



# **EPO PLAN**

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## ARTICLE 1

### ESTABLISHMENT OF PLAN

#### **1.1 Purpose**

The Plan Sponsor established this Plan to provide for the payment or reimbursement of covered medical expenses incurred by Plan Members.

#### **1.2 Exclusive Benefit**

This Plan is established and shall be maintained for the exclusive Benefit of eligible Members.

#### **1.3 Compliance**

This Plan is established and shall be maintained with the intention of meeting the requirements of all pertinent laws. Should any part of this Plan Description, for any reason, be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any remaining portion, which remaining portion shall remain in effect as if this Plan Description has been executed with the invalid portion thereof eliminated.

#### **1.4 Legal Enforceability**

The Plan Sponsor intends that terms of this Plan, including those relating to coverage and Benefits provided, are legally enforceable by the Members, subject to the Employer's retention of rights to amend or terminate this Plan as provided elsewhere in this Plan Description.

#### **1.5 Note to Members**

This Plan Description describes the circumstances when this Plan pays for medical care. All decisions regarding medical care are up to a Member and his Physician. There may be circumstances when a Member and his Physician determine that medical care, which is not covered by this Plan, is appropriate. The Plan Sponsor and the Third Party Claim Administrator do not provide or ensure quality of care.

Each network contracts with the in-network providers under this Plan. These providers are affiliated with the EPO Networks and Travel Network and do not have a contract with the Plan Sponsor or Third Party Claim Administrator.

## ARTICLE 2

### ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

#### **2.1 Eligibility**

The Plan is administered in accordance with Section 125 Regulations of the Internal Revenue Code and the Arizona Administrative Code.

Please see Article 16 for definitions of the terms used below.

Benefit Services will provide potential members reasonable notification of their eligibility to participate in the Plan as well as the terms of participation.

Both Benefit Services and the Medical Network Vendor have the right to request information needed to determine an individual's eligibility for participation in the Plan.

#### **2.2 Member Eligibility**

Eligible employees, eligible retirees, and eligible former elected officials may participate in the Plan.

In certain situations, an individual may be eligible to enroll as both a member and a dependent. This individual must enroll either as a member or as a dependent but never both.

#### **2.3 Dependent Eligibility**

Members' spouse and eligible children until the age of 26 may participate in the Plan.

In certain situations, an individual may be eligible to enroll as both a member and a dependent. This individual must enroll either as a member or as a dependent but never both.

In certain situations, an individual may be eligible to participate as a dependent of more than one member. This individual should be enrolled as the dependent of only one of the members.

#### **2.4 Continuing Eligibility through COBRA**

See Section 2.14 of this article.

## **2.5 Non-COBRA Continuing Eligibility**

The following individuals are eligible for continuing coverage under the Plan.

### ***Eligible Employee on Leave without Pay***

An employee who is on leave without pay for a health-related reason that is not an industrial illness or injury, may continue to participate in the Plan by paying both the state and employee contribution. Eligibility shall terminate on the earliest of the employee:

- Receiving long-term disability benefits that include the benefit of continued participation;
- Becoming eligible for Medicare coverage; or
- Completing 30 months of leave without pay.

An employee who is on leave without pay for other than a health-related reason may continue to participate in the Plan for a maximum of six months by paying both the state and employee contributions.

### ***Surviving Dependent(s) of Insured Retiree***

Upon the death of a retiree insured under the Plan, the surviving dependents are eligible to continue coverage under the Plan, provided each was insured at the time of the member's death, by payment of the retiree premium.

If the spouse survives, he/she, for purposes of Plan administration, will be reclassified as a member. As such, he/she may enroll dependents as allowed under Section 2.3. Coverage for the surviving spouse may be continued indefinitely.

In the case where children, who are eligible dependents of the surviving spouse, survive, they may continue participation in the Plan if enrolled by the surviving spouse as allowed under Section 2.3.

In the case where children survive but no spouse survives or the children are not eligible dependents of the spouse, each child, for purposes of Plan administration, will be reclassified as a member. As such, each child may enroll dependents as allowed under Section 2.3. In this circumstance, coverage for each surviving child may be continued indefinitely.

Please note that a dependent not enrolled at the time of the member's death may not enroll as a surviving dependent.

***Surviving Spouse/Child of Insured Employee Eligible for Retirement under the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS)***

Upon the death of an insured employee meeting the criteria for retirement under the ASRS, the surviving spouse and children, provided each was enrolled at the time of the member's death, are eligible to continue participation in the Plan by payment of the retiree premium.

If the insured spouse survives, he/she, for purposes of Plan administration, will be reclassified as a member. As such, he/she may enroll dependents as allowed under Section 2.3. Coverage for the surviving spouse may be continued indefinitely.

In the case where insured children, who are eligible dependents of the surviving spouse, survive, they may continue participation in the Plan if enrolled by the surviving spouse as allowed under Section 2.3.

In the case where insured children survive but no spouse survives, each child, for purposes of Plan administration, will be reclassified as a member. As such, each child may enroll dependents as allowed under Section 2.3. In this circumstance, coverage for each surviving child may be continued indefinitely.

Please note that a child/spouse not enrolled as a dependent at the time of the member's death may not enroll as a surviving child/spouse.

***Surviving Spouse of Elected Official or Insured Former Elected Official (EORP)***

Upon the death of a former elected official insured under the Plan, the surviving spouse may continue participation in the Plan, provided that he/she was enrolled at the time of the member's death, by payment of the retiree premium. The surviving spouse, for purposes of Plan administration, will be reclassified as a member. As such, he/she may enroll dependents as allowed under Section 2.3. Coverage for the surviving spouse may be continued indefinitely.

Please note that a spouse not enrolled at the time of the former elected official's death may not enroll as a surviving spouse.

Upon the death of an elected official who would have become eligible for coverage upon completion of his/her term, the surviving spouse may continue participation in the Plan, provided that he/she was enrolled at the time of the elected official's death, by payment of the retiree premium. The surviving spouse, for purposes of Plan administration, will

be reclassified as a member. As such, he/she may enroll dependents as allowed under Section 2.3. Coverage for the surviving spouse may be continued indefinitely.

Please note that a spouse not enrolled at the time of the elected official's death may not enroll as a surviving spouse.

***Surviving Dependent(s) of an Active Employee Participating in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS)***

Upon the death of an insured employee meeting the criteria under A.R.S. § 38-1103, the surviving spouse and/or dependent, provided each is enrolled at the time of the member's death, are eligible to continue participation in the Plan.

**2.6 Eligibility Audit**

Benefit Services may audit a member's documentation to determine whether an enrolled dependent is eligible according to the Plan requirements. This audit may occur either randomly or in response to uncertainty concerning dependent eligibility.

Both Benefit Services and the Medical Network Vendor have the right to request information needed to determine an individual's eligibility for participation in the Plan.

**2.7 Grievances Related to Eligibility**

Individuals may file a grievance with the Director of the Benefit Services Division regarding issues related to eligibility. To file a grievance, the individual should submit a letter to the Director that contains the following information:

- Name and contact information of the individual filing the grievance;
- Nature of the grievance; and
- Nature of the resolution requested.
- Supporting Documentation

The Director will provide a written response to a grievance within 60 days.

**2.8 Enrollment Procedures and Commencement of Coverage**

New enrollments or coverage changes will only be processed in certain circumstances. Those circumstances are described below.

**2.9 Initial Enrollment**

Once eligible for coverage, potential members have 31 days to enroll and provide required documentation for themselves and their dependents in the Plan

It should be emphasized that coverage begins only after an individual has successfully completed the enrollment process by submitting a completed election and providing any required documentation within 31 days. Benefits will be effective as referenced on the following table. Documentation may be required.

The table below lists pertinent information related to the initial enrollment process.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Must enroll within 31 days</b>	<b>Enrollment contact</b>	<b>Coverage begins on the<sup>1</sup></b>
Eligible state employee	Date of hire	Agency liaison	first day of first pay period after completion of enrollment process
Eligible university employee	Date of hire	Human Resources Office	first day of first pay period after completion of enrollment process
Eligible participating political subdivision employee	Date of hire	Human Resources Office	<i>Please contact the appropriate Human Resources Office</i>
Eligible retiree	Date of retirement	Benefit Services	first day of first month after completion of enrollment process <sup>2</sup>
Eligible former elected official	Date of leaving office or retiring	Benefit Services	first day of first month after completion of enrollment process <sup>3</sup>

## **2.10 Open Enrollment**

<sup>1</sup> Under no circumstance will coverage for a dependent become effective prior to the member's coverage becoming effective.

<sup>2</sup> For state employees entering retirement and their dependents, coverage begins the first day of the first pay period following the end of coverage as a state employee. This results in no lapse in coverage.

<sup>3</sup> Eligibility is subject to A.R.S. § 38-802.

Before the start of a new Plan Year, members are given a certain amount of time during which they may change coverage options. Potential members may also elect coverage at this time. This period is called open enrollment.

In general, open enrollment for eligible employees, retirees and former elected officials is held in October or November.

At the beginning of each year's open enrollment period, enrollment information is made available to those eligible for coverage under the Plan. This information provides details regarding changes in benefits as well as whether a current member is required to re-elect his/her coverage during open enrollment (called a "positive" open enrollment).

Elections must be made before the end of open enrollment. Those elections – or the current elections, if no changes were made and it was not a positive open enrollment – will be in effect during the subsequent Plan Year.

Coverage for all groups begins on the first day of the new Plan Year.

It should be emphasized that coverage options change only after an individual has successfully completed the enrollment process by submitting a completed election and providing any required documentation within 31 days of the end of open enrollment period.

## **2.11 Qualified Life Event Enrollment**

If a qualified life event occurs, members have 31 days<sup>4</sup> to enroll or change coverage options.

Changes made as a result of a qualified life event must be consistent with the event itself.

It should be emphasized that coverage options change only after an individual has successfully completed the enrollment process by submitting a completed election and providing any required documentation within 31 days of qualifying event.

State employees should contact the appropriate agency liaison when they choose to change coverage options as a result of a qualified life event. University and political subdivision employees should contact the

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<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act, individuals who lose Medicaid or CHIP coverage due to ineligibility have 60 days to request enrollment.

appropriate human resources office. Retirees and former elected officials should contact Benefit Services.

For state employees, most coverage changes become effective on the first day of the first pay period after completion of the enrollment process. For retirees and former elected officials, most coverage changes become effective on the first day of the first month after completion of enrollment. University and political subdivision employees should contact the appropriate human resources office for information regarding the effective date of coverage changes.

The table below lists pertinent information related to the qualified life event enrollment process. It should be noted that not all qualified life events are listed below.

<b>Type of event</b>	<b>Must enroll/change coverage within 31 days of:</b>	<b>Coverage/change in coverage begins on the<sup>5</sup>:</b>
Marriage	date of the event	See above
Death of dependent	date of the event	See above
Divorce, annulment, or legal separation	date of the event	See above
Employment status change (beginning employment, termination, strike, lockout, beginning/ending FMLA, full-time to part-time)	date of the event	See above
Change in residence	date of the event	See above
Loss/gain of dependent eligibility (other than listed below)	date of the event	See above
Newborn <sup>6</sup>	date of birth	date of birth <sup>7</sup>

<sup>5</sup> University and political subdivision employees should contact the appropriate human resources office for information regarding effective date of coverage changes.

<sup>6</sup> Born to member or member's legal spouse.

<sup>7</sup> Coverage ends on 31<sup>st</sup> day after date of birth if member does not enroll newborn in the Plan.

<b>Type of event</b>	<b>Must enroll/change coverage within 31 days of:</b>	<b>Coverage/change in coverage begins on the<sup>5</sup>:</b>
Adopted child	date of placement for adoption	date of adoption <sup>8</sup>
Child placed under legal guardianship	date member granted legal guardianship	date member granted legal guardianship <sup>8</sup>
Child placed in foster care	date of placement in foster care	See above

### **2.12 Change in Cost of Coverage**

If the cost of benefits increases or decreases during a Plan Year, Benefit Services may, in accordance with plan terms, automatically change your elective contribution.

When Benefit Services determines that a change in cost is significant, a member may either increase his/her contribution or elect less-costly coverage.

### **2.13 Termination of Coverage**

Coverage for all members/dependents ends at 11:59 p.m. on the date the Plan is terminated. Termination of coverage prior to that time is described in the table below.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Coverage ends at 11:59 p.m. on the earliest of:</b>
Eligible state/university employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last day of the pay period for/in which the member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ makes last contribution;</li> <li>➤ fails to meet the requirements for eligibility; or</li> <li>➤ becomes an active member of the armed forces of a foreign country; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• last day member is eligible for extension of coverage.</li> </ul>
Eligible participating political subdivision employee	<i>Please contact the appropriate human resources office</i>

<sup>8</sup> A child adopted, placed under legal guardianship, or placed in foster care covered from date of adoption *only if* member subsequently enrolls child in the Plan.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Coverage ends at 11:59 p.m. on the earliest of:</b>
Eligible retiree <sup>9</sup> /former elected official	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last day of the month for/in which the member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ makes last premium payment; or</li> <li>➤ fails to meet the requirements for eligibility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Eligible long-term disability recipient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last day of the month in which the disability benefit ends.</li> </ul>
Eligible dependent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the last day of the month which the dependent child reaches the limiting age of 26;</li> <li>• day the dependent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ dies;</li> <li>➤ loses eligibility for reason other than limiting age; or</li> <li>➤ becomes an active member of the armed forces of a foreign country; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• day the member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ is relieved of a court-ordered obligation to furnish coverage for a dependent child; or</li> <li>➤ is no longer covered.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Eligible employee on leave without pay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last day of period in which member becomes eligible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ long-term disability benefits for which there is eligibility to continue coverage under the Plan; or</li> <li>➤ coverage under Medicare; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 30 months after the leave-without-pay period began.</li> </ul>
Surviving child/spouse of eligible retiree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last day of the period for which the member makes last payment; or</li> <li>• day the surviving child fails to be eligible as a child.</li> </ul>
Surviving spouse of elected official or eligible former elected official	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last day of the period for which the member makes last payment.</li> </ul>

<sup>9</sup> Excluding long-term disability recipient.

## **2.14 Continuing Eligibility through COBRA** ***Eligibility of Enrolled Members/Dependents***

In accordance with the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), a member/dependent who has had a loss of coverage due to a qualifying event may extend his/her coverage under the Plan for a limited period of time.

To be eligible for COBRA coverage, a member/dependent must be covered under the Plan on the day before the qualifying event. Each covered individual may elect COBRA coverage separately. For example, a dependent child may continue coverage even if the member does not.

Members and dependents would be eligible for COBRA coverage in the event that the State of Arizona files bankruptcy under Title 11 of the U.S. Code.

The table below lists individuals who would be eligible for COBRA coverage if one of the corresponding qualifying events were to occur.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Duration of COBRA coverage</b>	<b>Qualifying event</b>
Eligible employee, dependent	Up to 18 months <sup>10</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Voluntary or involuntary termination of member's employment for any reason other than "gross misconduct"; or</li><li>• Reduction in the number of hours worked by member (including retirement)<sup>11</sup>.</li></ul>
Dependent	Up to 36 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member dies; or</li><li>• Member and dependent spouse divorce or legally separate</li></ul>
Dependent child	Up to 36 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dependent child no longer meets eligibility requirements.</li></ul>

## **2.15 Subsequent Qualifying Events**

<sup>10</sup> If the member and/or dependent has a disability when he/she becomes eligible for COBRA or within the first 60 days of COBRA coverage, duration of coverage may be extended to 29 months. See Section 2.17 for Special Rules Regarding Disability.

<sup>11</sup> If the member takes a leave of absence qualifying under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and does not return to work, the COBRA qualifying event occurs on the date the member notifies ADOA that he/she will not return, or the last day of the FMLA leave period, whichever is earlier.

An 18-month COBRA period may be extended to 36 months for a dependent if:

- Member dies; or
- Member and dependent spouse divorce or legally separate; or
- Dependent child no longer meets eligibility requirements.

This clause applies only if the second qualifying event would have caused the dependent to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

### **2.16 Eligibility of Newly Acquired Eligible Dependents**

If the member gains an eligible dependent during COBRA coverage, the dependent may be enrolled in the Plan through COBRA. The member should provide written notification to Benefit Services within 31 days of the qualifying life event. Newly acquired dependents may not enroll in the COBRA coverage after 31 days.

### **2.17 Special Rules Regarding Disability**

The 18 months of COBRA coverage may be extended to 29 months if a member is determined by the Social Security Administration to have a disability at the time of the first qualifying event or during the first 60 days of an 18-month COBRA coverage period. This extension is available to all family members who elected COBRA coverage after a qualifying event.

To receive this extension, the member must provide Benefit Services with documentation supporting the disability determination within 60 days after the latest of the:

- Social Security Administration makes the disability determination;
- Qualifying event occurs; or
- Date coverage is/would be lost because of the qualifying event.

### **2.18 Payment for COBRA Coverage**

Participants who extend coverage under the Plan due to a COBRA qualifying event must pay 102% of the active premium. Participants whose coverage is extended from 18 months to 29 months due to disability may be required to pay up to 150% of the active premium beginning with the 19th month of COBRA coverage.

COBRA coverage does not begin until payment is made to the COBRA administrator. A participant has 45 days from submission of his/her

application to make the first payment. Failure to comply will result in loss of COBRA eligibility.

### **2.19 Notification by the Member/Dependent**

COBRA coverage cannot be elected if proper notification is not made. Under the law, the Plan must receive written notification of a divorce, legal separation, or child's loss of dependent status, within 60 days of the later of the:

- Date of the event; or
- Date coverage would be lost because of the event.

Notification must include information related to the member and/or dependent(s) requesting COBRA coverage. Documentation may be required.

Written notification should be directed to:

ADOA Benefit Services Division  
100 N. 15th Avenue, Suite 260  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

### **2.20 Notification by the Plan**

The Plan is obligated to notify each participant of his/her right to elect COBRA coverage when a qualifying event occurs and the Plan is notified in accordance with Section 2.19.

### **2.21 Electing COBRA Coverage**

Information related to COBRA coverage and enrollment may be obtained through an agency liaison or by calling Benefit Services at 602-542-5008 or 1-800-304-3687 or by writing to the address provided in Article 15.

### **2.22 Early Termination of COBRA Coverage**

The law provides that COBRA coverage may, for the reasons listed below, be terminated prior to the 18-, 29-, or 36-month period:

- The Plan is terminated and/or no longer provides coverage for eligible employees;
- The premium is not received within the required timeframe;
- The member enrolls in another group health plan; or
- The member becomes eligible for Medicare.

For members whose coverage was extended to 29 months due to disability, COBRA coverage will terminate after 18 months or when the Social Security Administration determines that the member no longer has a disability.

**2.23 Contact Information for the COBRA Administrator**

COBRA-related questions or notifications should be directed to Benefit Services.

**2.24 Certificate of Creditable Coverage**

When COBRA coverage ends, the Medical Network Vendor will send a certificate of creditable coverage. This certificate confirms that each participant was covered under the Plan and for what length of time. The certificate may be used as credit against a new plan's pre-existing condition limitation.

## ARTICLE 3

### **PRE-CERTIFICATION/PRIOR AUTHORIZATION AND NOTIFICATION FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION**

#### **3.1 Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization and Notification**

Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is the process of determining the Medical Necessity of services before the services are incurred. This ensures that any medical care a member receives meets the Medical Necessity requirements of the Plan. The definition and requirements of Medical Necessity are identified in Article 16. Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is required if the plan is considered primary as defined in Article 10. Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is initiated by calling the toll-free Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization phone number shown on your ID card and providing information on the planned medical services. Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization may be requested by you, your dependent or your Physician. However, the Member is ultimately responsible to ensure Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is obtained.

All decisions regarding medical care are up to a Patient and his/her Physician. There may be circumstances when a Patient and his/her Physician determine that medical care, which is not covered by this Plan, is appropriate. The Plan Sponsor and the Third Party Claim Administrator do not provide or ensure quality of care.

Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization should be initiated for specific services noted in the Plan Description by calling the Medical Network Vendor Customer Service Center and providing information on the planned medical services. The patient or the physician/facility may request Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization; however, the member is ultimately responsible to ensure Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is obtained.

If Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is not obtained before planned medical services are incurred, the submitted claim will pend and a letter will be issued notifying you and the provider that Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is required before claim processing can continue. This must be initiated by calling the Medical Network Vendor and providing information on the incurred medical services. If Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is not initiated within 60 days of the first pend letter, the claim will be denied.

### **3.2 Treatment by Participating Providers**

If you do not pre-certify as required above, the Claims Administrator will review the claims submitted for Medical Necessity after the services have been rendered. If the claim is denied based on the plan provisions or Medical Necessity, the Plan is not responsible for payment.

### **3.3 Treatment by Non-Participating Providers**

Except in emergency situations, treatment provided by a Non-Participating Provider is not covered by the Plan. However, there may be rare circumstances where the Plan will provide coverage for services rendered by a Non-Participating Physician (e.g. there is only one specialist who is able to treat your specific disease and that specialist does not contract with the network). The only way you can obtain coverage in these instances is by obtaining Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization.

