

BENEFIT PLAN

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Choice POS II

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What Your Plan
Covers and How
Benefits are Paid

Plan Document



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Schedule of Benefits

Employer: Harris County
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For: AEXCEL BASE PLAN

Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Calendar Year Deductible*		
Individual Deductible*	\$500	\$1,000
Family Deductible*	\$1,500	\$3,000

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

Plan Payment Limit excludes plan **deductible, copayments and precertification** penalties

Individual Payment Limit:

- For **network** expenses: \$2,500.
- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$8,000.

Family Payment Limit:

- For **network** expenses: \$7,500.
- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$24,000.

Lifetime Maximum Benefit per person	Unlimited	\$1,000,000
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Payment Percentage listed in the Schedule below reflects the Plan Payment Percentage. This is the amount the Plan pays. You are responsible to pay any deductibles and the remaining payment percentage. You are responsible for full payment of any non-covered expenses you incur.

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

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

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Preventive Care Benefits		
Routine Physical Exams Includes coverage for immunizations.	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Covered Persons through age 21:</i> Maximum Age & Visit Limits per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
<i>Covered Persons ages 22 but less than 65:</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	1 visit	1 visit
<i>Covered Persons age 65 and over:</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	1 visit	1 visit
Screening & Counseling Services - Obesity, Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs & Use of Tobacco Products	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	50% per visit after calendar year deductible
<i>Obesity</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year (This maximum applies only to Covered Persons ages 22 & older.)	26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*	26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.		
<i>Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	5 visits*	5 visits*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minute is equal to one visit.		
<i>Use of Tobacco Products</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	8 visits*	8 visits*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.		

Hearing Exam	\$40 exam copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum exams per 24 month period	1 exam	1 exam
Hearing Supply	80% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Hearing Supply Maximum per 36 month period	\$1,500	\$1,500
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Routine Cancer Screenings		
Routine Gynecological Exam (Including Routine Pap Smears)	100% per exam No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum exams per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>
All Other Routine Exams and Screenings	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum tests per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, [log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com,] or call the number on the back of your ID card.]</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, [log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com,] or call the number on the back of your ID card.]</i>

Family Planning Services

Family Planning Services

Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

PLAN FEATURES

NETWORK

OUT-OF-NETWORK

Physician Services

Office Visits to Primary Care Physician
Office visits (non-surgical) to non-specialist

\$25 per visit **copay** then the plan pays 100%

No Calendar Year **deductible** applies.

50% per visit after Calendar Year **deductible**

Specialist Office Visits

\$40 per visit **copay** then the plan pays 100%

No Calendar Year **deductible** applies.

50% per visit after Calendar Year **deductible**

Aexcel Designated Network Specialist

\$40 per visit **copay** then the plan pays 100%

No Calendar Year **deductible** applies.

Not applicable

Non-Aexcel Designated Network Specialist

\$50 per visit **copay** then the plan pays 100%

No Calendar Year **deductible** applies.

Not applicable

Out of Network Provider Specialist

Not applicable

50% per visit after Calendar Year **deductible**

Physician Office Visits-Surgery

Primary Care Physician

\$25 per visit **copay** then the plan pays 100%

No Calendar Year **deductible** applies.

50% per visit after Calendar Year **deductible**

Aexcel Designated Network Specialist

\$40 per visit **copay** then the plan pays 100%

No Calendar Year **deductible** applies.

Not applicable

Non-Aexcel Designated Network Specialist

\$50 per visit **copay** then the plan pays 100%

No Calendar Year **deductible** applies.

Not applicable

Out of Network Provider Specialist

Not applicable

50% per visit after Calendar Year **deductible**

Walk-In Clinics Non-Emergency Visit	\$25 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services for Inpatient Facility and Hospital Visits	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Aexcel Designated Network Specialist	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	Not applicable
Non-Aexcel Designated Network Specialist	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	Not applicable
Out of Network Provider Specialist	Not applicable	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Administration of Anesthesia	80% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Allergy Testing and Treatment		
Primary Care Physician	\$25 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible .
Aexcel Designated Network Specialist	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
Non-Aexcel Designated Network Specialist	\$50 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
Out of Network Provider Specialist	Not applicable	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Allergy Injections	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible .

Immunizations (when not part of the physical exam)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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Prenatal Visits	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
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Emergency Medical Services		
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Hospital Emergency Facility and Physician	\$300 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	\$300 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.
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See Important Note Below

Important Note: Please note that as these providers are not **network providers** and do not have a contract with **Aetna**, the provider may not accept payment of your cost share (your **copay** and **payment percentage**), as payment in full. You may receive a bill for the difference between the amount billed by the provider and the amount paid by this Plan. If the Emergency Room Facility or **physician** bills you for an amount above your cost share, you are not responsible for paying that amount. Please send us the bill at the address listed on the back of your member ID card and we will resolve any payment dispute with the provider over that amount. Make sure your member ID number is on the bill.

Non-Emergency Care in a Hospital Emergency Room	Not covered	Not covered
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Important Notice:
A separate **hospital** emergency room **copay** applies for each visit to an emergency room for emergency care. If you are admitted to a **hospital** as an inpatient immediately following a visit to an emergency room, your **copay** is waived.

Urgent Care Services		
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Urgent Medical Care (at a non-hospital free standing facility)	\$50 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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Urgent Medical Care (from other than a non-hospital free standing facility)	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.
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Non-Urgent Use of Urgent Care Provider <i>(at an Emergency Room or a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	Not covered	Not covered
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Important Notice:

A separate **urgent care copay** or **deductible** applies for each visit to an **urgent care provider** for **urgent care**.

Covered expenses that are applied to the **urgent care copay/deductible** cannot be applied to any other **copay/deductible** under your plan. Likewise, covered expenses that are applied to your plan's other **copays/deductibles** cannot be applied to the **urgent care copay/deductible**.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Outpatient Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing		

Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing <i>(except complex imaging services)</i>	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
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Complex Imaging Services/High Tech Radiology		
Complex Imaging <i>(Precertification required by Physician)</i>	90% per test after Calendar Year deductible	50% per test after Calendar Year deductible

Diagnostic Laboratory Testing		
Diagnostic Laboratory Testing	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible

Diagnostic X-Rays(except Complex Imaging Services)		
Diagnostic X-Rays	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Outpatient Surgery		

Outpatient Surgery	80% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Inpatient Facility Expenses</i>		
<i>Birthing Center</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		
<i>Hospital Facility Expenses</i> Room and Board (including maternity)	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		
<i>Hospital Facility Expenses</i> Room and Board (excluding maternity)	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		
<i>Skilled Nursing Inpatient Facility</i>	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Days per Calendar Year	100 days	100 days
PLAN FEATURES		
Specialty Benefits		
<i>Home Health Care (Outpatient)</i>	90% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	100 visits	100 visits
<i>Private Duty Nursing (Outpatient)</i>	90% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Visit Limit per <i>Calendar Year</i>	70 Private Duty Nursing Shifts. Eight (8) hours equal one shift.	70 Private Duty Nursing Shifts. Eight (8) hours equal one shift.

Hospice Benefits		
Hospice Care - Facility Expenses (Room & Board)	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Hospice Care - Other Expenses during a stay	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Benefit per lifetime	Unlimited days	Unlimited days
Hospice Outpatient Visits	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Infertility Treatment		
Basic Infertility Expenses Coverage is for the diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition causing the infertility only.	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.
Comprehensive Infertility Expenses for Artificial Insemination or Ovulation induction	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Inpatient Treatment of Mental Disorders		
MENTAL DISORDERS		
Hospital Facility Expenses		
Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses Physician Services	80% after Calendar Year deductible	50% after Calendar Year deductible

Outpatient Treatment Of Mental Disorders

Outpatient Services

\$30 per visit **copay** then the plan pays 100%

50% per visit after the Calendar Year **deductible**

No Calendar Year **deductible** applies

PLAN FEATURES

NETWORK

OUT-OF-NETWORK

Inpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse

Hospital Facility Expenses

Room and Board

80% per admission after Calendar Year **deductible**

50% per admission after Calendar Year **deductible**

Other than Room and Board

80% per admission after Calendar Year **deductible**

50% per admission after Calendar Year **deductible**

Physician Services

80% per admission after Calendar Year **deductible**

50% per admission after Calendar Year **deductible**

Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses

80% per admission after Calendar Year **deductible**

50% per admission after Calendar Year **deductible**

Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses Physician Services

80% per visit after Calendar Year **deductible**

50%% per visit after Calendar Year **deductible**

Outpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse

Outpatient Treatment

\$40 per visit **copay** then the plan pays 100%

50% per visit after Calendar Year **deductible**

No Calendar Year **deductible** applies

PLAN FEATURES

NETWORK (IOQ Facility)

OUT-OF-NETWORK (Network non-IOQ Facility or Out-of-Network Facility)

Obesity Treatment Surgical

Inpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery (includes Surgical procedure and Acute Hospital Services)

80% per admission after Calendar Year **deductible**

Not Covered

Outpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery	80% per service after Calendar Year deductible	Not Covered	
Maximum Benefit Morbid Obesity Surgery (Inpatient and Outpatient)	Unlimited	Not Covered	
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK (IOE Facility)	NETWORK (Non-IOE Facility)	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Transplant Services Facility and Non-Facility Expenses			
Transplant Facility Expenses	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Transplant Physician Services (including office visits)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK	
Other Covered Health Expenses			
Acupuncture - Outpatient	100% per visit, up to a maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year. No Calendar Year deductible applies	100% per visit, up to a maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year. No Calendar Year deductible applies	
Acupuncture in lieu of anesthesia	80% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible	
Ground, Air or Water Ambulance	90% after Calendar Year deductible	90% after Calendar Year deductible	
Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment	90% per item after the Calendar Year deductible	50% per item after the Calendar Year deductible	
Hemodialysis (including but not limited to, Dialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis, Hemo-filtration, or other continuous replacement therapies with single physician evaluation)	80% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible	Not Covered	
Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	

Prosthetic Devices	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Outpatient Therapies		

Chemotherapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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Infusion Therapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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Radiation Therapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Short Term Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapies		

Outpatient Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy combined	\$25 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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Combined Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Maximum visits per Calendar Year	60 visits	60 visits
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Spinal Manipulation		

	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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Spinal Manipulation Benefit Maximum per Calendar Year	\$600	\$600
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Pharmacy Benefit

Copays/Deductibles

PER PRESCRIPTION COPAY/DEDUCTIBLE	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Generic Prescription Drugs		
For each 30 day supply (retail)	The greater of \$5 or 25% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$35	None
For more than a 30 day supply but less than a 91 day supply (mail order)	The greater of \$10 or 25% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$70	Not Applicable
Brand-Name Prescription Drugs		
For each 30 day supply (retail)	The greater of \$25 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$100	None
For more than a 30 day supply but less than a 91 day supply (mail order)	The greater of \$50 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$200	Not Applicable
Specialty Care Prescription Drugs (Including Blood Clotting Factor)		
For each 30 day supply	The greater of \$50 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$200	None
<p>You are required to obtain specialty care drugs and blood clotting factor at Aetna's specialty pharmacy network, vendors or suppliers designated by Aetna for all prescription drug refills after the third fill.</p>		

If you or your **prescriber** request a covered **brand-name prescription drug** when a covered **generic prescription drug** equivalent is available, you will be responsible for the cost difference between the **generic prescription drug** and the **brand-name prescription drug**, plus the applicable cost sharing.

Note: There is not a retail or mail order copay for diabetic supplies from a preferred pharmacy vendor or supplier designated by Aetna. Diabetic supplies (needles, syringes, test strips and lancets) are available without the purchase of insulin.

Coinsurance

	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Prescription Drug Plan Coinsurance	100% of the negotiated charge	60% of the recognized charge

The **prescription drug plan coinsurance** is the percentage of **prescription drug covered expenses** that the plan pays after any applicable **copays** have been met.

Expense Provisions

The following provisions apply to your health expense plan.

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

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

KEEP THIS SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS WITH YOUR BOOKLET.

Deductible Provisions

Network Calendar Year Deductible

This is an amount of **network covered expenses** incurred each Calendar Year for which no benefits will be paid. The **network** Calendar Year **deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered expenses** reach the **network** Calendar Year **deductible**, the plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered expenses** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Out-of-Network Calendar Year Deductible

This is an amount of **out-of-network covered expenses** incurred each Calendar Year for which no benefits will be paid. The **out-of-network** Calendar Year **deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered expenses** reach the **out-of-network** Calendar Year **deductible**, the plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered expenses** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Covered expenses applied to the **out-of-network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **network deductible** and **covered expenses** applied to the **network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **out-of-network deductible**.

Network Family Deductible Limit

When you incur **network covered expenses** that apply toward the **network** Calendar Year **deductibles** for you and each of your covered dependents these expenses will also count toward the **network** Calendar Year family **deductible** limit. Your **network** family **deductible** limit will be considered to be met for the rest of the Calendar Year once the combined **covered expenses** reach the **network** family **deductible** limit in a Calendar Year.

