
- Correct or naturally improve a physiological function.

**Covered services and supplies (covered expenses)** - means the types of medically necessary services and supplies described in "Your Benefits."

**Creditable Coverage** - Coverage of the Plan participant under a group health plan (including a governmental or church plan), a health insurance coverage (either group or individual insurance), Medicare, Medicaid, a military-sponsored health care (CHAMPUS), a program of the Indian Health Service, a State health benefits risk pool, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), a public health plan, including coverage received under a plan established or maintained by a foreign country or political subdivision as well as one established and maintained by the government of the United States, any health benefit plan under section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-Chip). Creditable Coverage does not include coverage only for accident; Workers' Compensation or similar insurance; automobile medical payment insurance; coverage for on-site medical clinics; or limited-scope dental benefits, limited-scope vision benefits, or long-term care benefits that is provided in a separate policy.

**Custodial care** - means any service or supply, including room and board, which:

- Is furnished mainly to help you meet your routine daily needs;
- Can be furnished by someone who has no professional health care training or skills; or,

- Is at a level such that you have reached the maximum level of physical or mental function and are not likely to make further significant progress.

## D

**Detoxification** - means the process whereby an alcohol-intoxicated, alcohol-dependent or drug-dependent person is assisted in a facility licensed by the state in which it operates, through the period of time necessary to eliminate, by metabolic or other means, the intoxicating alcohol or drug, alcohol or drug dependent factor, or alcohol in combination with drugs as determined by a licensed physician, while keeping physiological risk to the patient at a minimum.

**Durable medical equipment (DME)** - means equipment determined to be:

- Designed and able to withstand repeated use;
- Made for and used primarily in the treatment of a disease or injury;
- Generally not useful in the absence of an illness or injury;
- Suitable for use while not confined in a hospital;
- Not for use in altering air quality or temperature; and
- Not for exercise or training.

## E

**Emergency** - means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson (including the parent of a minor child or the guardian of a disabled individual), who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in:

- Placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy;
- Serious impairment to bodily function; or
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

With respect to emergency services furnished in a hospital emergency department, the Plan does not require prior authorization for such services if you arrive at the emergency medical department with symptoms that reasonably suggest an emergency condition, based on the judgment of a prudent layperson, regardless of whether the hospital is a participating provider. All medically necessary procedures performed during the evaluation (triage and treatment of an emergency medical condition) are covered by the Plan.

**Experimental or investigational** - means services or supplies that are determined by Aetna to be experimental. A drug, device, procedure or treatment will be determined to be experimental if:

- There are not sufficient outcomes data available from controlled clinical trials published in the peer reviewed literature to substantiate its safety and effectiveness for the disease or injury involved;
- Required FDA approval has not been granted for marketing;
- A recognized national medical or dental society or regulatory agency has determined, in writing, that it is experimental or for research purposes;
- The written protocol(s) used by the treating facility or the protocol(s) of any other facility studying substantially the same drug, device, procedure or treatment or the written informed consent used by the treating facility or by another facility studying the same drug, device, procedure or treatment states that it is experimental or for research purposes;
- It is not of proven benefit for the specific diagnosis or treatment of your particular condition;
- It is not generally recognized by the medical community as effective or appropriate for

the specific diagnosis or treatment of your particular condition; or,

- It is provided or performed in special settings for research purposes.

## H

**Home health services** - means those items and services provided by participating providers as an alternative to hospitalization, and approved and coordinated in advance by Aetna.

**Hospice care** - means a program of care that is:

- Provided by a hospital, skilled nursing facility, hospice or duly licensed hospice care agency;
- Approved by Aetna; and
- Focused on palliative rather than curative treatment for a Plan participant who has a medical condition and a prognosis of less than 12 months to live.

**Hospital** - means an institution rendering inpatient and outpatient services, accredited as a hospital by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO), the Bureau of Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association, or as otherwise determined by Aetna as meeting reasonable standards. A hospital may be a general, acute care, rehabilitation or specialty institution.

## I

**Infertility** - means:

- For a female who is under age 45 who does not have the ability to conceive after six months without contraception or six cycles of artificial insemination.

**Institute of Excellence (IOE)**- This is a facility that is contracted with Aetna to furnish particular services and supplies to you and your covered dependents in connection with one or more highly specialized medical procedures. The maximum charge made by the IOE for such services and supplies will be the amount agreed to between Aetna and the IOE.

## M

**Medical services** - means those professional services of physicians or other health professionals, including medical, surgical, diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive services authorized by Aetna.

**Medically necessary** - means services that are appropriate and consistent with the diagnosis in accordance with accepted medical standards, as described in the “Your Benefits” section of this Plan Description. To be medically necessary, the service or supply must:

- Be care or treatment as likely to produce a significant positive outcome as, and no more likely to produce a negative outcome

than, any alternative service or supply, as to both the disease or injury involved and your overall health condition;

- Be care or services related to diagnosis or treatment of an existing illness or injury, except for covered periodic health evaluations and preventive and well-baby care, as determined by Aetna;
- Be a diagnostic procedure, indicated by the health status of the Plan participant, and be as likely to result in information that could affect the course of treatment as, and no more likely to produce a negative outcome than, any alternative service or supply, as to both the disease or injury involved and your overall health condition;
- Include only those services and supplies that cannot be safely and satisfactorily provided at home, in a physician’s office, on an outpatient basis, or in any facility other than a hospital, when used in relation to inpatient hospital services; and
- As to diagnosis, care and treatment be no more costly (taking into account all health expenses incurred in connection with the service or supply) than any equally effective service or supply in meeting the above tests.