### **3.4 Medical Services Inpatient Admissions**

Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization for inpatient admissions refers to the process used to certify the medical necessity and length of any hospital confinement as a registered bed patient. Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is performed through a utilization review program by a Medical Management Organization with which the State of Arizona has contracted. Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization should be requested by you, your dependent or an attending Physician by calling the Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization phone number shown on your ID card prior to each inpatient hospital admission. Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization should be requested, prior to the end of the certified length of stay, for continued inpatient hospital confinement.

You should start the Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization process by calling the Medical Management Organization prior to an elective admission, prior to the last day approved for a current admission, or in the case of an emergency admission, by the end of the second scheduled business day after the admission. The Medical Management Organization will continue to monitor the confinement until you are discharged from the hospital. The results of the review will be communicated to the Member, the attending Physician, and the Third Party Claim Administrator.

The Medical Management Organization is an organization with a staff of Registered Nurses and other trained staff members who perform the Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization process in conjunction with consultant Physicians.

### **3.5 Other Services and Supplies**

Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization should be requested for those services that require Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization. Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization should be requested by you, your dependent or your Physician by calling the toll-free phone number shown your ID card prior to receiving services. Services that should be pre-certified include, but are not limited to:

1. Inpatient services in a hospital or other facility (such as hospice or skilled nursing facility);
2. Inpatient maternity services in a hospital or birthing center exceeding the federally mandated stay limit of 48 hours for a normal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean section;
3. A separate Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is required for a newborn in cases where the infant has been diagnosed with a medical condition requiring in-patient services independent of the maternity stay;
4. Outpatient surgery in a hospital or ambulatory surgery center as required by the Third Party Claim Administrator;
5. Accidental dental services;
6. Dental confinements/anesthesia required due to a hazardous medical condition;
7. Inpatient mental/nervous and substance abuse services;
8. Outpatient and ambulatory magnetic resonance imaging (MRI/MRA), PET Scans, BEAM (Brain Electrical Activity Mapping);
9. Non-emergency ambulance transportation;
10. Organ transplant services;
11. Cancer clinical trials;
12. Epidural and facet injection, radio frequency ablation and biofeedback;
13. Infusion/IV Therapy in an Outpatient setting including, but not limited to: Infliximab (Remicade), Alefacept (Amevive), and Etanercept (Enbrel);
14. Injectable medication in the Physician's office to include but not limited to: Alefacept (Amevive), Etanercept (Enbrel), Sodium Hyaluronate (Hyalgan, Synvisc), Infliximab (Remicade), Omalizumab (Xolair), Lupron, Syrnel, Forteo, Lupron Depot;
15. Home health including parenteral;
16. Outpatient and ambulatory cardiac testing, angiography, sleep testing (including sleep studies and polysomnography), video EEG;
17. All purchase or rental of Durable Medical Equipment and prosthetics as required by the Third Party Administrator.
18. Coverage for repair or replacement equipment;

19. Foot Orthotic devices and inserts (covered only for diabetes mellitus and any of the following complications involving the foot: Peripheral neuropathy with evidence of callus formation; or history of pre-ulcerative calluses; or history of previous ulceration; or foot deformity; or previous amputation of the foot or part of the foot; or poor circulation.);
20. Repair or replacement of prosthetics;
21. End Stage Renal Disease services (including dialysis);
22. Services not available through an in-network provider;
23. Services which have a potential for a cosmetic component, including but not limited to, blepharoplasty (upper lid), breast reduction, breast reconstruction, ligation (vein stripping), and sclerotherapy;
24. CAT/CT imagery;
25. Injections given during an office visit as required by the Third Party Administrator;
26. Cochlear Implants, and hearing aids;
27. Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder;
28. Medical foods, metabolic supplements and Gastric Disorder Formula;
29. Orthognathic treatment or surgery.

### **3.6 Notification of 23-Hour Observation Admissions**

While Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is not required for 23-hour observation admissions, we encourage you to contact the Medical Management Organization if you will be receiving these services. This will assist in the Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization process should the admission exceed 23 hours.

### **3.7 Notification of Maternity Services**

While Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is not required for maternity services in the physician's office, outpatient, and inpatient within federally mandated stay limits, we encourage you to contact the Medical Management Organization if you will be receiving any maternity services. This will assist in the Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization process should inpatient services be required that exceed 48 hours for a normal delivery and 96 hours for a cesarean section. Notification also enables the Medical Management Organization staff to assist you with education and/or resources to maintain your health during your pregnancy.

### **3.8 Prescription Medications**

Medicare Part D participants have dual drug coverage. For drugs covered under Medicare Part D, the following does not apply, please refer to [www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz](http://www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz). For drugs not covered under Medicare Part D the following applies.

For the purposes of member safety, certain prescriptions require “prior authorization” or approval before they will be covered, including but not limited to an amount/quantity that can be used within a set timeframe, an age limitation has been reached and/or exceeded or appropriate utilization must be determined. The Pharmacy Benefit Management Vendor (PBM), in their capacity as pharmacy benefit manager, administers the prior authorization process for prescription medications.

Prior Authorization (PA) may be initiated by the pharmacy, the physician, you, and/or your covered family members by calling the PBM. The pharmacy may call after being prompted by a medication denial stating “*Prior Authorization Required.*” The pharmacy may also pass the information on to you and require you to follow-up.

After the initial call is placed, the Clinical Services Representative obtains information and verifies that the plan participates in a PA program for the particular drug category. The Clinical Services Representative generates a drug specific form and faxes it to the prescribing physician. Once the fax form is received by the Clinical Call Center, a pharmacist reviews the information and approves or denies the request based on established protocols. Determinations may take up to 48 hours from the PBM’s receipt of the completed form, not including weekends and holidays.

If the prior authorization request is APPROVED, the PBM Clinical Service Representative calls the person who initiated the request and enters an override into the PBM processing system for a limited period of time. The pharmacy will then process your prescription.

If the prior authorization request is DENIED, the PBM Clinical Call Center pharmacist calls the person who initiated the request and sends a denial letter explaining the denial reason. The letter will include instructions for appealing the denial. For more information see the “Appeals Procedures” section of this document.

The criteria for the prior authorization program are based on nationally recognized guidelines; FDA approved indications and accepted standards of practice. Each specific guideline has been reviewed and approved by the PBM Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee for

appropriateness. Prescription medications that require prior authorization prior to dispensing include, but are not limited to:

1. Anabolic Steroids – Injectable (Deca-Durabolin<sup>®</sup>, Virilon IM<sup>®</sup>);
2. Anabolic Steroids – Oral (Anadrol-50<sup>®</sup>, Android Testred<sup>®</sup>, Oxandrin<sup>®</sup>, Winstrol<sup>®</sup>);
3. Anabolic Steroids – Topical (Androderm<sup>®</sup>, Androgel<sup>®</sup>, Testoderm<sup>®</sup>);
4. Botulinum Toxins (Myobloc<sup>®</sup>, Botox<sup>®</sup>);
5. Sporanox<sup>®</sup>.

Medication(s) included in medication management programs, including but not limited to, an amount or quantity that can be used within a set timeframe or an age limitation, may be subject to prior authorization. Medication management programs are subject to change and are maintained and updated as medications are FDA approved within the defined therapeutic class and as clinical evidence requires. Medications subjected to prior authorization resulting from medication management programs include, but are not limited to certain medications listed below:

1. Topical Anti-acne products after the age of 24;
2. Medications for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder/ Narcolepsy after the age of 19;
3. Oral Antiemetics beyond defined quantity limitations;
4. Medications to treat insomnia beyond defined quantity limitations;
5. Medications used to treat migraine headaches beyond defined quantity limitations.

A certain class of medications will be managed through the Pharmacy Benefit Management Vendor's Specialty Pharmacy Program. For more information, on what is covered see the "Specialty Pharmacy" section of this document. Medications that may be included in this program are used to treat chronic or complex health conditions, may be difficult to administer, may have limited availability, and/or may require special storage and handling. A subset of the medications included in the PBM Specialty Pharmacy Program requires prior authorization and include, but are not limited to:

1. Xolair<sup>®</sup>;
2. Remicade<sup>®</sup>, Amevive<sup>®</sup>, Enbrel<sup>®</sup>, Kineret<sup>®</sup>, Humira<sup>®</sup>, Raptiva<sup>®</sup>;
3. Hyalgan<sup>®</sup>, Supartz<sup>®</sup>, Synvisc<sup>®</sup>;
4. Forteo<sup>®</sup>;
5. Lupron<sup>®</sup>, Synarel<sup>®</sup>;
6. Lupron Depot<sup>®</sup>, Viadur<sup>®</sup>, Zoladex<sup>®</sup>, Eligard<sup>®</sup>, Trelstar<sup>®</sup>;
7. Synagis<sup>®</sup>; and

## 8. Growth Hormones.

To confirm whether you need prior authorization and/or to request a prior authorization, you may call the Pharmacy Benefit Management Vendor listed on your ID card or visit the PBM website to review the formulary. Please have the information listed below when initiating your request for prior authorization:

- Name of your Medication
- Physician's Name
- Physician's Phone Number
- Physician's Fax Number, if available
- Member ID number (from your card)
- Rx Group ID number (from your card)

## ARTICLE 4

### CASE MANAGEMENT / DISEASE MANAGEMENT AND INDEPENDENT MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

#### 4.1 Case Management

Case Management is a service provided through an organization contracted with the State of Arizona, which assists individuals with treatment needs that extend beyond the acute care setting. The goal of Case Management is to ensure that patients receive appropriate care in the most effective setting possible whether at home, as an outpatient, or an inpatient in a hospital or specialized facility. Should the need for Case Management arise, a Case Management professional will work closely with the patient, his or her family and the attending physician to determine appropriate treatment options which will best meet the patient's needs and keep costs manageable. The Case Manager will help coordinate the treatment program and arrange for necessary resources. Case Managers are also available to answer questions and provide ongoing support for the family in times of medical crisis.

Case Managers are Registered Nurses (RNs) and other credentialed health care professionals, some trained in a clinical specialty area such as high risk pregnancy or mental health, and others who work as generalists dealing with a wide range of conditions in general medicine and surgery. In addition, Case Managers are supported by physician advisors who offer guidance on up-to-date treatment programs and medical technology. While the Case Manager may recommend alternate treatment programs and help coordinate needed resources, the patient's attending physician remains responsible for ordering and guiding the actual medical care.

You, your dependent, or an attending physician may request Case Management services by calling the toll-free phone number shown on your ID card during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. In addition, the Third Party Claim Administrator or a utilization review program may refer an individual for Case Management.

Each case is assessed to determine whether Case Management is appropriate. You or your dependent will be contacted by an assigned Case Manager who explains in detail how the program works.

Participation in the program is voluntary – no penalty or benefit reduction is imposed if you do not wish to participate in Case Management.

Following an initial assessment, the Case Manager works with you, your family and physician to determine the needs of the patient and to identify what alternate treatment programs are available. (For example, in-home medical care in lieu of extended hospital convalescence.) You are not penalized if the alternate treatment program is not followed.

The Case Manager arranges for alternate treatment services and supplies, as needed. (For example, nursing services or a hospital bed and other durable medical equipment for the home.)

The Case Manager also acts as a liaison between the Third Party Claim Administrator, the patient, his or her family and physician as needed. (For example, by helping you to understand a complex medical diagnosis or treatment plan.)

Once the alternate treatment program is in place, the Case Manager continues to manage the case to ensure the treatment program remains appropriate to the patient's needs.

Case Management professionals may offer quality, cost-effective treatment alternatives, as well as provide assistance in obtaining needed medical resources and ongoing family support in a time of need.

#### **4.2 Disease Management**

Disease Management is a service provided through an organization contracted with the State of Arizona, which assists members with treatment needs for chronic conditions. Disease Management is a voluntary program – no penalty or benefit reduction is imposed if you do not wish to participate in Disease Management.

If you are being treated for certain conditions which have been initiated under this program, you will be contacted by the Disease Management staff with further information on the program. The goal of Disease Management is identification of areas in which the staff may assist you with education and/or resources to maintain your health.

#### **4.3 Independent Medical Assessment**

The Plan reserves the right to require independent medical assessments to review appropriateness of treatment and possible alternative treatment options for any member participating in the Plan. The individual medical assessments may take place on site or via medical record review and will be carried out by a licensed/board certified medical doctor specializing in the area of treatment rendered to the member. Independent medical assessments may be utilized in instances where current treatment is atypical for the diagnosis, where the current treatment is complex and involves many different providers, and/or the current treatment is of high cost to the Plan. If an independent medical assessment is required, the enrolled person will be notified in writing.

## ARTICLE 5

### TRANSITION OF CARE

#### **5.1 Transition of Care**

If you are a new Member, upon written request to the Medical Management Organization, you may continue an active course of treatment with your current health care provider who is a Non-Participating Provider and receive in-network benefit levels during a transitional period after the effective date of coverage if one of the following applies:

1. You have a life threatening disease or condition;
2. If you have been receiving care and a continued course of covered treatment is Medically Necessary, you may be eligible to receive "transitional care" from the Non-Participating Provider;
3. Entered the third trimester of pregnancy on the effective date of enrollment; or
4. If you are in your second trimester of pregnancy and your doctor agrees to accept our reimbursement rate and to abide by the Plan's policies and procedures and quality assurance requirements.

There may be additional circumstances where continued care by a provider no longer participating in the network will not be available, such as when the provider loses his license to practice or retires.

Transitions of Care request forms are available by contacting the Medical Network Vendor Customer Service Center or by visiting their Website.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **OPEN ACCESS TO PROVIDERS**

Open access refers to how you “access” physicians. This plan does not require members to designate a Primary Care Physician (PCP) and members may schedule an appointment directly with a specialist of his/her choosing; however, the specialist MUST be contracted within your medical plan provider network.

Members may still choose to maintain a primary relationship with one physician and are encouraged to do so, but are not required to. For assistance finding a health care provider, contact the member services office at the number listed on your ID card.

In order for eligible services to be covered by this Plan, it is the member’s responsibility to confirm the facilities, specialists and physicians they use are contracted with his/her medical plan network of providers at the time services are provided.

## ARTICLE 7

### SCHEDULE OF MEDICAL BENEFITS COVERED SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

#### 7.1 Schedule of Medical Benefits Covered Services and Supplies Chart

***It is important to note that all inpatient services, specific outpatient services, and certain prescription medications require Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization. Please refer to Article 3 of this document for details.***

	Co-payment
<b>Physician Visits</b>	
<b>Adult Immunizations. Refer to Section 7.29 for a complete list of Adult Immunizations.</b>	\$15.00
<b>Routine Physical 1 visit per member per Plan Year</b>	\$15.00
<b>Chiropractic &amp; Osteopathic Includes all spinal manipulation or treatment. Limited to 20 visits per member per Plan Year subject to being Medically Appropriate.</b>	\$15.00
<b>Hearing Exam One per member per Plan Year</b>	\$15.00
<b>Obstetrics &amp; Gynecology OB/GYN</b>	\$10.00
<b>Physician Visits (one co-pay per day per provider) (General Practice, Family Practice and Internal Medicine, Chiropractor, Speech Therapy*, Occupational Therapy*, Cardiac Therapy*, Respiratory Therapy*, and Physical therapy*, and Pediatrician ) *Subject to the benefit limitations described under Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy Section 7.56.</b>	\$15.00
<b>Specialists Visit</b>	\$30.00

	<b>Co-payment</b>
<b>Prenatal Care and Program For initial diagnosis; covered at 100% thereafter</b>	\$10.00
<b>Rehabilitation Services, Short-Term, limited to 60 visits per member per Plan Year for all therapy types listed combined.</b>	\$15.00
<b>Urgent Care Center</b>	\$40.00
<b>Well-Child through 47 months. (Co-pay is waived if the only service rendered is a well-child immunization).</b>	\$15.00
<b>Well-Man Care 1 visit per member per Plan Year.</b>	\$15.00
<b>Well-Woman Exam 1 visit per member per Plan Year. *Copayment is subject to the type of provider at visit.</b>	\$15.00 PCP* \$10.00 OB-GYN*
<b>Hospital Services</b>	
<b>Ambulance (for medical emergency or required interfacility transport)</b>	No charge
<b>Hospice Care Inpatient facility or home hospice for life expectancy of 6 months or less.</b>	No charge
<b>Hospital Admission *Hospital in-patient admission co- payment: would apply to any in-patient hospital admission with or without an authorization excluding: Subacute Care, Post-Acute Care, Hospice, Bariatric Surgery and Maternity Admission. Subacute Care would include but not be limited to: long-term care, hospital-based skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), and free standing SNFs.</b>	\$150.00*

	<b>Co-payment</b>
<b>Hospital Emergency Room (In-network and out-of network). Must be a Medical Emergency as defined by the Plan. *waived if admitted to hospital directly from emergency room but subject to hospital admission co-payment.</b>	\$125.00*
<b>Intensive Care Unit</b>	No charge
<b>Non-emergency ambulance transportation with Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization.</b>	No charge
<b>Private rooms when medically necessary</b>	No charge
<b>Radiology and Laboratory</b>	No charge
<b>Rehabilitation Facility Hospital or sub-acute facilities</b>	No charge
<b>Semi-Private Room &amp; Board. The Plan allows charges up to 90% of the Private room rate if the facility has no Semi-Private rooms.</b>	No charge
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility Hospital or sub-acute facilities. 90-day limit per Member per Plan Year.</b>	No charge
<b>Surgery/Anesthesia/Asst Surgeon (inpatient)</b>	No charge
<b>Mental Health Services</b>	
<b>Mental/Nervous, and Substance Abuse Office Visit</b>	\$15.00
<b>Mental/Nervous, and Substance Abuse (inpatient &amp; residential)</b>	\$150.00
<b>Other Services</b>	
<b>Allergy Testing</b>	\$30.00
<b>Antigen Administration Desensitization/treatment</b>	\$30.00
<b>Autism Spectrum Disorder Services</b>	\$15.00
<b>Bariatric Surgery</b>	20% coinsurance

	<b>Co-payment</b>
<b>Contraceptive Appliances , Contraceptive injections, diaphragms, and cervical caps obtained at a Physician's office. PCP OBGYN</b>	 \$15.00 \$10.00
<b>Corrective Appliances, Prosthetics, Medically Appropriate foot orthotics.</b>	No charge
<b>Diagnostic Testing, including Laboratory and Radiology</b>	No charge
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Medically Necessary.</b>	No charge
<b>Family Planning Services Voluntary Tubal ligation (outpatient facility)  Vasectomy (physician's office)  Implantable contraceptive products as approved by the FDA.</b>	 \$50.00  \$30.00  \$30.00
<b>Hearing Aids Limited to one per ear/per Plan Year.</b>	No charge
<b>Home Health/Home Infusion Care. Limited to 42 visits per member per Plan Year as described in Section 7.27 Home Health Services.</b>	No charge
<b>Mammography screening Age 35-39 one baseline Age 40 and older annually Non-routine services covered more frequently based on recommendation of the Member's Physician.</b>	No charge
<b>Nutritional Evaluation</b>	\$15.00

	<b>Co-payment</b>
<b>Organ and Tissue Transplantation and Donor Coverage. No coverage if Member is an organ donor for a recipient other than a Member enrolled under this Plan. Travel &amp; lodging expenses are limited to \$10,000 per transplant. Travel and lodging are not covered if the Member is a donor.</b>	No charge
<b>Ostomy supplies</b>	No charge
<b>Prostate Screening Coverage limitations described in Section 7.53.</b>	No charge
<b>Surgery Facility and Associated Physician fees</b>	
<b>In primary physician's office</b>	\$15.00
<b>In a specialist office</b>	\$30.00
<b>In Freestanding ambulatory facility</b>	\$50.00
<b>In hospital outpatient surgical center</b>	\$50.00
<b>PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION AND DIABETIC SUPPLIES AS IDENTIFIED UNDER ARTICLE 8.</b>	
<b>Medicare Part D participants have dual drug coverage. For drugs covered under Medicare Part D, the following does not apply, please refer to <a href="http://www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz">www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz</a>. For drugs not covered under Medicare Part D the following applies.</b>	
<b>Diabetic Supplies includes insulin, lancets, insulin syringes/needles, pre-filled cartridges, urine test strips, blood glucose testing machines, blood sugar test strips, and alcohol swabs.</b>	Available through Mail Order and retail.
<b>Smoking cessation aids both prescribed and over-the counter will be covered. Member must have a prescription and present to an in-network pharmacy for the aid to be covered. Only FDA approved aids will be covered.</b>	No charge

	<b>Co-payment</b>
<b>Retail Pharmacy (up to a 30-day supply)</b>	
<b>Generic</b>	\$10.00
<b>Formulary Brand</b>	\$20.00
<b>Non-Formulary Brand</b>	\$40.00
<b>Mail Order (up to a 90-day supply)</b>	
<b>Generic</b>	\$20.00
<b>Formulary Brand</b>	\$40.00
<b>Non-Formulary Brand</b>	\$80.00
<b>Retail (up to a 90-day supply)</b>	
<b>Generic</b>	\$25.00
<b>Formulary Brand</b>	\$50.00
<b>Non-Formulary Brand</b>	\$100.00

## **7.2 Determination of Eligible Expenses**

Subject to the exclusions, conditions, and limitations stated in this document, the Plan will pay Benefits to, or on behalf of, a Member for covered Medical Expenses described in this section, up to the amounts stated in the Schedule of Benefits.