Out-of-Network Family Deductible Limit

When you incur **out-of-network covered expenses** that apply toward the **out-of-network** Calendar Year **deductibles** for you and each of your covered dependents these expenses will also count toward the **out-of-network** Calendar Year family **deductible** limit. Your **out-of-network** family **deductible** limit will be considered to be met for the rest of the Calendar Year once the combined **covered expenses** reach the **out-of-network** family **deductible** limit in a Calendar Year.

Covered expenses applied to the **out-of-network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **network deductible** and **covered expenses** applied to the **network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **out-of-network deductible**.

Copayments and Benefit Deductible Provisions

Copayment, Copay

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

Payment Provisions

Payment Percentage

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

Payment Limit

The **Payment Limit** is the maximum amount you are responsible to pay for **covered expenses** during the Calendar Year. Once you satisfy the **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the Calendar Year. The **Payment Limit** applies to out-of-network benefits.

This plan has an Individual **Payment Limit**. This means once the amount of eligible expenses you or your covered dependent have paid during the Calendar Year meets the individual **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** for the remainder of the Calendar Year for that person.

There is also a Family **Payment Limit**. This means once the amount of eligible expenses you or your covered dependent have paid during the Calendar Year meets the Family **Payment Limit** amount in the Summary of Benefits, the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** for the remainder of the Calendar Year for all covered family members.

Expenses That Do Not Apply to Your Payment Limit

Certain covered expenses do not apply toward your plan payment limit. These include:

- Expenses applied toward a **deductible**;
- Charges over the **recognized charge**;
- Expenses applied toward a **copayment**;
- Expenses incurred for outpatient **prescription drugs**;
- Non-covered expenses;
- Expenses for non-emergency use of the emergency room;
- Expenses incurred for non-urgent use of an **urgent care provider**; and
- Expenses that are not paid, or **precertification** benefit reductions because a required **precertification** for the service(s) or supply was not obtained from **Aetna**.

Maximum Benefit Provisions

Calendar Year Maximum Benefit

The most the plan will pay for covered expenses incurred by any one covered person in a Calendar Year is called the Calendar Year maximum benefit.

The Calendar Year maximum benefit applies to **network care** and **out-of-network care** expenses combined.

Lifetime Maximum Benefit

The most the plan will pay for covered expenses incurred by any one covered person during their lifetime is called the Lifetime Maximum Benefit.

The Lifetime Maximum Benefit applies to **out-of-network** expenses.

Precertification Benefit Reduction

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

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

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

General

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

Schedule of Benefits

Employer: Harris County
 ASA: 881974
 Issue Date: September 12, 2012
 Effective Date: March 1, 2012
 Schedule: 1B (Rev. 1)
 Booklet Base: 1 (Rev. 1)

For: **BASE PLAN**

Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Calendar Year Deductible*		
Individual Deductible*	\$500	\$1,000
Family Deductible*	\$1,500	\$3,000

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

Plan Payment Limit excludes plan **deductible, copayments and precertification** penalties

Individual Payment Limit:

- For **network** expenses: \$2,500.
- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$8,000.

Family Payment Limit:

- For **network** expenses: \$7,500.
- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$24,000.

Lifetime Maximum Benefit per person	Unlimited	\$1,000,000
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Payment Percentage listed in the Schedule below reflects the Plan Payment Percentage. This is the amount the Plan pays. You are responsible to pay any deductibles and the remaining payment percentage. You are responsible for full payment of any non-covered expenses you incur.

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

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

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Preventive Care Benefits		
Routine Physical Exams Includes coverage for immunizations.	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Covered Persons through age 21:</i> Maximum Age & Visit Limits per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
<i>Covered Persons ages 22 but less than 65:</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	1 visit	1 visit
<i>Covered Persons age 65 and over:</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	1 visit	1 visit
Screening & Counseling Services - Obesity, Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs & Use of Tobacco Products	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	50% per visit after calendar year deductible
<i>Obesity</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year (This maximum applies only to Covered Persons ages 22 & older.)	26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*	26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.		
<i>Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	5 visits*	5 visits*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minute is equal to one visit.		
<i>Use of Tobacco Products</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	8 visits*	8 visits*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.		

Hearing Exam	\$40 exam copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum exams per 24 month period	1 exam	1 exam
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Hearing Supply	80% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Hearing Supply Maximum per 36 month period	\$1,500	\$1,500

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
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Routine Cancer Screenings		
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Routine Gynecological Exam (Including Routine Pap Smears)	100% per exam No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum exams per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>
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All Other Routine Exams and Screenings	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum tests per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, [log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com,] or call the number on the back of your ID card.]</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, [log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com,] or call the number on the back of your ID card.]</i>
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Family Planning Services		
<i>Family Planning Services</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Physician Services		
Office Visits to Primary Care Physician Office visits (non-surgical) to non-specialist	\$25 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Specialist Office Visits	\$40 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Office Visits-Surgery		
Primary Care Physician	\$25 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Specialist	\$40 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Walk-In Clinics Non-Emergency Visit	\$25 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services for Inpatient Facility and Hospital Visits	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Administration of Anesthesia	80% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible

Allergy Testing and Treatment		
Primary Care Physician	\$25 visit copay then the plan pays 100%	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible .
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Specialist	\$40 visit copay then the plan pays 100%	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Allergy Injections	100% per visit	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible .
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Immunizations (when not part of the physical exam)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Prenatal Visits	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Emergency Medical Services		
Hospital Emergency Facility and Physician	\$300 copay per visit then the plan pays 100%	\$300 copay per visit then the plan pays 100%
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	No Calendar Year deductible applies.
		See Important Note Below
Important Note: Please note that as these providers are not network providers and do not have a contract with Aetna , the provider may not accept payment of your cost share (your copay and payment percentage), as payment in full. You may receive a bill for the difference between the amount billed by the provider and the amount paid by this Plan. If the Emergency Room Facility or physician bills you for an amount above your cost share, you are not responsible for paying that amount. Please send us the bill at the address listed on the back of your member ID card and we will resolve any payment dispute with the provider over that amount. Make sure your member ID number is on the bill.		
Non-Emergency Care in a Hospital Emergency Room	Not covered	Not covered

Important Notice:

A separate **hospital** emergency room **copay** applies for each visit to an emergency room for emergency care. If you are admitted to a **hospital** as an inpatient immediately following a visit to an emergency room, your **copay** is waived.

Urgent Care Services		
Urgent Medical Care <i>(at a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	\$50 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Urgent Medical Care <i>(from other than a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.
Non-Urgent Use of Urgent Care Provider <i>(at an Emergency Room or a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	Not covered	Not covered

Important Notice:

A separate **urgent care copay** or **deductible** applies for each visit to an **urgent care provider** for **urgent care**.

Covered expenses that are applied to the **urgent care copay/deductible** cannot be applied to any other **copay/deductible** under your plan. Likewise, covered expenses that are applied to your plan's other **copays/deductibles** cannot be applied to the **urgent care copay/deductible**.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Outpatient Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing		
Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing <i>(except complex imaging services)</i>	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Complex Imaging Services/High Tech Radiology		
Complex Imaging <i>(Precertification required by Physician)</i>	90% per test after Calendar Year deductible	50% per test after Calendar Year deductible
Diagnostic Laboratory Testing		
Diagnostic Laboratory Testing	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Diagnostic X-Rays (except Complex Imaging Services)		
Diagnostic X-Rays	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Outpatient Surgery		
Outpatient Surgery	80% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Inpatient Facility Expenses		
Birthing Center	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		

Hospital Facility Expenses Room and Board (including maternity)	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		

Hospital Facility Expenses Room and Board (excluding maternity)	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		

Skilled Nursing Inpatient Facility	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum Days per Calendar Year	100 days	100 days
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Specialty Benefits		
Home Health Care (Outpatient)	90% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible

Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	100 visits	100 visits
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Private Duty Nursing (Outpatient)	90% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Visit Limit per <i>Calendar Year</i>	70 Private Duty Nursing Shifts. Eight (8) hours equal one shift.	70 Private Duty Nursing Shifts. Eight (8) hours equal one shift.

Hospice Benefits		
Hospice Care - Facility Expenses (Room & Board)	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Hospice Care - Other Expenses during a stay	90% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Benefit per lifetime	Unlimited days	Unlimited days

Hospice Outpatient Visits	90% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
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Infertility Treatment		
Basic Infertility Expenses Coverage is for the diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition causing the infertility only.	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.

Comprehensive Infertility Expenses for Artificial Insemination or Ovulation induction	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
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Inpatient Treatment of Mental Disorders		
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MENTAL DISORDERS		
Hospital Facility Expenses		
Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses</i>	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses Physician Services</i>	80% after Calendar Year deductible	50% after Calendar Year deductible

Outpatient Treatment Of Mental Disorders

<i>Outpatient Services</i>	\$30 per visit copay then the plan pays 100%	50% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
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Inpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse

<i>Hospital Facility Expenses</i>		
Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses</i>	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses Physician Services</i>	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

Outpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse

<i>Outpatient Treatment</i>	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100%	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK (IOQ Facility)	OUT-OF-NETWORK (Network non-IOQ Facility or Out-of-Network Facility)
Obesity Treatment Surgical		
Inpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery (includes Surgical procedure and Acute Hospital Services)	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	Not Covered
Outpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery	80% per service after Calendar Year deductible	Not Covered
Maximum Benefit Morbid Obesity Surgery (Inpatient and Outpatient)	Unlimited	Not Covered

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK (IOE Facility)	NETWORK (Non-IOE Facility)	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Transplant Services Facility and Non-Facility Expenses			
Transplant Facility Expenses	80% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible	50% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Transplant Physician Services (including office visits)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Other Covered Health Expenses		
Acupuncture - Outpatient	100% per visit, up to a maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year. No Calendar Year deductible applies	100% per visit, up to a maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year. No Calendar Year deductible applies
Acupuncture in lieu of anesthesia	80% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible	50% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Ground, Air or Water Ambulance	90% after Calendar Year deductible	90% after Calendar Year deductible
Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment	90% per item after the Calendar Year deductible	50% per item after the Calendar Year deductible
Hemodialysis (including but not limited to, Dialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis, Hemo-filtration, or other continuous replacement therapies with single physician evaluation)	80% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible	Not Covered

<i>Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
<i>Prosthetic Devices</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Outpatient Therapies</i>		
<i>Chemotherapy</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
<i>Infusion Therapy</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
<i>Radiation Therapy</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Short Term Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapies</i>		
<i>Outpatient Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy combined</i>	\$25 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Combined Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Maximum visits per Calendar Year	60 visits	60 visits
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Spinal Manipulation</i>		
	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Spinal Manipulation Benefit Maximum per Calendar Year	\$600	\$600

Pharmacy Benefit

Copays/Deductibles

PER PRESCRIPTION COPAY/DEDUCTIBLE	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Generic Prescription Drugs		
For each 30 day supply (retail)	The greater of \$5 or 25% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$35	None
For more than a 30 day supply but less than a 91 day supply (mail order)	The greater of \$10 or 25% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$70	Not Applicable
Brand-Name Prescription Drugs		
For each 30 day supply (retail)	The greater of \$25 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$100	None
For more than a 30 day supply but less than a 91 day supply (mail order)	The greater of \$50 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$200	Not Applicable
Specialty Care Prescription Drugs (Including Blood Clotting Factor)		
For each 30 day supply	The greater of \$50 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$200	None
You are required to obtain specialty care drugs and blood clotting factor at Aetna's specialty pharmacy network , vendors or suppliers designated by Aetna for all prescription drug refills after the third fill.		

If you or your **prescriber** request a covered **brand-name prescription drug** when a covered **generic prescription drug** equivalent is available, you will be responsible for the cost difference between the **generic prescription drug** and the **brand-name prescription drug**, plus the applicable cost sharing.

Note: There is not a retail or mail order copay for diabetic supplies from a preferred pharmacy vendor or supplier designated by Aetna. Diabetic supplies (needles, syringes, test strips and lancets) are available without the purchase of insulin.

Coinsurance

	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Prescription Drug Plan Coinsurance	100% of the negotiated charge	60% of the recognized charge

The **prescription drug plan coinsurance** is the percentage of **prescription drug covered expenses** that the plan pays after any applicable **copays** have been met.

Expense Provisions

The following provisions apply to your health expense plan.

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

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

KEEP THIS SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS WITH YOUR BOOKLET.

Deductible Provisions

Network Calendar Year Deductible

This is an amount of **network covered expenses** incurred each Calendar Year for which no benefits will be paid. The **network** Calendar Year **deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered expenses** reach the **network** Calendar Year **deductible**, the plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered expenses** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Out-of-Network Calendar Year Deductible

This is an amount of **out-of-network covered expenses** incurred each Calendar Year for which no benefits will be paid. The **out-of-network** Calendar Year **deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered expenses** reach the **out-of-network** Calendar Year **deductible**, the plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered expenses** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Covered expenses applied to the **out-of-network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **network deductible** and **covered expenses** applied to the **network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **out-of-network deductible**.