In determining whether a service or supply is medically necessary, Aetna will consider:

- Information provided on your health status;
- Reports in peer reviewed medical literature;

- Reports and guidelines published by nationally recognized health care organizations that include supporting scientific data;
- Professional standards of safety and effectiveness which are generally recognized in the United States for diagnosis, care or treatment;
- The opinion of health professionals in the generally recognized health specialty involved;
- The opinion of the attending physicians, which has credence but does not overrule contrary opinions; and
- Any other relevant information brought to Aetna's attention.

In no event will the following services or supplies be considered medically necessary:

- Services or supplies that do not require the technical skills of a medical, mental health or dental professional;
- Custodial care, supportive care or rest cures;
- Services or supplies furnished mainly for the personal comfort or convenience of the patient, any person caring for the patient, any person who is part of the patient's family or any health care provider;
- Services or supplies furnished solely because the Plan participant is an inpatient on any day when their disease or injury

- could be diagnosed or treated safely and adequately on an outpatient basis;
- Services furnished solely because of the setting if the service or supply could be furnished safely and adequately in a physician's or dentist's office or other less costly setting; or
- Experimental services and supplies, as determined by Aetna.

**Member** - means an employee, pensioner, and their dependents covered under the Aetna HMO plan.

**Mental Disorders** - means 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.

The following conditions are considered a mental disorder under this plan:

- Anorexia/Bulimia Nervosa.
- Bipolar disorder.
- Major depressive disorder.
- Obsessive-compulsive disorder.
- Panic disorder.
- Pervasive Mental Developmental Disorder (including Autism).
- Psychotic Disorders/Delusional Disorder.
- Schizo-affective Disorder.
- Schizophrenia.

**Morbid Obesity** - 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.

## O

**Outpatient** - means:

- A Plan participant who is registered at a practitioner's office or recognized health care facility, but not as an inpatient; or
- Services and supplies provided in such a setting.

## P

**Partial hospitalization** - means medical, nursing, counseling and therapeutic services provided on a regular basis to a Plan participant who would benefit from more intensive services than are offered in outpatient treatment but who does not require inpatient care. Services must be provided in a hospital or non-hospital facility that is licensed as an alcohol, drug abuse or mental illness treatment program by the appropriate regulatory authority.

**Participating provider** - means a provider that has entered into a contractual agreement with Aetna to provide services to Plan participants.

**Physician** - means a duly licensed member of a medical profession, who is properly licensed or certified to provide medical care under the laws of the state where they practice, and who provides medical services which are within the scope of their license or certificate.

**Plan** - means your Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) benefit program that is sponsored and self-funded by the State of Delaware (State) and administered by Aetna.

**Plan administrator** - means the third party administrator the State of Delaware has contracted with to administer its health care plan/s.

**Plan benefits** - means the medical services, hospital services, and other services and care to which a Plan participant is entitled, as described in this Plan Description.

**Plan Description** - means the written and distributed highlights of a specific type of health care plan for reference by a plan participant.

**Primary Care Physician (PCP)** - means a participating physician who supervises, coordinates, and provides initial care and basic medical services as a general or family care practitioner or, in some cases, as an internist or a pediatrician, to Plan participants; initiates their referral for specialist care; and maintains continuity of patient care.

**Provider** - means a physician, health professional, hospital, skilled nursing facility, home health agency, or other recognized entity or person licensed to provide hospital or medical services to Plan participants.

## R

**Referral** - means specific written or electronic direction or instruction from a Plan participant's PCP, in conformance with Aetna's policies and procedures, which directs the Plan participant to a participating provider for medically necessary care.

## S

**Service area** - means the geographic area, established by Aetna and approved by the appropriate regulatory authority, in which a Plan participant must live or work or otherwise meet the eligibility requirements in order to be eligible as a participant in the Plan.

**Skilled nursing facility** - means an institution or a distinct part of an institution that is licensed or approved under state or local law, and which is primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing care and related services as a skilled nursing facility, extended care facility, or nursing care facility approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or the Bureau of Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association, or as

otherwise determined by Aetna to meet the reasonable standards applied by any of the aforesaid authorities.

**Specialist** - means a physician who provides medical care in any generally accepted medical or surgical specialty or sub-specialty.

**Substance abuse** - means any use of alcohol and/or drugs which produces a pattern of pathological use causing impairment in social or occupational functioning, or which produces physiological dependency evidenced by physical tolerance or withdrawal.

## T

**Telemedicine** - The mode of delivering health care services via information and communication technologies to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, and self-management of a patient's health care while the patient is at the originating site and the health care provider is at a distant site. Telemedicine facilitates patient self-management and caregiver support for patients and includes synchronous interactions and asynchronous store and forward transfers.

As used in this definition, a provider is a healthcare practitioner who is:

- acting within the scope of their practice;
- licensed (in Delaware or the State in which the provider is located if exempted under Delaware State law to provide telemedicine services without a Delaware license) to provide the service for which they bill; and
- located in the United States.

**Terminal illness** - means an illness of a Plan participant, which has been diagnosed by a physician and for which they have a prognosis of six (6) months or less to live.

## U

**Urgent medical condition** - means a medical condition for which care is medically necessary and immediately required because of unforeseen illness, injury or condition, and it is not reasonable, given the circumstances, to delay care in order to obtain the services through your home service area or from your PCP.

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