

BENEFIT PLAN

**Prepared Exclusively for
The Vanguard Group, Inc.**

Choice POS II with Aetna HealthFund

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

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Preface

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

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

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

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

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Coverage for You and Your Dependents

Health Expense Coverage

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

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

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

Treatment Outcomes of Covered Services

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

When Your Coverage Begins

Who Can Be Covered

You will find information on who can be covered under the plan, how to enroll and what to do when there is a change in your life that affects coverage in, "The Vanguard Group, Inc. Benefit Plan " (SPD) provided by your Employer. In this section, "you" means the employee.

Who Can Be Covered

Employees and Dependents

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

- You will need to meet the "eligibility" as defined in your SPD.

How Your Medical Plan Works

Common Terms
About Your Aetna Choice POS
II Medical Plan
How Your Aetna Choice POS
II Medical Plan Works
Emergency and Urgent Care

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

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

Important Notes

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

Common Terms

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

About Your Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

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

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

This Aetna Choice POS II plan provides access to covered benefits through a network of health care providers and facilities. These **network providers** have contracted with **Aetna**, an affiliate or third party vendor to provide health

care services and supplies to **Aetna** plan members at a reduced fee called the **negotiated charge**. This Aetna Choice POS II plan is designed to lower your out-of-pocket costs when you use **network providers** for **covered expenses**. Your **deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance** will generally be lower when you use participating **network providers** and facilities.

You also have the choice to access licensed **providers, hospitals** and facilities outside the network for covered benefits. Your out-of-pocket costs will generally be higher. **Deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance** are usually higher when you utilize **out-of-network providers**. **Out-of-network providers** have not agreed to accept the **negotiated charge** and may balance bill you for charges over the amount **Aetna** pays under the plan.

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

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

Availability of Providers

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

Ongoing Reviews

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

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

How Your Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan Works

The Primary Care Physician:

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

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

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

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

Specialists and Other Network Providers

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

Important Note

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

Accessing Network Providers and Benefits

- You may select a **network provider** by logging on to **Aetna's** website at www.aetna.com. You can search **Aetna's** online **directory**, DocFind, for names and locations of **physicians** and other health care providers and facilities.
- If a service you need is covered under the plan but not available from a **network provider** or **hospital** in your area, please contact Member Services by email or at the toll-free number on your ID card for assistance.
- Certain health care services such as hospitalization, outpatient surgery and certain other outpatient services, require **precertification** with **Aetna** to verify coverage for these services. You do not need to **precertify** services provided by a **network provider**. **Network providers** will be responsible for obtaining necessary **precertification** for you. Since **precertification** is the provider's responsibility, there are no additional out-of-pocket costs to you as a result of a **network provider's** failure to **precertify** services. Refer to the *Understanding Precertification* section for more information on the **precertification** process and what to do if your request for **precertification** is denied.
- You will not have to submit medical claims for treatment received from network health care professionals and facilities. Your **network provider** will take care of claim submission. **Aetna** will directly pay the **network provider** or facility less any cost sharing required by you. You will be responsible for **deductibles, coinsurance** and **copayments**, if any.

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

Cost Sharing For Network Benefits

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

- Vanguard active crew members and terminated crew members who elect coverage under COBRA have access to the CrewCare clinic at the Malvern PA, Charlotte NC, and Scottsdale AZ campuses. You will receive the Plan's maximum level of coverage when you receive care from this clinic. If care is provided by a physician or facility in Aetna's network of providers, that care is also covered, but your cost will be higher. Read your Schedule of Benefits carefully to understand the cost sharing charges applicable to you.
- You will need to satisfy any applicable **deductibles** before the plan will begin to pay benefits.
- For certain types of services and supplies, you will be responsible for any **copayments** shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*.
- After you satisfy any applicable **deductible**, you will be responsible for any applicable **coinsurance** for **covered expenses** that you incur. Your **coinsurance** is based on the **negotiated charge**. You will not have to pay any balance bills above the **negotiated charge** for that covered service or supply. You will be responsible for your **coinsurance** up to the **maximum out-of-pocket limit** applicable to your plan.

- Once you satisfy any applicable **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the Calendar Year. Certain designated out-of-pocket expenses may not apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* section for information on what expenses do not apply. Refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* for the specific **maximum out-of-pocket limit** amounts that apply to your plan.
- The plan will pay for **covered expenses**, up to the maximums shown in the *What the Plan Covers* or *Schedule of Benefits* sections. You are responsible for any expenses incurred over the maximum limits outlined in the *What the Plan Covers* or *Schedule of Benefits* sections.
- You may be billed for any **deductible, copayment, or coinsurance** amounts, or any non-covered expenses that you incur.

Cost Sharing for Out-of-Network Benefits

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

- You will need to satisfy any applicable **deductibles** before the plan will begin to pay benefits.
- After you satisfy any applicable **deductible**, you will be responsible for any applicable **coinsurance** for **covered expenses** that you incur. You will be responsible for your **coinsurance** up to the **maximum out-of-pocket limit** applicable to your plan.
- Your **coinsurance** will be based on the **recognized charge**. If the health care provider you select charges more than the **recognized charge**, you will be responsible for any expenses above the **recognized charge**.
- Once you satisfy any applicable **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the Calendar Year. Certain designated out-of-pocket expenses may not apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. Refer to the *Getting Started: Common Terms* section for information on what expenses do not apply. Refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* for specific dollar amounts.
- The plan will pay for **covered expenses**, up to the maximums shown in the *What the Plan Covers* or *Schedule of Benefits* sections. You are responsible for any expenses incurred over the maximum limits outlined in the *What the Plan Covers* or *Schedule of Benefits* sections.

Understanding Precertification

Precertification

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

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

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

Important Note

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

The Precertification Process

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Services and Supplies Which Require Precertification

Precertification is required for the following types of medical expenses:

Inpatient and Outpatient Care

- **Stays** in a **hospital**;
- **Stays** in a **skilled nursing facility**;
- **Stays** in a **rehabilitation facility**;
- **Stays** in a **hospice** facility;
- Outpatient **hospice care**;
- **Stays** in a **Residential Treatment Facility** for treatment of mental disorders and substance abuse;
- **Partial Hospitalization Programs** for mental disorders and substance abuse;
- **Home health care**;
- Private duty nursing care;
- Intensive Outpatient Programs for mental disorders and substance abuse;
- Amytal interview;

- Applied Behavioral Analysis;
- Biofeedback;
- Electroconvulsive therapy;
- Neuropsychological testing;
- Outpatient detoxification;
- Psychiatric home care services;
- Psychological testing.

How Failure to Precertify Affects Your Benefits

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

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

How Your Benefits are Affected

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

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

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

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

Emergency and Urgent Care

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

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

In Case of a Medical Emergency

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

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

- If you seek care in an emergency room for a non-emergency condition, the plan will not cover the expenses you incur. Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for specific details about the plan.

Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions

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

Important Reminder

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

In Case of an Urgent Condition

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

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

Coverage for an Urgent Condition

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

Non-Urgent Care

If you seek care from an **urgent care provider** for a non-**urgent condition**, the plan will not cover the expenses you incur. Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for specific plan details.

Important Reminder

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

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

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

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

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

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

Important Notice

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

Requirements For Coverage

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

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

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

Important Note

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

Aetna HealthFund Plan®

Aetna HealthFund ("HealthFund") is the name for the benefits in this section. The plan blends traditional health coverage with a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to help you pay for **covered expenses**. It does not provide benefits covering expenses incurred for all medical and dental care. Benefits under the "HealthFund" will be paid pursuant to HealthFund plan provisions described herein. The HealthFund provides a benefit to offset certain **covered expenses** received for health care services and supplies covered under this Booklet.

Notice:

The Aetna HealthFund benefit is provided in addition to the health coverage provided by this Booklet.

The Aetna HealthFund is not a cash account and has no cash value. Aetna HealthFund does not duplicate other coverage provided by this Booklet. It will be terminated under the When Coverage Ends section of your Booklet.

HealthFund Benefit Description

You and your covered dependents will be eligible under the Aetna HealthFund benefit for payment of Eligible HealthFund Expenses up to the Annual HealthFund Amount.

The Annual HealthFund Amount is the amount of coverage credited each Calendar Year that is eligible for payment. The Annual HealthFund Amount can be found in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

The Annual HealthFund amount may be adjusted by **Aetna**. The adjustment is equal to the amount of unused benefits provided under a similar program your employer sponsored prior to the effective date of coverage under this contract.

Additional HealthFund dollars are available as incentives to eligible individuals that participate in the wellness program. Refer to CrewNet for more details.

When Your HealthFund Has a Year-end Balance

The balance of any Aetna HealthFund amount remaining at the end of a Calendar Year will be designated as the Unused HealthFund Amount. This balance can be rolled over to the next Calendar Year if you elect the Aetna HealthFund Plan.

The Annual HealthFund Amount for the first year is the Annual HealthFund amount credited in the first Calendar Year. The Annual HealthFund amount in subsequent years is the sum of the Unused HealthFund amount and the Annual HealthFund benefit credited each Calendar Year.

If you leave the plan for any reason and return to the same plan; your Annual HealthFund Amount will be reinstated. If you had any Unused HealthFund Amount from a prior year at the time you left the plan, upon your return to the same plan your Unused HealthFund Amount will be reinstated, as well.

Aetna HealthFund Pays First

The Health Fund benefit will pay eligible HealthFund **network and out-of-network** expenses. It will also reduce your individual or family **deductible**. Once your maximum HealthFund benefit is paid, you will be responsible for covered expenses until any remaining **deductible** is satisfied. Once your deductible has been satisfied, your Health Expense Coverage will begin to pay for covered expenses.

Eligible Expenses

Eligible HealthFund expenses that can be paid through the Aetna HealthFund are the same as the services and supplies which constitute the covered expenses under this Booklet for health expenses. However, any amount paid under the Aetna HealthFund Benefit will be used to credit any applicable **deductible** amount under this Booklet. If the HealthFund is depleted, you must satisfy the remaining applicable **deductible** amount under this Booklet.

Expenses that do not apply to the Aetna HealthFund Benefit include:

- covered benefits paid at 100%;
- Services not covered by this Booklet.

Payment of Aetna HealthFund Benefits

Aetna will pay 100% of Aetna HealthFund eligible expenses up to the HealthFund amount for the Calendar Year, or up to the prorated amount if you have not been enrolled in the plan for the full Calendar Year.

The HealthFund will first be used to satisfy the **deductible** as described above. If there is a remaining balance, the HealthFund will be used to offset any applicable **payment percentage** or **copayments** under this Booklet for your health plan.

Individual and Family Coverage

For the purposes of this plan, an individual means a single covered person enrolled for self only coverage with no dependent coverage. A family means a covered person enrolled with one or more dependents.