Network Family Deductible Limit

When you incur **network covered expenses** that apply toward the **network** Calendar Year **deductibles** for you and each of your covered dependents these expenses will also count toward the **network** Calendar Year family **deductible** limit. Your **network** family **deductible** limit will be considered to be met for the rest of the Calendar Year once the combined **covered expenses** reach the **network** family **deductible** limit in a Calendar Year.

Out-of-Network Family Deductible Limit

When you incur **out-of-network covered expenses** that apply toward the **out-of-network** Calendar Year **deductibles** for you and each of your covered dependents these expenses will also count toward the **out-of-network** Calendar Year family **deductible** limit. Your **out-of-network** family **deductible** limit will be considered to be met for the rest of the Calendar Year once the combined **covered expenses** reach the **out-of-network** family **deductible** limit in a Calendar Year.

Covered expenses applied to the **out-of-network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **network deductible** and **covered expenses** applied to the **network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **out-of-network deductible**.

Copayments and Benefit Deductible Provisions

Copayment, Copay

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

Payment Provisions

Payment Percentage

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

Payment Limit

The **Payment Limit** is the maximum amount you are responsible to pay for **covered expenses** during the calendar year. Once you satisfy the **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the Calendar year. The **Payment Limit** applies to both network and out-of-network benefits.

This plan has an Individual **Payment Limit**. This means once the amount of eligible expenses you or your covered dependent have paid during the calendar year meets the individual **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** for the remainder of the calendar Year for that person.

There is also a Family **Payment Limit**. This means once the amount of eligible expenses you or your covered dependent have paid during the calendar year meets three times the individual **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** for the remainder of the calendar year for all covered family members.

The **Payment Limit** applies to both network and out-of-network benefits. You have separate **Payment Limits** for in-network and out-of-network benefits. **Payment Limit** amounts paid by you for in-network and out-of-network **covered expenses** apply to each limit separately and may not be combined and applied toward one limit.

Expenses That Do Not Apply to Your Payment Limit

Certain covered expenses do not apply toward your plan payment limit. These include:

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

Maximum Benefit Provisions

Calendar Year Maximum Benefit

The most the plan will pay for covered expenses incurred by any one covered person in a Calendar Year is called the Calendar Year maximum benefit.

The Calendar Year maximum benefit applies to **network care** and **out-of-network care** expenses combined.

Lifetime Maximum Benefit

The most the plan will pay for covered expenses incurred by any one covered person during their lifetime is called the Lifetime Maximum Benefit.

The Lifetime Maximum Benefit applies to **out-of-network** expenses.

Precertification Benefit Reduction

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

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

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

General

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

Schedule of Benefits

Employer: Harris County
 ASA: 881974
 Issue Date: September 12, 2012
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 Schedule: 1C (Rev. 1)
 Booklet Base: 1 (Rev. 1)

For: AEXCEL BASE PLUS PLAN

Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Calendar Year Deductible*		
Individual Deductible*	\$250 (for Hospice Expenses only)	\$1,000
Family Deductible*	Not Applicable	\$3,000
Per Admission Copayment		
	\$500 per admission	Not Applicable

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

Plan Payment Limit excludes plan **deductible**, **copayments** and **precertification** penalties.

Individual Payment Limit:

- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$8,000.

Family Payment Limit:

- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$24,000.

Lifetime Maximum Benefit per person	Unlimited	\$1,000,000
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Payment Percentage listed in the Schedule below reflects the Plan Payment Percentage. This is the amount the Plan pays. You are responsible to pay any deductibles and the remaining payment percentage. You are responsible for full payment of any non-covered expenses you incur.

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

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

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Preventive Care Benefits		
Routine Physical Exams Includes coverage for immunizations.	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Covered Persons through age 21:</i> Maximum Age & Visit Limits per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
<i>Covered Persons ages 22 but less than 65:</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	1 visit	1 visit
<i>Covered Persons age 65 and over:</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	1 visit	1 visit
Screening & Counseling Services - Obesity, Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs & Use of Tobacco Products	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	60% per visit after calendar year deductible
<i>Obesity</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year (This maximum applies only to Covered Persons ages 22 & older.)	26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*	26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.		
<i>Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	5 visits*	5 visits*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minute is equal to one visit.		
<i>Use of Tobacco Products</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	8 visits*	8 visits*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.		

Hearing Exam	\$40 exam copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum exams per 24 month period	1 exam	1 exam
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Hearing Supply	80% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Hearing Supply Maximum per 36 month period	\$1,500	\$1,500

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
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Routine Cancer Screenings		
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Routine Gynecological Exam (Including Routine Pap Smears)	100% per exam No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum exams per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>
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All Other Routine Exams and Screenings	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum tests per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, [log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com,] or call the number on the back of your ID card.]</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, [log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com,] or call the number on the back of your ID card.]</i>
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Family Planning Services		
<i>Family Planning Services</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
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Physician Services		
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Office Visits to Primary Care Physician Office visits (non-surgical) to non-specialist	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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Specialist Office Visits	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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Aexcel Designated Network Specialist	\$30 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
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Non-Aexcel Designated Network Specialist	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
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Out of Network Provider Specialist	Not applicable	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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Physician Office Visits-Surgery		
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Primary Care Physician	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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Aexcel Designated Network Specialist	\$30 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
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Non-Aexcel Designated Network Specialist	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
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Out of Network Provider Specialist	Not applicable	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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<i>Walk-In Clinics Non-Emergency Visit</i>	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Physician Services for Inpatient Facility and Hospital Visits</i>	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Aexcel Designated Network Specialist</i>	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
<i>Non-Aexcel Designated Network Specialist</i>	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
<i>Out of Network Provider Specialist</i>	Not applicable	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Administration of Anesthesia</i>	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Allergy Testing and Treatment</i>		
<i>Primary Care Physician</i>	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible .
<i>Specialist</i>	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Aexcel Designated Network Specialist</i>	\$30 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
<i>Non-Aexcel Designated Network Specialist</i>	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not applicable
<i>Out of Network Provider Specialist</i>	Not applicable	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

Allergy Injections	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible .
Immunizations (when not part of the physical exam)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Prenatal Visits	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Emergency Medical Services		
Hospital Emergency Facility and Physician	\$300 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	\$300 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies. See Important Note Below
<p>Important Note: Please note that as these providers are not network providers and do not have a contract with Aetna, the provider may not accept payment of your cost share (your copay and payment percentage), as payment in full. You may receive a bill for the difference between the amount billed by the provider and the amount paid by this Plan. If the Emergency Room Facility or physician bills you for an amount above your cost share, you are not responsible for paying that amount. Please send us the bill at the address listed on the back of your member ID card and we will resolve any payment dispute with the provider over that amount. Make sure your member ID number is on the bill.</p>		

Non-Emergency Care in a Hospital Emergency Room	Not covered	Not covered
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Important Notice:
A separate **hospital** emergency room **copay** applies for each visit to an emergency room for emergency care. If you are admitted to a **hospital** as an inpatient immediately following a visit to an emergency room, your **copay** is waived.

Urgent Care Services		
Urgent Medical Care (at a non-hospital free standing facility)	\$50 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

Urgent Medical Care <i>(from other than a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.
Non-Urgent Use of Urgent Care Provider <i>(at an Emergency Room or a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	Not covered	Not covered

Important Notice:
A separate **urgent care copay** or **deductible** applies for each visit to an **urgent care provider** for **urgent care**.

Covered expenses that are applied to the **urgent care copay/deductible** cannot be applied to any other **copay/deductible** under your plan. Likewise, covered expenses that are applied to your plan's other **copays/deductibles** cannot be applied to the **urgent care copay/deductible**.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Outpatient Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing		
Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing <i>(except complex imaging services)</i>	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Complex Imaging Services/High Tech Radiology		
Complex Imaging <i>(Precertification required by Physician)</i>	100% per test No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per test after Calendar Year deductible
Diagnostic Laboratory Testing		
Diagnostic Laboratory Testing	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Diagnostic X-Rays(except Complex Imaging Services)		
Diagnostic X-Rays	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Outpatient Surgery		
Outpatient Surgery	100% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible	60% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Facility Copay	\$300	Not Applicable
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Inpatient Facility Expenses		
Birth Center	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		

Hospital Facility Expenses		
Room and Board (including maternity)	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	100% per admission No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible

Hospital Facility Expenses		
Room and Board (excluding maternity)	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	100% per admission No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible

Skilled Nursing Inpatient Facility	100% per admission No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
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Maximum Days per Calendar Year	100 days	100 days
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Specialty Benefits		
Home Health Care (Outpatient)	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	100 visits	100 visits
Private Duty Nursing (Outpatient)	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Visit Limit per Calendar Year	70 Private Duty Nursing Shifts. Eight (8) hours equal one shift.	70 Private Duty Nursing Shifts. Eight (8) hours equal one shift.
Hospice Benefits		
Hospice Care - Facility Expenses (Room & Board)	90% per admission after \$250 Calendar Year deductible	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Hospice Care - Other Expenses during a stay	90% per admission after \$250 Calendar Year deductible	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Benefit per lifetime	Unlimited days	Unlimited days
Hospice Outpatient Visits	90% per visit after \$250 Calendar Year deductible	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
PLAN FEATURES		
Infertility Treatment		
Basic Infertility Expenses Coverage is for the diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition causing the infertility only.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Comprehensive Infertility Expenses for Artificial Insemination or Ovulation induction	50% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.

Inpatient Treatment of Mental Disorders

MENTAL DISORDERS

Hospital Facility Expenses

Room and Board	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Other than Room and Board	100% per admission	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Physician Services	100% per visit	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses

	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses Physician Services

	100% per visit	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

Outpatient Treatment Of Mental Disorders

Outpatient Services

	\$30 per visit copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Inpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse</i>		
<i>Hospital Facility Expenses</i>		
Room and Board	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	
Other than Room and Board	100% per admission	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Physician Services	100% per visit	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses</i>		
	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses Physician Services</i>	100% per visit	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
<i>Outpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse</i>		
<i>Outpatient Treatment</i>	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK (IOQ Facility)	OUT-OF-NETWORK (Network non-IOQ Facility or Out-of-Network Facility)
<i>Obesity Treatment Surgical</i>		
<i>Inpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery (includes Surgical procedure and Acute Hospital Services)</i>	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	Not Covered
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

Outpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery	100% per service No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not Covered
Maximum Facility Copay	\$300 per service	Not Applicable.

Maximum Benefit Morbid Obesity Surgery (Inpatient and Outpatient)	Unlimited	Not Covered
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK (IOE Facility)	NETWORK (Non-IOE Facility)	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Transplant Services Facility and Non-Facility Expenses			
Transplant Facility Expenses	\$500 per admission copay , then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	\$500 per admission deductible , then the plan pays 60% No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Transplant Physician Services (including office visits)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Other Covered Health Expenses		
Acupuncture - Outpatient	100% per visit, up to a maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year. No Calendar Year deductible applies	100% per visit, up to a maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year. No Calendar Year deductible applies
Acupuncture in lieu of anesthesia	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Ground, Air or Water Ambulance	100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment	100% per item No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per item after the Calendar Year deductible
Hemodialysis <i>(including but not limited to, Dialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis, Hemo-filtration, or other continuous replacement therapies with single physician evaluation)</i>	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not Covered
Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Prosthetic Devices	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Outpatient Therapies		
Chemotherapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Infusion Therapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Radiation Therapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Short Term Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapies		
Outpatient Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy combined	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Combined Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Maximum visits per Calendar Year	60 visits	60 visits

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Spinal Manipulation		
	\$30 per visit copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	
Spinal Manipulation Benefit Maximum per Calendar Year	\$600	\$600

Pharmacy Benefit

Copays/Deductibles

PER PRESCRIPTION COPAY/DEDUCTIBLE	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Generic Prescription Drugs		
For each 30 day supply (retail)	The greater of \$5 or 25% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$35	None
For more than a 30 day supply but less than a 91 day supply (mail order)	The greater of \$10 or 25% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$70	Not Applicable
Brand-Name Prescription Drugs		
For each 30 day supply (retail)	The greater of \$25 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$100	None
For more than a 30 day supply but less than a 91 day supply (mail order)	The greater of \$50 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$200	Not Applicable
Specialty Care Prescription Drugs (Including Blood Clotting Factor)		
For each 30 day supply	The greater of \$50 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$200	None
You are required to obtain specialty care drugs and blood clotting factor at Aetna's specialty pharmacy network , vendors or suppliers designated by Aetna for all prescription drug refills after the third fill.		

If you or your **prescriber** request a covered **brand-name prescription drug** when a covered **generic prescription drug** equivalent is available, you will be responsible for the cost difference between the **generic prescription drug** and the **brand-name prescription drug**, plus the applicable cost sharing.

Note: There is not a retail or mail order copay for diabetic supplies from a preferred pharmacy vendor or supplier designated by Aetna. Diabetic supplies (needles, syringes, test strips and lancets) are available without the purchase

of insulin.

Coinsurance

	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Prescription Drug Plan Coinsurance	100% of the negotiated charge	60% of the recognized charge

The **prescription drug plan coinsurance** is the percentage of **prescription drug covered expenses** that the plan pays after any applicable **copays** have been met.