The Plan will pay Benefits for the Reasonable and Customary Charges or the contracted fee as determined by the Provider's contract with the Network for services and supplies which are ordered by a Physician. Services and supplies must be furnished by an Eligible Provider and be Medically Necessary.

The obligation of the Plan shall be fully satisfied by the payment of allowable expenses in accordance with the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits will be paid for the reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by the Member if all provisions mentioned in this document are satisfied.

All payments made under this Plan for allowable charges will be limited to Reasonable and Customary Charges or the contracted fee as determined by the Provider's contract with the Network minus all co-pays and coinsurance stated in the Schedule of Benefits.

## **7.3 Notification, Proof of a Claim, and Payment**

Inpatient hospitalization for any Emergency Services or Urgent Care requires notification to and Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization by the Medical Management Organization.

Notification of inpatient hospitalization is required as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than the second business day after admission. This requirement shall not cause denial of an otherwise valid claim if you could not reasonably comply, provided that notification is given to the Medical Management Organization as soon as reasonably possible.

Coverage for Emergency Services received through Non-Participating Providers at an Inpatient or Emergency Room Facilities shall be limited to covered services to which you would have been entitled under the Plan, and shall be reimbursed at billed charges in cases where no discounts are achieved through the Third Party Claims Administrator.

Claims and supporting documentation submitted for reimbursement must meet the Timely Filing requirements and be received within one (1) year from the date the services were rendered. Claim forms are available on the Third Party Claim Administrator website or by calling the Customer Service Center.

Foreign Claims: Request for reimbursement of foreign claims must include the following information: Employee name, member identification number, patient name, date of service, provider name and address, detailed description of the services rendered, charges, and the currency in which the charges are being reported. Foreign travel guidelines are available on the Third Party Claim Administrator website.

#### **7.4 Covered Expenses**

The term Covered Expenses means the expenses incurred by or on behalf of a person, if they are incurred after he becomes insured for these benefits and prior to the date coverage ends. Expenses incurred for such charges are considered Covered Expenses to the extent that the services or supplies provided are recommended by a Physician and are essential for the necessary care and treatment of a non-occupational injury or a sickness and outlined below.

The Covered Expenses available to a Member under this plan are described below. Any applicable co-payments and other limits are identified in the Schedule of Benefits. Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Plan, Covered Expenses are available to Member/Participants only if:

1. They are Medically Appropriate and not specifically excluded in this Article or any other Article; and

2. Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization is obtained from the Plan by the member or provider, for those services that require Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization. To obtain Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization call the number on your ID card.

All non-emergency services within the network Service Area must be incurred at a Participating Provider. All non-emergency services outside of the network Service Area must be incurred at a Travel Network Participating Provider.

If a Member uses Participating Providers for facility and physician services for a given procedure, any assistant surgeon, anesthesiologist, radiologist, and pathologist charges in connection with that procedure will be payable at the in-network level of benefits even if rendered by Non-Participating Providers. During an inpatient admission, if a consultation is required by a specialist on call at the facility causing the member to have no control over the provider chosen, charges in connection with the consult will be payable at the in-network level of benefits even if rendered by Non-Participating Providers. Covered charges will be reimbursed at in-network benefit levels subject to Reasonable and Customary rates.

### **7.5 Autism Spectrum Disorder Services**

Behavioral therapy is only covered for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder as defined in Article 16.

Short-term rehabilitative therapy included in an outpatient facility or physician's office that is part of a rehabilitation program for treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder, including physical, speech, and occupational therapy is subject to the 60 visit benefit limitations described under Section 7.56 Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy.

The following services are excluded: Sensory Integration, LOVAAS Therapy and Music Therapy.

If multiple services are provided on the same day by different Providers, a separate co-payment will apply to each Provider.

### **7.6 Physician Services**

Physician Services are diagnostic and treatment services provided by Participating Physicians and Other Participating Health Professionals, including office visits, periodic health assessments, well-child care and routine immunizations provided in accordance with accepted medical practices, hospital care, consultation, and surgical procedures.

### **7.7 Inpatient Hospital Services**

Inpatient hospital services are services provided for evaluation or treatment of conditions that cannot be adequately treated on an ambulatory basis or in another Participating Health Care Facility. Inpatient hospital services include semi-private room and board; care and services in an intensive care unit; drugs, medications, biologicals, fluids, blood and blood products, and chemotherapy; special diets; dressings and casts; general nursing care; use of operating room and related facilities; laboratory and radiology services and other diagnostic and therapeutic services; anesthesia and associated services; inhalation therapy; radiation therapy; admit kit; and other services which are customarily provided in acute care hospitals. Inpatient hospital services also include Birthing Centers.

### **7.8 Outpatient Facility Services**

Outpatient facility services are services provided on an outpatient basis, including: diagnostic and/or treatment services; administered drugs, medications, fluids, biologicals, blood and blood products; inhalation therapy; and procedures which can be appropriately provided on an outpatient basis, including certain surgical procedures, anesthesia, and recovery room services.

### **7.9 Emergency Services and Urgent Care**

In the event of an emergency, get help immediately. Go to the nearest emergency room, the nearest hospital or call or ask someone to call 911 or your local emergency service, police or fire department for help. You do not need a referral from your Physician for Emergency Services, but you should call your Physician as soon as possible for further assistance and advice on follow-up care. If you require specialty care or a hospital admission, contact the Medical Management Organization to obtain necessary authorizations for care or hospitalization.

If you receive Emergency Services outside the Service Area, you must notify the Third Party Claim Administrator as soon as reasonably possible. We may arrange to have you transferred to a Participating Provider for continuing or follow-up care if it is determined to be medically safe to do so.

“Emergency Services” are defined as a medical or behavioral condition of sudden onset that manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a person who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the

absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the health of the insured person in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, serious disfigurement of the insured person, serious impairment of any bodily organ or part of the insured person, or in the case of a behavioral condition, placing the health of the insured person or other persons in serious jeopardy.

Examples of emergency situations include uncontrolled bleeding, seizures or loss of consciousness, shortness of breath, chest pains or severe squeezing sensations in the chest, suspected overdose of medication or poisoning, sudden paralysis or slurred speech, burns, cuts, and broken bones. The symptoms that led you to believe you needed emergency care, as coded by the provider and recorded by the hospital on the UB92 claim form or its successor, or the final diagnosis, whichever reasonably indicated an emergency medical condition, will be the basis for the determination of coverage, provided such symptoms reasonably indicate an emergency. You are covered for at least a screening examination to determine whether an emergency exists. Care up and through stabilization for an emergency situation is covered without prior authorization.

For Urgent Care services, you should take all reasonable steps to contact your Physician for direction and you must receive care from a Participating Provider, unless otherwise authorized by the Plan. If you are traveling outside of the network's service area in which you are enrolled, you should, whenever possible, contact the Plan or your Physician for direction and authorization prior to receiving services.

"Urgent Care" is defined as medical, surgical, hospital and related health care services and testing which are not Emergency Services, but which are determined by the Plan in accordance with generally accepted medical standards to have been necessary to treat a condition requiring prompt medical attention. This does not include care that could have been foreseen before leaving the immediate area where you ordinarily receive and/or are scheduled to receive services. Such care includes but is not limited to: dialysis, scheduled medical treatments or therapy, or care received after a Physician's recommendation that you should not travel due to any medical condition.

## **7.10 Continuing or Follow-up Treatment**

Continuing or follow-up treatment by providers out of the Service Area is not covered unless it is Pre-Certified by the Medical Management Organization.

### **7.11 Ambulance Service**

Ambulance services to/from an appropriate provider or facility are covered for emergencies. Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization for non-emergency ambulance services may be obtained from the Medical Management Organization by a provider that is treating the Member.

Covered Expenses include charges for licensed ambulance service to or from the nearest hospital where the needed medical care and treatment can be provided.

### **7.12 Bariatric Surgery**

The plan covers the following bariatric surgery procedures: open roux-en-y gastric bypass (RYGBP), laparoscopic roux-en-y gastric bypass (RYGBP), laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding (LAGB), open biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch (BPD/DS), laparoscopic biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch (BPD/DS), and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy (LSG) if all the following criteria are met:

1. The patient must have a body-mass index (BMI)  $\geq 35$ .
2. Have at least one co-morbidity related to obesity.
3. Previously unsuccessful with medical treatment for obesity. The following medical information must be documented in the patient's medical record:

Active participation within the last two years in one physician-supervised weight-management program for a minimum of six months without significant gaps. The weight-management program must include monthly documentation of all of the following components:

- a. Weight
  - b. Current dietary program
  - c. Physical activity (e.g., exercise program)
4. In addition, the procedure must be performed at an approved Center of Excellence facility that is credentialed by your Health Network to perform bariatric surgery.
  5. The member must be 18 years or older, or have reached full expected skeletal growth.

If treatment was directly paid or covered by another plan, medically necessary adjustments will be covered.

The following bariatric procedures are excluded:

1. Open vertical banded gastroplasty;
2. Laparoscopic vertical banded gastroplasty;
3. Open sleeve gastrectomy;
4. Open adjustable gastric banding.

### **7.13 Breast Reconstruction and Breast Prostheses**

Following a mastectomy, the following services and supplies are covered:

1. Surgical services for reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
2. Surgical services for reconstruction of the non-diseased breast to produce symmetrical appearance;
3. Post-operative breast prostheses; and
4. Mastectomy bras/camisoles and external prosthetics that meet external prosthetic placement needs.

During all stages of mastectomy, treatments of physical complications, including lymphedema, are covered.

### **7.14 Cancer Clinical Trials**

Coverage shall be provided for Medically Appropriate covered patient costs that are directly associated with a cancer clinical trial that is offered in the State of Arizona and in which the Member participates voluntarily. A cancer clinical trial is a course of treatment in which all of the following apply:

1. The treatment is part of a scientific study of a new therapy or intervention that is being conducted at an institution in the State of Arizona, that is for the treatment, palliation or prevention of cancer in humans and in which the scientific study includes all of the following: (a) specific goals; (b) a rationale and background for the study; (c) criteria for patient selection; (d) specific directions for administering the therapy and monitoring patients; (e) definition of quantitative measures for determining treatment response; and (f) methods for documenting and treating adverse reactions;
2. The treatment is being provided as part of a study being conducted in a phase I, phase II, phase III or phase IV cancer clinical trial;

3. The treatment is being provided as part of a study being conducted in accordance with a clinical trial approved by at least one of the following: (a) One of the National Institutes of Health; (b) A National Institutes of Health Cooperative Group or Center; (c) The United States Food and Drug Administration in the form of an investigational new drug application; (d) The United States Department of Defense; (e) The United States Department of Veteran Affairs; (f) a qualified research entity that meets the criteria established by the National Institutes of Health for grant eligibility; or (g) a panel of qualified recognized experts in clinical research within academic health institutions in the State of Arizona;
4. The proposed treatment or study has been reviewed and approved by an institutional review board of an institution in the State of Arizona;
5. The personnel providing the treatment or conducting the study (a) are providing the treatment or conducting the study within their scope of practice, experience and training and are capable of providing the treatment because of their experience, training and volume of patients treated to maintain expertise; (b) agree to accept reimbursement as payment in full from the Plan at the rates that are established by the Plan and that are not more than the level of reimbursement applicable to other similar services provided by the health care providers with the Plan's network;
6. There is no clearly superior, non-investigational treatment alternative;
7. The available clinical or pre-clinical data provide a reasonable expectation that the treatment will be at least as efficacious as any non-investigational alternative.

For the purposes of this specific covered service and benefit, coverage outside the State of Arizona will be provided under the following conditions:

(a) The clinical trial treatment is curative in nature; (b) The treatment is not available through a clinical trial in the State of Arizona; (c) There is no other non-investigational treatment alternative;

For the purposes of this specific covered service and benefit, the following definitions apply:

1. "Cooperative Group" – means a formal network of facilities that collaborates on research projects and that has an established national institute of health approved peer review program

operating within the group, including the National Cancer Institute Clinical Cooperative Group and The National Cancer Institute Community Clinical Oncology Program.

2. "Institutional Review Board" – means any board, committee or other group that is both: (a) formally designated by an institution to approve the initiation of and to conduct periodic review of biomedical research involving human subjects and in which the primary purpose of such review is to assure the protection of the rights and welfare of the human subjects and not to review a clinical trial for scientific merit; and (b) approved by the National Institutes of Health Office for Protection From Research Risks.
3. "Multiple Project Assurance Contract" – means a contract between an institution and the United States Department of Health and Human Services that defines the relationship of the institution to the United States Department of Health and Human Services and that sets out the responsibilities of the institution and the procedures that will be used by the institution to protect human subjects.
4. "Patient Cost" – means any fee or expense that is covered under the Plan and that is for a service or treatment that would be required if the patient were receiving usual and customary care.

Patient cost does not include the cost: (a) of any drug or device provided in a phase I cancer clinical trial; (b) of any investigational drug or device; (c) of non-health services that might be required for a person to receive treatment or intervention; (d) of managing the research of the clinical trial; (e) that would not be covered under the Plan; and (f) of treatment or services provided outside the State of Arizona.

### **7.15 Chiropractic Care Services**

Chiropractic care services include diagnostic and treatment services utilized in an office setting by Participating Chiropractic Physicians and Osteopaths. Chiropractic treatment includes the conservative management of neuromusculoskeletal conditions through manipulation and ancillary physiological treatment rendered to specific joints to restore motion, reduce pain and improve function.

The following are specifically excluded from chiropractic care and osteopathic services:

1. Services of a chiropractor or osteopath which are not within his scope of practice, as defined by state law;
2. Charges for care not provided in an office setting;

3. Maintenance or preventive treatment consisting of routine, long term or Non-Medically Appropriate care provided to prevent reoccurrences or to maintain the patient's current status; and
4. Vitamin therapy.

Services are limited to twenty (20) visits per Member per Plan Year.

#### **7.16 Cosmetic Surgery**

Cosmetic Surgery is covered for reconstructive surgery that constitutes necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed services required for the prompt repair of accidental injury. Congenital defects and birth abnormalities are covered for Eligible Dependent children.

#### **7.17 Compression Garments**

Compression garments for treatment of lymphedema and burns are limited to one set upon diagnosis. Coverage of up to four (4) replacements per Plan Year. When determined to be medically necessary by the Medical Management Organization and the compression stocking cannot be repaired or when required due to a change in the members physical condition.

#### **7.18 Dental Confinements/Anesthesia**

Facility and anesthesia services for hospitalization in connection with dental or oral surgery will be covered, provided that the confinement has been Pre-Certified because of a hazardous medical condition. Such conditions include heart problems, diabetes, hemophilia, dental extractions due to cancer related conditions, and the probability of allergic reaction (or any other condition that could increase the danger of anesthesia). All facility services must be provided by a contracted network provider.

#### **7.19 Dental Services – Accident Only**

Dental services are covered for the treatment of a fractured jaw or an injury to sound natural teeth. Benefits are payable for the services of a Physician, dentist, or dental surgeon, provided the services are rendered for treatment of an accidental injury to sound natural teeth where the continuous course of treatment is started within six (6) months of the accident.

Sound natural teeth are defined as natural teeth that are free of active clinical decay, have at least 50% bony support, and are functional in the arch.

## **7.20 Diabetic Service and Supplies**

Coverage will be provided for the following Medically Appropriate supplies, devices, and appliances prescribed by a health care provider for the treatment of diabetes:

1. Podiatric appliances for prevention of complications associated with diabetes; foot orthotic devices and inserts (therapeutic shoes: including Depth shoes or Custom Molded shoes.) Custom molded shoes will only be covered when the member has a foot deformity that cannot be accommodated by a depth shoe. Therapeutic shoes are covered only for diabetes mellitus and *any* of the following complications involving the foot: Peripheral neuropathy with evidence of callus formation; or history of pre-ulcerative calluses; or history of previous ulceration; or foot deformity; or previous amputation of the foot or part of the foot; or poor circulation. Definitions of Depth Shoes and Custom-Molded Shoes are as follows:
  - Depth Shoes shall mean the shoe has a full length, heel-to-toe filler that, when removed, provides a minimum of 3/16th inch of additional depth used to accommodate custom-molded or customized inserts; are made of leather or other suitable material of equal quality; have some sort of shoe closure; and are available in full and half sizes with a minimum of three widths so that the sole is graded to the size and width of the upper portions of the shoes according to the American standard sizing schedule or its equivalent.
  - Custom-Molded Shoes shall mean constructed over a positive model of the member's foot; made from leather or other suitable material of equal quality; have removable inserts that can be altered or replaced as the member's condition warrants; and have some sort of shoe closure. This includes a shoe with or without an internally seamless toe.
2. Any other device, medication, equipment or supply for which coverage is required under Medicare guidelines pertaining to diabetes management; and
3. Disease Self-Management Training from a Participating Provider is covered when it has a therapeutic role in the care of diabetes.

## **7.21 Diagnostic Testing, including Laboratory and Radiology Services**

Diagnostic testing includes radiological procedures, laboratory tests, and other diagnostic procedures.

## **7.22 Durable Medical Equipment**

Purchase or rental of durable medical equipment and prosthetics is covered when ordered or prescribed by a Participating Physician and provided by a contracted in-network vendor. The determination to either purchase or rent equipment will be made by the Medical Management Organization. Repair or replacement is covered when approved as medically necessary by the Medical Management Organization.

Durable medical equipment is defined as:

1. Generally for the medical or surgical treatment of an Illness or Injury, as certified in writing by the attending medical provider;
2. Serves a therapeutic purpose with respect to a particular Illness or Injury under treatment in accordance with accepted medical practice;
3. Items which are designed for and able to withstand repeated use by more than one person;
4. Is of a truly durable nature;
5. Appropriate for use in the home; and
6. Is not useful in the absence of Illness or Injury.

Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, crutches, hospital beds, wheel chairs, respirators, and dialysis machines.

Unless covered in connection with the services described in the "Inpatient Services at Other Participating Health Care Facilities" or "Home Health Services" provisions, the following are specifically excluded:

1. Hygienic or self-help items or equipment;
2. Items or equipment primarily used for comfort or convenience such as bathtub chairs, safety grab bars, stair gliders or elevators, over-the-bed tables, saunas or exercise equipment;
3. Environmental control equipment, such as air purifiers, humidifiers and electrostatic machines;
4. Institutional equipment, such as air fluidized beds and diathermy machines;
5. Elastic stockings and wigs (except where indicated for coverage);
6. Equipment used for the purpose of participation in sports or other recreational activities including, but not limited to, braces and splints;
7. Items, such as auto tilt chairs, paraffin bath units and whirlpool baths, which are not generally accepted by the medical profession as being therapeutically effective;

8. Items which under normal use would constitute a fixture to real property, such as lifts, ramps, railings, and grab bars; and
9. Hearing aid batteries (except those for cochlear implants) and chargers.

### **7.23 External Prosthetic Appliances**

The Plan covers the initial purchase and fitting of external prosthetic devices which are used as a replacement or substitute for a missing body part and are necessary for the alleviation or correction of illness, injury, congenital defect, or alopecia as a result of chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and second or third degree burns.

External prosthetic appliances shall include artificial arms and legs, wigs, hair pieces and terminal devices such as a hand or hook. Wigs and hair pieces are limited to one per Plan Year and \$150 maximum. Members must provide a valid prescription verifying diagnosis of alopecia as a result of chemotherapy, radiation therapy, second or third degree burns with a submitted claim for coverage. All other diagnosis are excluded.

Replacement of artificial arms and legs and terminal devices are covered only if necessitated by normal anatomical growth or as a result of wear and tear.

The following are specifically excluded:

1. Myoelectric prosthetic operated through or in conduction with nerve conduction or other electrical impulses.
2. Replacement of external prosthetic appliances due to loss or theft; and
3. Wigs or hairpieces (except where indicated for coverage above).

### **7.24 Family Planning Services (Contraception and Voluntary Sterilization)**

Covered family planning services including:

1. Medical history;
2. Physical examination;
3. Related laboratory tests;
4. Medical supervision in accordance with generally accepted medical practice;
5. Information and counseling on contraception;
6. Implanted/injected contraceptives; and
7. After appropriate counseling, Medical Services connected with surgical therapies (vasectomy or tubal ligation).

### **7.25 Foot Orthotics**

Foot Orthotic devices and inserts (covered only for diabetes mellitus and any of the following complications involving the foot: Peripheral neuropathy with evidence of callus formation; or history of pre-ulcerative calluses; or history of previous ulceration; or foot deformity; or previous amputation of the foot or part of the foot; or poor circulation.); see Section 7.20 Diabetic Services and Supplies:

Custom-molded shoes constructed over a positive model of the member's foot made from leather or other suitable material of equal quality containing removable inserts that can be altered or replaced as the member's condition warrants and have some sort of shoe closure. This includes a shoe with or without an internally seamless toe.

### **7.26 Hearing Aids**

Hearing aid devices limited to one per ear, per Plan Year when determined to be medically necessary by the Medical Management Organization. The following services are covered:

- New or replacement hearing aids no longer under warranty (Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization required);
- Cleaning or repair;
- Batteries for cochlear implants.