What The Plan Covers

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Other Medical Expenses

Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

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

Preventive Care

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

Important Notes:

1. The recommendations and guidelines of the:
 - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
 - United States Preventive Services Task Force;
 - Health Resources and Services Administration; and
 - American Academy of Pediatrics/Bright Futures Guidelines for Children and Adolescents.

as referenced throughout this Preventive Care section may be updated periodically. This Plan is subject to updated recommendations or guidelines that are issued by these organizations beginning on the first day of the plan year, one year after the recommendation or guideline is issued.

2. If any diagnostic x-rays, lab, or other tests or procedures are ordered, or given, in connection with any of the Preventive Care Benefits described below, those tests or procedures will not be covered as Preventive Care benefits. Those tests and procedures that are **covered expenses** will be subject to the cost-sharing that applies to those specific services under this Plan.

Routine Physical Exams

Covered expenses include charges made by your **physician** for a routine physical exam, a routine gynecological exam, and routine screenings for cancer given to you or your covered dependents. A routine physical 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:

- Check of all body systems (including blood pressure screenings),
- Discussion of the exam results with the patient or, in the case of a dependent child, the parent or guardian,
- Materials for the administration of immunizations for infectious disease and testing for tuberculosis,
- Review and written record of the patient's medical history,
- Routine clinical screening tests (e.g., x-rays and labs) performed in connection with the exam.

To qualify as a covered exam, the physician's exam must include at least:

- a review and written record of the patient's complete medical history;
- a check of all appropriate body systems; and
- a review and discussion of the exam results with the patient (or with a child's parent or guardian).

Frequency of exams:

For your child under age 7, Covered Medical Expenses are charges for:

- 7 exams in the first year of the child's life;
- 6 exams in the second and third year of the child's life; and
- 1 exam per calendar year thereafter.

For you and your covered dependents age 7 and older - 1 exam every calendar year.

Routine Cancer Screenings

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

- 1 baseline mammogram for covered females age 35 to 39;
- 1 mammogram every Calendar Year for covered females age 40 and over;
- 1 Pap smear every Calendar Year;
- 1 HPV screening every Calendar Year for covered females age 30 and over;
- 1 gynecological exam every Calendar Year;
- 1 preventive screening for malignant neoplasms of the skin every Calendar Year;
- 1 fecal occult blood test every Calendar Year; and
- 1 digital rectal exam and 1 prostate specific antigen (PSA) test every Calendar Year for covered males age 40 and older.

The following screenings 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. If there is an indicated family history, then **covered expenses** may include a colonoscopy for a person under age 50 as determined by a physician.

The following screening is a **covered expense** if you are age 55 and older when recommended by your **physician**:

- 1 lung cancer screening every Calendar Year.

Clinical Screenings and Immunizations by Age

In determining preventive care service guidelines, Aetna utilizes several sources, including but not limited to:

- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
- National Cancer Institute (NCI) and
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Clinical screenings and immunizations may be subject to change based on these guidelines.

Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm -a one time screening for men age 65 and over who have smoked at one time in their lives.

Screening for depression - once every Calendar Year.

Immunizations

DTaP

TdaP

DTP

DTaP-IPV

DTaP-Hib-IPV

DTaP-Hib

DTaP-HepB-IPV

DTP-Hib

DT

TD

Diphtheria

Tet Toxoid

HPV (Gardasil) - Covered for girls and women age 9 through 26 years of age

OPV

IPV

MMR

Measles and Rubella

Measles

Mumps

Rotavirus

Rubella

MMRV

Hib

Hep A

Hep B

HepB-Hib

Herpes Zoster (Zostavax) - age 60 years and over

Varicella

Pneumococcal

Influenza

FluMist (to be determined yearly) - covered for ages 5 -49

Meningococcal

Lab/Testing

Albumin

Bilirubin

Calcium

Carbon Dioxide (Bicarbonate)

Chloride

Creatinine

Glucose

Gonorrhea Screening

Hepatic Function Panel

Phosphatase, Alkaline

Potassium

Protein, Total

PTT

RPR/VDRL

Sodium

Transferase, Alanine Amino (ALT) (SGPT)

Transferase, Aspartate Amino (AST) (SGOT)

Urea Nitrogen (BUN)

Fecal occult blood

Hemoglobinopathy screening

CBC
Newborn metabolic screening panel
Metabolic panel
Thyroid studies
Chlamydia screening
Rubella serology
Cholesterol lipid panel
Hepatitis B surface antigen
HIV
Urinalysis
Lead
PPD
EKG
Osteoporosis screening

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 or any other group plan sponsored by your Employer;
- 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;
- Drugs, medicines, appliances, equipment, or supplies;
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams;
- Exams in any way related to employment;
- Premarital exams;
- Essential Metabolics analysis;
- Vision, hearing, or dental exams, or
- A **physician's** office visit in connection with immunization or testing for tuberculosis.

Your physician will provide guidance as to when recommended vaccines/immunizations and lab tests are necessary. The provider must bill as a preventive service in order for services to be covered at 100%. Services billed as diagnostic are not covered under the preventive benefit, but may be covered subject to the deductible and coinsurance.

Important Reminder

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for details about any applicable deductibles, coinsurance, benefit maximums and frequency and age limits for physical exams.

Well Woman Preventive Visits

Covered expenses include charges made by your **physician, primary care physician (PCP)**, obstetrician, or gynecologist for:

- a routine well woman preventive exam office visit, including Pap smears. A routine well woman preventive exam is a medical exam given by a **physician** for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified **illness or injury**; and
- routine preventive care breast cancer genetic counseling and breast cancer (BRCA) gene blood testing. **Covered expenses** include charges made by a **physician** and lab for the BRCA gene blood test and charges made by a genetic counselor to interpret the test results and evaluate treatment.

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

- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of A or B in the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force; and

- Evidence-informed items or services provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Limitations:

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

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;
- 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 you to stop the use of tobacco products.

Coverage includes:

- Preventive counseling visits;
- Treatment visits; and
- Class visits;

to aid you to stop 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.

Sexually Transmitted Infections

Covered expenses include the counseling services to help you prevent or reduce sexually transmitted infections.

Maximum screening and counseling services visits above limited to 2 visits per Calendar Year.

Genetic Risks for Breast and Ovarian Cancer

Covered expenses include the counseling and evaluation services to help you assess your breast and ovarian cancer susceptibility.

Limitations:

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

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

Prenatal Care

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

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

Limitations:

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

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

Important Notes:

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

Comprehensive Lactation Support and Counseling Services

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

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

Breast Feeding Durable Medical Equipment

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

Breast Pump

Covered expenses include the following:

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

Breast Pump Supplies

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

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

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

Limitations:

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

Important Notes:

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

Family Planning Services - Female Contraceptives

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

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

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

Voluntary Sterilization

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

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

Contraceptives

Covered expenses include charges made by a **physician** or **pharmacy** for female contraceptive devices including the related services and supplies needed to administer the device.

When contraceptive methods are obtained at a **pharmacy**, **prescriptions** must be submitted to the pharmacist for processing.

Limitations:

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

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

Family Planning Services - Other

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

- Voluntary sterilization for males
- Voluntary termination of pregnancy

Limitations:

Not covered are:

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

Important Notes:

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

Hearing Exam

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

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

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

All **covered expenses** for the hearing exam are subject to any applicable **deductible** and **coinsurance** shown in your *Schedule of Benefits*.

Hearing Aids

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

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

All **covered expenses** are subject to the hearing expense exclusions in this Booklet and are subject to **deductible(s)**, or **coinsurance** listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*, if any.

Benefits After Termination of Coverage

Expenses incurred for hearing aids within 30 days of termination of the person's coverage under this benefit section will be deemed to be covered hearing care expenses if during the 30 days before the date coverage ends:

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

Physician Services

Physician Visits

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

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

Surgery

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

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

Anesthetics

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

Important Reminder

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

Alternatives to Physician Office Visits

Walk-In Clinic Visits

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

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

Hospital Expenses

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

Room and Board

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

Room and board charges also include:

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

Other Hospital Services and Supplies

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

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

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

Outpatient Hospital Expenses

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

Important Reminders

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

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

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

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

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

Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions

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

The **emergency care** benefit covers:

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Coverage for Urgent Conditions

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

Your coverage includes:

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

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

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

Alternatives to Hospital Stays

Outpatient Surgery and Physician Surgical Services

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

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

The surgery must meet the following requirements:

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

Important Note

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

The following outpatient surgery expenses are covered:

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

Limitations

Not covered under this plan are charges made for:

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

Birthing Center and Physician Services

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

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

Covered expenses also include charges made:

- By an operating **physician** for:
 - Delivery;
 - Pre- and post-natal care; and
 - Administering an anesthetic.
- By a **physician** for administering an anesthetic (other than a local anesthetic).

Limitations

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

- For the services of a **physician** who renders technical assistance to the operating **physician**.
- In connection with a pregnancy for which pregnancy related expenses are not included as a covered expense.

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

Home Health Care

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

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

Covered expenses include only the following:

- **Skilled nursing services** that require medical training of, and are provided by, a licensed nursing professional within the scope of his or her license. These services need to be provided during intermittent visits of four hours or less, with a daily maximum of three visits. Intermittent visits are considered periodic and recurring visits that skilled nurses make to ensure your proper care, which means they are not on site for more than four hours at a time. If you are discharged from a **hospital** or **skilled nursing facility** after an inpatient **stay**, the intermittent requirement may be waived to allow coverage for up to 12 hours (three visits) of continuous **skilled nursing services**. However, these services must be provided for within 10 days of discharge.
- Home health aide services, when provided in conjunction with skilled nursing care, that directly support the care. These services need to be provided during intermittent visits of four hours or less, with a daily maximum of three visits.
- Medical social services, when provided in conjunction with skilled nursing care, by a qualified social worker.
- One visit for services provided within 48 hours following the release from a **hospital** or other inpatient facility confinement, for a person who is receiving benefits for a medically necessary mastectomy. This visit will apply towards the Home Health Care Maximum described below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Important Reminders

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

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

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

Private Duty Nursing

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

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Skilled Nursing Facility

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

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

You must meet the following conditions:

- You are currently receiving inpatient **hospital** care, or inpatient subacute care, and
- The **skilled nursing facility** admission will take the place of an admission to, or continued **stay** in, a **hospital** or subacute facility; or it will take the place of three or more skilled nursing care visits per week at home; and
- There is a reasonable expectation that your condition will improve sufficiently to permit discharge to your home within a reasonable amount of time; and
- The **illness** or **injury** is severe enough to require constant or frequent skilled nursing care on a 24-hour basis; and
- Your **stay** in a **skilled nursing facility**:
 - follows a **hospital stay** of at least three days in a row; and
 - begins within 14 days after your discharge from the **hospital**; and
 - is necessary to recover from the **illness** or **injury** that caused the **hospital stay**.