Expense Provisions

The following provisions apply to your health expense plan.

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

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

KEEP THIS SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS WITH YOUR BOOKLET.

Deductible Provisions

Network Calendar Year Deductible

This is an amount of **network covered Hospice expenses** incurred each Calendar Year for which no benefits will be paid. The **network** Calendar Year **deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered Hospice expenses** reach the **network** Calendar Year **deductible**, the plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered Hospice expenses** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Out-of-Network Calendar Year Deductible

This is an amount of **out-of-network covered expenses** incurred each Calendar Year for which no benefits will be paid. The **out-of-network** Calendar Year **deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered expenses** reach the **out-of-network** Calendar Year **deductible**, the plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered expenses** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Covered expenses applied to the **out-of-network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **network deductible** and **covered expenses** applied to the **network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **out-of-network deductible**.

Out-of-Network Family Deductible Limit

When you incur **out-of-network covered expenses** that apply toward the **out-of-network** Calendar Year **deductibles** for you and each of your covered dependents these expenses will also count toward the **out-of-network** Calendar Year family **deductible** limit. Your **out-of-network** family **deductible** limit will be considered to be met for the rest of the Calendar Year once the combined **covered expenses** reach the **out-of-network** family **deductible** limit in a Calendar Year.

Covered expenses applied to the **out-of-network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **network deductible** and **covered expenses** applied to the **network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **out-of-network deductible**.

Copayments and Benefit Deductible Provisions

Copayment, Copay

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

Per Admission Copayment

A Per Admission **Copayment** is an amount you are required to pay when you or a covered dependent have a **stay** in an inpatient facility. A **copayment** is a specified dollar amount or percentage of the **negotiated charge** required to be paid by you at the time you receive a covered service from a **network provider**. It represents a portion of the applicable expense.

Separate **copayments** may apply per facility. These **copayments** are in addition to any other **copayments** applicable under this plan. They may apply to each **stay** or they may apply on a per day basis up to a per admission maximum amount.

Covered expenses applied to the per admission **copayment** cannot be applied to any other **copayment** required in your plan. Likewise, **covered expenses** applied to your plan's other **copayments** cannot be applied to meet the per admission **copayment**.

For the stay of a well newborn baby (starting at birth), the per admission **copayment** amount will not exceed the hospital's actual **room and board charge** on the first day of the stay.

Payment Provisions

Payment Percentage

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

Payment Limit

The **Payment Limit** is the maximum amount you are responsible to pay for **covered expenses** during the Calendar Year. Once you satisfy the **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the Calendar Year. The **Payment Limit** applies to out-of-network benefits.

This plan has an Individual **Payment Limit**. This means once the amount of eligible expenses you or your covered dependent have paid during the Calendar Year meets the individual **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** for the remainder of the Calendar Year for that person.

There is also a Family **Payment Limit**. This means once the amount of eligible expenses you or your covered dependent have paid during the Calendar Year meets the Family **Payment Limit** amount in the Summary of Benefits, the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** for the remainder of the Calendar Year for all covered family members.

Expenses That Do Not Apply to Your Payment Limit

Certain covered expenses do not apply toward your plan payment limit. These include:

- Expenses applied toward a **deductible**;
- Charges over the **recognized charge**;
- Expenses applied toward a **copayment**;
- Expenses incurred for outpatient **prescription drugs**;
- Non-covered expenses;
- Expenses for non-emergency use of the emergency room;

- Expenses incurred for non-urgent use of an **urgent care provider**; and
- Expenses that are not paid, or **precertification** benefit reductions because a required **precertification** for the service(s) or supply was not obtained from **Aetna**.

Maximum Benefit Provisions

Calendar Year Maximum Benefit

The most the plan will pay for covered expenses incurred by any one covered person in a Calendar Year is called the Calendar Year maximum benefit.

The Calendar Year maximum benefit applies to **network care** and **out-of-network care** expenses combined.

Lifetime Maximum Benefit

The most the plan will pay for covered expenses incurred by any one covered person during their lifetime is called the Lifetime Maximum Benefit.

The Lifetime Maximum Benefit applies to **out-of-network** expenses.

Precertification Benefit Reduction

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

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

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

General

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

Schedule of Benefits

Employer: Harris County
 ASA: 881974
 Issue Date: September 12, 2012
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 Schedule: 1D (Rev. 1)
 Booklet Base: 1 (Rev. 1)

For: **BASE PLUS PLAN**

Aetna Choice POS II Medical Plan

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Calendar Year Deductible*		
Individual Deductible*	\$250 (for Hospice Expenses Only)	\$1,000
Family Deductible*	Not Applicable	\$3,000
Per Admission Copayment		
	\$500 per admission	Not Applicable

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

Plan Payment Limit excludes plan **deductible**, **copayments** and **precertification** penalties.

Individual Payment Limit:

- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$8,000.

Family Payment Limit:

- For **out-of-network** expenses: \$24,000.

Lifetime Maximum Benefit per person	Unlimited	\$1,000,000
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Payment Percentage listed in the Schedule below reflects the Plan Payment Percentage. This is the amount the Plan pays. You are responsible to pay any deductibles and the remaining payment percentage. You are responsible for full payment of any non-covered expenses you incur.

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

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

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Preventive Care Benefits		
Routine Physical Exams Includes coverage for immunizations.	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Covered Persons through age 21:</i> Maximum Age & Visit Limits per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
<i>Covered Persons ages 22 but less than 65:</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	1 visit	1 visit
<i>Covered Persons age 65 and over:</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	1 visit	1 visit
Screening & Counseling Services - Obesity, Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs & Use of Tobacco Products	100% per visit No copay or deductible applies.	60% per visit after calendar year deductible
<i>Obesity</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year (This maximum applies only to Covered Persons ages 22 & older.)	26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*	26 visits (however, of these only 10 visits will be allowed under the Plan for healthy diet counseling provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease)*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.		
<i>Misuse of Alcohol and/or Drugs</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	5 visit*	5 visit*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minute is equal to one visit.		
<i>Use of Tobacco Products</i> Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	8 visit*	8 visit*
*Note: In figuring the Maximum Visits, each session of up to 60 minutes is equal to one visit.		

Hearing Exam	\$40 exam copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Maximum exams per 24 month period	1 exam	1 exam
Hearing Supply	80% per visit	80% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Hearing Supply Maximum per 36 month period	\$1,500	\$1,500
PLAN FEATURES		
NETWORK		
OUT-OF-NETWORK		
Routine Cancer Screenings		
Routine Gynecological Exam (Including Routine Pap Smears)	100% per exam	60% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Maximum exams per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com, or call the number on the back of your ID card.</i>
All Other Routine Exams and Screenings	100% per visit	60% per exam after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

Maximum tests per Calendar Year	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, [log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com,] or call the number on the back of your ID card.]</i>	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. <i>For details, contact your physician, [log onto the Aetna website www.aetna.com,] or call the number on the back of your ID card.]</i>
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Family Planning Services		
<i>Family Planning Services</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Physician Services		
Office Visits to Primary Care Physician Office visits (non-surgical) to non-specialist	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

Specialist Office Visits	\$40 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
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Physician Office Visits-Surgery		
Primary Care Physician	\$20 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Specialist	\$40 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

Walk-In Clinics Non-Emergency Visit	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services for Inpatient Facility and Hospital Visits	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Administration of Anesthesia	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Allergy Testing and Treatment		
Primary Care Physician	\$20 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.
Specialist	\$40 visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Allergy Injections	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.
Immunizations (when not part of the physical exam)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Prenatal Visits	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Emergency Medical Services		
Hospital Emergency Facility and Physician	\$300 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	\$300 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.
See Important Note Below		
<p>Important Note: Please note that as these providers are not network providers and do not have a contract with Aetna, the provider may not accept payment of your cost share (your copay and payment percentage), as payment in full. You may receive a bill for the difference between the amount billed by the provider and the amount paid by this Plan. If the Emergency Room Facility or physician bills you for an amount above your cost share, you are not responsible for paying that amount. Please send us the bill at the address listed on the back of your member ID card and we will resolve any payment dispute with the provider over that amount. Make sure your member ID number is on the bill.</p>		

Non-Emergency Care in a Hospital Emergency Room	Not covered	Not covered
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Important Notice:
A separate **hospital** emergency room **copay** applies for each visit to an emergency room for emergency care. If you are admitted to a **hospital** as an inpatient immediately following a visit to an emergency room, your **copay** is waived.

Urgent Care Services		
Urgent Medical Care <i>(at a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	\$50 copay per visit then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

Urgent Medical Care <i>(from other than a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.	Refer to <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> and <i>Physician Services</i> above.
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Non-Urgent Use of Urgent Care Provider <i>(at an Emergency Room or a non-hospital free standing facility)</i>	Not covered	Not covered
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Important Notice:
A separate **urgent care copay** or **deductible** applies for each visit to an **urgent care provider** for **urgent care**.

Covered expenses that are applied to the **urgent care copay/deductible** cannot be applied to any other **copay/deductible** under your plan. Likewise, covered expenses that are applied to your plan's other **copays/deductibles** cannot be applied to the **urgent care copay/deductible**.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
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<i>Outpatient Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing</i>		
<i>Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing (except complex imaging services)</i>	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Complex Imaging Services/High Tech Radiology</i>		
<i>Complex Imaging</i>	100% per test No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per test after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Diagnostic Laboratory Testing</i>		
<i>Diagnostic Laboratory Testing</i>	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Diagnostic X-Rays (except Complex Imaging Services)</i>		
<i>Diagnostic X-Rays</i>	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Outpatient Surgery</i>		
<i>Outpatient Surgery</i>	100% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible	60% per visit/surgical procedure after Calendar Year deductible
<i>Maximum Facility Copay</i>	\$300	Not Applicable
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<i>Inpatient Facility Expenses</i>		
<i>Birth Center</i>	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Note: There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.		

Hospital Facility Expenses		
Room and Board (including maternity)	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	
Other than Room and Board	100% per admission	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

Hospital Facility Expenses		
Room and Board (excluding maternity)	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	
Other than Room and Board	100% per admission	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

Skilled Nursing Inpatient Facility	100% per admission	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

Maximum Days per Calendar Year	100 days	100 days
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Specialty Benefits		
Home Health Care (Outpatient)	100% per visit	60% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

Maximum Visits per Calendar Year	100 visits	100 visits
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Private Duty Nursing (Outpatient)	100% per visit	60% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

Maximum Visit Limit per <i>Calendar Year</i>	70 Private Duty Nursing Shifts. Eight (8) hours equal one shift.	70 Private Duty Nursing Shifts. Eight (8) hours equal one shift.
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Hospice Benefits		
Hospice Care - Facility Expenses (Room & Board)	90% per admission after \$250 Calendar Year deductible	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Hospice Care - Other Expenses <i>during a stay</i>	90% per admission after \$250 Calendar Year deductible	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Maximum Benefit per lifetime	Unlimited days	Unlimited days
Hospice Outpatient Visits	90% per visit after \$250 Calendar Year deductible	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Infertility Treatment		
Basic Infertility Expenses Coverage is for the diagnosis and treatment of the underlying medical condition causing the infertility only.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Comprehensive Infertility Expenses for Artificial Insemination or Ovulation induction	50% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	50% per visit after Calendar Year deductible.

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Inpatient Treatment of Mental Disorders		

MENTAL DISORDERS		
Hospital Facility Expenses		
Room and Board	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Other than Room and Board	100% per admission No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
Physician Services	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible

<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses</i>	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses Physician Services</i>	100% per visit	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

Outpatient Treatment Of Mental Disorders

<i>Outpatient Services</i>	\$30 per visit copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per visit after the Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

PLAN FEATURES NETWORK OUT-OF-NETWORK

Inpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse

<i>Hospital Facility Expenses</i>		
Room and Board	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	
Other than Room and Board	100% per admission	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
Physician Services	100% per visit	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses</i>	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	
<i>Inpatient Residential Treatment Facility Expenses Physician Services</i>	100% per visit	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

Outpatient Treatment of Substance Abuse		
Outpatient Treatment	\$40 per visit copay then the plan pays 100%	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK (IOQ Facility)	OUT-OF-NETWORK (Network non-IOQ Facility or Out-of-Network Facility)
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Obesity Treatment Surgical

Inpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery (includes Surgical procedure and Acute Hospital Services)	\$500 per admission copay then the plan pays 100%	Not Covered
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

Outpatient Morbid Obesity Surgery	100% per service	Not Covered
	No Calendar Year deductible applies.	