### **7.27 Home Health Services**

Home health services limited to a maximum of 42 visits per member per Plan Year are covered when the following criteria are met:

1. The physician must have determined a medical need for home health care and developed a plan of care that is reviewed at thirty day intervals by the physician.
2. The care described in the plan of care must be for intermittent skilled nursing, therapy, or speech services.
3. The patient must be homebound unless services are determined to be medically necessary by the Medical Management Organization.
4. The home health agency delivering care must be certified within the state the care is received.
5. The care that is being provided is not custodial care.

A Home Health visit is considered to be up to four hours of services. Home health services do not include services of a person who is a member of your family or your dependent's family or who normally

resides in your house or your dependent's house. Physical, occupational, and speech therapy provided in the home are also subject to the 60 visit benefit limitations described under Section 7.56 Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy.

### **7.28 Hospice Services**

The Plan covers hospice care services which are provided under an approved hospice care program when provided to a Member who has been diagnosed by a Participating Provider as having a terminal illness with a prognosis of six (6) months or less to live. Hospice care services include inpatient care; outpatient services; professional services of a Physician; services of a psychologist, social worker or family counselor for individual and family counseling; and home health services.

Hospice care services do not include the following:

1. Services of a person who is a member of your family or your dependent's family or who normally resides in your house or your dependent's house;
2. Services and supplies for curative or life prolonging procedures;
3. Services and supplies for which any other benefits are payable under the Plan;
4. Services and supplies that are primarily to aid you or your dependent in daily living;
5. Services and supplies for respite (custodial) care; and
6. Nutritional supplements, non-prescription drugs or substances, medical supplies, vitamins or minerals.

Hospice care services are services provided by a Participating Hospital; a Participating skilled nursing facility or a similar institution; a Participating home health care agency; a Participating hospice facility, or any other licensed facility or agency under a Medicare approved hospice care program.

A hospice care program is a coordinated, interdisciplinary program to meet the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of dying persons and their families; a program that provides palliative and supportive medical, nursing, and other health services through home or inpatient care during the illness; and a program for persons who have a terminal illness and for the families of those persons.

A hospice facility is a Participating institution or portion of a facility which primarily provides care for terminally ill patients; is a Medicare approved

hospice care facility; meets standards established by the Plan; and fulfills all licensing requirements of the state or locality in which it operates.

### **7.29 Immunizations**

Immunizations are not subject to the annual routine visit limitation. Covered immunizations for adults and children over age 2 include:

1. Influenza, Trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV)
2. Influenza, Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV)
3. Pneumococcal
4. Hepatitis A (Hep A)
5. Hepatitis B (Hep B)
6. Td/Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)
7. Polio (IPV)
8. Varicella (Var)
9. Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine (MCV4)
10. MMR (Measles, mumps, rubella)
11. HPV Vaccine
12. Shingles Vaccine
13. DTap (Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)
14. Other immunizations approved by the plan.

Covered immunizations will be administered according to guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Immunizations are not subject to the annual routine visit limitation.

### **7.30 Infertility Services**

Diagnostic services rendered for infertility evaluation are covered. Any medical treatment and/or prescription related to infertility once diagnosed are excluded by the Plan.

### **7.31 Inpatient Services at Other Participating Health Care Facilities**

Inpatient services include semi-private room and board; skilled and general nursing services; Physician visits; physiotherapy; speech therapy; occupational therapy; x-rays; and administration of drugs, medications, biologicals and fluids.

### **7.32 Insulin Pumps and Supplies**

Insulin pumps and insulin pump supplies are covered when ordered by a Physician and obtained through a contracted durable medical equipment

supplier. You may call the Customer Service number on your ID card if you need assistance locating a contracted supplier.

### **7.33 Internal Prosthetic/Medical Appliances**

Internal prosthetic/medical appliances are prosthetics and appliances that are permanent or temporary internal aids and supports for non-functional body parts, including testicular implants following Medically Appropriate surgical removal of the testicles. Medically Appropriate repair, maintenance or replacement of a covered appliance is covered.

### **7.34 Mammograms**

Mammograms are covered for routine and diagnostic breast cancer screening as follows:

1. A single baseline mammogram if you are age 35-39;
2. Once per Plan Year if you are age 40 and older.

### **7.35 Maternity Care Services**

Maternity care services include medical, surgical and hospital care during the term of pregnancy, upon delivery and during the postpartum period for normal delivery, cesarean section, spontaneous abortion (miscarriage), complications of pregnancy, and maternal risk.

Coverage for a mother and her newly born child shall be available for a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours of inpatient care following a vaginal delivery and a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours of inpatient care following a cesarean section. Any decision to shorten the period of inpatient care for the mother or the newborn must be made by the attending Physician in consultation with the mother.

These maternity care benefits also apply to the natural mother of a newborn child legally adopted by you in accordance with the Plan adoption policies.

These benefits do not apply to the newly born child of an Eligible Dependent daughter unless placement with the Employee is confirmed through a court order or legal guardianship.

Charges incurred at the birth for the delivery of a child only to the extent that they exceed the birth mother's coverage, if any, provided:

1. That child is legally adopted by you within one year from date of birth;

2. You are legally obligated to pay the cost of the birth;
3. You notify the Plan of the adoption within 60 days after approval of the adoption or a change in the insurance policies, plans or company; and
4. You choose to file a claim for such expenses subject to all other terms of these medical benefits.

### **7.36 Medical Foods / Metabolic Supplements and Gastric Disorder Formula**

Medical foods, metabolic supplements and Gastric Disorder Formula to treat inherited metabolic disorders or a permanent disease/non-functioning condition in which a Member is unable to sustain weight and strength commensurate with the Member's overall health status are covered.

Inherited metabolic disorders triggering medical food coverage are:

1. Part of the newborn screening program as prescribed by Arizona statute; involve amino acid, carbohydrate or fat metabolism;
2. Have medically standard methods of diagnosis, treatment and monitoring including quantification of metabolites in blood, urine or spinal fluid or enzyme or DNA confirmation in tissues; and
3. Require specifically processed or treated medical foods that are generally available only under the supervision and direction of a physician, that must be consumed throughout life and without which the person may suffer serious mental or physical impairment.

For non-inherited disorders, enteral nutrition is considered Medically Appropriate when the Member has:

1. A permanent non-function or disease of the structures that normally permit food to reach the small bowel; or
2. A disease of the small bowel which impairs digestion and absorption of an oral diet consisting of solid or semi-solid foods.

For the purpose of this section, the following definitions apply:

"Inherited Metabolic Disorder" means a disease caused by an inherited abnormality of body chemistry and includes a disease tested under the newborn screening program as prescribed by Arizona statute. Medical Foods means modified low protein foods and metabolic formula.

"Metabolic Formula" means foods that are all of the following:

1. Formulated to be consumed or administered internally under the supervision of a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy;
2. Processed or formulated to be deficient in one or more of the nutrients present in typical foodstuffs;
3. Administered for the medical and nutritional management of a person who has limited capacity to metabolize foodstuffs or certain nutrients contained in the foodstuffs or who has other specific nutrient requirements as established by medical evaluation; and
4. Essential to a person's optimal growth, health and metabolic homeostasis.

"Modified Low Protein Foods" means foods that are all of the following:

1. Formulated to be consumed or administered internally under the supervision of a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy.
2. Processed or formulated to contain less than one gram of protein per unit of serving, but does not include a natural food that is naturally low in protein;
3. Administered for the medical and nutritional management of a person who has limited capacity to metabolize foodstuffs or certain nutrients contained in the foodstuffs or who has other specific nutrients requirements as established by medical evaluation; and
4. Essential to a person's optimal growth, health and metabolic homeostasis.

For Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorder, amino acid-based formulas are considered medically appropriate when:

1. The Member has been diagnosed with eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder.
2. The Member is under the continuous supervision of a licensed physician.
3. There is a risk of a mental or physical impairment without the use of the formula.

The following are not considered Medically Appropriate and are not covered as a Metabolic Food / Metabolic Supplement and Gastric Disorder Formula:

1. Standard oral infant formula;
2. Food thickeners, baby food, or other regular grocery products;
3. Nutrition for a diagnosis of anorexia; and
4. Nutrition for nausea associated with mood disorder, end-stage disease, etc.

### **7.37 Medical Supplies**

Medical supplies include Medically Appropriate supplies which may be considered disposable, however, are required for a Member in a course of treatment for a specific medical condition. Supplies must be obtained from a Participating Provider. Over the counter supplies, such as band-aids and gauze are not covered.

### **7.38 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

Mental Health Services are those services that are required to treat a disorder that impairs the behavior, emotional reaction or thought processes. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any physiological conditions related to mental health will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of mental health.

Substance Abuse is defined as the psychological or physical dependence on alcohol or other mind-altering drugs that requires diagnosis, care, and treatment. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any conditions of physiological instability requiring medical hospitalization will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of substance abuse.

### **7.39 Inpatient Mental Health Services**

Inpatient Mental Health Services are services that are provided by a Participating Hospital for the treatment and evaluation of mental health during an inpatient admission.

### **7.40 Outpatient Mental Health Services**

Outpatient Mental Health Services are services by Participating Providers who are qualified to treat mental health when treatment is provided on an outpatient basis in an individual, group or structured group therapy program. Covered services include, but are not limited to, outpatient treatment of conditions such as: anxiety or depression which interferes with daily functioning; emotional adjustment or concerns related to chronic conditions, such as psychosis or depression; neuropsychological testing; emotional reactions associated with marital problems or divorce; child/adolescent problems of conduct or poor impulse control; affective disorders; suicidal or homicidal threats or acts; eating disorders; or acute exacerbation of chronic mental health conditions (crisis intervention and relapse prevention), outpatient testing/assessment, and medication management when provided in conjunction with a consultation.

#### **7.41 Outpatient Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services**

Outpatient substance abuse services include services for the diagnosis and treatment of abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs including outpatient rehabilitation in an individual, group, structured group or intensive outpatient structured therapy program. Intensive outpatient structured therapy programs consist of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed substance abuse program. Intensive outpatient structured therapy programs provide nine or more hours of individual, family and/or group therapy in a week.

#### **7.42 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Residential Treatment**

Voluntary and court-ordered residential substance abuse for mental health and substance abuse treatment are covered.

#### **7.43 Substance Abuse Detoxification Services**

Substance abuse detoxification services include detoxification and related medical ancillary services when required for the diagnosis and treatment of addiction to alcohol and/or drugs, and medication management when provided in conjunction with a consultation. The Medical Management Organization will decide, based on the Medical Necessity of each situation, whether such services will be provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting.

#### **7.44 Excluded Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

The following are specifically excluded from mental health and substance abuse services:

1. Any court ordered treatment or therapy, or any treatment or therapy ordered as a condition of parole, probation or custody or visitation evaluations unless Medically Appropriate and otherwise covered under this Plan;
2. Treatment of mental disorders that have been diagnosed as organic mental disorders associated with permanent dysfunction of the brain;
3. Treatment of Chronic Conditions not subject to favorable modification according to generally accepted standards of medical practice;
4. Developmental disorders, including but not limited to:
  - a. developmental reading disorders;
  - b. developmental arithmetic disorders;
  - c. developmental language disorders; or
  - d. articulation disorders.

5. Counseling for activities of an educational nature;
6. Counseling for borderline intellectual functioning;
7. Counseling for occupational problems;
8. Counseling related to consciousness raising;
9. Vocational or religious counseling;
10. I.Q. testing;
11. Marriage counseling;
12. Custodial care, including but not limited to geriatric day care;
13. Psychological testing on children requested by or for a school system;
14. Occupational/recreational therapy programs even if combined with supportive therapy for age-related cognitive decline; and
15. Biofeedback is not covered for reasons other than pain management.

#### **7.45 Nutritional Evaluation**

Nutritional evaluation and counseling from a Participating Provider is covered when dietary adjustment has a therapeutic role of a diagnosed chronic disease/condition, including but not limited to:

1. Morbid obesity
2. Diabetes
3. Cardiovascular disease
4. Hypertension
5. Kidney disease
6. Eating disorders
7. Gastrointestinal disorders
8. Food allergies
9. Hyperlipidemia

All other services for the purpose of diet control and weight reduction are not covered unless required by a specifically identified condition of disease etiology. Services not covered include but not limited to: gastric surgery, intra oral wiring, gastric balloons, dietary formulae, hypnosis, cosmetics, and health and beauty aids.

#### **7.46 Self-Management Training**

Chronic Disease Self-Management Training from a Participating Provider is covered when it has a therapeutic role in the care of a diagnosed chronic disease/condition, including but not limited to:

1. Morbid obesity
2. Diabetes

3. Cardiovascular disease
4. Hypertension
5. Kidney disease
6. Eating disorders
7. Gastrointestinal disorders
8. Food allergies
9. Hyperlipidemia

#### **7.47 Obstetrical and Gynecological Services**

Obstetrical and gynecological services are covered when provided by qualified Participating Providers for pregnancy, well-women gynecological exams, primary and preventive gynecological care and acute gynecological conditions.

#### **7.48 Organ Transplant Services**

Human organ and tissue transplant services are covered at designated facilities throughout the United States. This coverage is subject to the following conditions and limitations. Due to the specialized medical care required for transplants, the Provider Network for this specific service may not be the same as the medical network in which you enrolled.

These benefits are only available when the Member is the recipient of an organ transplant. No benefits are available where the Member is an organ donor for a recipient other than a Member enrolled on the same family policy.

Organ transplant services include the recipient's medical, surgical and hospital services; inpatient immunosuppressive medications; and costs for organ procurement. Transplant services are covered only if they are required to perform human to human organ or tissue transplants, such as:

1. Allogeneic bone marrow/stem cell;
2. Autologous bone marrow/stem cell;
3. Cornea;
4. Heart;
5. Heart/lung;
6. Kidney;
7. Kidney/pancreas;
8. Liver;
9. Lung;
10. Pancreas;
11. Small bowel/liver; or

## 12. Kidney/liver.

Organ transplant coverage will apply only to non-experimental transplants for the specific diagnosis. All organ transplant services other than cornea, kidney and autologous bone marrow/stem cell transplants must be received at a qualified organ transplant facility.

Coverage for organ procurement costs are limited to costs directly related to the procurement of an organ, from a cadaver or a live donor. Organ procurement costs shall consist of surgery necessary for organ removal, organ transportation and the transportation, hospitalization and surgery of a live donor. Compatibility testing undertaken prior to procurement is covered if Medically Necessary.

### **7.49 Organ Transplant Travel Services**

Travel expenses incurred by the Member in connection with a pre-approved organ/tissue transplant are covered subject to the following conditions and limitations. Travel expenses are limited to \$10,000. Organ transplant travel benefits are not available for cornea transplants. Benefits for transportation, lodging and food are available only for the recipient of a pre-approved organ/tissue transplant from a transplant facility. The term recipient is defined to include a Member receiving authorized transplant related services during any of the following:

1. Evaluation,
2. Candidacy,
3. Transplant event, or
4. Post-transplant care.

All claims filed for travel expenses must include detailed receipts, except for mileage. Transportation mileage will be calculated by the Third Party Claim Administrator based on the home address of the Member and the transplant site. Travel expenses for the Member receiving the transplant will include charges for:

1. Transportation to and from the transplant site (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the transplant facility);
2. Transportation to and from the transplant site in a personal vehicle will be reimbursed at 37.5 cents per mile when the transplant site is more than 60 miles one way from the Member's home.
3. Lodging while at, or traveling to and from the transplant site;
4. Food while at, or traveling to and from the transplant site.

In addition to the Member being covered for the charges associated with the items above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany the Member. The term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver.

Transplant Travel guidelines can be obtained by contacting your Third Party Claim Administrator.

### **7.50 Orthognathic Surgery**

Orthognathic treatment/surgery, dental and orthodontic services and/or appliances that are orthodontic in nature or change the occlusion of the teeth (external or intra-oral) are covered if approved as medically necessary by the Medical Management Organization.

### **7.51 Ostomy Supplies**

Ostomy supplies are supplies which are medically appropriate for care and cleaning of a temporary or permanent ostomy. Covered supplies include, but are not limited to pouches, face plates and belts, irrigation sleeves, bags and catheters, skin barriers, gauze, adhesive, adhesive remover, deodorant, pouch covers, and other supplies as appropriate.

### **7.52 Oxygen and the Oxygen Delivery System**

Coverage of oxygen that is routinely used on an outpatient basis is limited to coverage within the Service Area. Oxygen Services and Supplies are not covered outside of the Service Area, except on an emergency basis.

### **7.53 Prostate Screening**

Prostate specific antigen (PSA) screening and digital rectal examination (DRE) are covered annually if the following criteria is met:

1. If you are under 40 years of age and are at high risk because of any of the following:
  - a. Family history (i.e., multiple first-degree relatives diagnosed at an early age)
  - b. African-American race
  - c. Previous borderline PSA levels
2. If you are age 40 and older.

### **7.54 Routine Physical**

Periodic routine health examinations age 4 and over by a physician limited to one (1) visit per Member per Plan Year.

### **7.55 Radiation Therapy**

Radiation therapy and other therapeutic radiological procedures are covered.

### **7.56 Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy**

Short-term rehabilitative therapy includes services in an outpatient facility or physician's office that is part of a rehabilitation program, including physical, speech, occupational, cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation therapy. Covered expenses are limited to sixty (60) visits per Member per Plan Year.

The following limitations apply to short-term rehabilitative therapy except as required for the treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder:

1. Occupational therapy is provided only for purposes of training Members to perform the activities of daily living.
2. Speech therapy is not covered when:
  - a. Used to improve speech skills that have not fully developed;
  - b. Considered custodial or educational;
  - c. Intended to maintain speech communication; or
  - d. Not restorative in nature.
3. Phase 3 cardiac rehabilitation is not covered.

If multiple services are provided on the same day by different Providers, a separate co-payment will apply to each Provider.

### **7.57 Surgical Procedures – Multiple/Bilateral**

Multiple or Bilateral Surgical Procedures performed by one or more qualified physicians during the same operative session will be covered according to the following guidelines:

1. The lesser of the actual charges, Reasonable and Customary amount, or the contracted fee as determined by the Provider's contract with the Network will be allowed for the primary Surgical Procedure.
2. 50% of the lesser of the actual charges, Reasonable and Customary amount, or the contracted fee as determined by the Provider's contract with the Network (not to exceed the actual charge) will be allowed for the secondary Surgical Procedure.

### **7.58 Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Disorder**

Benefits are payable for covered services and supplies which are necessary to treat TMJ disorder which is a result of:

1. An accident;
2. Trauma;
3. A congenital defect;
4. A developmental defect; or
5. A pathology.

Covered expenses include diagnosis and treatment of TMJ that is recognized by the medical or dental profession as effective and appropriate treatment for TMJ, including intra-oral splints that stabilize the jaw joint.

**7.59 Well Child Health Examinations**

Well Child visits and immunizations are covered through 47 months as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

**7.60 Well Woman Examinations**

Well woman exams are covered in addition to periodic health exams. Limited to 1 visit per Member per Plan Year.

**7.61 Well Man Examinations**

Well man exams are covered in addition to periodic health exams. Limited to 1 visit per Member per Plan Year.

## ARTICLE 8

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Medicare Part D participants have dual drug coverage. For drugs covered under Medicare Part D, the following does not apply, please refer to the MedicareGenerationRx program information on [www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz](http://www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz). For drugs not covered under Medicare Part D the following applies.

#### **8.1 Prescription Drug Benefit**

If a Member incurs expenses for charges made by a Pharmacy for Covered Prescription Drugs, the Plan will pay a portion of the expense remaining after you have paid the required Co-payment shown in the Schedule of Benefits. The Prescription Drug Benefits are provided through the Plan Sponsor and administered by the Pharmacy Benefit Management vendor, an organization which has been contracted by the Plan Sponsor to perform these services.

The Member must pay a portion of Covered Prescription Drugs to receive Prescription Drug Benefits. That portion is described below. The Prescription Drug Co-payment is not considered an Eligible Expense under the medical portion of this Plan and do not accrue to the medical Plan Maximum Out-of-Pocket.

CO-PAYMENT is that portion of Covered Prescription Drugs which you are required to pay under this benefit. In addition to the co-payments outlined below, members will be required to pay the difference in the medication cost of a generic medication versus a name-brand medication when the member requests the brand name drug and the prescribing physician has indicated the generic equivalent substitution is allowable. The plan will exclude Narrow Therapeutic Index (NTI) drugs from the co-pay penalties.

#### **PARTICIPATING RETAIL PHARMACY CO-PAYMENT (up to a 30-day supply)**

An amount as follows for each Prescription Order:

For Generic Drugs \$10

For Formulary Brand-Name Drugs \$20

For Non-Formulary Brand-Name Drugs \$40

#### **PARTICIPATING MAIL ORDER PHARMACY CO-PAYMENT (up to a 90-day supply)**

An amount as follows for each Prescription Order:

For Generic Drugs \$20

For Formulary Brand-Name Drugs \$40

For Non-Formulary Brand-Name Drugs \$80

PARTICIPATING RETAIL CO-PAYMENT (up to a 90-day supply)

An amount as follows for each Prescription Order:

For Generic Drugs \$25

For Formulary Brand-Name Drugs \$50

For Non-Formulary Brand-Name Drugs \$100

No payment will be made under any other section for expenses incurred to the extent that benefits are payable for those expenses under this section.

DISPENSE AS WRITTEN or "DAW" are the rules associated with how the plan will pay for a name-brand prescription that has a generic equivalent. There are two rules related to this coverage "DAW1" and "DAW2".