Important Reminder

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Hospice Care

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

Facility Expenses

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

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

Outpatient Hospice Expenses

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

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

- Medical supplies.
- Prescription drugs;
- Dietary counseling; and
- Psychological counseling.

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Important Reminders

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

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

Other Covered Health Care Expenses

Acupuncture

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

- As a form of anesthesia in connection with a covered surgical procedure; or for any of the following indications when considered **medically necessary**:
 - Postoperative and chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting;
 - Nausea of pregnancy;
 - Postoperative dental pain;
 - Temporomandibular disorders (TMD);

- Migraine headache;
- Pain from osteoarthritis of the knee or hip (adjunctive therapy);
- Chronic low back pain. (Maintenance treatment, where symptoms are neither regressing or improving, is considered not **medically necessary**.)

Ambulance Service

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

Ground Ambulance

Covered expenses include charges for transportation:

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

Air or Water Ambulance

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Treatment of Autism Expense

Covered expenses include expenses incurred by a **covered person** for services for the diagnosis and treatment of autism, including **Applied Behavioral Analysis**. Benefits are payable in the same way as those for any other disease.

Autism means:

- A developmental neurological disorder, appearing in the first three years of life, which affects normal brain functions and is manifested by compulsive, ritualistic behavior and severely impaired social interaction and communication skills.

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

- That systematically change behavior; and
- That are responsible for the observable improvement in behavior.

Important Reminder

Refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for details about any applicable **copays, deductibles, coinsurance,** and benefit maximums.

Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing

Diagnostic Complex Imaging Expenses

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

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

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

Limitations

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

Important Reminder

Please remember that usage of out-of-network outpatient diagnostic testing radiological services will result in a higher cost share to you. Payment schedules for multiple scans or image procedures (including CT scans, MRIs or ultrasounds) performed at out-of-network facilities and providers offices will be reimbursed as follows: The first CT scan, MRI or ultrasound, will be paid at 100% of the **recognized charge** up to the **coinsurance** as shown on the *Schedule of Benefits*; Additional scans performed on the same day for adjacent body areas will be reimbursed at 50% of the **recognized charge** up to the **coinsurance**.

Outpatient Diagnostic Lab Work and Radiological Services

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

Important Reminder

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

Outpatient Preoperative Testing

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

- Related to your surgery, and the surgery takes place in a **hospital** or **surgery center**;
- Completed within 14 days before your surgery;
- Performed on an outpatient basis;

- Covered if you were an inpatient in a **hospital**;
- Not repeated in or by the **hospital** or **surgery center** where the surgery will be performed.
- Test results should appear in your medical record kept by the **hospital** or **surgery center** where the surgery is performed.

Limitations

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME)

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

The initial purchase of **DME** if:

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

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

Replacement of purchased equipment if:

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

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Clinical Trials

Clinical Trial Therapies (Experimental or Investigational)

Covered expenses include charges made by a provider for **experimental or investigational** drugs, devices, treatments or procedures “under an approved clinical trial” only when you have cancer or a terminal illness, and **all** of the following conditions are met:

- Standard therapies have not been effective or are inappropriate;
- **Aetna** determines based on published, peer-reviewed scientific evidence that you may benefit from the treatment; and
- You are enrolled in an approved clinical trial that meets these criteria.

An "approved clinical trial" is a clinical trial that meets these criteria:

- The FDA has approved the drug, device, treatment, or procedure to be investigated or has granted it investigational new drug (IND) or group c/treatment IND status. This requirement does not apply to procedures and treatments that do not require FDA approval.
- The clinical trial has been approved by an Institutional Review Board that will oversee the investigation.
- The clinical trial is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) or similar federal organization.
- The trial conforms to standards of the NCI or other, applicable federal organization.
- The clinical trial takes place at an NCI-designated cancer center or takes place at more than one institution.
- You are treated in accordance with the protocols of that study.

These expenses are payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service provided.

Routine Patient Costs

Covered expenses include charges made by a provider for "routine patient costs" furnished in connection with your participation in an "approved clinical trial" for cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition, as those terms are defined in the federal Public Health Service Act, Section 2709.

These expenses are payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service provided.

Limitations:

Not covered under this Plan are:

- Services and supplies related to data collection and record-keeping that is solely needed due to the clinical trial (i.e. protocol-induced costs);
- Services and supplies provided by the trial sponsor without charge to you; and
- The experimental intervention itself (except **medically necessary** Category B investigational devices and promising **experimental** or **investigational** interventions for terminal illnesses in certain clinical trials in accordance with **Aetna's** claim policies).

Important Note:

These <i>Clinical Trial</i> benefits are subject to all of the terms; conditions; provisions; limitations; and exclusions of this Plan including, but not limited to, any precertification requirements.

Pregnancy Related Expenses

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

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

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

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

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

Prosthetic Devices

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

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

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

Covered expenses also include replacement of a prosthetic device if:

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

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

- An artificial arm, leg, hip, knee or eye;
- Eye lens;
- An external breast prosthesis and the first bra made solely for use with it after a mastectomy;
- A breast implant after a mastectomy;
- Ostomy supplies, urinary catheters and external urinary collection devices;
- Speech generating device;
- A cardiac pacemaker and pacemaker defibrillators; and
- A durable brace that is custom made for and fitted for you; and
- Orthopedic shoes, therapeutic shoes, foot orthotics, or other devices to support the feet or if the orthopedic shoe is an integral part of a covered leg brace.

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

- Trusses, corsets, and other support items; or
- Any item listed in the *Exclusions* section.

Short-Term Rehabilitation Therapy Services

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

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

Charges for the following short term rehabilitation expenses are covered:

Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Benefits

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

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

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

- Physical therapy is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute **illnesses** and **injuries**, provided the therapy expects to significantly improve, develop or restore physical functions lost or impaired as a result of an acute **illness, injury** or surgical procedure. Physical therapy does not include educational training or services designed to develop physical function. Coverage for physical therapy is available for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders (as an exception to the above non-chronic condition coverage criteria).
- Occupational therapy (except for vocational rehabilitation or employment counseling) is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute **illnesses** and **injuries**, provided the therapy expects to significantly improve, develop or restore physical functions lost or impaired as a result of an acute **illness, injury** or surgical procedure, or to relearn skills to significantly improve independence in the activities of daily living. Occupational therapy does not include educational training or services designed to develop physical function. Coverage for occupational therapy is available for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders (as an exception to the above non-chronic condition coverage criteria).
- Speech therapy is covered for non-chronic conditions and acute illnesses and injuries and expected to restore the speech function or correct a speech impairment resulting from **illness or injury**; or for delays in speech function development as a result of a gross anatomical defect present at birth. Speech function is the ability to express thoughts, speak words and form sentences. Speech impairment is difficulty with expressing one's thoughts with spoken words. Coverage for speech therapy is available for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders (as an exception to the above non-chronic condition coverage criteria).
- Cognitive therapy associated with physical rehabilitation is covered when the cognitive deficits have been acquired as a result of neurologic impairment due to trauma, stroke, or encephalopathy, and when the therapy is part of a treatment plan intended to restore previous cognitive function.

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

The therapy should follow a specific treatment plan that:

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

Important Reminder

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

Please remember that usage of out-of-network services will result in a higher cost share to you. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and spinal manipulation services performed by an out-of-network provider will be reimbursed as follows: The procedure with the highest expense will be paid at 100% of the **recognized charge** up to the **coinsurance** as shown on the *Schedule of Benefits*; Additional services performed on the same date will be reimbursed at 80% of the **recognized charge** up to the **coinsurance**. There is a maximum of 4 modalities per date of service.

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

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

Reconstructive or Cosmetic Surgery and Supplies

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

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

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

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

Reconstructive Breast Surgery

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

Important Notice

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

Specialized Care

Chemotherapy

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

Radiation Therapy Benefits

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

Outpatient Infusion Therapy Benefits

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Treatment of Infertility

Basic Infertility Expenses

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

Comprehensive Infertility and Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART) Expenses

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

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

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

Comprehensive Infertility Services Benefits

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

- Ovulation induction with menotropins is subject to the maximum benefit, if any, shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* section of this *Booklet* and has a maximum of 6 cycles per lifetime; (where lifetime is defined to include services received, provided or administered by **Aetna** or any affiliated company of **Aetna**); and
- Intrauterine insemination is subject to the maximum benefit, if any, shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* section of this *Booklet* and has a maximum of 6 cycles per lifetime; (where lifetime is defined to include services received, provided or administered by **Aetna** or any affiliated company of **Aetna**).

Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART) Benefits

ART is defined as:

- In vitro fertilization (IVF);
- Zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT);
- Gamete intra-fallopian transfer (GIFT);
- Cryopreserved embryo transfers;
- Intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI); or ovum microsurgery.

ART services for procedures that are **covered expenses** under this *Booklet*.

Eligibility for ART Benefits

To be eligible for ART benefits under this *Booklet*, you must meet the requirements above and:

- First exhaust the comprehensive infertility services benefits. Coverage for ART services is available only if comprehensive infertility services do not result in a pregnancy in which a fetal heartbeat is detected;
- Be referred by your **physician** to Aetna's infertility case management unit.

Covered ART Benefits

The following charges are covered benefits for eligible covered females when all of the above conditions are met, subject to the *Exclusions and Limitations* section of the *Booklet*:

- Up to 3 cycles and subject to the maximum benefit, if any, shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* section of any combination of the following ART services per lifetime (where lifetime is defined to include all ART services received, provided or administered by **Aetna** or any affiliated company of **Aetna**) which only include: IVF; GIFT; ZIFT; or cryopreserved embryo transfers;
- IVF; Intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection (“ICSI”); ovum microsurgery; GIFT; ZIFT; or cryopreserved embryo transfers subject to the maximum benefit shown on the *Schedule of Benefits* section while covered under an **Aetna** plan;
- Payment for charges associated with the care of the an eligible covered person under this plan who is participating in a donor IVF program, including fertilization and culture; and
- Charges associated with obtaining the spouse's sperm for ART, when the spouse is also covered under this *Booklet*.

Exclusions and Limitations

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

- **ART** services for a female attempting to become pregnant who has *not* had at least 1 year or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 12 cycles of artificial insemination (for covered persons under 35 years of age), or 6 months or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 6 cycles of artificial insemination (for covered persons 35 years of age or older) prior to enrolling in the **infertility** program;
- **ART** services for couples in which 1 of the partners has had a previous sterilization procedure, with or without surgical reversal;
- Reversal of sterilization surgery;
- **Infertility** services for females with FSH levels 19 or greater mIU/ml on day 3 of the menstrual cycle;
- The purchase of donor sperm and any charges for the storage of sperm; the purchase of donor eggs and any charges associated with care of the donor required for donor egg retrievals or transfers or gestational carriers (or surrogacy); all charges associated with a gestational carrier program for the gestational carrier;
- Charges associated with cryopreservation or storage of cryopreserved eggs and embryos (e.g., office, **hospital**, ultrasounds, laboratory tests, etc.);
- Home ovulation prediction kits;
- Drugs related to the treatment of non-covered benefits;
- Injectable **infertility** medications, including but not limited to, menopins, hCG, GnRH agonists, and IVIG;
- **Infertility** Services that are not reasonably likely to result in success;
- Ovulation induction and intrauterine insemination services if you are not **infertile**.