Maximum Facility Copay	\$300 per service	Not Applicable.
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Maximum Benefit Morbid Obesity Surgery (Inpatient and Outpatient)	Unlimited	Not Covered
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK (IOE Facility)	NETWORK (Non-IOE Facility)	OUT-OF-NETWORK
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Transplant Services Facility and Non-Facility Expenses

Transplant Facility Expenses	\$500 per admission copay , then the plan pays 100%	\$500 per admission deductible , then the plan pays 60%	60% per admission after Calendar Year deductible
	No Calendar Year deductible applies	No Calendar Year deductible applies	

Transplant Physician Services (including office visits)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Other Covered Health Expenses		
Acupuncture - Outpatient	100% per visit, up to a maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year. No Calendar Year deductible applies	100% per visit, up to a maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year. No Calendar Year deductible applies
Acupuncture in lieu of anesthesia	100% per procedure No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per procedure after Calendar Year deductible
Ground, Air or Water Ambulance	100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.	100% No Calendar Year deductible applies.
Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment	100% per item No Calendar Year deductible applies.	60% per item after the Calendar Year deductible
Hemodialysis <i>(including but not limited to, Dialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis, Hemo-filtration, or other continuous replacement therapies with single physician evaluation)</i>	100% per visit No Calendar Year deductible applies.	Not Covered
Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
Prosthetic Devices	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Outpatient Therapies		
Chemotherapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.

Infusion Therapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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Radiation Therapy	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.	Payable in accordance with the type of expense incurred and the place where service is provided.
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PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Short Term Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapies		
Outpatient Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy combined	\$20 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Combined Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Maximum visits per Calendar Year	60 visits	60 visits

PLAN FEATURES	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Spinal Manipulation		
	\$30 per visit copay then the plan pays 100% No Calendar Year deductible applies	60% per visit after Calendar Year deductible
Spinal Manipulation Benefit Maximum per Calendar Year	\$600	\$600

Pharmacy Benefit

Copays/Deductibles

PER PRESCRIPTION COPAY/DEDUCTIBLE	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Generic Prescription Drugs		
For each 30 day supply (retail)	The greater of \$5 or 25% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$35	None
For more than a 30 day supply but less than a 91 day supply (mail order)	The greater of \$10 or 25% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$70	Not Applicable

Brand-Name Prescription Drugs

For each 30 day supply (retail)	The greater of \$25 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$100	None
For more than a 30 day supply but less than a 91 day supply (mail order)	The greater of \$50 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$200	Not Applicable

Specialty Care Prescription Drugs (Including Blood Clotting Factor)

For each 30 day supply	The greater of \$50 or 30% of the negotiated charge not to exceed \$200	None
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You are required to obtain **specialty care drugs and blood clotting factor** at **Aetna's specialty pharmacy network**, vendors or suppliers designated by **Aetna** for all prescription drug refills after the third fill.

If you or your **prescriber** request a covered **brand-name prescription drug** when a covered **generic prescription drug** equivalent is available, you will be responsible for the cost difference between the **generic prescription drug** and the **brand-name prescription drug**, plus the applicable cost sharing.

Note: There is not a retail or mail order copay for diabetic supplies from a preferred pharmacy vendor or supplier designated by Aetna. Diabetic supplies (needles, syringes, test strips and lancets) are available without the purchase of insulin.

Coinsurance

	NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Prescription Drug Plan Coinsurance	100% of the negotiated charge	60% of the recognized charge

The **prescription drug plan coinsurance** is the percentage of **prescription drug covered expenses** that the plan pays after any applicable **copays** have been met.

Expense Provisions

The following provisions apply to your health expense plan.

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

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

KEEP THIS SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS WITH YOUR BOOKLET.

Deductible Provisions

Network Calendar Year Deductible

This is an amount of **network covered Hospice expenses** incurred each Calendar Year for which no benefits will be paid. The **network Calendar Year deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered Hospice expenses** reach the **network Calendar Year deductible**, the plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered Hospice expenses** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Out-of-Network Calendar Year Deductible

This is an amount of **out-of-network covered expenses** incurred each Calendar Year for which no benefits will be paid. The **out-of-network Calendar Year deductible** applies separately to you and each of your covered dependents. After **covered expenses** reach the **out-of-network Calendar Year deductible**, the plan will begin to pay benefits for **covered expenses** for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Covered expenses applied to the **out-of-network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **network deductible** and **covered expenses** applied to the **network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **out-of-network deductible**.

Out-of-Network Family Deductible Limit

When you incur **out-of-network covered expenses** that apply toward the **out-of-network Calendar Year deductibles** for you and each of your covered dependents these expenses will also count toward the **out-of-network Calendar Year family deductible limit**. Your **out-of-network family deductible limit** will be considered to be met for the rest of the Calendar Year once the combined **covered expenses** reach the **out-of-network family deductible limit** in a Calendar Year.

Covered expenses applied to the **out-of-network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **network deductible** and **covered expenses** applied to the **network deductible** will not be applied to satisfy the **out-of-network deductible**.

Copayments and Benefit Deductible Provisions

Copayment, Copay

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

Per Admission Copayment

A Per Admission **Copayment** is an amount you are required to pay when you or a covered dependent have a **stay** in an inpatient facility. A **copayment** is a specified dollar amount or percentage of the **negotiated charge** required to be paid by you at the time you receive a covered service from a **network provider**. It represents a portion of the applicable expense.

Separate **copayments** may apply per facility. These **copayments** are in addition to any other **copayments** applicable under this plan. They may apply to each **stay** or they may apply on a per day basis up to a per admission maximum amount.

Covered expenses applied to the per admission **copayment** cannot be applied to any other **copayment** required in your plan. Likewise, **covered expenses** applied to your plan's other **copayments** cannot be applied to meet the per admission **copayment**.

For the stay of a well newborn baby (starting at birth), the per admission **copayment** amount will not exceed the hospital's actual **room and board charge** on the first day of the stay.

Payment Provisions

Payment Percentage

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

Payment Limit

The **Payment Limit** is the maximum amount you are responsible to pay for **covered expenses** during the calendar year. Once you satisfy the **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the Calendar year. The **Payment Limit** applies to both network and out-of-network benefits.

This plan has an Individual **Payment Limit**. This means once the amount of eligible expenses you or your covered dependent have paid during the calendar year meets the individual **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** for the remainder of the calendar Year for that person.

There is also a Family **Payment Limit**. This means once the amount of eligible expenses you or your covered dependent have paid during the calendar year meets three times the individual **Payment Limit**, the plan will pay 100% of **covered expenses** for the remainder of the calendar year for all covered family members.

The **Payment Limit** applies to both network and out -of-network benefits. You have separate **Payment Limits** for in-network and out-of-network benefits. **Payment Limit** amounts paid by you for in-network and out -of-network **covered expenses** apply to each limit separately and may not be combined and applied toward one limit.

Expenses That Do Not Apply to Your Payment Limit

Certain covered expenses do not apply toward your plan payment limit. These include:

- Expenses applied toward a **deductible**;
- Charges over the **recognized charge**;
- Expenses applied toward a **copayment**;
- Expenses incurred for outpatient **prescription drugs**;
- Non-covered expenses;
- Expenses for non-emergency use of the emergency room;
- Expenses incurred for non-urgent use of an **urgent care provider**; and
- Expenses that are not paid, or **precertification** benefit reductions because a required **precertification** for the service(s) or supply was not obtained from **Aetna**.

Maximum Benefit Provisions

Calendar Year Maximum Benefit

The most the plan will pay for covered expenses incurred by any one covered person in a Calendar Year is called the Calendar Year maximum benefit.

The Calendar Year maximum benefit applies to **network care** and **out-of-network care** expenses combined.

Lifetime Maximum Benefit

The most the plan will pay for covered expenses incurred by any one covered person during their lifetime is called the Lifetime Maximum Benefit.

The Lifetime Maximum Benefit applies to **out-of-network** expenses.

Precertification Benefit Reduction

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

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

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

General

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

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 Coverage¹

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.

¹ Health Expense Benefit means Health Expense Coverage when appearing throughout this Booklet.

When Your Coverage Begins

Who Can Be Covered

How and When to Enroll

When Your Coverage Begins

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

Who Can Be Covered

Employees

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

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

Determining if You Are in an Eligible Class

You are in an Eligible Class if you are a elected official or employee working at least 32 hours per week and your Employer has determined that your place of residence is within the Service Area covered under this Plan.

Your Eligibility Date, if you are then in an Eligible Class, is the Effective Date of this Plan. Otherwise, it is the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date you complete a probationary period of 90 days of continuous service for your Employer or, if later, the date you enter the Eligible Class.

You can remain in an Eligible Class as a retired employee if you retire under your Employer's IRS Qualified Retirement Plan and will receive a pension, except a deferred vested pension. You may continue your Health Expense Coverage and any coverage you have for your dependents.

If you retired before the Effective Date of this Plan, you are also in an Eligible Class. You must follow the Enrollment Procedure. You may have Health Expense Coverage for you and your dependents.

Dependents

- (a) To be eligible to enroll as a Dependent, a person must be either the spouse of an Employee or Retiree of Customer or a child, as defined hereinafter, under age 26. The terms "child" and "children", as used herein, shall include:
- a. natural children;
 - b. legally adopted children [including children placed with adoptive parents pending finalization of adoption proceedings];
 - c. stepchildren;
 - d. children permanently residing in the Employee's or Retiree's home for whom the Employee or Retiree has been appointed legal guardian or custodian;
 - e. foster children under age 19 for whom the Employee or Retiree furnishes documents from the State of Texas;
 - f. children over age 26 who remain dependent on the Employee or Retiree for support and maintenance because the child becomes incapable of self support due to mental or physical incapacity. The incapacity must have commenced prior to reaching age 26 under the Program or a prior health program of the Employee or Retiree (if the child was insured on the date of termination of the prior health program);
 - g. unmarried grandchildren under age 26 for whom the Employee or Retiree furnishes (a) a certificate

- of financial dependency, (b) birth certificate on the grandchild, (c) birth certificate on the grandchild's mother or father indicating that the Employee or Retiree is the biological or adoptive parent, and (d) the grandchild is claimed as a dependant on Employee's or Retiree's Federal Income Tax Return;
 - h. all other individuals to whom the Customer is required by law to extend the coverage provided in the Program; and
 - i. all former Employee's or Retiree's Dependents to the extent that the Customer provides for such coverage by Resolution of the Commissioners Court.
- (b) Newborn children of the Subscriber or of the Subscriber's spouse will be treated as Dependents from birth; however, they must be enrolled by a parent and any required additional contributions must be paid to Company within thirty-one (31) days from the date of birth in order for coverage to continue beyond thirty-one (31) days.

For dependents reaching age 26, coverage continues until the end of the calendar month in which the dependent child turns age 26.

Important Reminder

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

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

How and When to Enroll

Initial Enrollment in the Plan

You will be required to enroll in a manner determined by your Employer. This will allow your Employer to deduct your contributions from your pay. Be sure to enroll within the same calendar year of the qualifying event.

Your contributions toward the cost of this coverage will be deducted from your pay and are subject to change. The rate of any required contributions will be determined by your Employer. See your Employer for details.

Late Enrollment

A "Late Enrollee" is a person (including your dependents) who requests enrollment under this Plan after the Initial Enrollment Period. If you do not enroll during the Initial Enrollment Period, or a subsequent annual enrollment period, your eligible dependents may be considered **Late Enrollees** and coverage may be deferred until the next annual enrollment period. If, at the time of your initial enrollment, you elect coverage for yourself only and later request coverage for your eligible dependents, they may be considered **Late Enrollees**.

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

Coverage for Late Enrollees will become effective on the "coverage begin date" set by the County Auditor.

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

Annual Enrollment

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

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

Special Enrollment Periods

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

Loss of Other Health Care Coverage

Your dependents may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if:

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

You will need to enroll a dependent for coverage within:

- the same calendar year;
- the same calendar year of when coverage under Medicaid or an S-CHIP Plan ends; or
- the same calendar year of when your dependents become eligible for Medicaid premium assistance.

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

New Dependents

Your dependents may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if:

- You later acquire a dependent, as defined under the plan, through marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption; and
- You elect coverage for your dependent within the same calendar year of acquiring the dependent.

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

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

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

Newborn children of the Subscriber or of the Subscriber's spouse will be treated as dependents from birth; however, they must be enrolled by a parent and any required additional contributions must be paid to Employer within thirty-one (31) days from the date of birth in order for coverage to continue beyond thirty-one (31) days are automatically

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

If You Adopt a Child

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

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

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

When You Receive a Qualified Child Support Order

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

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

If you do not request coverage for the child within the same calendar year, you will need to wait until the next annual enrollment period.

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

When Your Coverage Begins

Your Effective Date of Coverage

Your coverage takes effect on:

- The date you are eligible for coverage as determined by your Employer.

Your Dependent's Effective Date of Coverage

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

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

How Your Medical Plan Works

Common Terms

Accessing Providers

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

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

Important Notes

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

There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.

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.

If you are enrolled in an Aexcel Plus plan, you will be subject to the **PCP** copay shown on the *Schedule of Benefits* when you obtain covered health care services from any **PCP** who is a **Network Provider** unless such **PCP** is also an **Aexcel Designated Network** or **Non-Designated Network Specialist Physician**. In that case, the **Specialist** copay will apply.