DAW1 – The drug is available as a generic, but the physician has requested that the brand be dispensed to the member. The member will be responsible for a generic co-pay plus the difference in cost between the brand drug and the generic drug.

DAW2 – The drug is available as a generic, but the member has requested that the brand be dispensed. The member will be responsible for a generic co-pay plus the difference in cost between the brand drug and the generic drug.

To avoid additional cost above the co-payment amounts members should ask their doctor to prescribe any available generic equivalent medications.

The Preferred Medication List (PML), also known as a formulary, is a list of medications that will allow you to maximize the value of your prescription benefit. These medications, chosen by a committee of doctors and pharmacists, are lower-cost generics and brand names that are available at a lower cost than their more expensive brand-name counterparts. The PML is updated quarterly, and as needed throughout the year to add significant new medications as they become available. Medications that no longer offer the best therapeutic value for the plan are deleted from the PML once a year, and a letter is sent to any member affected by the change. To see what medications are on the PML, log on

to the PBM website or contact the Customer Service Center listed on your ID card. You may have a copy sent to you. Sharing this information with your doctor helps ensure that you are getting the medications you need, and saving money for both you and your plan.

## **8.2 Covered Prescription Drugs**

The term Covered Prescription Drugs means:

1. A Prescription Legend Drug for which a written prescription is required. A Legend Drug is one which has on its label "caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription";
2. Insulin; pre-filled insulin cartridges for the blind; oral blood sugar control agents;
3. Needles, syringes, glucose monitors, and machines, glucose test strips, visual reading ketone strips; urine test strips, lancets and alcohol swabs are all covered when dispensed by the mail order and retail pharmacy program;
4. A compound medication of which at least one ingredient is a Prescription Legend Drug;
5. Tretinoin for individuals through age 24;
6. Any other drug which, under the applicable state law, may be dispensed only upon the written prescription of a Physician;
7. Oral contraceptives or contraceptive devices, regardless of intended use, except that implantable contraceptive devices, such as Norplant, are not considered Covered Prescription Drugs;
8. Prenatal vitamins, upon written prescription;
9. Growth hormones; (with prior-authorization); or
10. Injectable drugs or medicines for which a prescription is required, except injectable infertility drugs.

## **8.3 Limitations**

No payment will be made for expenses incurred for the following:

1. For non-legend drugs, other than those specified under "Covered Prescription Drugs";
2. To the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when expenses are incurred;
3. For charges which the person is not legally required to pay;
4. For charges which would not have been made if the person were not covered by these benefits;
5. For experimental drugs or for drugs labeled: "Caution limited by federal law to investigational use";

6. For drugs which are not considered essential for the necessary care and treatment of a non-occupational Injury or Sickness, as determined by the Plan Administrator;
7. For drugs obtained from a non-Participating Pharmacy;
8. For any prescription filled in excess of the number specified by the Physician or dispensed more than one year from the date of the Physician's order;
9. For more than a 30-day supply when dispensed in any one Prescription Order through a Retail Pharmacy;
10. For more than a 90-day supply when dispensed in any one Prescription Order through a Participating Choice90 Retail Pharmacy or Mail-Order Pharmacy;
11. For indications not approved by the Food and Drug Administration;
12. For immunization agents, biological sera, blood, or blood plasma;
13. For therapeutic devices or appliances, support garments and other non-medicinal substances, excluding insulin syringes;
14. For drugs for cosmetic purposes;
15. For tretinoin for individuals age 25 and over;
16. For administration of any drug;
17. For medication which is taken or administered, in whole or in part, at the place where it is dispensed or while a person is a patient in an institution which operates, or allows to be operated on its premises, a facility for dispensing pharmaceuticals;
18. For prescriptions which an eligible person is entitled to receive without charge from any workers' compensation or similar law or any public program other than Medicaid;
19. For non-Medically Appropriate anabolic steroids;
20. For nutritional or dietary supplements, or anorexients;
21. Implantable contraceptive devices;
22. For prescription vitamins other than prenatal vitamins, upon written prescription;
23. For all medications administered for the purpose of weight loss/obesity;
24. For treatment of erectile or sexual dysfunction (both male and female);
25. For all injectable infertility drugs; or
26. Prescription medications that have over-the-counter (OTC) equivalents.

#### **8.4 Specialty Pharmacy**

Certain medications used for treating chronic or complex health conditions are handled through the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy Program.

The purpose of the Specialty Pharmacy Program is to assist you with monitoring your medication needs for conditions such as those listed below and providing patient education. The Program includes monitoring of specific injectable drugs and other therapies requiring complex administration methods, special storage, handling, and delivery.

Medications for these conditions through this Specialty Pharmacy Program include but are not limited to the following:

1. Cystic Fibrosis;
2. Multiple Sclerosis;
3. Rheumatoid Arthritis;
4. Prostate Cancer;
5. Endometriosis;
6. Enzyme replacement;
7. Precocious puberty;
8. Osteoarthritis;
9. Viral Hepatitis; or
10. Asthma

Medications in the Specialty Program may only be obtained through contracted retail pharmacies or through the PBM's home delivery service. You may contact the PBM to determine which retail pharmacies are contracted. Specialty medications are limited to a 30-day supply.

A Specialty Care Representative may contact you to facilitate your enrollment in the Specialty Program. Trained Specialty Care pharmacy staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you or you may enroll directly into the program by calling the PBM's Customer Service Center.

### **8.5 Reimbursement/Filing a Claim**

If you or your Dependent purchase Covered Prescription Drugs from a Participating Retail Pharmacy, you pay only the portion shown in the Schedule of Benefits at the time of purchase for covered medications. Should you need to obtain a Covered Prescription Drug prior to obtaining your member ID card, you may file a claim form to obtain reimbursement. The claim form is available on the PBM's website.

If you or your Dependent purchases Covered Prescription Drugs from a Non-Participating Retail Pharmacy, you pay the full cost. These claims are considered not covered under any section of this Plan Description, unless the medication was obtained while traveling in a foreign country

and was for an emergency. Claim forms and foreign travel guidelines are available on the PBM's website.

**8.6 Travel within the United States**

Benefits are covered in-network. You may contact the PBM customer service center listed in your ID card to locate a pharmacy in the area in which you are traveling.

**8.7 International Travel**

Prescriptions cannot be mailed outside of the U.S. You may receive a one-year supply for certain prescriptions through mail-order service prior to leaving the U.S. Please call the PBM customer service center listed in your ID card to make arrangements. If you obtain non-emergency medications outside of the U.S., you will not be reimbursed.

**8.8 Extended Vacation**

Co-payments will be the same as you would normally pay times the number of refills you need.

If your medication is lost, stolen, or damaged, replacement medication is not covered.

## ARTICLE 9

### EXCLUSIONS AND GENERAL LIMITATIONS

#### **9.1 Exclusions and General Limitations**

In addition to any services and supplies specifically excluded in any other Article of the Plan Description, any services and supplies which are not described as covered are excluded.

In addition, the following are specifically excluded Services and Supplies:

1. Charges for services filed with the Third Party Claim Administrator beyond the Timely Filing period.
2. Care for health conditions that are required by state or local law to be treated in a public facility.
3. Care required by state or federal law to be supplied by a public school system or school district.
4. Care for military service disabilities treatable through governmental services if the Member is legally entitled to such treatment and facilities are reasonably available.
5. Treatment of an illness or injury which is due to war, declared or undeclared.
6. Charges for which you are not obligated to pay or for which you are not billed or would not have been billed except that you were covered under this Plan.
7. Assistance in the activities of daily living, including, but not limited to, eating, bathing, dressing or other custodial or self-care activities, homemaker services and services primarily for rest, domiciliary or convalescent care.
8. Any services and supplies which are experimental, investigational or unproven. These services may be related to medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, substance abuse or other health care technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies or devices that are determined by the Plan to be:
  - a. Not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be lawfully marketed for the proposed use and not recognized for the treatment of the particular indication in one of the standard reference compendia (The United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Information, The American Medical Association Drug Evaluations; or the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information) or in medical literature.

- Medical literature means scientific studies published in a peer-reviewed national professional medical journal;
- b. The subject of review or approval by an Institutional Review Board for the proposed use;
  - c. The subject of an ongoing clinical trial that meets the definition of a phase I, II or III Clinical Trial as set forth in the FDA regulations, regardless of whether the trial is subject to FDA oversight (except as set forth in the Cancer Clinical Trials provision of this plan under Covered Services and Supplies; or
  - d. Not demonstrated, through existing peer reviewed literature to be safe and effective for treating or diagnosing the condition or illness for which its use is proposed.
9. Cosmetic surgery or surgical procedures primarily for the purpose of altering appearance, except for necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. The exclusions include surgical excision or reformation of any sagging skin on any part of the body, including, the eyelids, face, neck, abdomen, arms, legs or buttocks; and services performed in connection with the enlargement, reduction, implantation, or change in appearance of portion of the body, including, the breast, face, lips, jaw, chin, nose, ears or genital; hair transplantation; chemical face peels or abrasion of the skin; electrolysis depilation; or any other surgical or non-surgical procedures which are primarily for the purpose of altering appearance. This does not exclude services or benefits that are primarily for the purpose of restoring normal bodily function such as surgery required to repair bodily damage a person receives from an injury.
  10. Non-life threatening complications of a non-covered cosmetic surgery are not covered. This includes, but is not limited to, subsequent surgery for reversal, revision or repair related to the procedure.
  11. Dental treatment of the teeth, gums or structures directly supporting the teeth, including dental x-rays, examinations, repairs, orthodontics including braces, periodontics, casts, splints and services for dental malocclusion, for any condition. However, charges made for services or supplies for a continuous course of dental treatment started within six months of an accidental injury to sound natural teeth are covered. Sound natural teeth are defined as natural teeth that are free of active clinical decay, have at least 50% bony support and are functional in the arch.

12. The following bariatric procedures are excluded: open vertical banded gastroplasty, laparoscopic vertical banded gastroplasty, open sleeve gastrectomy and open adjustable gastric banding.
13. Unless otherwise included as a covered expense, reports, evaluations, physical examinations, or hospitalization not required for health reasons including, but not limited to, employment, insurance or government licenses, and court ordered, forensic, or custodial evaluations.
14. Court ordered treatment or hospitalization, unless such treatment is being sought by a Physician or otherwise covered under the Plan under Covered Services and Supplies.
15. Reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures and voluntary termination of pregnancy.
16. Transsexual surgery including medical or psychological counseling and hormonal therapy in preparation for, or subsequent to, any such surgery.
17. Treatment of erectile dysfunction and sexual dysfunction.
18. Medical and hospital care and costs for the infant child of a Dependent, unless this infant child is otherwise eligible under the Plan.
19. Non-medical ancillary services including, but not limited to, vocational rehabilitation, behavioral training, sleep therapy, employment counseling, driving safety, and services, training or educational therapy for learning disabilities, developmental delays, and intellectual disabilities.
20. Therapy to improve general physical condition including, but not limited to, routine long term care.
21. Consumable medical supplies, including but not limited to, bandages and other disposable medical supplies, skin preparations and test strips, except as specified in the Inpatient Hospital Services, Outpatient Facility Services, Home Health Services, Diabetic Services and Supplies, or Breast Reconstruction, Ostomy Supplies and Breast Prostheses.
22. Private hospital rooms and/or private duty nursing are only available during inpatient stays and determined to be medically appropriate by the Plan. Private duty nursing is available only in an inpatient setting when skilled nursing is not available from the facility. Custodial Nursing is not covered by the Plan.
23. Personal or comfort items such as television, telephone, newborn infant photographs, complimentary meals, birth announcements, and other articles which are not for the specific treatment of illness or injury.

24. The following services are excluded: foot orthotics, corrective orthopedic shoes, and arch supports unless provided in the Diabetic Services and Supplies provision.
25. The following services and supplies are excluded: elastic/compression garments (except for treatment of lymphedema and burns), garter belts, corsets, dentures, wigs/hair pieces (exception when indicated for coverage in Section 7.17), hair transplants, and treatment of alopecia or hair loss.
26. Eyeglass lenses and frames and contact lenses (except for the first pair of contacts for treatment of keratoconus or post-cataract surgery); routine refraction, eye exercises and surgical treatment for the correction of a refractive error, including radial keratotomy.
27. Treatment by acupuncture.
28. All non-injectable prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, and investigational and experimental drugs, except as provided by this Plan.
29. Routine foot care, including the paring and removing of corns and calluses or trimming of nails unless Medically Necessary.
30. Membership costs or fees associated with health clubs, and weight loss programs.
31. Amniocentesis, ultrasound, or any other procedures requested solely for gender determination of a fetus, unless Medically Appropriate to determine the existence of a gender-linked genetic disorder.
32. Services rendered by a midwife for the purpose of home delivery.
33. Genetic testing and therapy including germ line and somatic unless determined Medically Appropriate by the Plan for the purpose of making treatment decisions.
34. Fees associated with the collection or donation of blood or blood products, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services where in the Plan's opinion the likelihood of excess blood loss is such that transfusion is an expected adjunct to surgery.
35. Blood administration for the purpose of general improvement in physical condition.
36. Cost of biologicals that are immunizations or medications for the purpose of travel, or to protect against occupational hazards and risks, except as otherwise referenced in this Plan Description. However, immunizations required for State of Arizona work related travel are covered by the Plan for all Members.

37. Cosmetics, dietary supplements, nutritional formula (except for treatment of malabsorption syndromes), and health and beauty aids.
38. Expenses incurred for or in connection with an injury or illness arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit.
39. Phase 3 Cardiac rehabilitation.
40. Massage therapy, health spas, mineral baths, or saunas.
41. Coverage for any services incurred prior to the effective date of the Member or after the termination date of the Member's coverage.
42. Charges made by a Hospital owned or operated by or which provides care or performs services for, the United States Government, if such charges are directly related to a military-service-connected Sickness or Injury.
43. To the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred.
44. To the extent of the exclusions imposed by any certification requirement.
45. Charges made by an assistant surgeon or co-surgeon in excess of the network contracted rate.
46. Charges for supplies, care, treatment or surgery which is not considered essential for the necessary care and treatment of an Injury or Sickness, as determined by the Plan.
47. Charges made by any covered provider who is a member of your family or your Dependent's family.
48. Manipulations under anesthesia. This does not include reductions of fractures and/or dislocations done under anesthesia.
49. Surgery for correction of Hyperhidrosis.
50. Any conditions Medicare identifies as Hospital-Acquired Conditions (HAC's), and or National Quality Forum (NQF) "Never Events".
51. Biofeedback except for Mental Health and Substance Abuse only for pain management.
52. Any medical treatment and/or prescription related to infertility once diagnosed.
53. The following Autism Spectrum Disorder services are excluded: Sensory Integration, LOVAAS Therapy and Music Therapy.
54. Purchase or rental of durable medical equipment and prosthetics are not covered when due to misuse, damage lost or stolen.

In addition to the provisions of this Exclusions and Limitations section, you will be responsible for payments on a fee-for-service basis for

Services and Supplies under the conditions described in the "Reimbursement" provision under Article 7 of this Plan Description.

**9.2 Circumstance Beyond the Plan's Control**

To the extent that a natural disaster, war, riot, civil insurrection, epidemic or any other emergency or similar event not within our control results in our facilities, personnel, or financial resources being unavailable to provide or arrange for the provisions of a basic or supplemental health service or supplies in accordance with this Plan, we will make a good faith effort to provide or arrange for the provision of the services or supplies, taking into account the impact of the event.

## ARTICLE 10

### COORDINATION OF BENEFITS AND OTHER SOURCES OF PAYMENT

#### **10.1 Coordination of Benefits and Other Sources of Payment**

Coordination of Benefits applies to medical services received under the terms of the Plan. Prescription medications are not subject to coordination of benefits. If you choose to obtain medications through coverage other than this Plan, amounts applied to deductible, co-pays, or coinsurance will not be reimbursed through this Plan.

Coordination of Benefits does not override plan provisions, exclusions, or Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization requirements as noted in this Plan Description. All Plan terms and conditions apply whether this Plan is primary or secondary, including the requirement to receive all services through a network provider except as specifically noted in this Plan Description.

#### **10.2 Workers' Compensation**

Benefits under this Plan will not duplicate any benefit which the Member is entitled to receive under workers' compensation law. In the event the Plan renders or pays for health services which are covered by a workers' compensation plan or included in a workers' compensation settlement, the Plan shall have the right to receive reimbursement either:

1. Directly from the entity which provides Member's workers' compensation coverage; or
2. Directly from the Member to the extent, if any, that the Member has received payment from such entity, where the Plan pays for services which are within the scope of the "Covered Services and Supplies" section of the Plan.

The Plan shall have a right of reimbursement to the extent that the Plan has made payments for the care and treatment so rendered. In addition, it is the Member's obligation to fully cooperate with any attempts by the Plan to recover such expenses.

#### **10.3 Coordination of Benefits**

This section applies if you are covered under another plan besides this health plan or are a new Retiree and determines how the benefits under

the plans will be coordinated. If you are covered by more than one health benefit plan, you should file all claims with each plan.

When coordinating benefits with Medicare for Retiree Members, the Benefit Options Plan will be the Secondary Plan and determine benefits after Medicare, where permitted by the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended. All Retiree plan Members who are eligible for Medicare Part B, should enroll in Medicare Part B so the Member does not assume the Part B claims costs. If a plan member who is eligible for Medicare Part B does not enroll in Medicare Part B, the Benefit Options Plan will only pay secondary benefits.

When enrolling on the Benefit Options Plan as a New Retiree and if eligible for Medicare Part B at the time of retirement, a grace period will be granted until the first of the month following the retirement date. If a plan member who is eligible for Medicare Part B does not enroll in Medicare Part B, the Plan will only pay secondary benefits after the grace period has expired.

If you are eligible to enroll in Medicare as an active employee, dependent, or retiree because of End-Stage Renal Disease, the plan will pay for the first 30 months to 33 months depending on coordination period, whether or not you are enrolled in Medicare and have a Medicare card. At the end of the 30 months to 33 months depending on coordination period, Medicare becomes the primary payer. If a plan member who is eligible for Medicare Part B does not enroll in Medicare Part B, the plan will only pay secondary benefits after 30 months to 33 months depending on coordination period of primary coverage. The length of the coordination period is based on the treatment plan; members that are scheduled for transplant or have at-home dialysis have a 30-month coordination period, while members who have regular dialysis (at a facility) have a 33-month coordination period.

If you elect to enroll in a separate Medicare Part D Plan, you will not be permitted to continue in the Plan as it is considered Creditable Coverage.

#### **10.4 Definitions**

For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings set forth below them:

##### **10.4.1. Plan**

Any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical care or treatment:

1. Group insurance and/or group-type coverage, whether insured or self-insured, which neither can be purchased by the general public nor is individually underwritten, including closed panel coverage;
2. Coverage under Medicare and other governmental benefits as permitted by law, excepting Medicaid and Medicare supplement policies; or
3. Medical benefits coverage of group, group type, and individual automobile contracts.

Each type of coverage you have in these three (3) categories shall be treated as a separate Plan. Also, if a Plan has two parts and only one part has coordination of benefit rules, each of the parts shall be treated as a separate Plan.

#### **10.4.2. Closed Panel Plan**

A Plan that provides health benefits primarily in the form of services through a panel of employed or contracted providers and that limits or excludes benefits provided by providers outside of the panel, except in the case of emergency or if referred by a provider within the panel.

#### **10.4.3. Primary Plan**

The Plan that determines and provides or pays its benefits without taking into consideration the existence of any other Plan.

#### **10.4.4. Secondary Plan**

A Plan that determines and may reduce its benefits after taking into consideration the benefits provided or paid by the Primary Plan. A Secondary Plan may also recover the Reasonable Cash Value of any services it provided to you from the Primary Plan.

#### **10.4.5. Allowable Expense**

A necessary, customary, and reasonable health care service or expense, including deductibles, coinsurance or co-payments, that is covered in full or in part by any Plan covering you; but not including prescription medications obtained at a pharmacy, dental, vision or hearing care coverage. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the Reasonable Cash Value of each service is the Allowable Expense and is a paid benefit.

A plan which takes Medicare or similar government benefits into consideration when determining the application of its coordination of benefits provision does not expand the definitions of an Allowable Expense.

#### **10.4.6. Claim Determination Period**

The claim determination period corresponds to the Plan Year, but it does not include any part of a year during which you are not covered under this Plan or any date before this section or any similar provision takes effect.

#### **10.4.7. Reasonable Cash Value**

An amount which a duly licensed provider of health care services usually charges patients and which is within the range of fees usually charged for the same service by other health care providers located within the immediate geographic area where the health care service is rendered under similar or comparable circumstances.