Important Note

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

Spinal Manipulation Treatment

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

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

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

To help members reach their optimal health through chiropractic treatments, **Aetna** has contracted with third party vendors who will administer the in-network benefits for chiropractic services and evaluate the medical necessity of the therapy treatment under a program with Aetna.

Important Note

Being in a treatment program does not guarantee coverage. Your visits may be evaluated for medical necessity at any time. If at any time throughout your treatment program it is determined that services are not considered to be **medically necessary**, then no further visits will be covered.

Transplant Services

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

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

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

- Autologous blood/bone marrow transplant followed by allogenic blood/bone marrow transplant (when not part of a tandem transplant);
- Allogenic blood/bone marrow transplant followed by an autologous blood/bone marrow transplant (when not part of a tandem transplant);
- Re-transplant after 180 days of the first transplant;
- Pancreas transplant following a kidney transplant;

- A transplant necessitated by an additional organ failure during the original transplant surgery/process;
- More than one transplant when not performed as part of a planned tandem or sequential transplant, (e.g., a liver transplant with subsequent heart transplant).

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

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

The plan covers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Important Reminders

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Network of Transplant Specialist Facilities

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

Obesity Treatment

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

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

Morbid Obesity Surgical Expenses

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

The **network** level of benefits is paid only for a treatment received at a facility designated by the plan as a bariatric **Institutes of Quality® (IOQ)** facility.

Services obtained from a facility that is a **network** facility but not designated as a bariatric **IOQ** facility will be covered as **out-of-network** services and supplies.

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

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

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Transgender (Sex Change) Surgery

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

- You or your dependent is at least 18 years old; and
- You or your dependent have met criteria for the diagnosis of "true" transsexualism including:
 - A life-long sense of belonging to the opposite sex and of having been born into the wrong sex, often since childhood; and
 - A sense of estrangement from one's own body, so that any evidence of one's own biological sex is regarded as repugnant; and
 - A desire to make his or her body as congruent as possible with the preferred sex through surgery and hormone treatment; and
 - A stable transsexual orientation evidenced by a desire to be rid of one's genitals and to live in society as a member of the other sex for at least 12 months, (i.e. not limited to periods of stress); and
 - There is no sexual arousal from cross-dressing; and
 - There is an absence of physical inter-sex of genetic abnormality; and
 - This is not due to another biological, chromosomal or associated psychiatric disorder, such as schizophrenia; and
- You or your dependent must have completed a recognized program of transgender identity treatment as evidenced by all of the following:
 - Has successfully lived and worked within the desired gender role full-time for at least 12 months (so-called real-life experience), without periods of returning to the original gender; and
 - Unless medically contraindicated, has received at least 12 months of continuous hormonal sex change therapy recommended by a **behavioral health provider** and carried out by an endocrinologist (which can be simultaneous with the real-life experience); and
 - A **behavioral health provider** who has been acquainted with you [or your dependent] for at least 18 months recommends sex change surgery documented in the form of a written comprehensive evaluation; and
 - For genital surgical sex change, a second concurring recommendation by another qualified **behavioral health provider** must be documented in the form of a written expert opinion as long as one of the two **behavioral health providers** possess a doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.Sc., D.S.W., Psy.D., or M.D.); and
 - Psychotherapy is not an absolute requirement for surgery unless the **behavioral health provider's** initial assessment leads to a recommendation for psychotherapy that specifies the goals of treatment, estimates its frequency and duration throughout the real life experience (usually a minimum of **3** months); and
 - For genital surgical sex change, you or your dependent has undergone a urological examination for the purpose of identifying and perhaps treating abnormalities of the genitourinary tract, since genital

surgical sex change includes the invasion of, and the alteration of, the genitourinary tract (urological examination is not required for persons not undergoing genital change); and

- You or your dependent have demonstrated an understanding of the proposed male-to-female or female-to-male sex change surgery with its attendant costs, required lengths of hospitalization, likely complications, and post surgical rehabilitation requirements of the planned surgery.
- The covered person has obtained **precertification** from **Aetna**.

Covered expenses include:

- Charges made by a **physician** for:
 - Performing the surgical procedure; and
 - Pre-operative and post-operative hospital and office visits.
- Charges made by a **hospital** for inpatient and outpatient services (including outpatient surgery). **Room and board** charges in excess of the **hospital's semi-private** rate will not be covered unless a private room is ordered by your **physician** and **precertification** has been obtained.
- Charges made by a **Skilled Nursing Facility** for inpatient services and supplies. **Room and board** charges in excess of the **hospital's semi-private** rate will not be covered.
- Charges made for the administration of anesthetics.
- Charges for outpatient diagnostic laboratory and x-rays.
- Charges for blood transfusion and the cost of unreplaced blood and blood products. Also included are the charges for collecting, processing and storage of self-donated blood after the surgery has been scheduled.

Important Reminders

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

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

Limitations:

Rhinoplasty, face-lifting, lip enhancement, facial bone reduction, blepharoplasty, liposuction of the waist, reduction thyroid chondroplasty, laryngoplasty or shortening of the vocal cords, which have been used in feminization, are considered cosmetic. Similarly, chin implants, nose implants, and lip reduction, which have been used to assist masculinization are considered cosmetic.

Treatment of Mental Disorders and Substance Abuse

Treatment of Mental Disorders

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

Important Note

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

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

Inpatient Treatment

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

Important Reminder

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

Partial Confinement Treatment

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

Important Reminder

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

Outpatient Treatment

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Treatment of Substance Abuse

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

Important Note

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

Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any **deductibles** and maximums that may apply to your **substance abuse** benefits.

Inpatient Treatment

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

Coverage includes:

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

Important Reminder

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

Outpatient Treatment

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Partial Confinement Treatment

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

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

Important Reminders

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

Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)

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

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

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

- Treat a fracture, dislocation, or wound.
- Cut out teeth that are partly or completely impacted in the bone of the jaw; teeth that will not erupt through the gum; other teeth that cannot be removed without cutting into bone; the roots of a tooth without removing the entire tooth; cysts, tumors, or other diseased tissues.

- Cut into gums and tissues of the mouth. This is only covered when **not** done in connection with the removal, replacement or repair of teeth.
- Alter the jaw, jaw joints, or bite relationships by a cutting procedure when appliance therapy alone cannot result in functional improvement, except if the surgery is needed as a result of a Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) dysfunction or any alike disorder of the jaw joint.

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

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

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

due to **injury**.

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

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

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

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

Medical Plan Exclusions

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

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

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

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

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

Applied Behavioral Analysis, the LEAP, TEACCH, Denver and Rutgers programs (except as provided for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders).

Behavioral Health Services:

- Treatment of a covered health care provider who specializes in the mental health care field and who receives treatment as a part of their training in that field.

- Treatment of impulse control disorders such as pathological gambling, kleptomania, pedophilia, caffeine or nicotine use.
- Treatment of antisocial personality disorder.
- Treatment in wilderness programs or other similar programs.
- Treatment of mental retardation, defects, and deficiencies. This exclusion does not apply to mental health services or to medical treatment of mentally retarded in accordance with the benefits provided in the *What the Plan Covers* section of this Booklet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Counseling: Services and treatment for marriage, religious, family, career, social adjustment, pastoral, or financial counselor.

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

Custodial Care

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

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

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

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

Drugs, medications and supplies:

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

Educational services:

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

Examinations:

- Any health examinations:
 - required by a third party, including examinations and treatments required to obtain or maintain employment, or which an employer is required to provide under a labor agreement;
 - required by any law of a government, securing insurance or school admissions, or professional or other licenses;
 - required to travel, attend a school, camp, or sporting event or participate in a sport or other recreational activity; and
 - any special medical reports not directly related to treatment except when provided as part of a covered service.

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

Facility charges for care services or supplies provided in:

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

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

Foot care: Any services, supplies, or devices to improve comfort or appearance of toes, feet or ankles, including but not limited to:

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

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

Hearing:

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

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

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

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

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

Home uterine activity monitoring.

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

- Drugs related to the treatment of non-covered benefits;
- Injectable infertility medications, including but not limited to menotropins, hCG, GnRH agonists, and IVIG;
- Infertility services for couples in which 1 of the partners has had a previous sterilization procedure, with or without surgical reversal;
- Procedures, services and supplies to reverse voluntary sterilization
- Infertility services for females with FSH levels 19 or greater mIU/ml on day 3 of the menstrual cycle;
- The purchase of donor sperm and any charges for the storage of sperm; the purchase of donor eggs and any charges associated with care of the donor required for donor egg retrievals or transfers or gestational carriers or surrogacy; donor egg retrieval or fees associated with donor egg programs, including but not limited to fees for laboratory tests;
- Charges associated with cryopreservation or storage of cryopreserved eggs and embryos (e.g., office, **hospital**, ultrasounds, laboratory tests, etc.); any charges associated with a frozen embryo or egg transfer, including but not limited to thawing charges;
- Home ovulation prediction kits or home pregnancy tests; and
- Ovulation induction and intrauterine insemination services if you are not infertile.

Maintenance Care

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

Miscellaneous charges for services or supplies including:

- Annual or other charges to be in a **physician's** practice;
- Charges to have preferred access to a **physician's** services such as boutique or concierge **physician** practices;
- Cancelled or missed appointment charges or charges to complete claim forms;
- Charges the recipient has no legal obligation to pay; or the charges would not be made if the recipient did not have coverage (to the extent exclusion is permitted by law) including:
 - Care in charitable institutions;
 - Care for conditions related to current or previous military service;
 - Care while in the custody of a governmental authority;

- Any care a public **hospital** or other facility is required to provide; or
- Any care in a **hospital** or other facility owned or operated by any federal, state or other governmental entity, except to the extent coverage is required by applicable laws.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Services that are not covered under this Booklet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Transplant: The transplant coverage does not include charges for:

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

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

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

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

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

Weight: Any treatment, drug service or supply intended to decrease or increase body weight, control weight or treat obesity, including **morbid obesity**, regardless of the existence of comorbid conditions; except as provided by this Booklet, including but not limited to:

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

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

When Coverage Ends

Coverage under your plan can end for a variety of reasons. You will find details on how and why coverage ends, and how you may still be able to continue coverage in, "The Vanguard Group, Inc. Benefit Plan" (SPD) provided by your Employer.

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**.