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

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

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

Changing Your PCP

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

Specialists and Other Network Providers

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

Important Note

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

Accessing Network Providers and Benefits

- You may select a **PCP** or other direct access **network provider** from the **network provider directory** or by logging on to **Aetna's** website at www.aetna.com. You can search **Aetna's** online **directory**, DocFind, for names and locations of **physicians** and other health care providers and facilities. You can change your **PCP** at anytime.
- 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, payment percentage** 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 payment percentage** or other non-covered expenses you have incurred. You may elect to receive this notification by e-mail, or through the mail. Call or e-mail Member Services if you have questions regarding your statement.

Cost Sharing For Network Benefits

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

- 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 **payment percentage** for **covered expenses** that you incur. Your **payment percentage** is based on the **negotiated charge**. You will not have to pay any balance bills above the **negotiated charge** for that covered service or supply. You will be responsible for your **payment percentage** up to the **payment limit** applicable to your plan.
- Once you satisfy any applicable **payment limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the Calendar Year. Certain designated out-of-pocket expenses may not apply to

the **payment 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 **payment 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 payment percentage** 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 **payment percentage** for **covered expenses** that you incur. You will be responsible for your **payment percentage** up to the **payment limit** applicable to your plan.
- Your **payment percentage** 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 **payment 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 **payment 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

Inpatient **stays** 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 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** 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 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 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 .

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** is not a **covered expense**, 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/or Outpatient Care

- Stays in a **hospital**;
- Stays in a **skilled nursing facility**;
- Stays in a **rehabilitation facility**;
- Stays in a **Residential Treatment Facility** for treatment of mental disorders and substance abuse;
- **Partial Hospitalization Programs** for mental disorders and substance abuse;
- Hemodialysis
- Complex Imaging
- 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 **payment percentage** or **maximum out-of-pocket limit**.

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

Emergency and Urgent Care

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

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

In Case of a Medical Emergency

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

- Seek the nearest emergency room, or dial 911 or your local emergency response service for medical and ambulatory assistance. If possible, call your **physician** provided a delay would not be detrimental to your health.
- After assessing and stabilizing your condition, the emergency room should contact your **physician** to obtain your medical history to assist the emergency **physician** in your treatment.
- If you are admitted to an inpatient facility, notify your **physician** as soon as reasonably possible.
- If you seek care in an emergency room for a non-emergency condition, the plan will not cover the expenses you incur. Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for specific details about the plan.

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 payment percentage** that apply to out-of-network expenses, which may result in higher out-of-pocket costs to you.

Important Notice

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

Requirements For Coverage

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

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

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

Important Note

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

What The Plan Covers

Wellness

Physician Services

Hospital Expenses

Other Medical Expenses

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

Preventive Care

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

Routine Physical Exams

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

- Evidence-based items that have in effect a rating of A or B in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force;
- For women, additional preventive care and screenings, not included in the above, as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;
- Radiological services, x-rays, lab and other tests given in connection with the exam;
- Immunizations for infectious diseases and the materials for administration of immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
- Testing for Tuberculosis.
- For covered newborns, an initial **hospital** check up.
- Well visits (including routine oral screenings), for covered persons in accordance with the evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

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.

Routine Cancer Screenings

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

- mammograms;
- pap smears;
- gynecological exams;
- fecal occult blood tests;
- digital rectal exams;
- prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests;
- Sigmoidoscopy;
- Double Contrast Barium enemas; and
- Colonoscopies.

These benefits will be subject to any age; family history; and frequency guidelines as set forth in the most current:

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

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

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

Important Notes:

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

Family Planning Services

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

Contraception Services

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

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

Not covered are:

- Charges for services which are covered to any extent under any other part of the Plan or any other group plans sponsored by your employer;
- Elective abortions; coverage is limited to abortions performed because the life of the mother would be in danger if the fetus were carried to term and those which result in medical complications; and
- Charges incurred for contraceptive services while confined as an inpatient.

Other Family Planning

Covered expenses include charges for family planning services, including voluntary sterilization.

The plan does *not* cover the reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures, including related follow-up care.

Also see section on pregnancy and infertility related expenses on a later page.

Hearing Exam

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

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

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

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

Physician Services

Physician Visits

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

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

Surgery

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

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

Anesthetics

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

Important Reminder

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

Alternatives to Physician Office Visits

Walk-In Clinic Visits

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

Unscheduled, non-emergency illnesses and injuries; 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**, **copay** and **payment percentage** and maximum benefit limits.

Coverage for Emergency Medical Conditions

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

The **emergency care** benefit covers:

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

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

Important Reminder

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

There are no benefits at all for health care services provided by North Cypress Medical Center, other than true outpatient and inpatient emergency services.

For coverage of outpatient and inpatient emergency services by participating and non-participating providers, Health Plan may require a member to submit medical records supporting the emergency medical condition. It is the member's responsibility to submit any requested medical records. One or more providers may submit any requested medical records on the member's behalf, but it remains the member's responsibility to ensure all requested medical records are submitted. If the member (or providers on the member's behalf) does not submit all required medical records, all claims for coverage of outpatient and inpatient emergency services will be denied.

Coverage for Urgent Conditions

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

Your coverage includes:

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

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

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

Alternatives to Hospital Stays

Outpatient Surgery and Physician Surgical Services

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

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

The surgery must meet the following requirements:

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

Important Note

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

The following outpatient surgery expenses are covered:

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

Limitations

Not covered under this plan are charges made for:

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

Birthing Center

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

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

Limitations

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

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

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

Home Health Care

Covered expenses include charges made by a **home health care agency** for home health care, and the care:

- Is given under a **home health care plan**;
- Is given to you in your home while you are **homebound**.

Home health care expenses include charges for:

- Part-time or intermittent care by an **R.N.** or by an **L.P.N.** if an **R.N.** is not available.
- Part-time or intermittent home health aid services provided in conjunction with and in direct support of care by an **R.N.** or an **L.P.N.**
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy.
- Part-time or intermittent medical social services by a social worker when provided in conjunction with, and in direct support of care by an **R.N.** or an **L.P.N.**
- Medical supplies, **prescription drugs** and lab services by or for a **home health care agency** to the extent they would have been covered under this plan if you had continued your **hospital stay**.

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 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.

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

Private Duty Nursing

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

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Skilled Nursing Facility

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

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

Important Reminder

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Hospice Care

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

Facility Expenses

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

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

Outpatient Hospice Expenses

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

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

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Important Reminders

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

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

Other Covered Health Care Expenses

Acupuncture

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

- As a form of anesthesia in connection with a covered surgical procedure; and
- To treat an **illness, injury** or to alleviate chronic pain.

Important Reminder

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

Ambulance Service

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

Ground Ambulance

Covered expenses include charges for transportation:

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

Air or Water Ambulance

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Diagnostic and Preoperative Testing

Diagnostic Complex Imaging Expenses

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

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

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

Limitations

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

Outpatient Diagnostic Lab Work and Radiological Services

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

Important Reminder

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

Outpatient Preoperative Testing

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

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

Limitations

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Durable Medical and Surgical Equipment (DME)

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

The initial purchase of **DME** if:

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

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

Replacement of purchased equipment if:

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

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Experimental or Investigational Treatment

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

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

Pregnancy Related Expenses

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

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

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

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

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

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.
- Foot orthotics, orthopedic shoes and supportive devices for the feet.

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

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

Hearing Aids

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

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

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

Benefits After Termination of Coverage

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

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

Short-Term Rehabilitation Therapy Services

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

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

Charges for the following short term rehabilitation expenses are covered:

If you are not enrolled in an Aexcel Plus plan, the following section applies to you.

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.

If you are enrolled in an Aexcel Plus plan, the following two sections apply to you.

Cardiac 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.

- 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

- Pulmonary rehabilitation benefits are available as part of an inpatient **hospital stay**. A limited course of outpatient pulmonary rehabilitation is covered for the treatment of reversible pulmonary disease states. This course of treatment is limited to a maximum of 36 hours or a six week period.

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

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

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

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

The therapy should follow a specific treatment plan that:

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

Important Reminder

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

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

- Therapies for the treatment of delays in development, unless resulting from acute illness or injury, or congenital defects amenable to surgical repair (such as cleft lip/palate), are not covered. Examples of non-covered diagnoses include Pervasive Developmental Disorders (including Autism), 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;
- Special education to instruct a person whose speech has been lost or impaired, to function without that ability. This includes lessons in sign language.

Reconstructive or Cosmetic Surgery and Supplies

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

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

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

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

Reconstructive Breast Surgery

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

Important Notice

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

Specialized Care

Chemotherapy

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

Radiation Therapy Benefits

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

Outpatient Infusion Therapy Benefits

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Treatment of Infertility

Basic Infertility Expenses

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

Comprehensive Infertility Expenses

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

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

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

Comprehensive Infertility Services Benefits

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

- Ovulation induction with menotropins is subject to the maximum benefit, if any, shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* section of this *Booklet*; and
- Intrauterine insemination is subject to the maximum benefit, if any, shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* section of this *Booklet*.

Exclusions and Limitations

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

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

Important Note

Treatment of **Infertility** must be pre-authorized by **Aetna**. Treatment received without pre-authorization will not be covered. You will be responsible for full payment of the services.

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**.

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 provided the expenses are incurred at an **Institutes of Quality® (IOQ)** facility. If the expenses are **not** incurred at an **IOQ** facility, no payment will be made under the plan.

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.

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.

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

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

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

Inpatient Treatment

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

Important Reminder

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

Partial Confinement Treatment

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

Important Reminder

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

Outpatient Treatment

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

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

Important Reminder

- Inpatient care, partial **hospitalizations** and outpatient treatment must be **precertified** by **Aetna**. Refer to *How the Plan Works* for more information about **precertification**.
- Please refer to the *Schedule of Benefits* for any **copayments/deductibles**, maximums and **Payment Limit** 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.

Substance Abuse

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

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

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

Inpatient Treatment

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

Coverage includes:

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

Important Reminder

Inpatient care, 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 **copayments/deductibles**, maximums and **Payment Limit** that may apply to your **substance abuse** benefits.

Oral and Maxillofacial Treatment (Mouth, Jaws and Teeth)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

due to **injury**.

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

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

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

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

Medical Plan Exclusions

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

Important Note:

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

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

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

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

Any non-emergency charges incurred outside of the United States 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.

Behavioral Health Services:

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

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

Charges for a service or supply furnished by a **network provider** in excess of the **negotiated charge**, 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 except as specifically provided in the ***What the Plan Covers*** section.

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

Custodial Care

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

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

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

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

Drugs, medications and supplies:

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

Educational services:

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

Examinations:

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

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

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

Facility charges for care services or supplies provided in:

- rest homes;
- assisted living facilities;
- similar institutions serving as an 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 cosmetic 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 *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.

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

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

Maintenance Care.

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

Miscellaneous charges for services or supplies including:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Services that are not covered under this Booklet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Transplant-The transplant coverage does not include charges for:

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

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

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

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

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

Voluntary termination of pregnancy, including related services.

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

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

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

Your Pharmacy Benefit

How the Pharmacy Plan Works

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

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

A few important notes to consider before moving forward:

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

Notice

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

- **Covered expenses** are subject to cost sharing requirements as described in the Cost Sharing sections of this coverage and in your Schedule of Benefits.
- **Injectable prescription drug** refills will only be covered when obtained through **Aetna’s specialty pharmacy network**.

Getting Started: Common Terms

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

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

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

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

Out-of-network pharmacy is a description of a **pharmacy** that has not contracted with **Aetna**, an affiliate, or a third party vendor and does not participate in the pharmacy network.

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

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

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

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

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

Accessing Pharmacies and Benefits

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

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

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

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

Accessing Network Pharmacies and Benefits

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

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

You do not have to complete or submit claim forms. The **network pharmacy** will take care of claim submission.

Emergency Prescriptions

When you need a **prescription** filled in an emergency or urgent care situation, or when you are traveling, you can obtain network benefits by filling your **prescription** at any **network retail pharmacy**. The **network pharmacy** will fill your **prescription** and only charge you your plan's cost sharing amount. If you access an **out-of-network pharmacy** you will pay the full cost of the prescription and will need to file a claim for reimbursement, you will be reimbursed for your **covered expenses** up to the cost of the prescription less any applicable cost sharing required by you.

Availability of Providers

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

Cost Sharing for Network Benefits

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

- You will be responsible for the **copayment** for each **prescription** or refill as specified in the *Schedule of Benefits*. The **copayment** is payable directly to the **network pharmacy** at the time the **prescription** is dispensed.
- After you pay the applicable **copayment**, you will be responsible for any applicable payment percentage for **covered expenses** that you incur. Your **payment percentage** is determined by applying the applicable **payment percentage** to the **negotiated charge** if the **prescription** is filled at a **network pharmacy**. When you obtain your **prescription drugs** through a **network pharmacy**, you will not be subject to balance billing.

When You Use an Out-of-Network Pharmacy

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

Cost Sharing for Out-of-Network Benefits

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

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

Pharmacy Benefit

What the Plan Covers

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

Generic prescription drugs may be substituted by your pharmacist for **brand-name prescription drugs**. You may minimize your out-of-pocket expenses by selecting a **generic prescription drug** when available. If you or your **prescriber** request a covered **brand-name prescription drug** when a covered **generic prescription drug** equivalent is available, you will be responsible for the cost difference between the **generic prescription drug** and the **brand-name prescription drug**, plus the applicable cost sharing.