### **10.5 Order of Benefit Determination Rules**

A Plan that does not have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section shall always be the Primary Plan. If the Plan does have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section, the first of the following rules that applies to the situation will be used:

1. The Plan that covers you (the employee, 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 the provisions of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations, Medicare is:
  - a. Secondary to the Plan covering the person as a dependent; and
  - b. Primary to the plan covering the person as other than a dependent (e.g. employee or retiree).
2. If you are a Dependent child whose parents are not divorced or legally separated under a decree of dissolution of marriage or of separate maintenance, the Primary Plan shall be the Plan which covers the parent whose birthday falls first in the calendar year as a Subscriber or employee.
3. If you are the Dependent of divorced or separated parents, benefits for the Dependent shall be determined in the following order:
  - a. First, if a court decree states that one parent is responsible for the child's health care expenses or health coverage and

- the Plan for that parent has actual knowledge of the terms of the order, but only from the time of actual knowledge;
- b. Then, the Plan of the parent with custody of the child;
  - c. Then, the Plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child;
  - d. Then, the Plan of the parent not having custody of the child;
  - e. Finally, the Plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child; and
  - f. If parents share joint custody and each parent is responsible for 50% of covered medical expenses, the Plan will coordinate 50% payment of benefits with the other parent's Plan.
4. The Plan that covers you as an active employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as a laid-off or retired employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
  5. The Plan that covers you under a right of continuation which is provided by federal or state law shall be the Secondary Plan and the Plan that covers you as an active employee or retiree (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
  6. If one of the Plans that covers you is issued out of the state whose laws govern this Plan and determines the order of benefits based upon the gender of a parent, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefit determination, the Plan with the gender rules shall determine the order of benefits.

If none of the above rules determines the order of benefits, the Plan that has covered you for the longer period of time shall be primary.

When coordinating benefits with Medicare, this Plan will be the Secondary Plan and determine benefits after Medicare, where permitted by the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended, except for Active State of Arizona employees otherwise eligible under this Plan, however, when more than one Plan is secondary to Medicare, the benefit determination rules identified above, will be used to determine how benefits will be coordinated.

## **10.6 Effect on the Benefits of this Plan**

If Benefit Options is the Secondary Plan, Benefit Options may reduce benefits so that the total benefits paid by all Plans during a Claim Determination Period are not more than one hundred (100%) percent of the total of all Allowable Expenses. All co-pays noted in the Schedule of Benefits remain the Member's responsibility and are not considered an Allowable Expense when this Plan is secondary.

For example:

Claim filed for services in a physician's office	= \$100
Medicare payment (including write-off)	= \$ 90
Member co-pay	= \$ 10
Plan payment	= \$ 0

Claim filed for services in a physician's office	= \$100
Medicare payment (including write-off)	= \$ 70
Member co-pay	= \$ 10
Plan payment	= \$ 20

### **10.7 Recovery of Excess Benefits**

If the Plan provides payment for services and supplies that should have been paid by a Primary Plan or if payment is made for services in excess of those for which the Plan is obligated to provide under this Plan, the Plan shall have the right to recover the actual payment made. When an overpayment is identified, the refund request will be initiated to the original payee of issued check. If the payee is the Provider, the Member will receive a copy of the letter. In the event the overpayment is not refunded to the Plan, the Third Party Claim Administrator may apply future claims to the balance of the overpaid amount.

The Plan shall have the sole discretion to seek such recovery from any person to, or for whom, or with respect to whom, such services were provided or such payments were made; any insurance company; health care Plan or other organization. If Benefit Options requests, the member shall execute and deliver to us such instruments and documents as we determine are necessary to secure its rights.

### **10.8 Right to Receive and Release Information**

The Plan, without consent of or notice to you, may obtain information from and release information to any Plan with respect to you in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. You shall provide us with any information we request in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section.

### **10.9 Injuries Covered under Med Pay Insurance**

If you are injured as a result of a motor vehicle accident, and the medical expenses are covered in full or part by a medical payment provision under an automobile insurance policy (Med Pay Insurance), the Med Pay Insurance shall pay first, and the Plan shall pay only in the event the amount of Med Pay Insurance is insufficient to pay for those medical expenses.

The Plan reserves the right to require proof that Med Pay Insurance has paid the full amount required prior to making any payments.

Payment for such services and benefits shall be your responsibility. If the Plan paid in excess of their obligation, you may be asked to assist the Plan in obtaining reimbursement from Med Pay Insurance for expenses incurred in treating your injuries.

#### **10.10 Subrogation and Right of Reimbursement Recovery**

This provision applies whenever any payments are made pursuant to this Plan, to or for the benefit of any person covered by the Plan (for purposes of this provision only, such person shall be referred to herein as "Covered Person" and includes, but is not limited to the Covered Person's dependents, spouse, children or other individuals in any way connected to the Covered Person to whom or for whose benefit any payments have been made under this Plan, the Member himself or herself, and all their heirs, legatees, administrators, executors, beneficiaries, successors, assigns, personal representatives, next friends, and any other representatives of such Covered Person). Such Covered Person has or may have any claim or right to recover any damages from any person or entity, including but not limited to, any tortfeasor, anyone vicariously liable for such tortfeasor, any tortfeasor's insurance company, any uninsured motorist insurance carrier, any underinsured motorist insurance carrier, and any others who are or may be liable for damages to the Covered Person (for purpose of this provision only, such person or entity shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as the "Third Party") as a result of any negligent or other wrongful act of anyone. In the event of any such payments under the Plan, the Plan shall, to the full extent of such payments, and in an amount equal to what the Plan paid, be subrogated to all rights of recovery of the Covered Person against such Third-Party. The Plan, either in conjunction with or independently of the Covered Person, shall be entitled to recover all such payments from the Third-Party. (This is the Plan's right of subrogation).

In addition to and separate from the above-described right of subrogation, in the event of any payments under the Plan to or for the

benefit of any Covered Person, the Covered Person agrees to reimburse the Plan to the full extent of such payments, and in an amount equal to what the Plan paid, from any and all amounts recovered by the Covered Person from any Third Party by suit, settlement, judgment or otherwise, whether such recovery by the Covered Person is in part or full recovery of the damages incurred by the Covered Person. (This is the Plan's right of reimbursement.)

The above-described right of subrogation and right of reimbursement are not subject to offset or other reduction by reason of any legal fees or other expenses incurred by the Covered Person in pursuing any claim or right. The Plan is entitled to recover in full all such payments in subrogation and/or pursuant to the right of reimbursement first and before any payment whatsoever by the Third Party to or for the benefit of the Covered Person. The right of subrogation and/or right of reimbursement of the Plan supersedes any rights of the Covered Person to recover from any Third-Party, including situations where the Covered Person has not been fully compensated for all the Covered Person's damages. The priority of the Plan to be paid first exists as to all damages received or to be received by the Covered Person, and to any full or partial recovery by the Covered Person. The Covered Person agrees that the Covered Person's right to be made whole is superseded by the Plan's right of subrogation and/or right of reimbursement.

The Covered Person agrees to fully cooperate with the Plan in any effort by the Plan to recover pursuant to its rights of subrogation and/or reimbursement, and the Covered Person further agrees to do nothing to prejudice such rights. The Covered Person agrees to provide information to the Plan necessary for the Plan to pursue such rights, and further agrees, if requested by the Plan, to acknowledge in writing the rights of the Plan to recover following any injury or illness giving rise to any payments under the Plan. If requested to do so by the Plan, the Covered Person agrees to assign in writing to the Plan the Covered Person's right to recover against any Third-Party without the Plan having been paid in full, then the Covered Person agrees to hold such payment in trust for the Plan and promptly notify the Plan in writing that the Covered Person is holding such funds and will release such funds to the Plan upon request by the Plan. The Covered Person further agrees to promptly notify the Plan in writing of the commencement of any litigation or arbitration seeking recovery from any Third-Party, and further agrees not to settle any claim against any Third-Party without first notifying the Plan in writing at least fourteen days before such settlement so the Plan may take actions it deems appropriate to protect its right of subrogation

and/or right of reimbursement. In the event the Covered Person commences any litigation against any Third Party, the Covered Person agrees to name the Plan as a party to such litigation so as to allow the Plan to pursue its right of subrogation and/or right of reimbursement.

#### **10.11 Statutory Liens**

Arizona law prohibits Participating Providers from charging you more than the applicable co-payment or other amount you are obligated to pay under this Plan for covered services. However, Arizona law also entitles certain Providers to assert a lien for their customary charges for the care and treatment of an injured person upon any and all claims of liability or indemnity, except health insurance. This means that if you are injured and have a claim against a non-health liability insurer (such as automobile or homeowner insurance) or any other payor source for injuries sustained, a Provider may be entitled to a lien against available proceeds from any such insurer or payor in an amount equal to the difference between: (1) the applicable Member co-payment plus what the Participating Provider has received from Plan as payment for covered services, and (2) the Participating Provider's full billed charges.

#### **10.12 Fraud**

Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit will lose all benefit coverage under any Plan offered by ADOA. You will not be eligible to re-enroll at a future date. Amounts paid on these claims may be deducted from your pay until all funds have been reimbursed to ADOA.

## ARTICLE 11

### CLAIM FILING PROVISIONS AND APPEAL PROCESS

Medicare Part D participants have dual drug coverage. For drugs covered under Medicare Part D, the following does not apply, please refer to [www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz](http://www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz). For drugs not covered under Medicare Part D the following applies.

#### **11.1 Discretionary Authority**

The Plan Sponsor delegates to the Third Party Claim Administrator the discretionary authority to apply plan terms and to make factual determinations in connection with its review of claims under the plan. Such discretionary authority is intended to include, but not be limited to, the computation of any and all benefit payments. The Plan Sponsor also delegates to the Third Party Claim Administrator the discretionary authority to perform a full and fair review of each claim denial which has been appealed by the claimant or his duly authorized representative.

#### **11.2 Claims Filing Procedure**

The following claim definitions have special meaning when used in this Plan in accordance with Claim Procedures and Appeal Procedures.

**"Claim"** is any request for a Plan benefit or benefits made by a Member or by an authorized representative of the Member in accordance with the Plan's procedures for filing benefit claims.

**"Urgent Care Claim"** is a claim for medical care to which applying the time periods for making pre-service claims decisions could seriously jeopardize the claimant's life, health or ability to regain maximum function or would subject the claimant to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care that is the subject of the claim. If the treating Physician determines the claim is "urgent," the Plan must treat the claim as urgent.

**"Pre-Service Claim"** is a request for approval of a benefit in which the terms of the Plan condition the receipt of the benefit, in whole or in part, on approval of the benefit in advance of obtaining medical care. Examples of a Pre-Service Claim include but are not limited to a Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization of general items or health services or a request for Pre-Determination to determine coverage for a specific procedure.

**“Post-Service Claim”** is a claim that under this Plan is not a Pre-Service Claim (i.e., a claim that involves consideration of payment or reimbursement of costs for medical care that has already been provided).

Requests for determinations of eligibility or general inquiries to the availability of particular Plan benefits or the circumstances under which benefits might be paid under the terms of the Plan will not be treated as a claim for benefits for the purposes of the Claim Procedures.

**“Adverse Benefit Determination”** means any of the following: a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for, a benefit, including any such denial, reduction, termination, or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination of a participant's or beneficiary's eligibility to participate in a plan, and including, with respect to group health plans, a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for, a benefit resulting from the application of any utilization review, as well as a failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise provided because it is determined to be experimental or investigational or not medically necessary or appropriate.

### **11.3 Notice of Claim – Post-Service Claims**

In order to promptly process Post-Service Claims and to avoid errors in processing that could be caused by delays in filing, a written proof of loss should be furnished to the Third Party Claim Administrator as soon as reasonably possible. In no event, except in the absence of legal incapacity of the claimant, may proof be furnished later than one (1) year from the date upon which an expense was incurred. Except as indicated in the preceding sentence, Post-Service Claims will be barred if proof of loss (filing initial claim) is not furnished within one (1) year from the date incurred.

It is the responsibility of the Member to make certain each Post-Service Claim submitted by him or on his behalf includes all information necessary to process the claim, and that the Post-Service Claim is sent to the proper address for processing (the address on the Member's ID Card). If a Post-Service Claim lacks sufficient information to be processed, or is sent to an incorrect address, the Post-Service Claim will be denied.

### **11.4 Initial Claim Determination**

Provided a Member files a claim for benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan specific to each type of claim, the Plan will make an initial claim determination:

1. Within 3 business days after receipt of an Urgent Care Claim by the Plan. This notice if adverse, must be provided to you in writing within 3 days of any oral communication;
2. Within 15 calendar days after receipt of a Pre-Service Claim by the Plan. This notice if adverse, must be provided in writing;
3. Within 30 calendar days after receipt of a Post-Service Claim by the Plan.

The time periods above are considered to commence upon the Third Party Claim Administrator receipt of a claim for benefits filed in accordance with the terms of the Plan specific to each type of claim, without regard to whether all of the information necessary to decide the claim accompanies the filing.

If a claim on review is wholly or partially denied, the written notice will contain the following information:

1. The specific reason(s) for the denial and reference to the specific Plan provisions on which the denial is based. If a protocol was followed in making the determination, then the notice will state that a protocol was relied upon and that a copy of such protocol is available to the Member free of charge upon request. If the claim was denied because it does not meet the definition of a Covered Expense or is experimental in nature, or if denial is due to a similar exclusion or limit, then the notice will state that an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment used in applying the terms of the Plan to the Member's medical circumstances can be provided free of charge to the Member upon request, including the names of any medical professionals consulted during the review process.
2. A description of additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why the material or information is needed;
3. A statement that the Member is entitled to request, free of charge, reasonable access to all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Member's claim.
4. For a denial involving urgent care claim, the notice will also include a description of the expedited review process for such claims. The notice can be provided orally within the timeframe for the expedited process, as long as written notice is provided no later than 3 business days after the oral notice.

5. For medical claims, the notice will also include information sufficient to identify the claim involved, including the date of service, the health care provider, the claim amount and the denial code. Further, the denial notice will include the following information (a) a statement that diagnosis and treatment codes are available upon request, (b) a description of the standard used in denying the claim, (c) a description of the external review process, and (d) the availability of, and contact information for, any applicable office of insurance consumer or ombudsman to assist enrollees with internal claims and appeals and external review processes.
6. A statement notifying the Member about further appeal processes available, as established by the Third Party Claim Administrator.

### **11.5 Concurrent Care Decisions**

Any decision by the Plan to terminate or reduce benefits that have already been granted with the potential of causing disruption to ongoing care, course of treatment, number of treatments or treatments provided as a Covered Expense before the end of such treatments shall constitute a denied claim. The Plan will provide a Member with notice of the denial at a time sufficiently in advance of the reduction or termination to allow the Member to appeal and obtain a determination on review before the benefit is reduced or terminated. The written notice of denial will contain the information outlined above.

Any Urgent Care Claim requesting to extend an Inpatient admission beyond the initially period approved during the Pre-Certification/Prior Authorization process, must be decided within 24 hours provided that the claim is made at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the initially prescribed period. Notification will be provided in accordance with the Urgent Care Claim notice requirements outlined above.

Any Urgent Care Claim requesting to extend an outpatient course of treatment beyond the initially prescribed period of time, or number of treatments, must be decided within 3 business days. Notification will be provided in accordance with the Urgent Care Claim notice requirements outlined above.

### **11.6 Incomplete Urgent Care Claims Notification**

In the case of an Urgent Care Claim, if additional information is required to make a claim determination, the Plan will provide the Member notification that will include a description of the information needed to complete the claim. This notice must be provided within 24 hours after receipt of the claim for an inpatient admission and 3 business days for

outpatient services. The Member shall be afforded at least 48 hours from receipt of the notice in which to provide the specified information. The Plan shall make its initial determination as soon as possible, but in no case later than 48 hours after the earlier of (a) the Plan's receipt of the specified information, or (b) the end of the period afforded the Member to provide the specified additional information.

### **11.7 Extensions of Time**

The Plan may extend decision-making on both Pre-Service Claims and Post-Service Claims for one additional period of 15 days after expiration of the relevant initial period. Provided the Third Party Claim Administrator determines that an extension is necessary for reasons beyond control and the Plan notifies the Member prior to the expiration of the relevant initial period, of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which the Plan expects to render a decision. If the notice of extension is provided, a Member shall be afforded at least 45 days from receipt of the notice to respond. There is no extension permitted in the case of Urgent Care Claims.

### **11.8 Required Filing Procedures for Pre-Service Claims**

In the event a Member or authorized representative of the Member does not follow the Plan's claim filing procedures for a Pre-Service Claim, the Plan will provide notification to the Member or authorized representative accordingly. For all Pre-Service Claims, the Plan must notify the Member or authorized representative, of failure to follow filing procedures within 5 calendar days (24 hours in the case of a failure to follow filing procedures for an Urgent Care Claim). Notification by the Plan may be oral unless written notification is requested by the Member or authorized representative. The notification of failure to follow filing procedures for Pre-Service Claims will apply only when a communication is received from a Member or health care professional representing the Member that specifies the identity of the Member, a specific medical condition or symptom, and a specific treatment, service or product for which approval is requested, and the communication is received by the Third Party Claim Administrator.

### **11.9 Claims Appeal Procedures**

In cases where a claim for benefits payment is denied in whole or in part, the Member may appeal the denial. This appeal provision will allow the Member to:

1. Request from the Plan a review of any claim for benefits. Such request must include:

- a. Employee name;
  - b. Covered Employee's Member ID;
  - c. Name of the patient; and
  - d. Group/Client Identification number from the Member's ID card.
2. Request for review must be in writing, stating in clear and concise terms the reason or reasons for this disagreement with the handling of the claim.
3. Submit written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to the claim.
4. Request, free of charge, reasonable access to documents, records, and other information relevant to the Member's claim. A document, record or other information is considered relevant if it was relied on in making the benefit determination; was submitted, considered, or generated in the course of making the benefit determination, without regard to whether such document, record, or other information was relied on in making the benefit determination; demonstrates compliance with the Plan's administrative processes and consistency safeguards required in making the benefit determination; or constitutes a statement of policy or guidance with respect to the Plan concerning the denied treatment option or benefit for the claimant's diagnosis, without regard to whether such advice or statement was relied upon in making the benefit determination.

The initial request for review must be directed to the Third Party Claim Administrator within 180 days after the claim payment date or the date of the notification of denial of benefits. In the case of Urgent Care Claims, a request for an expedited review may be submitted orally and all necessary information, including the Plan's benefit determination upon review, may be transmitted between the Plan and Member via telephone, facsimile, or other available similarly expeditious methods. Expedited appeals may be filed orally by calling the Medical Network Customer Service Center.

Upon request, the Plan will provide for the identification of experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of Plan in connection with the denial, without regard to whether the advice was relied on in making the denial.

The review of the denial will be made by the Third Party Claim Administrator, or by an appropriate named fiduciary who is neither the party who made the initial claim determination nor the subordinate of such party. The review will not defer to the initial claim determination

and will take into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the Member without regard to whether such information was previously submitted or relied upon in the initial determination. In deciding an appeal of any denied claim that is based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, the Plan must consult with an appropriately qualified health care professional who is neither an individual who was consulted in connection with the denied claim that is the subject of the appeal nor the subordinate of any such individual.

The Third Party Claim Administrator will ensure that all claims and internal appeals for medical benefits are handled impartially. The Third Party Claim Administrator shall ensure the independence and impartiality of the persons involved in making the decision. Accordingly, decisions regarding hiring, compensation, termination promotion, or other similar matters with respect to any individual (such as a claims adjudicator or medical expert) must not be made based upon the likelihood that the individual will support an adverse benefit determination. The Third Party Claim Administrator shall ensure that health care professionals consulted are not chosen based on the expert's reputation for outcomes in contested cases, rather than based on the professional's qualifications.

Prior to deciding an appeal, the Third Party Claim Administrator must provide the claimant with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by the Plan (or at the direction of the Plan) in connection with the claim.

In connection with an internal appeal of a medical claim, a claimant shall be able to review his or her file and present information as part of the review. Before making a benefit determination on review, the Third Party Claim Administrator shall provide the claimant with any new or additional evidence considered or generated by the Plan, as well as any new or additional rationale to be used in reaching the decision. The claimant shall be given this information in advance of the date on which the notice of final appeal decision is made to give such claimant a reasonable opportunity to respond.

For medical claims, if the Plan fails to strictly adhere to all the requirements of the internal claims and appeals process with respect to the claim, the claimant is deemed to have exhausted the internal claims and appeals process and may request an expedited external review before the Plan's internal appeals process has been completed. However, this shall not apply if the error was de minimis, if the error does not cause harm to the claimant, if the error was due to good cause or to matters beyond the Plan's control, if it occurs in context of good faith exchange

of information, or if the error does not reflect a pattern or practice of noncompliance. In that case, the claimant may resubmit the claim for internal review and the claimant may ask the Plan to explain why the error is minor and why it meets this exception.

The Third Party Claim Administrator will provide the Member with a written response:

1. Within 3 business days after receipt of the Member's request for review in the case of Urgent Care Claims;
2. Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the Member's request for review in the case of Pre-Service Claims;
3. Within 30 calendar days after receipt of the Member's request for review in the case of Post-Service Claims.