Continuation of Coverage

Continuing Health Care Benefits

Handicapped Dependent Children

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

Your child is fully handicapped if:

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

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

Coverage will cease on the first to occur of:

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

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

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

Other Plans Not Including Medicare

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Some persons have health coverage in addition to coverage under this Plan. Under these circumstances, it is not intended that a plan provide duplicate benefits. For this reason, many plans, including this Plan, have a "coordination of benefits" provision.

Under the coordination of benefits provision of this Plan, the amount normally reimbursed under this Plan is reduced to take into account payments made by "other plans".

When this and another health expenses coverage plan applies, the order in which the various plans will pay benefits must be figured. This will be done as follows using the first rule that applies:

1. A plan with no rules for coordination with other benefits will be deemed to pay its benefits before a plan which contains such rules.
2. A plan which covers a person other than as a dependent will be deemed to pay its benefits before a plan which covers the person as a dependent; except that if the person is also a Medicare beneficiary and as a result of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended, Medicare is:
 - secondary to the plan covering the person as a dependent; and
 - primary to the plan covering the person as other than a dependent;

The benefits of a plan which covers the person as a dependent will be determined before the benefits of a plan which:

- covers the person as other than a dependent; and
 - is secondary to Medicare.
3. Except in the case of a dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated; the plan which covers the person as a dependent of a person whose birthday comes first in a calendar year will be primary to the plan which covers the person as a dependent of a person whose birthday comes later in that calendar year. If both parents have the same birthday, the benefits of a plan which covered one parent longer are determined before those of a plan which covered the other parent for a shorter period of time.

If the other plan does not have the rule described in this provision (3) but instead has a rule based on the gender of the parent and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, the rule in the other plan will determine the order of benefits.

4. In the case of a dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated:
 - a. If there is a court decree which states that the parents shall share joint custody of a dependent child, without stating that one of the parents is responsible for the health care expenses of the child, the order of benefit determination rules specified in (3) above will apply.
 - b. If there is a court decree which makes one parent financially responsible for the medical, dental or other health care expenses of such child, the benefits of a plan which covers the child as a dependent of such parent will be determined before the benefits of any other plan which covers the child as a dependent child.

c. If there is not such a court decree:

- If the parent with custody of the child has not remarried, the benefits of a plan which covers the child as a dependent of the parent with custody of the child will be determined before the benefits of a plan which covers the child as a dependent of the parent without custody.
- If the parent with custody of the child has remarried, the benefits of a plan which covers the child as a dependent of the parent with custody shall be determined before the benefits of a plan which covers that child as a dependent of the stepparent. The benefits of a plan which covers that child as a dependent of the stepparent will be determined before the benefits of a plan which covers that child as a dependent of the parent without custody.

5. If 1, 2, 3 and 4 above do not establish an order of payment, the plan under which the person has been covered for the longest will be deemed to pay its benefits first; except that:

The benefits of a plan which covers the person on whose expenses claim is based as a:

- laid-off or retired employee; or
- the dependent of such person.

Shall be determined after the benefits of any other plan which covers such person as:

- an employee who is not laid-off or retired; or
- dependent of such person.

If the other plan does not have a provision:

- regarding laid-off or retired employees; and
- as a result, each plan determines its benefits after the other;

then the above paragraph will not apply.

The benefits of a plan which covers the person on whose expenses claim is based under a right of continuation pursuant to federal or state law shall be determined after the benefits of any other plan which covers the person other than under such right of continuation.

If the other plan does not have a provision:

- regarding right of continuation pursuant to federal or state law; and
- as a result, each plan determines its benefits after the other;

then the above paragraph will not apply.

In order to administer this provision, Aetna can release or obtain data. Aetna can also make or recover payments.

Other Plan

This means any other plan of health expense coverage under:

- Group insurance.
- Any other type of coverage for persons in a group. This includes plans that are insured and those that are not.
- No-fault auto insurance required by law and provided on other than a group basis. Only the level of benefits required by the law will be counted.

When You Have Medicare Coverage

Which Plan Pays First

How Coordination with Medicare Works

This section explains how the benefits under this plan interact with benefits available under **Medicare**.

Medicare, when used in this Booklet, means the health insurance provided by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended.

You are eligible for **Medicare** if you are:

- Covered under it by reason of age, disability, or
- End Stage Renal Disease

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

Which Plan Pays First

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

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

The plan is the secondary payor in all other circumstances.

How Coordination With Medicare Works

When the Plan is Primary

The **plan** pays benefits first when it is the primary payor. You may then submit your claim to **Medicare** for consideration.

When Medicare is Primary

Your health care expense must be considered for payment by **Medicare** first. You may then submit the expense to **Aetna** for consideration.

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

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

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

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

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

Right to Receive and Release Required Information

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

General Provisions

Type of Coverage

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

Physical Examinations

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

Legal Action

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

Additional Provisions

The following additional provisions apply to your coverage:

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

Assignments

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

Misstatements

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

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

Subrogation and Right of Recovery Provision

Definitions

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

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

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

Subrogation

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

Reimbursement

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

Constructive Trust

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

Lien Rights

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

First-Priority Claim

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

Applicability to All Settlements and Judgments

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

Cooperation

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

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

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

Interpretation

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

Jurisdiction

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

Workers' Compensation

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

The Recovery Rights will be applied even though:

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

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

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

Recovery of Overpayments

Health Coverage

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

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

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

Reporting of Claims

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

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

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

Payment of Benefits

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

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

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

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

Records of Expenses

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

Very important are:

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

Contacting Aetna

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

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

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

Discount Programs

Discount Arrangements

From time to time, we may offer, provide, or arrange for discount arrangements or special rates from certain service providers such as pharmacies, optometrists, **dentists**, alternative medicine, wellness and healthy living providers to you under this plan. Some of these arrangements may be made available through third parties who may make payments to **Aetna** in exchange for making these services available.

The third party service providers are independent contractors and are solely responsible to you for the provision of any such goods and/or services. We reserve the right to modify or discontinue such arrangements at any time. These discount arrangements are not insurance. There are no benefits payable to you nor do we compensate providers for services they may render through discount arrangements.

Incentives

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

Claims, Appeals and External Review

Filing Health Claims under the Plan

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

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

Urgent Care Claims

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

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

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

Other Claims (Pre-Service and Post-Service)

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

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

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

For pre-service claims which name a specific claimant, medical condition, and service or supply for which approval is requested, and which are submitted to an Aetna representative responsible for handling benefit matters, but which

otherwise fail to follow the Plan's procedures for filing pre-service claims, you will be notified of the failure within 5 days (within 24 hours in the case of an urgent care claim) and of the proper procedures to be followed. The notice may be oral unless you request written notification.

Ongoing Course of Treatment

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

Health Claims – Standard Appeals

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

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

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

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

Exhaustion of Internal Appeals Process

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

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

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

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

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

Full and Fair Review of Claim Determinations and Appeals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Health Claims – Voluntary Appeals

External Review

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

A “Final External Review Decision” is a determination by an ERO at the conclusion of an External Review.

You must complete all of the levels of standard appeal described above before you can request External Review, other than in a case of Deemed Exhaustion. Subject to verification procedures that the Plan may establish, your Authorized Representative may act on your behalf in filing and pursuing this voluntary appeal.

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

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

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

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

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

Request for External Review

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

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

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

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

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

Preliminary Review

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

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

Referral to ERO

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

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

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

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

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

Upon receipt of a notice of a Final External Review Decision reversing the Adverse Benefit Determination or Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination, the Plan immediately must provide coverage or payment (including immediately authorizing or immediately paying benefits) for the claim.

Expedited External Review

The Plan must allow you to request an expedited External Review at the time you receive:

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

Immediately upon receipt of the request for expedited External Review, Aetna will determine whether the request

meets the reviewability requirements set forth above for standard External Review. Aetna must immediately send you a notice of its eligibility determination.

Referral of Expedited Review to ERO

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

Glossary

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

A

Accident

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

Aetna

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

Ambulance

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

Average Wholesale Price (AWP)

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

B

Behavioral Health Provider/Practitioner

A licensed organization or professional providing diagnostic, therapeutic or psychological services for behavioral health conditions.

Birthing Center

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

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide prenatal care, delivery and immediate postpartum care.
- Charges for its services.
- Is directed by at least one **physician** who is a **specialist** in obstetrics and gynecology.
- Has a **physician** or certified nurse midwife present at all births and during the immediate postpartum period.
- Extends staff privileges to **physicians** who practice obstetrics and gynecology in an area **hospital**.
- Has at least 2 beds or 2 birthing rooms for use by patients while in labor and during delivery.
- Provides, during labor, delivery and the immediate postpartum period, full-time **skilled nursing services** directed by an **R.N.** or certified nurse midwife.
- Provides, or arranges with a facility in the area for, diagnostic X-ray and lab services for the mother and child.
- Has the capacity to administer a local anesthetic and to perform minor surgery. This includes episiotomy and repair of perineal tear.
- Is equipped and has trained staff to handle **emergency medical conditions** and provide immediate support measures to sustain life if:
 - Complications arise during labor; or
 - A child is born with an abnormality which impairs function or threatens life.
- Accepts only patients with low-risk pregnancies.

- Has a written agreement with a **hospital** in the area for emergency transfer of a patient or a child. Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by **physicians** who do not own or direct the facility.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient and child.

Body Mass Index

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

Brand-Name Prescription Drug

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

C

Coinsurance

Coinsurance is both the percentage of **covered expenses** that the plan pays, and the percentage of **covered expenses** that you pay. The percentage that the plan pays is referred to as “plan **coinsurance**” and varies by the type of expense. Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for specific information on **coinsurance** amounts.

Copay or Copayment

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

Cosmetic

Services or supplies that alter, improve or enhance appearance.

Covered Expenses

Medical, dental, vision or hearing services and supplies shown as covered under this Booklet.

Creditable Coverage

A person’s prior medical coverage as defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Such coverage includes:

- Health coverage issued on a group or individual basis;
- Medicare;
- Medicaid;
- Health care for members of the uniformed services;
- A program of the Indian Health Service;
- A state health benefits risk pool;
- The Federal Employees’ Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP);
- A public health plan (any plan established by a State, the government of the United States, or any subdivision of a State or of the government of the United States, or a foreign country);
- Any health benefit plan under Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act; and
- The State Children’s Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP).

Custodial Care

Services and supplies that are primarily intended to help you meet personal needs. **Custodial care** can be prescribed by a **physician** or given by trained medical personnel. It may involve artificial methods such as feeding tubes, ventilators or catheters. Examples of **custodial care** include:

- Routine patient care such as changing dressings, periodic turning and positioning in bed, administering medications;
- Care of a stable tracheostomy (including intermittent suctioning);
- Care of a stable colostomy/ileostomy;
- Care of stable gastrostomy/jejunostomy/nasogastric tube (intermittent or continuous) feedings;
- Care of a stable indwelling bladder catheter (including emptying/changing containers and clamping tubing);
- Watching or protecting you;
- Respite care, adult (or child) day care, or convalescent care;
- Institutional care, including **room and board** for rest cures, adult day care and convalescent care;
- Help with the daily living activities, such as walking, grooming, bathing, dressing, getting in or out of bed, toileting, eating or preparing foods;
- Any services that a person without medical or paramedical training could be trained to perform; and
- Any service that can be performed by a person without any medical or paramedical training.

D

Day Care Treatment

A **partial confinement treatment** program to provide treatment for you during the day. The **hospital, psychiatric hospital** or **residential treatment facility** does not make a room charge for **day care treatment**. Such treatment must be available for at least 4 hours, but not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

Deductible

The part of your **covered expenses** you pay before the plan starts to pay benefits. Additional information regarding **deductibles** and **deductible** amounts can be found in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

Dentist

A legally qualified **dentist**, or a **physician** licensed to do the dental work he or she performs.

Detoxification

The process by which an alcohol-intoxicated or drug-intoxicated; or an alcohol-dependent or drug-dependent person is medically managed through the period of time necessary to eliminate, by metabolic or other means, the:

- Intoxicating alcohol or drug;
- Alcohol or drug-dependent factors; or
- Alcohol in combination with drugs;

as determined by a **physician**. The process must keep the physiological risk to the patient at a minimum, and take place in a facility that meets any applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.

Directory

A listing of all **network providers** serving the class of employees to which you belong. The contractholder will give you a copy of this **directory**. **Network provider** information is also available through **Aetna's** online provider **directory**, DocFind®.

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME)

Equipment, and the accessories needed to operate it, that is:

- Made to withstand prolonged use;
- Made for and mainly used in the treatment of a **illness** or **injury**;
- Suited for use in the home;
- Not normally of use to people who do not have a **illness** or **injury**;
- Not for use in altering air quality or temperature; and
- Not for exercise or training.

Durable medical and surgical equipment does not include equipment such as whirlpools, portable whirlpool pumps, sauna baths, massage devices, over bed tables, elevators, communication aids, vision aids and telephone alert systems.

E

Emergency Care

This means the treatment given in a **hospital's** emergency room to evaluate and treat an **emergency medical condition**.

Emergency Medical Condition

A recent and severe medical condition, including (but not limited to) severe pain, which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that his or her condition, **illness**, or **injury** is of such a nature that failure to get immediate medical care could result in:

- Placing your health in serious jeopardy; or
- Serious impairment to bodily function; or
- Serious dysfunction of a body part or organ; or
- In the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the fetus.

Experimental or Investigational

A drug, a device, a procedure, or treatment will be determined to be **experimental or investigational** if:

- There are insufficient outcomes data available from controlled clinical trials published in the peer-reviewed literature to substantiate its safety and effectiveness for the **illness** or **injury** involved; or
- Approval required by the FDA has not been granted for marketing; or
- A recognized national medical or dental society or regulatory agency has determined, in writing, that it is **experimental or investigational**, or for research purposes; or
- It is a type of drug, device or treatment that is the subject of a Phase I or Phase II clinical trial or the experimental or research arm of a Phase III clinical trial, using the definition of “phases” indicated in regulations and other official actions and publications of the FDA and Department of Health and Human Services; or
- The written protocol or protocols used by the treating facility, or the protocol or protocols of any other facility studying substantially the same drug, device, procedure, or treatment, 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 investigational**, or for research purposes.

G

Generic Prescription Drug

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

H

Homebound

This means that you are confined to your place of residence:

- Due to an **illness** or **injury** which makes leaving the home medically contraindicated; or
- Because the act of transport would be a serious risk to your life or health.

Situations where you would not be considered **homebound** include (but are not limited to) the following:

- You do not often travel from home because of feebleness or insecurity brought on by advanced age (or otherwise); or
- You are wheelchair bound but could safely be transported via wheelchair accessible transportation.

Home Health Care Agency

An agency that meets all of the following requirements.

- Mainly provides skilled nursing and other therapeutic services.
- Is associated with a professional group (of at least one **physician** and one **R.N.**) which makes policy.
- Has full-time supervision by a **physician** or an **R.N.**
- Keeps complete medical records on each person.
- Has an administrator.
- Meets licensing standards.

Home Health Care Plan

This is a plan that provides for continued care and treatment of an **illness** or **injury**. The care and treatment must be:

- Prescribed in writing by the attending **physician**; and
- An alternative to a **hospital** or **skilled nursing facility stay**.

Hospice Care

This is care given to a **terminally ill** person by or under arrangements with a **hospice care agency**. The care must be part of a **hospice care program**.

Hospice Care Agency

An agency or organization that meets all of the following requirements:

- Has **hospice care** available 24 hours a day.
- Meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located.
- Provides:
 - **Skilled nursing services**;
 - Medical social services; and
 - Psychological and dietary counseling.

- Provides, or arranges for, other services which include:
 - **Physician** services;
 - Physical and occupational therapy;
 - Part-time home health aide services which mainly consist of caring for **terminally ill** people; and
 - Inpatient care in a facility when needed for pain control and acute and chronic symptom management.
- Has at least the following personnel:
 - One **physician**;
 - One **R.N.**; and
 - One licensed or certified social worker employed by the agency.
- Establishes policies about how **hospice care** is provided.
- Assesses the patient's medical and social needs.
- Develops a **hospice care program** to meet those needs.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by **physicians**, other than those who own or direct the agency.
- Permits all area medical personnel to utilize its services for their patients.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.
- Uses volunteers trained in providing services for non-medical needs.
- Has a full-time administrator.

Hospice Care Program

This is a written plan of **hospice care**, which:

- Is established by and reviewed from time to time by a **physician** attending the person, and appropriate personnel of a **hospice care agency**;
- Is designed to provide palliative and supportive care to **terminally ill** persons, and supportive care to their families; and
- Includes an assessment of the person's medical and social needs; and a description of the care to be given to meet those needs.

Hospice Facility

A facility, or distinct part of one, that meets all of the following requirements:

- Mainly provides inpatient **hospice care** to **terminally ill** persons.
- Charges patients for its services.
- Meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program including reviews by **physicians** other than those who own or direct the facility.
- Is run by a staff of **physicians**. At least one staff **physician** must be on call at all times.
- Provides 24-hour-a-day nursing services under the direction of an **R.N.**
- Has a full-time administrator.

Hospital

An institution that:

- Is primarily engaged in providing, on its premises, inpatient medical, surgical and diagnostic services;
- Is supervised by a staff of **physicians**;
- Provides twenty-four (24) hour-a-day **R.N.** service,
- Charges patients for its services;
- Is operating in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is located; and

- Does not meet all of the requirements above, but does meet the requirements of the jurisdiction in which it operates for licensing as a **hospital** and is accredited as a **hospital** by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

In no event does **hospital** include a convalescent nursing home or any institution or part of one which is used principally as a convalescent facility, rest facility, nursing facility, facility for the aged, extended care facility, intermediate care facility, **skilled nursing facility**, hospice, rehabilitative **hospital** or facility primarily for rehabilitative or custodial services.

Hospitalization

A continuous confinement as an inpatient in a **hospital** for which a **room and board** charge is made.

I

Illness

A pathological condition of the body that presents a group of clinical signs and symptoms and laboratory findings peculiar to it and that sets the condition apart as an abnormal entity differing from other normal or pathological body states.

Infertile or Infertility

The condition of a presumably healthy covered person who is unable to conceive or produce conception after:

- *For a woman who is under 35 years of age:* 1 year or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 12 cycles of artificial insemination; or
- *For a woman who is 35 years of age or older:* 6 months or more of timed, unprotected coitus, or 6 cycles of artificial insemination.

Injury

An accidental bodily **injury** that is the sole and direct result of:

- An unexpected or reasonably unforeseen occurrence or event; or
- The reasonable unforeseeable consequences of a voluntary act by the person.
- An act or event must be definite as to time and place.

Institute of Excellence (IOE)

A **hospital** or other facility that has contracted with **Aetna** to furnish services or supplies to an **IOE** patient in connection with specific transplants at a **negotiated charge**. A facility is an **IOE** facility only for those types of transplants for which it has signed a contract.

Institutes of Quality® (IOQ)

Institutes of Quality® Bariatric Surgery facilities are a national network of health care facilities that are designated based on measures of clinical performance, access and efficiency for bariatric surgery. Bariatric surgery, also known as weight loss surgery, refers to various surgical procedures to treat people living with morbid, or extreme, obesity.

J

Jaw Joint Disorder

This is:

- A Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) dysfunction or any similar disorder of the jaw joint; or
- A Myofacial Pain Dysfunction (MPD); or
- Any similar disorder in the relationship between the jaw joint and the related muscles and nerves.

L

Late Enrollee

This is an employee in an Eligible Class who requests enrollment under this Plan after the Initial Enrollment Period. In addition, this is an eligible dependent for whom the employee did not elect coverage within the Initial Enrollment Period, but for whom coverage is elected at a later time.

However, an eligible employee or dependent may not be considered a **Late Enrollee** under certain circumstances. See the *Special Enrollment Rights* section of the SPD provided by your Employer.

Lifetime Maximum

This is the most the plan will pay for **covered expenses** incurred by any one covered person during their lifetime.

L.P.N.

A licensed practical or vocational nurse.

M

Mail Order Pharmacy

An establishment where **prescription drugs** are legally dispensed by mail or other carrier.

Maintenance Care

Care made up of services and supplies that:

- Are furnished mainly to maintain, rather than to improve, a level of physical, or mental function; and
- Provide a surrounding free from exposures that can worsen the person's physical or mental condition.

Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit

Your plan has a **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. Your **deductibles, coinsurance** and other eligible out-of-pocket expense apply to the **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. Once you satisfy the maximum amount the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the calendar year. **The maximum out-of-pocket limit** applies to both network and out-of-network out-of-pocket expenses.

Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity

Health care or dental services, and supplies or **prescription drugs** that a **physician**, other health care provider or **dental provider**, exercising prudent clinical judgment, would provide to a patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an **illness, injury**, disease or its symptoms, and that provision of the service, supply or **prescription drug** is:

- a) In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical or dental practice;
- b) Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient's **illness, injury** or disease; and
- c) Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, **physician**, other health care or **dental provider**; and
- d) Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient's **illness, injury**, or disease.

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

Mental Disorder

An **illness** commonly understood to be a **mental disorder**, whether or not it has a physiological basis, and for which treatment is generally provided by or under the direction of a **behavioral health provider** such as a **psychiatric physician**, a psychologist or a psychiatric social worker.

Any one of the following conditions is a **mental disorder** under this plan:

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

Also included is any other mental condition which requires **Medically Necessary** treatment.

Morbid Obesity

This means a **Body Mass Index** that is: greater than 40 kilograms per meter squared; or equal to or greater than 35 kilograms per meter squared with a comorbid medical condition, including: hypertension; a cardiopulmonary condition; sleep apnea; or diabetes.

N

Negotiated Charge

The maximum charge a **network provider** has agreed to make as to any service or supply for the purpose of the benefits under this plan.

Network Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART) Specialist

A specialist **physician** who has entered into a contractual agreement with **Aetna** for the provision of covered **Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART)** services.

Network Provider

A health care provider who has contracted to furnish services or supplies for this plan; but only if the provider is, with **Aetna's** consent, included in the **directory** as a **network provider** for:

- The service or supply involved; and
- The class of employees to which you belong.

Network Service(s) or Supply(ies)

Health care service or supply that is:

- Furnished by a **network provider**; or
- Furnished or arranged by your **PCP**.

Night Care Treatment

A **partial confinement treatment** program provided when you need to be confined during the night. A room charge is made by the **hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility**. Such treatment must be available at least:

- 8 hours in a row a night; and
- 5 nights a week.

Non-Occupational Illness

A **non-occupational illness** is an **illness** that does not:

- Arise out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit; or
- Result in any way from an **illness** that does.

An **illness** will be deemed to be non-occupational regardless of cause if proof is furnished that the person:

- Is covered under any type of workers' compensation law; and
- Is not covered for that **illness** under such law.

Non-Occupational Injury

A **non-occupational injury** is an accidental bodily **injury** that does not:

- Arise out of (or in the course of) any work for pay or profit; or
- Result in any way from an **injury** which does.

Non-Specialist

A **physician** who is not a **specialist**.

Non-Urgent Admission

An inpatient admission that is not an **emergency admission** or an **urgent admission**.

O

Occupational Injury or Occupational Illness

An **injury** or **illness** that:

- Arises out of (or in the course of) any activity in connection with employment or self-employment whether or not on a full time basis; or
- Results in any way from an **injury** or **illness** that does.

Occurrence

This means a period of disease or **injury**. An **occurrence** ends when 60 consecutive days have passed during which the covered person:

- Receives no medical treatment; services; or supplies; for a disease or **injury**; and
- Neither takes any medication, nor has any medication prescribed, for a disease or **injury**.

Orthodontic Treatment

This is any:

- Medical service or supply; or
- Dental service or supply;

furnished to prevent or to diagnose or to correct a misalignment:

- Of the teeth; or
- Of the bite; or
- Of the jaws or jaw joint relationship;

whether or not for the purpose of relieving pain.

The following are not considered **orthodontic treatment**:

- The installation of a space maintainer; or
- A surgical procedure to correct malocclusion.

Out-of-Network Service(s) and Supply(ies)

Health care service or supply that is:

- Furnished by an **out-of network provider**; or
- Not furnished or arranged by your **PCP**.

Out-of-Network Provider

A health care provider who has not contracted with **Aetna**, an affiliate, or a third party vendor, to furnish services or supplies for this plan.

P

Partial Confinement Treatment

A plan of medical, psychiatric, nursing, counseling, or therapeutic services to treat substance abuse or **mental disorders**. The plan must meet these tests:

- It is carried out in a **hospital; psychiatric hospital** or **residential treatment facility**; on less than a full-time inpatient basis.
- It is in accord with accepted medical practice for the condition of the person.
- It does not require full-time confinement.
- It is supervised by a **psychiatric physician** who weekly reviews and evaluates its effect.
- **Day care treatment** and **night care treatment** are considered **partial confinement treatment**.

Pharmacy

An establishment where **prescription drugs** are legally dispensed. **Pharmacy** includes a retail **pharmacy**, **mail order pharmacy** and **specialty pharmacy network pharmacy**.

Physician

A duly licensed member of a medical profession who:

- Has an M.D. or D.O. degree;
- Is properly licensed or certified to provide medical care under the laws of the jurisdiction where the individual practices; and
- Provides medical services which are within the scope of his or her license or certificate.

This also includes a health professional who:

- Is properly licensed or certified to provide medical care under the laws of the jurisdiction where he or she practices;
- Provides medical services which are within the scope of his or her license or certificate;
- Under applicable insurance law is considered a "physician" for purposes of this coverage;
- Has the medical training and clinical expertise suitable to treat your condition;
- Specializes in psychiatry, if your **illness** or **injury** is caused, to any extent, by alcohol abuse, substance abuse or a mental disorder; and
- A physician is not you or related to you.

Precertification or Precertify

A process where **Aetna** is contacted before certain services are provided, such as **hospitalization** or outpatient surgery, or **prescription drugs** are prescribed to determine whether the services being recommended or the drugs prescribed are considered **covered expenses** under the plan. It is not a guarantee that benefits will be payable.

Prescriber

Any **physician** or **dentist**, acting within the scope of his or her license, who has the legal authority to write an order for a **prescription drug**.

Prescription

An order for the dispensing of a **prescription drug** by a **prescriber**. If it is an oral order, it must be promptly put in writing by the pharmacy.

Prescription Drug

A drug, biological, or compounded **prescription** which, by State and Federal Law, may be dispensed only by **prescription** and which is required to be labeled "Caution: Federal Law prohibits dispensing without prescription."
This includes:

- An injectable drug prescribed to be self-administered or administered by any other person except one who is acting within his or her capacity as a paid healthcare professional. Covered injectable drugs include injectable insulin.

Primary Care Physician (PCP)

This is the **network provider** who:

- Is selected by a person from the list of **primary care physicians** in the **directory**;
- Supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to a person as a general or family care practitioner, or in some cases, as an internist or a pediatrician; and
- Is shown on **Aetna's** records as the person's **PCP**.

Psychiatric Hospital

This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements.

- Mainly provides a program for the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or **mental disorders**.
- Is not mainly a school or a custodial, recreational or training institution.
- Provides infirmatory-level medical services. Also, it provides, or arranges with a **hospital** in the area for, any other medical service that may be required.
- Is supervised full-time by a **psychiatric physician** who is responsible for patient care and is there regularly.
- Is staffed by **psychiatric physicians** involved in care and treatment.
- Has a **psychiatric physician** present during the whole treatment day.
- Provides, at all times, **psychiatric** social work and nursing services.
- Provides, at all times, **skilled nursing services** by licensed nurses who are supervised by a full-time **R.N.**
- Prepares and maintains a written plan of treatment for each patient based on medical, psychological and social needs. The plan must be supervised by a **psychiatric physician**.
- Makes charges.
- Meets licensing standards.

Psychiatric Physician

This is a **physician** who:

- Specializes in psychiatry; or
- Has the training or experience to do the required evaluation and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse or **mental disorders**.

R

Recognized Charge

The **covered expense** is only that part of a charge which is the **recognized charge**.

As to medical, vision and hearing expenses, the **recognized charge** for each service or supply is the lesser of:

- What the provider bills or submits for that service or supply; and
- For professional services and other services or supplies not mentioned below:

- the 70th percentile of the Prevailing Charge Rate; for the Geographic Area where the service is furnished.

If **Aetna** has an agreement with a provider (directly, or indirectly through a third party) which sets the rate that **Aetna** will pay for a service or supply, then the **recognized charge** is the rate established in such agreement.

Aetna may also reduce the **recognized charge** by applying **Aetna** Reimbursement Policies. **Aetna** Reimbursement Policies address the appropriate billing of services, taking into account factors that are relevant to the cost of the service such as:

- the duration and complexity of a service;
- whether multiple procedures are billed at the same time, but no additional overhead is required;
- whether an assistant surgeon is involved and necessary for the service;
- if follow up care is included;
- whether there are any other characteristics that may modify or make a particular service unique; and
- when a charge includes more than one claim line, whether any services described by a claim line are part of or incidental to the primary service provided.

Aetna Reimbursement Policies are based on **Aetna's** review of: the policies developed for Medicare; the generally accepted standards of medical and dental practice, which are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed literature generally recognized by the relevant medical or dental community or which is otherwise consistent with **physician** or dental specialty society recommendations; and the views of **physicians** and dentists practicing in the relevant clinical areas. **Aetna** uses a commercial software package to administer some of these policies.

As used above, Geographic Area and Prevailing Charge Rates are defined as follows:

- **Geographic Area:** This means an expense area grouping defined by the first three digits of the U.S. Postal Service zip codes. If the volume of charges in a single three digit zip code is sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, an expense area is made up of a single three digit zip code. If the volume of charges is not sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, two or more three digit zip codes are grouped to produce a statistically valid sample. When it is necessary to group three digit zip codes, the grouping never crosses state lines.
- **Prevailing Charge Rates:** These are rates reported by FAIR Health, a nonprofit company, in their database. FAIR Health reviews and, if necessary, changes these rates periodically. **Aetna** updates its systems with these changes within 180 days after receiving them from FAIR Health.

Important Note

Aetna periodically updates its systems with changes made to the Prevailing Charge Rates.

What this means to you is that the **recognized charge** is based on the version of the rates that is in use by **Aetna** on the date that the service or supply was provided.

Additional Information

Aetna's website aetna.com may contain additional information which may help you determine the cost of a service or supply. Log on to **Aetna** Navigator to access the "Estimate the Cost of Care" feature. Within this feature, view our "Cost of Care" and "Member Payment Estimator" tools, or contact our Customer Service Department for assistance.

Rehabilitation Facility

A facility, or a distinct part of a facility which provides **rehabilitative services**, meets any licensing or certification standards established by the jurisdiction where it is located, and makes charges for its services.

Rehabilitative Services

The combined and coordinated use of medical, social, educational and vocational measures for training or retraining if you are disabled by **illness** or **injury**.

Residential Treatment Facility (Mental Disorders)

This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- On-site licensed **Behavioral Health Provider** 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides a comprehensive patient assessment (preferably before admission, but at least upon admission).
- Is admitted by a **Physician**.
- Has access to necessary medical services 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides living arrangements that foster community living and peer interaction that are consistent with developmental needs.
- Offers group therapy sessions with at least an RN or Masters-Level Health Professional.
- Has the ability to involve family/support systems in therapy (required for children and adolescents; encouraged for adults).
- Provides access to at least weekly sessions with a **Psychiatrist** or psychologist for individual psychotherapy.
- Has peer oriented activities.
- Services are managed by a licensed **Behavioral Health Provider** who, while not needing to be individually contracted, needs to (1) meet the **Aetna** credentialing criteria as an individual practitioner, and (2) function under the direction/supervision of a licensed psychiatrist (Medical Director).
- Has individualized active treatment plan directed toward the alleviation of the impairment that caused the admission.
- Provides a level of skilled intervention consistent with patient risk.
- Meets any and all applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.
- Is not a Wilderness Treatment Program or any such related or similar program, school and/or education service.