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

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

Retail Pharmacy Benefits

Outpatient **prescription drugs** are covered when dispensed by a **network retail pharmacy**. Each **prescription** is limited to a maximum 30 day supply when filled at a **network retail pharmacy**. **Prescriptions** for more than a 30 day supply are not eligible for coverage when dispensed by a **network retail pharmacy**.

All prescriptions and refills over a 30 day supply must be filled at a **mail order pharmacy**.

Mail Order Pharmacy Benefits

Outpatient **prescription drugs** are covered when dispensed by a **network mail order pharmacy**. Each **prescription** is limited to a maximum 90 day supply when filled at a **network mail order pharmacy**. **Prescriptions** for less than a 30 day supply or more than a 90 day supply are not eligible for coverage when dispensed by a **network mail order pharmacy**.

Network Benefits for Specialty Care Drugs

Specialty care drugs are covered at the network level of benefits only when dispensed through a **network retail pharmacy** or **Aetna's specialty pharmacy network**, or vendors or suppliers designated by **Aetna**. Refer to **Aetna's** website, www.aetna.com to review the list of **specialty care drugs** required to be dispensed through a **network retail pharmacy** or **Aetna's specialty pharmacy network**, or vendors or suppliers designated by **Aetna**. The list may be updated from time to time.

The initial prescription for **specialty care drugs** and blood clotting factor must be filled at a **network retail pharmacy** or at **Aetna's specialty pharmacy network**.

You are required to obtain **specialty care drugs and blood clotting factor** at **Aetna's specialty pharmacy network**, vendors or suppliers designated by **Aetna** for all prescription drug refills after the third fill.

Other Covered Expenses

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

Off-Label Use

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

Diabetic Supplies

The following diabetic supplies upon prescription by a **physician**:

- Diabetic needles and syringes.
- Test strips for glucose monitoring and/or visual reading.
- Diabetic test agents.
- Lancets/lancing devices.
- Alcohol swabs.

Contraceptives

The following contraceptives and contraceptive devices:

- Oral Contraceptives.
- Diaphragms, 1 per 365 consecutive day period
- Injectable contraceptives.
- Contraceptive patches.

- Contraceptive rings.
- Implantable contraceptives and IUDs are covered when obtained from a **physician**. The **physician** will provide insertion and removal of the drugs or device.

Lifestyle/Performance Drugs

The following lifestyle/performance drugs:

- Sildenafil Citrate, phentolamine, apomorphine and alprostadil in oral, injectable and topical (including but not limited to gels, creams, ointments and patches) forms or any other form used internally or externally. Expenses include any prescription drug in oral or topical form that is similar or identical class, has a similar or identical mode of action or exhibits similar or identical outcomes.
- Coverage is limited to 6 pills or other form, determined cumulatively among all forms, for unit amounts as determined by **Aetna** to be similar in cost to oral forms, per 30 day supply. Mail order and 60 to 90 day supplies are not covered.

Step-Therapy

Step-Therapy/Certification is required for **Proton Pumps Inhibitor** under the **Step-Therapy** Program:

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

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

the corresponding prerequisite therapy drug(s) are used first. However, if it is Necessary for you to be initially treated with a **Step-Therapy** drug the **Prescriber** of the drug may request a medical exception by following the Certification Procedures section below.

Certification Procedures

It is your responsibility to arrange for the **prescriber** of the drug to call the number shown on your ID Card to request certification. This call must be made as soon as reasonably possible before the drug is to be dispensed. Copies of laboratory and/or medical records may be requested. If such information is requested, it must be provided in order to certify the necessity of the drug.

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

Compound Drugs

Bulk chemicals included on Aetna's Bulk Chemical Exclusion List as amended and administered for Harris County, which are identified by a pharmacy to Aetna will no longer be covered.

- Harris County will not cover Bulk Chemicals included on Aetna's bulk compound exclusion list as amended and administered for Harris County.

Pharmacy Benefit Limitations

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

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

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

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

The number of **copayments/deductibles** you are responsible for per vial of Depo-Provera, an injectable contraceptive, or similar type contraceptive dispensed for more than a 30 day supply, will be based on the 90 day supply level. Coverage is limited to a maximum of 5 vials per calendar year.

The plan will not pay charges for any **prescription drug** dispensed by a **mail order pharmacy** for the treatment of erectile dysfunction, impotence or sexual dysfunction or inadequacy.

All compound drugs made with bulk chemicals included on Aetna's Bulk Chemical Exclusion List as amended and administered for Harris County will be excluded from coverage.

Pharmacy Benefit Exclusions

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

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

The plan does not cover the following expenses:

Administration or injection of any drug.

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

Allergy sera and extracts.

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

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

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

Contraception:

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

Cosmetic drugs, medications or preparations used for **cosmetic** purposes or to promote hair growth, including but not limited to health and beauty aids, chemical peels, dermabrasion, treatments, bleaching, creams, ointments or other treatments or supplies, to remove tattoos, scars or to alter the appearance or texture of the skin.

Drugs administered or entirely consumed at the time and place it is prescribed or dispensed.

Drugs which do not, by federal or state law, require a **prescription** order (i.e. over-the-counter (OTC) drugs), even if a **prescription** is written.

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

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

Drugs used for the purpose of weight gain or reduction, including but not limited to stimulants, preparations, foods or diet supplements, dietary regimens and supplements, food or food supplements, appetite suppressants and other medications.

Drugs used for the treatment of obesity.

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

Durable medical equipment, monitors and other equipment.

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

This exclusion will not apply with respect to drugs that:

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

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

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

Immunization or immunological agents.

Implantable drugs and associated devices.

Injectables:

- Any charges for the administration or injection of **prescription drugs** or injectable insulin and other injectable drugs covered by the Plan;
- Needles and syringes, except for diabetic needles and syringes;
- Injectable drugs if an alternative oral drug is available;
- For any refill of a designated self-injectable drug not dispensed by or obtained through the **specialty pharmacy network**. An updated copy of the list of self-injectable drugs designated by this plan to be refilled by or obtained through the specialty **pharmacy network** is available upon request or may be accessed at the **Aetna** website at www.aetna.com.

Insulin pumps or tubing or other ancillary equipment and supplies for insulin pumps.

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

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

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

Prophylactic drugs for travel.

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

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

Replacement of lost or stolen **prescriptions**.

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

Smoking: For more than a 180 supply of any treatment, drug, service or supply to stop or reduce smoking or the use of other tobacco products or to treat or reduce nicotine addiction, dependence or cravings, including, medications, nicotine patches and gum.

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

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

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

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

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

Test agents except diabetic test agents.

When Coverage Ends

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

When Coverage Ends for Employees

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

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

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

Your Proof of Prior Medical Coverage

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

When Coverage Ends for Dependents

Coverage for your dependents will end if:

- You are no longer eligible for dependents' coverage;
- You do not make the required contribution toward the cost of dependents' coverage;
- Your own coverage ends for any of the reasons listed under *When Coverage Ends* for Employees (other than exhaustion of your overall maximum lifetime benefit, if included);
- Your dependent is no longer eligible for coverage. In this case, coverage ends at the end of the calendar month when your dependent no longer meets the plan's definition of a dependent; or
- Your dependent becomes eligible for comparable benefits under this or any other group plan offered by your employer.

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

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.

COBRA Continuation of Coverage

If your employer has more than 20 employees, the health plan continuation is governed by the Federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) requirements. With COBRA you and your dependents can continue health coverage, subject to certain conditions and your payment of contributions. Continuation rights are available following a “qualifying event” that would cause you or family members to otherwise lose coverage. Qualifying events are listed in this section.

Continuing Coverage through COBRA

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

You or your dependents will need to:

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

Who Qualifies for COBRA

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

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

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

Disability May Increase Maximum Continuation to 29 Months

If You or Your Covered Dependents Are Disabled

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

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

If There Are Multiple Qualifying Events

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

Determining Your Contributions For Continuation Coverage

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

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

When You Acquire a Dependent During a Continuation Period

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

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

Important Note

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

When Your COBRA Continuation Coverage Ends

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

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

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

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When Coordination of Benefits Applies

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

Getting Started - Important Terms

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

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

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

If a person is covered by one Plan that computes its benefit payments on the basis of reasonable or **recognized charges** and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated charges, the primary plan’s payment arrangements shall be the allowable expense for all the Plans. However, if the secondary plan has a

negotiated fee or payment amount different from the primary plan and if the provider contract permits, that negotiated fee will be the allowable expense used by the secondary plan to determine benefits.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Which Plan Pays First

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

- The primary plan pays or provides its benefits as if the secondary plan or plans did not exist.
- A plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this provision is always primary. There is one exception: coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits may provide that the supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major

medical coverages that are superimposed over base plan **hospital** and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a closed panel plan to provide out-of-network benefits.

- A plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another plan in determining its benefits only when it is secondary to that other plan.
- The first of the following rules that describes which plan pays its benefits before another plan is the rule to use:
 1. **Non-Dependent or Dependent.** The plan that covers the person other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is primary and the plan that covers the person as a dependent is secondary. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the plan covering the person as a dependent; and primary to the plan covering the person as other than a dependent (e.g. a retired employee); then the order of benefits between the two plans is reversed so that the plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is secondary and the other plan is primary.
 2. **Child Covered Under More than One Plan.** The order of benefits when a child is covered by more than one **plan** is:
 - A. The primary plan is the plan of the parent whose birthday is earlier in the year if:
 - i. The parents are married or living together whether or not married;
 - ii. A court decree awards joint custody without specifying that one party has the responsibility to provide health care coverage or if the decree states that both parents are responsible for health coverage. If both parents have the same birthday, the plan that covered either of the parents longer is primary.
 - B. If the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the parents is responsible for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. If the parent with responsibility has no health coverage for the dependent child's health care expenses, but that parent's spouse does, the plan of the parent's spouse is the primary plan.
 - C. If the parents are separated or divorced or are not living together whether or not they have ever been married and there is no court decree allocating responsibility for health coverage, the order of benefits is:
 - The plan of the **custodial parent**;
 - The plan of the spouse of the **custodial parent**;
 - The plan of the **noncustodial parent**; and then
 - The plan of the spouse of the **noncustodial parent**.

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

3. **Active Employee or Retired or Laid off Employee.** The plan that covers a person as an employee who is neither laid off nor retired or as a dependent of an active employee, is the primary plan. The plan covering that same person as a retired or laid off employee or as a dependent of a retired or laid off employee is the secondary plan. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule will not apply if the Non-Dependent or Dependent rules above determine the order of benefits.
4. **Continuation Coverage.** If a person whose coverage is provided under a right of continuation provided by federal or state law also is covered under another plan, the plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree (or as that person's dependent) is primary, and the continuation coverage is secondary. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule will not apply if the Non-Dependent or Dependent rules above determine the order of benefits.

5. Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage. The plan that covered the person as an employee, member, subscriber longer is primary.
6. If the preceding rules do not determine the primary plan, the allowable expenses shall be shared equally between the plans meeting the definition of plan under this provision. In addition, this plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been primary.

How Coordination of Benefits Works

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

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

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

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

Right To Receive And Release Needed Information

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

Facility of Payment

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

Right of Recovery

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

When You Have Medicare Coverage

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What is Not Covered

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

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

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

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

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

Which Plan Pays First

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

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

The plan is the secondary payor in all other circumstances.

How Coordination With Medicare Works

When the Plan is Primary

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

When Medicare is Primary

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

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

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

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

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

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

Right to Receive and Release Required Information

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

General Provisions

Type of Coverage

Coverage under this Plan is **non-occupational**. Only **non-occupational** accidental **injuries** and **non-occupational diseases** are covered. Any coverage for charges for services and supplies is provided only if they are furnished to a person while covered. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, on and after March 1, 2010, occupational accidents and diseases of elected officials not covered under workers' compensation benefits as provided in the Texas Labor Code Sec. 504.012 are covered under this 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.

Fraud or Misrepresentation

Anyone who commits fraud or make misrepresentations with regards to the use of Group Health and Related Benefits loses coverage as outlined in the respective benefit plan documents. Further, the County will report all suspected cases of fraud to the District Attorney.

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.

Surrogacy arrangements

A surrogacy arrangement is one in which a woman agrees to become pregnant and to surrender the baby to another person or persons who intend to raise the child.