If a claim on review is wholly or partially denied, the written notice will contain the following information:

1. The specific reason(s) for the denial and reference to the specific Plan provisions on which the denial is based. If a protocol was followed in making the determination, then the notice will state that a protocol was relied upon and that a copy of such protocol is available to the Member free of charge upon request. If the claim was denied because it does not meet the definition of a Covered Health Service or is experimental in nature, or if denial is due to a similar exclusion or limit, then the notice will state that an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment used in applying the terms of the Plan to the Member's medical circumstances can be provided free of charge to the Member upon request, including the names of any medical professionals consulted during the review process.
2. A statement that the Member is entitled to request, free of charge, reasonable access to all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Member/Participant's claim.
3. For a denial involving urgent care, the notice will also include a description of the expedited review process for such claims. The notice can be provided orally within the timeframe for the expedited process, as long as written notice is provided no later than 3 business days after the oral notice.
4. For medical claims, the notice will also include information sufficient to identify the claim involved, including the date of service, the health care provider, the claim amount and the denial code. Further, the denial notice will include the following information (a)

a statement that diagnosis and treatment codes are available upon request, (b) a description of the standard used in denying the claim, (c) a description of the external review process, and (d) the availability of, and contact information for, any applicable office of health insurance consumer or ombudsman to assist enrollees with internal claims and appeals and external review processes.

5. A statement notifying the Member about potential alternative dispute resolution methods, if any.

### **11.10 Levels of Standard Appeal and Responsibility of Review**

Level 1 is an initial appeal filed by the Member in regard to a denial of services. The Level 1 appeal must be filed within 180 days from the claim denial date. Level 1 appeal are reviewed and responded to by the Third Party Claim Administrator. The staff person reviewing the appeal will not be the person who made the initial decision.

Level 2 is a second appeal filed by the Member in regard to a denial of services in which the denial was upheld during the review of the Level 1 appeal. The Level 2 appeal must be filed within 60 days of the Level 1 denial. Level 2 appeals are reviewed and responded to by the Third Party Claim Administrator. The staff person reviewing the appeal will not be the person who made the initial decision nor the Level 1 appeal decision.

Level 3 is the third appeal filed by the Member in regard to a denial of services in which the denial was upheld during the review of the Level 2 appeal. The Level 3 appeal must be filed within 60 days of the Level 2 denial. Level 3 appeals are reviewed by an accredited Independent Review Organization (IRO) as required under federal law at no charge to the Member.

The assigned IRO 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 IRO must consider when conducting the External Review. Within one (1) business day after making the decision, the IRO must notify you, Third Party Claims Administrator and the Plan.

The IRO will review all of the information and documents timely received. In reaching a decision, the assigned IRO 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 IRO, to the extent the information or documents

are available and the IRO considers them appropriate, will consider the following in reaching a decision:

1. Your medical records;
2. The attending health care professional's recommendation;
3. Reports from appropriate health care professionals and other documents submitted by the Plan or issuer, you, or your treating provider;
4. The terms of your Plan to ensure that the IRO's decision is not contrary to the terms of the Plan, unless the terms are inconsistent with applicable law;
5. 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;
6. Any applicable clinical review criteria developed and used by Third Party Claims Administrator, unless the criteria are inconsistent with the terms of the Plan or with applicable law; and
7. The opinion of the IRO'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 IRO must provide written notice of the Final External Review Decision within 45 days after the IRO receives the request for the External Review. The IRO must deliver the notice of Final External Review Decision to you, Third Party Claims Administrator and the Plan.

After a Final External Review Decision, the IRO must maintain records of all claims and notices associated with the External Review process for six years. An IRO 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 Independent Review**

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

1. 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
2. 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 Independent Review, Third Party Claims Administrator will determine whether the request meets the reviewability requirements set forth above for standard External Review. Third Party Claims Administrator must immediately send you a notice of its eligibility determination.

### **Referral of Expedited Review to IRO**

Upon a determination that a request is eligible for External Review following preliminary review, Third Party Claims Administrator will randomly assign an IRO. The IRO shall render a decision as expeditiously as your medical condition or circumstances require, but in no event more than 72 hours after the IRO 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 IRO must provide written confirmation of the decision to you, Third Party Claims Administrator and the Plan.

### **11.11 Pharmacy Appeals**

Medicare Part D participants have dual drug coverage. For drugs covered under Medicare Part D, the following does not apply, please refer to [www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz](http://www.medicaregenerationrx.com/stateofaz). For drugs not covered under Medicare Part D the following applies.

If you are dissatisfied with any service received under this Prescription Drug Benefit, you are encouraged to contact the PBM Customer Service Center. Frequently, your concern can be resolved with a telephone call to a Member Service Representative. If the Customer Service Center

cannot resolve your concern, you may proceed to the Appeals Procedures as set forth above by contacting the Third Party Claim Administrator. Examples of concerns include, but are not limited to, quality of service received, the design of the prescription drug benefit plan, denial of a clinical authorization of a drug, payment amount, or denial of a claim issue.

### **11.12 Limitation**

No action at law or in equity can be brought to recover on this Plan until the appeals procedure has been exhausted as described in this Plan.

No action at law or in equity can be brought to recover after the expiration of two (2) years after the time when written proof of loss is required to be furnished to the Third Party Claim Administrator.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **PLAN MODIFICATION, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION**

The Plan Sponsor reserves the right to, at any time, amend, change or terminate benefits under the Plan; to amend, change or terminate the eligibility of classes of employees to be covered by the Plan; to amend, change, or eliminate any other Plan term or condition; and to terminate the whole Plan or any part of it.

No consent of any Member is required to terminate, modify, amend or change the Plan.

Termination of the Plan will have no adverse effect on any benefits to be paid under the Plan for any covered medical expenses incurred prior to the termination date of the Plan.

This document is effective January 1, 2016 and supersedes all plan descriptions and all enrollment guides previously issued by the Plan Sponsor.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **13.1 Plan Sponsor's Responsibilities**

The Plan Sponsor shall have the authority and responsibility for:

1. Calling and attending the meetings at which this Plan's funding policy and method are established and reviewed;
2. Establishing the policies, interpretations, practices and procedures of this Plan and issuing interpretations thereof;
3. Hiring all persons providing services to this Plan;
4. To decide all questions of eligibility;
5. Receiving all disclosures required of fiduciaries and other service providers under federal or state law; and
6. Performing all other responsibilities allocated to the Plan Sponsor in the instrument appointing the Plan Sponsor.

#### **13.2 Third Party Claim Administrator's Responsibilities**

The Third Party Claim Administrator shall have the authority and responsibility for:

1. Acting as this Plan's agent for the service of legal process;
2. Applying this Plan's provisions relating to coverage, including when a claimant files an appeal with the Third Party Claim Administrator;
3. Administering this Plan's claim procedures;
4. Rendering final decisions on review of claims as required by the application of this Plan Description;
5. Processing checks for Benefits in accordance with Plan provisions;
6. Filing claims with the insurance companies, if any, who issue stop loss insurance policies to the Plan Sponsor; and
7. Performing all other responsibilities delegated to the Third Party Claim Administrator in the instrument appointing the Third Party Claim Administrator.

The Third Party Claim Administrator acting as the claims fiduciary will have the duty, power, and authority to apply the provisions of this Plan, to make factual determinations in connection with its review of claims under the Plan, and to determine the amount, manner, and time of payment of any Benefits under this Plan. All applications of the provisions of this Plan, and all determinations of fact made in good faith by the Third

Party Claim Administrator, will be final and binding on the Members and beneficiaries and all other interested parties.

### **13.3 Advisors to Fiduciaries**

A named fiduciary or his delegate may retain the services of actuaries, attorneys, accountants, brokers, employee benefit consultants, and other specialists to render advice concerning any responsibility such fiduciary has under this Plan.

### **13.4 Multiple Fiduciary Functions**

Any named fiduciary may serve in more than one fiduciary capacity with respect to this Plan.

### **13.5 Notice of Appointments or Delegations**

A named fiduciary shall not recognize or take notice of the appointment of another named fiduciary, or the delegation of responsibilities of a named fiduciary, unless and until the Plan Sponsor notifies the named fiduciary in writing of such appointment or delegation. The named fiduciaries may assume that an appointment or delegation continues in effect until the named fiduciary receives written notice to the contrary from the Plan Sponsor.

### **13.6 Written Directions**

Whenever a named fiduciary or delegate must or may act upon the written direction of another named fiduciary or delegate, the named fiduciary or delegate is not required to inquire into the propriety of such direction and shall follow the direction unless it is clear on its face that the actions to be taken under that direction would be prohibited under the terms of this Plan. Moreover, such named fiduciary or delegate shall not be responsible for failure to act without written directions.

### **13.7 Co-Fiduciary Liability**

A fiduciary shall not have any liability for a breach of fiduciary duty of another fiduciary, unless he participates knowingly in such breach, knowingly undertakes to conceal such breach, has actual knowledge of such breach and fails to take action to remedy such breach, or, through his negligence in performing his own specific fiduciary responsibilities, enables such other fiduciary to commit a breach of the latter's fiduciary duty.

### **13.8 Action by Plan Sponsor**

Any authority or responsibility allocated or reserved to the Plan Sponsor under this Plan may be exercised by any duly authorized officer of the Plan Sponsor.

### **13.9 HIPAA Privacy Regulation Requirements**

This Plan has been modified as required under the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), to allow the Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) as defined under HIPAA, to the Plan Sponsor and other parties as necessary to determine appropriate processing of claims.

Please refer to the Benefit Options Guide for details on the use of PHI.

### **13.10 Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (PPACA) Notices** **Grandfather Status Notice**

The Arizona Department of Administration believes the Benefit Options plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). As permitted by the PPACA, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain health coverage that was already in effect when the law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your plan may not include certain requirements of the PPACA that apply to other plans; for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other requirements in the PPACA; for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits. Questions regarding which requirements do and do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from a grandfathered health plan status can be directed to Benefit Services Division at 602-542-5008 or [benefitsissues@azdoa.gov](mailto:benefitsissues@azdoa.gov).

### **Notice of Rescission**

Under the PPACA, Benefit Services Division cannot retroactively cancel or terminate an individual's coverage, except in cases of fraud and similar situations. In the event that the Benefit Services Division rescinds coverage under the allowed grounds, affected individuals must be provided at least 30 days advanced notice.

### **Form W-2 Notice**

Pursuant to the PPACA for tax years starting on and after January 1, 2012, in addition to the annual wage and tax statement employers must

report the value of each employee's health coverage on form W-2, although the amount of health coverage will remain tax-free.

**Notice about the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) and Uniform Glossary**

On February 9, 2011, as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the federal government announced new rules regarding the disclosure of the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) and Uniform Glossary. These regulations require group health plans and health insurance issuers that offer coverage for groups and individuals to provide access to the SBC and Uniform Glossary effective October 22, 2012. The SBC documents along with the uniform glossary will be posted electronically to the Benefit Options Website [www.benefitoptions.az.gov](http://www.benefitoptions.az.gov). You may also contact Benefit Services to obtain a copy.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **14.1 State Law**

This Plan shall be interpreted, construed, and administered in accordance with applicable state or local laws to the extent such laws are not preempted by federal law.

#### **14.2 Status of Employment Relations**

The adoption and maintenance of this Plan shall not be deemed to constitute a contract between the Employer and its Employees or to be consideration for, or an inducement or condition of, the employment of an Employee. Nothing in this Plan shall be deemed to:

1. Affect the right of the Employer to discipline or discharge any Employee at any time.
2. Affect the right of any Employee to terminate his employment at any time.
3. Give to the Employer the right to require any Employee to remain in its employ.
4. Give to any Employee the right to be retained in the employ of the Employer.

#### **14.3 Word Usage**

Whenever words are used in this Plan Description in the singular or masculine form, they shall, where appropriate, be construed so as to include the plural, feminine, or neutral form.

#### **14.4 Titles are Reference Only**

The titles are for reference only. In the event of a conflict between a title and the content of a section, the content of a section shall control.

#### **14.5 Clerical Error**

No clerical errors made in keeping records pertaining to this coverage, or delays in making entries in such records will invalidate coverage otherwise validly in force, or continue coverage otherwise validly terminated. Upon discovery of any error, an equitable adjustment of any Benefits paid will be made.

## ARTICLE 15

### PLAN IDENTIFICATION

1. Name of Plan: State of Arizona Group Health Plan  
AZ Benefit Options
  
2. Name and Address of Plan Sponsor:  
Arizona Department of Administration  
Benefit Services Division  
100 N 15th Avenue, Suite 260  
Phoenix, AZ 85007
  
3. Third Party Claim Administrators:

Medical Vendors	Aetna	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona	CIGNA Health Care	UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company
Claims Address	PO BOX 14079 Lexington, KY 40512-4079	PO Box 2924 Phoenix, AZ 85062-2924  For chiropractic services: American Health Specialty Health Networks, Inc. Claims Administration PO Box 509001 San Diego, CA 92150-9001	PO BOX 188050 Chattanooga, TN 37422-8050	UnitedHealthcare PO BOX 30884 Salt Lake City, UT 84130
Appeals/ Correspondence Address	Attn: National Account CRT PO Box 14463 Lexington, KY 40512	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona  Medical Appeals and Grievances / Transplant Travel and Lodging Claims / Cruise Ship Claims PO Box 13466 Phoenix, AZ 85002-3466  For disputes over chiropractic care: American Specialty Health Networks, Inc.  Appeals Coordinator PO Box 509001 San Diego, CA 92150-9001	CIGNA HealthCare Inc. National Appeals Unit PO Box 5225 Scranton, PA 18505-5225	UnitedHealthcare P.O. Box 740816 Atlanta, GA 30374-0816
Phone	866-217-1953	866-287-1980	800-968-7366	800-896-1067
Fax	859-455-8650	602-864-3102	888-999-1459	801-567-5498
TDD/TTY	800-628-3323	Maricopa county: 602-864-4823	Hearing impaired members are encouraged to use the	800-896-1067

		Statewide: 800-232-2345, Ext 4823	TRS (Telecommunications Relay Service) by dialing 711 from their phone or TTY.	
Website	www.aetna.com	www.azblue.com	www.cigna.com/stateof az	www.myuhc.com
Policy Number	476687	30855	3331993	705963

Pharmacy Vendor	MedImpact
Claims Address	10680 Treena Street San Diego, CA 92103
Appeals/Correspondence Address	Attn: Appeals Coordinator 10680 Treena St 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor San Diego, Ca 92131
Phone	888-648-6769
Fax	858-621-5147
Website	www.benefitoptions.az.gov
Bin Number	003585
Retail PCN Number	28914

4. Sponsor Identification Number: 86-6004791
5. Type of Benefits Provided: See Schedule of Benefits
6. Type of Plan Administration: Self-Funded Third Party
7. Third Party Claim Administrators/Agent for Legal Process/Named Fiduciary:

Medical Vendors	Aetna Life Insurance Company	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona	CIGNA Health Care	UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company
Address	151 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06156	2444 W. Las Palmaritas Drive Phoenix, AZ 85021-4883	11001 N. Black Canyon Highway Phoenix, AZ 85029	450 Columbus Blvd. Hartford, CT 06103

Pharmacy Vendor	MedImpact
Address	10680 Treena Street San Diego, CA 92103

8. Funding to Plan: Contributions for this Plan are provided partially by contributions of the Plan Sponsor and partially by contributions of Covered Employees.
9. End of Plan's Year: December 31st of each year.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **DEFINITIONS**

This section contains definitions of words and phrases which are contained within this plan description. Inclusion of medical service definitions does not imply that expenses related to those services are covered under the Plan.

**ACCIDENT** shall mean a specific, sudden, and unexpected event occurring by chance and resulting in bodily strain or harm.

**AGENCY** shall mean a department, university, board, office, authority, commission, or other governmental budget unit, of the State of Arizona.

**AGENCY LIAISON** shall mean the individual within each agency designated as the local Benefit Options representative.

**ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT FACILITY** shall mean a facility, providing inpatient or outpatient treatment for alcoholism, which is approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or certified by the health department of the state where it is located. Such a facility must also have in effect plans for utilization review and peer review.

**AMBULANCE** shall mean a vehicle for transportation of sick and/or injured persons equipped and staffed to provide medical care during transport.

**AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER** shall mean a licensed public or private facility which is primarily engaged in performing surgical procedures and which meets all of the following criteria:

1. Has an organized staff of physicians;
2. Has permanent facilities that are equipped and operated primarily for the purpose of performing surgical procedures;
3. Has continuous physician services and registered professional nursing services whenever a patient is in the facility; and
4. Does not provide services or other accommodations for patients to stay overnight.

**AMENDMENT** shall mean a formal document that changes the provisions of this plan description, duly signed by the authorized person(s) as designated by the Plan Sponsor.

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS THERAPIST shall mean a qualified therapist if all of the following is met:

1. Is certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board as either a:
  - Board Certified Behavior Analyst
  - Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst
2. Is approved by medical management based on a combination of education, experience, and other qualifications.
3. An ABA therapist is QUALIFIED if he/she is approved by medical management based on a combination of education, experience, and other qualifications.
4. To ensure plan coverage, qualifications of ABA providers must be established prior to receipt of services.

ARIZONA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (A.A.C.) shall mean administrative rules promulgated by state agencies to govern the implementation of statutory intent and requirements.

ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE (A.R.S.) shall mean a law of the State of Arizona.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER shall mean one of the three following:

1. Autistic Disorder
2. Asperger's Syndrome
3. Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not otherwise specified.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY/CENTER shall mean a facility approved by a facility providing services under a community mental health or rehabilitation board established under state law, or certified by the health department of the state where it is located. Such a facility must also have in effect plans for utilization review and peer review.

BEHAVIORAL THERAPY shall mean interactive therapies derived from evidence based research, including applied behavior analysis, which includes discrete trail training, pivotal response training, intensive intervention programs and early intensive behavioral intervention.

BENEFIT shall mean the payment or reimbursement by this Plan of all or a portion of a medical expense incurred by a participant.

BILATERAL SURGICAL PROCEDURE shall mean any surgical procedure performed on any paired organ whose right and left halves are mirrored images of each other, or in which a median longitudinal section divides the organ into equivalent right and left halves. Surgery on both halves is performed during the same operative session and may involve one or two surgical incisions.

BIRTHING CENTER shall mean a licensed outpatient facility which provides accommodations for childbirth for low-risk maternity patients. The birthing center must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Has an organized staff of certified midwives, physicians, and other trained personnel;
2. Has necessary medical equipment;
3. Has a written agreement to transfer to a hospital if necessary; and
4. Is in compliance with any applicable state or local regulations.

CHILD shall mean a person who falls within one or more of the following categories:

1. A natural child, adopted child, or stepchild of the member who is younger than age 26;
2. A child who is younger than age 26 for whom the member has court-ordered guardianship;
3. A foster child of the member who is younger than age 26;
4. A child who is younger than age 26 and placed in the member's home by court order pending adoption; or
5. A natural child, adopted child, or stepchild of the member who has a disability prior to age 26 and continues to have a disability under 42 U.S.C. 1382c and for whom the member had custody prior to age 26.

COBRA shall mean the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, as amended. This is a federal law requiring employers to offer continued health insurance coverage to employees and dependents whose group health coverage has terminated.

CODE shall mean the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

COINSURANCE shall mean a percentage of the covered expenses for which each participant is financially responsible. Coinsurance applies after the deductible has been met.

COPAY or COPAYMENT shall mean a portion of the covered expenses for which the participant is financially responsible. Copayments are generally collected at the time of service.

COSMETIC SERVICE shall mean a service rendered for the purpose of altering appearance, with no evidence that the service is Medically Appropriate. Cosmetic service as noted in exclusions shall not include services or benefits that are primarily for the purpose of restoring normal bodily function as may be necessary due to an accidental injury, surgery, or congenital defect.

COVERED SERVICE shall mean a service which is medically appropriate and eligible for payment under the Plan.

CREDITABLE COVERAGE shall mean a Medical Plan that offers a prescription plan which is expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription coverage pays, and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Members are not permitted to enroll on Part D and continue in the medical plan as it is considered Creditable Coverage.

CUSTODIAL CARE shall mean the care generally provides assistance in performing activities of daily living (ADL), (e.g., assistance walking, transferring in and out of bed, bathing, dressing, using the toilet, and preparation of food, feeding and supervision of medication that usually can be self-administered). Custodial care essentially is personal care that does not require the continuing attention of trained medical or paramedical personnel. Also can be defined as the following:

- Custodial care is that care which is primarily for the purpose of assisting the individual in the activities of daily living or in meeting personal rather than medical needs, which is not specific therapy for an illness or injury and is not skilled care.
- Custodial care serves to assist an individual in the activities of daily living, such as assistance in walking, getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing, feeding, using the toilet, preparation of special diets, and supervision of medication that usually can be self-administered.
- Custodial care essentially is personal care that does not require the continuing attention or supervision of trained, medical or paramedical personnel.
- Custodial care is maintenance care provided by family members, health aids or other unlicensed individuals after an acute medical event when an individual has reached the maximum level of

physical or mental function and is not likely to make further significant improvement.

- In determining whether an individual is receiving custodial care, the factors considered are the level of care and medical supervision required and furnished. The decision is not based on diagnosis, type of condition, degree of functional limitation or rehabilitation potential.

DAY shall mean calendar day; not 24-hour period unless otherwise expressly noted.

DEDUCTIBLE shall mean the amount of covered expenses the participant must pay each Plan Year before benefits are payable by the Plan.

DEPENDENT see ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT.

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT shall mean equipment purchased for treatment/accommodation of a non-occupational medical condition which meets all of the following criteria:

1. Is ordered by a physician in accordance with accepted medical practice;
2. Is able to resist wear and/or decay and to withstand repeated usage;
3. Appropriate for use in the home; and
4. Is not useful in the absence of illness or injury.

EFFECTIVE DATE shall mean the first day of coverage.

ELECTED OFFICIAL shall mean a person who is currently serving in office.

ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT shall mean the member's spouse or child.

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE shall mean an individual who is hired by the State, including the Universities, and is regularly scheduled to work at least 20 hours per week for at least 90 days. Eligible employee does not include:

1. A patient or inmate employed at a state institution;
2. A non-state employee, officer or enlisted personnel of the National Guard of Arizona;
3. A seasonal employee, unless they are determined to have been paid for an average of at least 30 hours per week using a 12-month measurement period.

4. A variable hour employee, unless they are determined to have been paid for an average of at least 30 hours per week using a 12-month measurement period.

Persons working for participating political subdivisions may also be considered eligible employees under the respective political subdivision's personnel rules.

ELIGIBLE FORMER ELECTED OFFICIAL shall mean an elected official as defined in A.R.S. § 38-801(3) who is no longer in office and who falls into one of the following categories:

1. Has at least five years of credited service in the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan;
2. Was covered under a group health or group health and accident plan at the time of leaving office;
3. Served as an elected official on or after January 1, 1983; and
4. Applies for enrollment within 31 days of leaving office or retiring.

ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SAFETY SURVIVOR shall mean a spouse or child defined in A.R.S. § 38-1103 and who falls into one of the following categories:

1. A spouse who is not Medicare eligible or remarried;
2. An unmarried natural child, adopted child, or stepchild of the member under the age of 18
3. An unmarried natural child, adopted child, or stepchild of the member under the age of 23 and a fulltime student
4. An unmarried natural child, adopted child, or stepchild of the member and who had a disability prior to age 23

ELIGIBLE RETIREE shall mean a person who retired under a state-sponsored retirement plan and has been continuously enrolled in the Plan since time of retirement or a person who receives long-term disability benefits under a state-sponsored plan.

EMERGENCY shall mean a medical or behavioral condition of sudden onset that manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a person who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the health of the insured person in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, serious disfigurement of the insured person, serious impairment of any bodily organ or part of the insured person, or in the

case of a behavioral condition, placing the health of the insured person or other persons in serious jeopardy.

EMPLOYEE see ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE.

EMPLOYER shall mean the State of Arizona, one of the state universities, or a participating political subdivision.

ENROLLMENT FORM shall mean a paper form supplied by Benefit Options, a COBRA enrollment form, or an authorized self-service enrollment system.

EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL CHARGES shall mean charges for treatments, procedures, devices or drugs which the Medical Vendor, in the exercise of its discretion, determines are experimental, investigative, or done primarily for research. The Medical Vendor shall use the following guidelines to determine that a drug, device, medical treatment or procedure is experimental or investigative:

1. The drug or device cannot be lawfully marketed without approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and approval for marketing has not been given at the time the drug or device is furnished; or
2. The drug, device, medical treatment, or procedure, or the patient informed consent document utilized with the drug, device, medical treatment, or procedure, was reviewed and approved for experimental use by the treating facility's institutional review board or other body serving a similar function, or if federal law requires such review or approval; or
3. Reliable evidence shows that the drug, device, medical treatment, or procedure is the subject of on-going phase I or phase II clinical trials, is in the research, experimental, study or investigative arm of on-going phase III clinical trials, or is otherwise under study to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its efficacy, or its efficacy as compared with a standard means of treatment or diagnosis; or
4. Reliable evidence shows that the prevailing opinion among experts regarding the drug, device, medical treatment, or procedure is that further studies or clinical trials are necessary to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its efficacy, or its efficacy as compared with a standard means of treatment or diagnosis.

EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS shall mean a statement sent to participants by the Medical Vendor following payment of a claim. It lists the service(s) that was/were provided, the allowable reimbursement amount(s), amount applied to the participant's deductible, and the net amount paid by the Plan.

EXTENDED CARE FACILITY/SKILLED NURSING FACILITY shall mean an institution (or distinct part of an institution) that meets all of the following criteria:

1. Is primarily engaged in providing 24-hour-per-day accommodations and skilled nursing care inpatients recovering from illness or injury;
2. Is under the full-time supervision of a physician or registered nurse;
3. Admits patients only upon the recommendation of a physician, maintains adequate medical records for all patients, at all times has available the services of a physician under an established agreement;
4. Has established methods and written procedures for the dispensing and administration of drugs;
5. Is not, other than incidentally, a place for rest, a place for the aged, a place for substance abuse treatment; and
6. Is licensed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and is approved by Medicare.

FOOT ORTHOTICS shall mean devices for support of the feet.

FORMER ELECTED OFFICIAL see ELIGIBLE FORMER ELECTED OFFICIAL

FRAUD shall mean an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a member or dependent with the knowledge that the deception could result in some benefit to him/her or any other individual that would not otherwise be received. This includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable federal or state law.

HIPAA shall mean the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as presently enacted and as it may be amended in the future. It is a federal law intended to improve the availability and continuity of health insurance coverage.

HOMEBOUND shall be defined by Medicare as stated in Chapter 15 section 60.4.1 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/Downloads/bp102c15.pdf>.

HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY shall mean a public agency or private organization or subdivision of an agency or organization that meets all of the following criteria:

1. Is primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing services and other therapeutic services such as physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, medical social services, or at-home health aide services. A public or voluntary non-profit health agency may qualify by furnishing directly either skilled nursing services or at least one other therapeutic service and by furnishing directly or indirectly (through arrangements with another public or voluntary non-profit agency) other therapeutic services;
2. Has policies established by a professional group associated with the agency or organization (including at least one physician and at least one registered nurse) to govern the services and provides for supervision of the services by a physician or a registered nurse;
3. Maintains complete clinical records on each patient;
4. Is licensed in accordance with federal, state and/or local laws; and
5. Meets all conditions of a home health care agency as required by Medicare.

HOSPICE FACILITY shall mean a facility other than a hospital which meets all of the following criteria:

1. Is primarily engaged in providing continuous skilled nursing care for terminally ill patients during the final stages of their illness and is not, other than incidentally, a rest home, home for custodial care, or home for the aged;
2. Regularly provides overnight care for patients in a residence or facility;
3. Provides 24-hour-per-day skilled nursing care by licensed nursing personnel under the direction of a full-time registered professional nurse; and
4. Maintains a complete medical record for each patient.

HOSPICE SERVICE shall mean an organization which is recognized by Medicare or which meets the following criteria:

1. Provides in-home nursing care and counseling by licensed professionals under the direction of a full-time registered professional nurse;
2. Maintains a complete medical record for each patient; and

3. Is primarily engaged in providing nursing care and counseling for terminally ill patients during the final stages of their illnesses and does not, other than incidentally, perform housekeeping duties.

HOSPITAL shall mean a licensed facility which provides inpatient diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitative services for the diagnosis, treatment and care of injured and sick persons under the supervision of a physician. Such an institution must also meet the following requirements:

1. Is accredited by the Joint Commission of Hospitals, or approved by the federal government to participate in federal and state programs;
2. Maintains a complete medical record for each patient;
3. Has by-laws which govern its staff of physicians; and
4. Provides nursing care 24 hours per day.

HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT shall refer to a situation in which:

1. A room and board charge is made by a hospital or other facility approved by the Third Party Claim Administrator, or
2. A participant remains in the hospital or other approved facility for 24 consecutive hours or longer.

ILLNESS shall mean physical disease or sickness, including pregnancy.

IMMEDIATE RELATIVE shall mean a spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother or sister of a participant, and any dependent's family members.

IN-NETWORK shall mean utilization of services within the network of contracted providers associated with the Third Party Claim Administrator.

INJURY shall mean physical harm received by an individual as the result of any one (1) Accident.

INPATIENT shall mean the classification of a participant who is admitted to a hospital, hospice facility or extended care facility/skilled nursing facility for treatment, and room-and-board charges are made as a result of such treatment.

INTENSIVE CARE UNIT shall mean an area in a hospital, established by said hospital as a formal intensive care program exclusively reserved for critically ill patients requiring constant audiovisual observation as

prescribed by the attending physician, that provides room and board, specialized, registered, professional nursing and other nursing care, and special equipment and supplies immediately available on a stand-by basis, and that is separated from the rest of the hospital's facilities.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE shall mean an individual who has received specialized nursing training and practical nursing experience, and is duly licensed to perform such nursing services by the state or regulatory agency responsible for such licensing in the state in which that individual performs such services.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY shall mean a sudden unexpected onset of bodily injury or serious illness which could reasonably be expected by a prudent layperson to result in serious medical complications, loss of life or permanent impairment to bodily functions in the absence of immediate medical attention.

MEDICAL EXPENSE shall mean the reasonable and customary charges or the contracted fee as determined by the provider's network contract for services incurred by the participant for medically appropriate services, treatments, supplies or drugs. Medical expenses are incurred as of the date of the performance of the service or treatment, or the date of purchase of the supply or drug giving rise to the charge.

MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE/MEDICAL NECESSITY/MEDICALLY APPROPRIATENESS shall describe services, supplies and prescriptions, meeting all of the following criteria:

1. Ordered by a physician;
2. Not more extensive than required to meet the basic health needs;
3. Consistent with the diagnosis of the condition for which they are being utilized;
4. Consistent in type, frequency and duration of treatment with scientifically based guidelines by the medical-scientific community in the United States of America;
5. Required for purposes other than the comfort and convenience of the patient or provider;
6. Rendered in the least intensive setting that is appropriate for their delivery; and
7. Have demonstrated medical value.

MEDICARE shall mean the program of medical care benefits provided under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended.

MEMBER shall mean an eligible employee, eligible retiree, or eligible former elected official that pays/contributes to the monthly premium required for enrollment in the Plan. Surviving dependents and surviving children are considered members in certain circumstances.

MENTAL or EMOTIONAL DISORDER shall mean a condition falling within categories 290 through 302 and 305 through 319 of the International Classification of Disease of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Health and Human Services), as amended.

MENTAL HEALTH shall mean the emotional well-being of an individual. Refer to the exclusions in the mental health section for specific information regarding any diagnosis that is not covered.

MULTIPLE SURGICAL PROCEDURES shall mean surgical procedures which are performed during the same operative session and which are not incidental or secondary to one primary procedure for which the operative session is undertaken. An "incidental procedure" is a procedure that is considered an integral part of another procedure and does not warrant a separate allowance. A "secondary procedure" is a procedure which is not part of the primary procedure for which the operative session is undertaken.

NATIONAL MEDICAL SUPPORT NOTICE shall mean the standardized federal form used by all state child support agencies to inform an employer that an employee is obligated by court or administrative child support order to provide health care coverage for the child(ren) identified on the notice. The employer is required to withhold any employee contributions required by the health plan in which the child(ren) is/are enrolled.

NETWORK PROVIDER/PARTICIPATING PROVIDER shall mean the group of health providers contracted for the purposes of providing services at a discounted rate. The network vendors provide access to these services through their contracted providers. The network vendors do not pay or process claims nor do they assume any liability for the funding of the claims or the plan provisions. The State of Arizona has assumed all liability for claims payments based on the provisions and limitations stated in the Plan Document.

NETWORK shall mean the group of providers that are contracted with the networks associated with the Medical Vendor for the purpose of

performing healthcare services at predetermined rates and with predetermined performance standards.

NON-OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS or INJURY shall mean an illness or injury that does not arise out of and in the course of any employment for wage or profit; an illness for which the participant is not entitled to benefits under any workers' compensation law or similar legislation.

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD shall mean the period of time established by the plan sponsor when members may enroll in the Plan or may modify their current coverage choices. When an open enrollment period is designated as "positive," all members must complete the enrollment process.

OTHER PARTICIPATING HEALTH CARE FACILITY shall mean any facility other than a participating hospital or hospice facility that is operated by or has an agreement with the network(s) to render services to the participant. Examples include, but are not limited to, licensed skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation hospitals and sub-acute facilities.

OTHER PARTICIPATING HEALTH PROFESSIONAL shall mean an individual other than a physician who is licensed or otherwise authorized under the applicable state law to deliver medical services and who is contracted to provide services to the participant. Examples include, but are not limited to physical therapists, home health aides and nurses.

OUTPATIENT shall mean the classification of a participant receiving medical care other than as an inpatient.

OUT-OF-NETWORK shall mean the utilization of services outside of the network of contracted providers.

OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSE shall mean a portion of the covered expense for which the participant is financially responsible. A copayment is not considered an out-of-pocket expense.

OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM shall mean the most any participant will pay in annual out-of-pocket expenses.

PARTICIPANT shall mean a member or a dependent.

PARTICIPATING PROVIDER/NETWORK PROVIDER see "Network Provider/Participating Provider.

PHARMACY shall mean any area, place of business, or department, where prescriptions are filled or where drugs, or compounds are sold, offered, displayed for sale, dispensed, or distributed to the public. A pharmacy must also meet all of the following requirements:

1. Licensed by the Board of Pharmacy;
2. Maintains records in accordance with federal and state regulations;  
and
3. Staffed with a licensed registered pharmacist.

PHYSICIAN shall mean a person duly licensed to practice medicine, to prescribe and administer drugs, or to perform surgery. This definition includes doctors of medicine, doctors of osteopathy, dentists, podiatrists, chiropractors, psychologists and psychiatrists provided that each, under his/her license, is permitted to perform services covered under this Plan and that this Plan does not exclude the services provided by such physician. This definition also includes any other physician as determined by the Medical Vendor to be qualified to render the services for which a claim has been filed. For the purposes of accidental dental treatment, the definition of a physician may include a dentist or oral surgeon.

PLAN referred to in this document shall mean a period of twelve (12) consecutive months. For active employees, retirees, long term disability (LTD) recipients, former elected officials, surviving spouses of participating retirees, and employees eligibility for normal retirement this period commences on January 1 and ending on December 31. Any and all provisions revised in the Plan Document will become effective January 1 unless specified otherwise.

PLAN SPONSOR shall mean Benefit Services Division of the Arizona Department of Administration.

PLAN DESCRIPTION shall mean this written description of the Benefits Options medical insurance program.

PLAN YEAR shall mean a period of 12 consecutive months, commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>.

POTENTIAL MEMBER shall mean an individual who is not currently enrolled in the Plan but who meets the eligibility requirements.

PRE-CERTIFICATION/PRIOR AUTHORIZATION shall mean the prospective determination performed by the Medical Vendor to determine the medical

necessity and appropriateness of a proposed treatment, including level of care and treatment setting.

PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT MANAGEMENT VENDOR shall mean the entity contracted by the Arizona Department of Administration to adjudicate pharmacy claims according to the provisions of the plan document as set forth by the Plan Sponsor. The PBM vendor does not diagnose or treat medical conditions or prescribe medications.

PREMIUM shall mean the amount paid for coverage under the Plan.

PRIVATE DUTY NURSING shall mean services that are provided in a patient's residence from a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), in accordance with a physician's care plan. Private duty nursing services are provided by a licensed home care agency that is prescribed on an intermittent basis.

PRIVATE ROOM ACCOMODATIONS shall mean a hospital room containing one bed.

PROVIDER shall mean a duly licensed person or facility that furnishes healthcare services or supplies pursuant to law, provided that each, under his/her license, is permitted to furnish those services.

PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE shall mean psychotherapy and other accepted forms of evaluation, diagnosis, or treatment of mental or emotional disorders. This includes individual, group and family psychotherapy; electroshock and other convulsive therapy; psychological testing; psychiatric consultations; and any other forms of psychotherapeutic treatment as determined to be medically appropriate by the Medical Vendor.

PSYCHOTHERAPIST shall mean a person licensed by the State of Arizona, degreed in counseling or otherwise certified as competent to perform psychotherapeutic counseling. This includes, but is not limited to: a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a pastoral counselor, a person degreed in counseling psychology, a psychiatric nurse, and a social worker, when rendering psychotherapy under the direct supervision of a psychiatrist or licensed psychotherapist.

QUALIFIED LIFE EVENT shall mean a change in a member's or dependent's eligibility, employment status, place of residence, Medicare-

eligibility, or coverage options that triggers a 31-day period<sup>12</sup> in which the member is allowed to make specific changes to his/her enrollment options. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Change marital status such as marriage, divorce, legal separation, annulment, or death of spouse;
2. Change in dependent status such as birth, adoption, placement for adoption, death, or dependent eligibility due to age;
3. Change in employment status or work schedule that affect benefits eligibility;
4. Change in residence that impacts available plan options;
5. Compliance with a qualified medical child support order or national medical support notice;
6. Change in Medicare-eligibility;
7. Change in cost of coverage;
8. Restriction, loss, or improvement in coverage; or
9. Coverage under another employer plan.

QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDER shall mean a court order that provides health benefit coverage for the child of the noncustodial parent under that parent's group health plan.

REASONABLE AND CUSTOMARY CHARGE shall mean the average charge for a service rendered in a specific geographical region and taking into account the experience, education and skill level of the provider rendering that service.

REGISTERED NURSE shall mean a graduate-trained nurse who has been licensed by a state authority after qualifying for registration.

REHABILITATION FACILITY shall mean a facility that specializes in physical rehabilitation of injured or sick patients. Such an institution must also meet all of the following criteria:

1. Qualifies as an extended care facility under Medicare;
2. Maintains a complete medical record for each patient;
3. Was established and is licensed and operated in accordance with the rules of legally authorized agencies responsible for medical institutions;
4. Maintains on its premises all the facilities necessary to provide for physician-supervised medical treatment of illness or injury; and

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<sup>12</sup> Pursuant to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act, individuals who lose Medicaid or CHIP coverage due to ineligibility have 60 days to request enrollment.

5. Must provide nursing services 24 hours per day by registered nurses or licensed practical nurses.

RELIABLE EVIDENCE shall mean only published reports and articles in the authoritative medical and scientific literature; the written protocol or protocols used by the treating facility or the protocol(s) of another facility studying substantially the same drug, device, medical treatment, or procedure.

RETIREE see ELIGIBLE RETIREE.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE shall mean an individual who is employed by the State for not more than six months of the year and whose employment is dependent on an easily identifiable increase in work associated with a specific and reoccurring season. Seasonal employees do not include employees of educational organizations who work during the active portions of the academic year.

SEMIPRIVATE ROOM ACCOMMODATION shall mean lodging in a hospital room that contains two, three, or four beds.

SERVICE AREA shall mean the nationwide network offered by the Medical Network Vendor.

SKILLED NURSING and SKILLED REHABILITATION SERVICES (OUTPATIENT) shall mean those services, furnished pursuant to physician orders, that:

- Require the skills of qualified technical or professional health personnel such as registered nurses, licensed practical (vocational) nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists or audiologists; and
- Must be provided directly by or under the general supervision of these skilled nursing or skilled rehabilitation personnel to assure the safety of the individual and to achieve the medically desired result; and
- Are not custodial in nature.

SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL shall mean a facility specializing in the treatment of a specific disease or condition. This includes, but is not limited to, hospitals specializing in the treatment of mental or emotional disorders, alcoholism, drug dependence, or tuberculosis.

SPOUSE shall mean the member's marital partner under Arizona law.

SUBROGATION shall mean the procedure used by the Plan for the purpose of obtaining reimbursement for any payments made for medical services, prescriptions and supplies rendered to a participant as a result of damages, illness or injury inflicted by a third party.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE shall mean:

Alcoholism – A condition that falls within category 303 of the International Classification of Diseases of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Health and Human Services), as amended.

Drug Dependence (Chemical Dependence) – A condition that falls within category 304 of the International Classification of Diseases of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Health and Human Services), as amended.

Refer to the exclusions for specific codes in these diagnoses ranges that are not covered.

SURGICAL PROCEDURE shall mean one or more of the following types of medical procedures performed by a physician:

1. The incision, excision, or electro cauterization of any part of the body;
2. The manipulative reduction or treatment of a fracture or dislocation, including the application of a cast or traction;
3. The suturing of a wound;
4. Diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic procedures; or
5. Surgical injection treatments or aspirations.

SURVIVING CHILD shall mean the child who survives upon the death of his/her insured parent.

SURVIVING DEPENDENT shall mean the spouse/child who survives upon the death of the member.

SURVIVING SPOUSE shall mean the husband or wife, as provided by Arizona law, of a current or former elected official, employee, or retiree, who survives upon the death of his/her spouse.

TERMINALLY ILL shall mean having a life expectancy of six months or less as certified in writing by the attending physician.

TIMELY FILING shall mean within one year after the date a service is rendered.

URGENT CARE FACILITY shall mean a facility other than a free clinic providing medical care and treatment of sick or injured persons on an outpatient basis. In addition, it must meet all of the following tests:

1. Is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, or be approved by the federal government to participate in federal and state programs;
2. Maintains on-premise diagnostic and therapeutic facilities for surgical and medical diagnosis and treatment by or under the supervision of duly qualified physicians;
3. Is operated continuously with organized facilities for minor operative surgery on the premises;
4. Has continuous physician services and registered professional nursing services whenever a patient visits the facility; and
5. Does not provide services or other accommodations for patients to stay overnight.

VARIABLE HOUR EMPLOYEE shall mean an individual employed by the State, if based on the facts and circumstances at the employee's start date, for whom the State cannot determine whether the employee is reasonably expected to be employed an average of at least 30 hours per week, including any paid leave, over the applicable 12-month measurement period because the employee's hours are variable or otherwise uncertain.