Residential Treatment Facility (Substance Abuse)

This is an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- On-site licensed **Behavioral Health Provider** 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- Provides a comprehensive patient assessment (preferably before admission, but at least upon admission).
- Is admitted by a **Physician**.
- Has access to necessary medical services 24 hours per day/7 days a week.
- If the member requires **detoxification** services, must have the availability of on-site medical treatment 24 hours per day/7 days a week, which must be actively supervised by an attending **Physician**.
- Provides living arrangements that foster community living and peer interaction that are consistent with developmental needs.
- Offers group therapy sessions with at least an RN or Masters-Level Health Professional.
- Has the ability to involve family/support systems in therapy (required for children and adolescents; encouraged for adults).
- Provides access to at least weekly sessions with a **Psychiatrist** or psychologist for individual psychotherapy.
- Has peer oriented activities.
- Services are managed by a licensed **Behavioral Health Provider** who, while not needing to be individually contracted, needs to (1) meet the **Aetna** credentialing criteria as an individual practitioner, and (2) function under the direction/supervision of a licensed psychiatrist (Medical Director).
- Has individualized active treatment plan directed toward the alleviation of the impairment that caused the admission.
- Provides a level of skilled intervention consistent with patient risk.
- Meets any and all applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.
- Is not a Wilderness Treatment Program or any such related or similar program, school and/or education service.
- Ability to assess and recognize withdrawal complications that threaten life or bodily functions and to obtain needed services either on site or externally.
- 24-hours per day/7 days a week supervision by a **physician** with evidence of close and frequent observation.
- On-site, licensed **Behavioral Health Provider**, medical or **substance abuse** professionals 24 hours per day/7 days a week.

R.N.

A registered nurse.

Room and Board

Charges made by an institution for **room and board** and other **medically necessary** services and supplies. The charges must be regularly made at a daily or weekly rate.

S

Semi-Private Room Rate

The **room and board** charge that an institution applies to the most beds in its semi-private rooms with 2 or more beds. If there are no such rooms, **Aetna** will figure the rate based on the rate most commonly charged by similar institutions in the same geographic area.

Service Area

This is the geographic area, as determined by **Aetna**, in which **network providers** for this plan are located.

Skilled Nursing Facility

An institution that meets all of the following requirements:

- It is licensed to provide, and does provide, the following on an inpatient basis for persons convalescing from **illness** or **injury**:
 - Professional nursing care by an **R.N.**, or by a **L.P.N.** directed by a full-time **R.N.**; and
 - Physical restoration services to help patients to meet a goal of self-care in daily living activities.
- Provides 24 hour a day nursing care by licensed nurses directed by a full-time **R.N.**
- Is supervised full-time by a **physician** or an **R.N.**
- Keeps a complete medical record on each patient.
- Has a utilization review plan.
- Is not mainly a place for rest, for the aged, for drug addicts, for alcoholics, for mental retardates, for custodial or educational care, or for care of **mental disorders**.
- Charges patients for its services.
- An institution or a distinct part of an institution that meets all of the following requirements:
 - It is licensed or approved under state or local law.
 - Is primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing care and related services for residents who require medical or nursing care, or rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled, or sick persons.
- Qualifies as a **skilled nursing facility** under Medicare or as an institution accredited by:
 - The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations;
 - The Bureau of **Hospitals** of the American Osteopathic Association; or
 - The Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities

Skilled nursing facilities also include rehabilitation **hospitals** (all levels of care, e.g. acute) and portions of a **hospital** designated for skilled or **rehabilitation services**.

Skilled nursing facility does not include:

- Institutions which provide only:
 - Minimal care;
 - Custodial care services;

- Ambulatory; or
- Part-time care services.
- Institutions which primarily provide for the care and treatment of alcoholism, **substance abuse** or **mental disorders**.

Skilled Nursing Services

Services that meet all of the following requirements:

- The services require medical or paramedical training.
- The services are rendered by an **R.N.** or **L.P.N.** within the scope of his or her license.
- The services are not custodial.

Specialist

A **physician** who practices in any generally accepted medical or surgical sub-specialty.

Specialty Care

Health care services or supplies that require the services of a **specialist**.

Stay

A full-time inpatient confinement for which a **room and board** charge is made.

Substance Abuse

This is a physical or psychological dependency, or both, on a controlled substance or alcohol agent (These are defined on Axis I in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of **Mental Disorders** (DSM) published by the American Psychiatric Association which is current as of the date services are rendered to you or your covered dependents.) This term does not include conditions not attributable to a **mental disorder** that are a focus of attention or treatment (the V codes on Axis I of DSM); an addiction to nicotine products, food or caffeine intoxication.

Surgery Center

A freestanding ambulatory surgical facility that meets all of the following requirements:

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide general surgery.
- Charges for its services.
- Is directed by a staff of **physicians**. At least one of them must be on the premises when surgery is performed and during the recovery period.
- Has at least one certified anesthesiologist at the site when surgery requiring general or spinal anesthesia is performed and during the recovery period.
- Extends surgical staff privileges to:
 - **Physicians** who practice surgery in an area **hospital**; and
 - **Dentists** who perform oral surgery.
- Has at least 2 operating rooms and one recovery room.
- Provides, or arranges with a medical facility in the area for, diagnostic x-ray and lab services needed in connection with surgery.
- Does not have a place for patients to **stay** overnight.
- Provides, in the operating and recovery rooms, full-time **skilled nursing services** directed by an **R.N.**
- Is equipped and has trained staff to handle **emergency medical conditions**.

Must have all of the following:

- A **physician** trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
- A defibrillator; and

- A tracheotomy set; and
- A blood volume expander.
- Has a written agreement with a **hospital** in the area for immediate emergency transfer of patients.
- Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
- **Physicians** who do not own or direct the facility.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.

T

Terminally Ill (Hospice Care)

Terminally ill means a medical prognosis of 6 months or less to live.

U

Urgent Admission

A **hospital** admission by a **physician** due to:

- The onset of or change in a **illness**; or
- The diagnosis of a **illness**; or
- An **injury**.
- The condition, while not needing an **emergency admission**, is severe enough to require confinement as an inpatient in a **hospital** within 2 weeks from the date the need for the confinement becomes apparent.

Urgent Care Provider

This is:

- A freestanding medical facility that meets all of the following requirements.
 - Provides unscheduled medical services to treat an **urgent condition** if the person's **physician** is not reasonably available.
 - Routinely provides ongoing unscheduled medical services for more than 8 consecutive hours.
 - Makes charges.
 - Is licensed and certified as required by any state or federal law or regulation.
 - Keeps a medical record on each patient.
 - Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by **physicians** other than those who own or direct the facility.
 - Is run by a staff of **physicians**. At least one **physician** must be on call at all times.
 - Has a full-time administrator who is a licensed **physician**.
- A **physician's** office, but only one that:
 - Has contracted with **Aetna** to provide urgent care; and
 - Is, with **Aetna's** consent, included in the **directory** as a network **urgent care provider**.
- It is not the emergency room or outpatient department of a **hospital**.

Urgent Condition

This means a sudden **illness; injury**; or condition; that:

- Is severe enough to require prompt medical attention to avoid serious deterioration of your health;
- Includes a condition which would subject you to severe pain that could not be adequately managed without urgent care or treatment;
- Does not require the level of care provided in the emergency room of a hospital; and
- Requires immediate outpatient medical care that cannot be postponed until your physician becomes reasonably available.

W

Walk-in Clinic

Walk-in Clinics are free-standing health care facilities. They are an alternative to a **physician's** office visit for treatment of unscheduled, non-emergency **illnesses** and **injuries** 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**.

Additional Information Provided by

The Vanguard Group, Inc.

The following information is provided to you in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Name of Plan:

The Vanguard Group, Inc. Benefit Plan

Employer Identification Number:

23-1945930

Plan Number:

506

Type of Plan:

Welfare (Medical Plan Coverage)

Type of Administration:

Administrative Services Contract with:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

Plan Administrator:

The Vanguard Group, Inc. Benefits Committee
The Vanguard Group, Inc.
100 Vanguard Boulevard
Malvern, PA 19355
Telephone Number: (800) 407-8576

Agent For Service of Legal Process:

The Vanguard Group, Inc.
100 Vanguard Boulevard
Malvern, PA 19355

Service of legal process may also be made upon the Plan Administrator

Plan Year:

January 1 - December 31

Source of Contributions:

Employee and Employer

Procedure for Amending the Plan:

The group contract sets forth those situations in which the Employer (The Vanguard Group, Inc.) and/or Aetna have the right to end the contract.

Continuation of Coverage During an Approved Leave of Absence Granted to Comply With Federal Law

This continuation of coverage section applies only for the period of any approved family or medical leave (approved FMLA leave) required by Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA). If your Employer grants you an approved FMLA leave for a period in excess of the period required by FMLA, any continuation of coverage during that excess period will be determined by your Employer.

If your Employer grants you an approved FMLA leave in accordance with FMLA, you may, during the continuance of such approved FMLA leave, continue Health Expense Benefits for you and your eligible dependents.

At the time you request the leave, you must agree to make any contributions required by your Employer to continue coverage.

If any coverage your Employer allows you to continue has reduction rules applicable by reason of age or retirement, the coverage will be subject to such rules while you are on FMLA leave.

Coverage will not be continued beyond the first to occur of:

- The date you are required to make any contribution and you fail to do so.
- The date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated.
- The date the coverage involved discontinues as to your eligible class. However, coverage for health expenses may be available to you under another plan sponsored by your Employer.

Any coverage being continued for a dependent will not be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate.

If Health Expense Benefits terminate because your approved FMLA leave is deemed terminated by your Employer, you may, on the date of such termination, be eligible for Continuation Under Federal Law on the same terms as though your employment terminated, other than for gross misconduct, on such date. If this Plan provides any other continuation of coverage (for example, upon termination of employment, death, divorce or ceasing to be a defined dependent), you (or your eligible dependents) may be eligible for such continuation on the date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated or the date of the event for which the continuation is available.

If you acquire a new dependent while your coverage is continued during an approved FMLA leave, the dependent will be eligible for the continued coverage on the same terms as would be applicable if you were actively at work, not on an approved FMLA leave.

If you return to work for your Employer following the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, your coverage under this Plan will be in force as though you had continued in active employment rather than going on an approved FMLA leave provided you make request for such coverage within 31 days of the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave to be terminated. If you do not make such request within 31 days, coverage will again be effective under this Plan only if and when this Plan gives its written consent.

IMPORTANT HEALTH CARE REFORM NOTICES

CHOICE OF PROVIDER

If your Aetna plan generally requires or allows the designation of a primary care provider, you have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. If the plan or health insurance coverage designates a primary care provider automatically, then until you make this designation, Aetna designates one for you. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact your Employer or, if you are a current member, your Aetna contact number on the back of your ID card.

If your Aetna plan allows for the designation of a primary care provider for a child, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

If your Aetna plan provides coverage for obstetric or gynecological care and requires the designation of a primary care provider then you do not need prior authorization from Aetna or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact your Employer or, if you are a current member, your Aetna contact number on the back of your ID card.