If you enter into a surrogacy arrangement, you must:

- Repay us for covered Services you receive related to conception, pregnancy, or delivery in connection with that arrangement ("Surrogacy Health Services"), except that the amount you must pay will not exceed the payments you are entitled to receive under the surrogacy arrangement and you must provide us proof of insurance for any child born pursuant to the surrogacy arrangement.
- Within 30 days after entering into a surrogacy arrangement, you must send written notice of the arrangement, including the names and addresses of the other parties to the arrangement including the name and address of any escrow agent or trustee, and a copy of any contracts or other documents explaining the arrangement as well as the account number for any escrow account or trust, to:

Aetna Subrogation Department

Surrogacy Recovery Coordinator
Mail Stop U23S
1425 Union Meeting Road
Blue Bell, PA 19422

By accepting Surrogacy Health Services, you automatically assign to us your right to receive payments that are payable to you or your chosen payee under the surrogacy arrangement, regardless of whether those payments are characterized as being for medical expenses. To secure our rights, we will also have a lien on those payments and/or any escrow account or trust established to hold those payments. Those payments shall first be applied to satisfy our lien. The assignment and our lien will not exceed the total amount of your obligation to repay us.

Note: This "Surrogacy Arrangements" section does not affect your obligation to pay Co-Pays and Deductibles for these Services, but we will credit any such payments toward the amount you must pay us under this paragraph.

Workers' Compensation

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

The Recovery Rights will be applied even though:

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

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

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

Recovery of Overpayments

Health Coverage

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

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

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

Reporting of Claims

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

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

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

Payment of Benefits

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

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

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

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

Records of Expenses

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

Very important are:

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

Contacting Aetna

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

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

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

Effect of Benefits Under Other Plans

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

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

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

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

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

Discount Programs

Discount Arrangements

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

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

Incentives

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

Claims, Appeals and External Review

Filing Health Claims under the Plan

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

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

Urgent Care Claims

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

If the Plan requires advance approval of a service, supply or procedure before a benefit will be payable, and if Aetna or your physician determines that it is an Urgent Care Claim, you will be notified of the decision, whether adverse or not, as soon as possible but not later than 24 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.

Full and Fair Review of Claim Determinations and Appeals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Health Claims – Voluntary Appeals

External Review

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Request for External Review

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

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

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**.

Aexcel Designated Network Specialists

Network providers who have met designation criteria for thresholds of performance and effectiveness, as established by **Aetna**. They will be shown in the provider **directory** and on DocFind® as **Aexcel Designated Network Specialists** for the **specialty care** involved for the class of employees of which you are a member.

Ambulance

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

Average Wholesale Price (AWP)

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

B

Behavioral Health Provider/Practitioner

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

Birthing Center

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

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide prenatal care, delivery and immediate postpartum care.
- Charges for its services.
- Is directed by at least one **physician** who is a **specialist** in obstetrics and gynecology.
- Has a **physician** or certified nurse midwife present at all births and during the immediate postpartum period.
- Extends staff privileges to **physicians** who practice obstetrics and gynecology in an area **hospital**.
- Has at least 2 beds or 2 birthing rooms for use by patients while in labor and during delivery.
- Provides, during labor, delivery and the immediate postpartum period, full-time **skilled nursing services** directed by an **R.N.** or certified nurse midwife.
- Provides, or arranges with a facility in the area for, diagnostic X-ray and lab services for the mother and child.
- Has the capacity to administer a local anesthetic and to perform minor surgery. This includes episiotomy and repair of perineal tear.

- Is equipped and has trained staff to handle **emergency medical conditions** and provide immediate support measures to sustain life if:
 - Complications arise during labor; or
 - A child is born with an abnormality which impairs function or threatens life.
- Accepts only patients with low-risk pregnancies.
- Has a written agreement with a **hospital** in the area for emergency transfer of a patient or a child. Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. This includes reviews by **physicians** who do not own or direct the facility.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient and child.

Body Mass Index

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

Brand-Name Prescription Drug

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

C

Copay or Copayment

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

Cosmetic

Services or supplies that alter, improve or enhance appearance.

Covered Expenses

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

Creditable Coverage

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

Such coverage includes:

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

Custodial Care

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

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

D

Day Care Treatment

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

Deductible

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

Dentist

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

Detoxification

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

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

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

Directory

A listing of all **network providers** serving the class of employees to which you belong. Upon request, 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 Myofascial 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 Periods* section of the Booklet.

Lifetime Maximum

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

L.P.N.

A licensed practical or vocational nurse.

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.

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

As to health expense coverage, other than Prescription Drug Expense Coverage:

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

As to Prescription Drug Expense Coverage:

The **negotiated charge** is the amount **Aetna** has established for each **prescription drug** obtained from a **network pharmacy** under this plan. This **negotiated charge** may reflect amounts **Aetna** has agreed to pay directly to the **network pharmacy** or to a third party vendor for the **prescription drug**, and may include an additional service or risk charge set by **Aetna**.

The **negotiated charge** does not include or reflect any amount **Aetna**, an affiliate, or a third party vendor, may receive under a rebate arrangement between **Aetna**, an affiliate or a third party vendor and a drug manufacturer for any **prescription drug**, including **prescription drugs** on the **preferred drug guide**.

Based on its overall drug purchasing, **Aetna** may receive rebates from the manufacturers of **prescription drugs** and may receive or pay additional amounts from or to third parties under price guarantees. These amounts will not change the **negotiated charge** under this plan.

Network Advanced Reproductive Technology (ART) Specialist

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

Network Provider

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

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

Network Service(s) or Supply(ies)

Health care service or supply that is:

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

Night Care Treatment

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

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

Non-Designated Network Specialists

These are **network providers** who have not been designated as **Aexcel Designated Network Specialists** by **Aetna**.

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

P

Partial Confinement Treatment

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

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

Payment Percentage

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

Payment Limit

- **Payment limit** is the maximum out-of-pocket amount you are responsible to pay for your **payment percentage** for **covered expenses** during your calendar year. Once you satisfy the **payment limit**, the plan will pay 100% of the **covered expenses** that apply toward the limit for the rest of the calendar year. You have separate **payment limits** for network and out-of-network benefits.

Pharmacy

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

Physician

A duly licensed member of a medical profession who:

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

This also includes a health professional who:

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

Precertification or Precertify

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

Preferred Drug Guide

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

Preferred Drug Guide Exclusions List

A list of **prescription drugs** in the **preferred drug guide** that are identified as excluded under the plan. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by **Aetna**.

Prescriber

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

Prescription

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

Prescription Drug

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

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

Primary Care Physician (PCP)

This is the **network provider** who:

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

Psychiatric Hospital

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

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

Psychiatric Physician

This is a **physician** who:

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

R

Recognized Charge

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

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

- What the provider bills or submits for that service or supply; and
- For professional services and other services or supplies not mentioned below:
 - 125% of the Medicare Allowable Rate;
for the Geographic Area where the service is furnished.
- For inpatient and outpatient charges of **hospitals** and other facilities:
 - 125% of the Medicare Allowable Rate;
for the Geographic Area where the service is furnished.

As to **prescription drug** expenses, the **recognized charge** for each service or supply is the lesser of:

- What the provider bills or submits for that service or supply; and
- 110% of the **Average Wholesale Price (AWP)** or other similar resource. **Average Wholesale Price (AWP)** is the current average wholesale price of a **prescription drug** listed in the Medi-Span weekly price updates (or any other similar publication chosen by **Aetna**).

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

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

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

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

As used above, Geographic Area and Medicare Allowable Rates are defined as follows:

- **Geographic Area:** This means an expense area grouping defined by the first three digits of the U.S. Postal Service zip codes. If the volume of charges in a single three digit zip code is sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, an expense area is made up of a single three digit zip code. If the volume of charges is not sufficient to produce a statistically valid sample, two or more three digit zip codes are grouped to produce a statistically valid sample. When it is necessary to group three digit zip codes, the grouping never crosses state lines.
- **Medicare Allowable Rates:** These are the rates established and periodically updated by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for payment for services and supplies provided to Medicare enrollees. **Aetna** updates its systems with these revised rates within 180 days of receiving them from CMS. If Medicare does not have a rate for a particular service, the rate will be based on the same method that CMS uses to set Medicare rates.

Important Note

Aetna periodically updates its systems with changes made to the Medicare Allowable Rates.

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

Additional Information

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

Rehabilitation Facility

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

Rehabilitative Services

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

Residential Treatment Facility (Mental Disorders)

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

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

Residential Treatment Facility (Substance Abuse)

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

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

Self-injectable Drug(s)

Prescription drugs that are intended to be self-administered by injection to a specific part of the body to treat medical conditions.

Semi-Private Room Rate

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

Service Area

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

Skilled Nursing Facility

An institution that meets all of the following requirements:

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

Specialty Care Drugs

Prescription drugs include **injectable**, infusion and oral drugs prescribed to address complex, chronic diseases with associated co-morbidities such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, hemophilia, multiple sclerosis which are listed in the **specialty care drug list**.

Specialty Pharmacy Network

A network of pharmacies designated to fill **specialty care drugs**.

Stay

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

Step Therapy

A form of **precertification** under which certain **prescription drugs** will be excluded from coverage, unless a first-line therapy drug(s) is used first by you. The list of step-therapy drugs is subject to change by **Aetna** or an affiliate. An updated copy of the list of drugs subject to **step therapy** shall be available upon request by you or may be accessed on the **Aetna** website at www.Aetna.com/formulary.

Substance Abuse

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

Surgery Center

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

- Meets licensing standards.
- Is set up, equipped and run to provide general surgery.
- Charges for its services.

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

Must have all of the following:

- A **physician** trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
- A defibrillator; and
- A tracheotomy set; and
- A blood volume expander.
- Has a written agreement with a **hospital** in the area for immediate emergency transfer of patients.
- Written procedures for such a transfer must be displayed and the staff must be aware of them.
- Provides an ongoing quality assurance program. The program must include reviews by **physicians** who do not own or direct the facility.
- Keeps a medical record on each patient.

T

Terminally Ill (Hospice Care)

Terminally ill means a medical prognosis of 12 months or less to live.

Therapeutic Drug Class

A group of drugs or medications that have a similar or identical mode of action or exhibit similar or identical outcomes for the treatment of a disease or **injury**.

U

Urgent Admission

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

- The onset of or change in 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**.

IMPORTANT HEALTH CARE REFORM NOTICES

CHOICE OF PROVIDER

If your Aetna plan generally requires or allows the designation of a primary care provider, you have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. If the plan or health insurance coverage designates a primary care provider automatically, then until you make this designation, Aetna designates one for you. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact your Employer or, if you are a current member, your Aetna contact number on the back of your ID card.

If your Aetna plan allows for the designation of a primary care provider for a child, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

If your Aetna plan provides coverage for obstetric or gynecological care and requires the designation of a primary care provider then you do not need prior authorization from Aetna or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact your Employer or, if you are a current member, your Aetna contact number on the back of your ID card.

Statement of Rights under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

Under federal law, group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage generally may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a delivery by cesarean section. However, the plan or issuer may pay for a shorter stay if the attending provider (e.g., your physician, nurse midwife, or physician assistant), after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under federal law, plans and issuers may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48-hour (or 96-hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

In addition, a plan or issuer may not, under federal law, require that you, your physician, or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, you may be required to obtain precertification for any days of confinement that exceed 48 hours (or 96 hours). For information on precertification, contact your plan administrator.

Notice Regarding Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

Under this health plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, coverage will be provided to a person who is receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy and who elects breast reconstruction in connection with the mastectomy for:

- (1) all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which a mastectomy has been performed;
- (2) surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- (3) prostheses; and
- (4) treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

This coverage will be provided in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, and will be provided in accordance with the plan design, limitations, copays, deductibles, and referral requirements, if any, as outlined in your plan documents.

If you have any questions about our coverage of mastectomies and reconstructive surgery, please contact the Member Services number on your ID card.

For more information, you can visit this U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, <http://www.cms.gov/HealthInsReformforConsume/>, and this U.S. Department of Labor website, http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/consumer_info_health.html.

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

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

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

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

If any coverage your Employer allows you to continue has reduction rules applicable by reason of age or retirement, the coverage will be subject to such rules while you are on FMLA leave.

Coverage will not be continued beyond the first to occur of:

- The date you are required to make any contribution and you fail to do so.
- The date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated.
- The date the coverage involved discontinues as to your eligible class. However, coverage for health expenses may be available to you under another plan sponsored by your Employer.

Any coverage being continued for a dependent will not be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate.

If Health Expense Benefits terminate because your approved FMLA leave is deemed terminated by your Employer, you may, on the date of such termination, be eligible for Continuation Under Federal Law on the same terms as though your employment terminated, other than for gross misconduct, on such date. If this Plan provides any other continuation of coverage (for example, upon termination of employment, death, divorce or ceasing to be a defined dependent), you (or your eligible dependents) may be eligible for such continuation on the date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated or the date of the event for which the continuation is available.

If you acquire a new dependent while your coverage is continued during an approved FMLA leave, the dependent will be eligible for the continued coverage on the same terms as would be applicable if you were actively at work, not on an approved FMLA leave.

If you return to work for your Employer following the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, your coverage under this Plan will be in force as though you had continued in active employment rather than going on an approved FMLA leave provided you make request for such coverage within 31 days of the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave to be terminated. If you do not make such request within 31 days, coverage will again be effective under this Plan only if and when this Plan gives its written consent.

If any coverage being continued terminates because your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, any Conversion Privilege will be available on the same terms as though your employment had terminated on the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated.