

# UNITEDHEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY

## STUDENT INJURY AND SICKNESS INSURANCE PLAN

### CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

Designed Especially for Students of

IHECT-TX Gold Enhanced 3

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#### **This Certificate of Coverage is Part of Policy # 2021-202967-61**

This Certificate of Coverage ("Certificate") is part of the contract between UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") and the Policyholder.

Please keep this Certificate as an explanation of the benefits available to the Insured Person under the contract between the Company and the Policyholder. This Certificate is not a contract between the Insured Person and the Company. Amendments or endorsements may be delivered with the Certificate or added thereafter. The Master Policy is on file with the Policyholder and contains all of the provisions, limitations, exclusions, and qualifications of your insurance benefits, some of which may not be included in this Certificate. The Master Policy is the contract and will govern and control the payment of benefits.

**READ THIS ENTIRE CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY. IT DESCRIBES THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE POLICY. IT IS THE INSURED PERSON'S RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THIS CERTIFICATE.**



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## Introduction

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Welcome to the UnitedHealthcare **StudentResources** Student Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan. This plan is underwritten by UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company (“the Company”).

The school (referred to as the “Policyholder”) has purchased a Policy from the Company. The Company will provide the benefits described in this Certificate to Insured Persons, as defined in the Definitions section of this Certificate. This Certificate is not a contract between the Insured Person and the Company. Keep this Certificate with other important papers so that it is available for future reference.

This plan is a preferred provider organization or “PPO” plan. It provides a higher level of coverage when Covered Medical Expenses are received from healthcare providers who are part of the plan’s network of “Preferred Providers.” The plan also provides coverage when Covered Medical Expenses are obtained from healthcare providers who are not Preferred Providers, known as “Out-of-Network Providers.” However, a lower level of coverage may be provided when care is received from Out-of-Network Providers and the Insured Person may be responsible for paying a greater portion of the cost.

To receive the highest level of benefits from the plan, the Insured Person should obtain covered services from Preferred Providers whenever possible. The easiest way to locate Preferred Providers is through the plan’s web site at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com). The web site will allow the Insured to easily search for providers by specialty and location.

The Insured may also call the Customer Service Department at 1-800-505-4160, toll free, for assistance in finding a Preferred Provider.

Please feel free to call the Customer Service Department with any questions about the plan. The telephone number is 1-800-505-4160. The Insured can also write to the Company at:

FirstStudent  
P.O. Box 809025  
Dallas, TX 75380-9025

## Section 1: Who Is Covered

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The Master Policy covers students and their eligible Dependents who have met the Policy’s eligibility requirements (as shown below) and who:

1. Are properly enrolled in the plan, and
2. Pay the required premium.

All eligible students and participants registered at an accredited institution of higher learning are automatically enrolled in this insurance plan unless proof of comparable coverage is furnished. Specific eligibility requirements are set forth in each Institution of Higher Education’s insurance plan materials.

Eligible students who do enroll may also insure their Dependents. Eligible Dependents are the student’s legal spouse and dependent children under 26 years of age.

The student (Named Insured, as defined in this Certificate) must actively attend classes for at least the first 31 days after the date for which coverage is purchased. Home study, correspondence, and online courses do not fulfill the eligibility requirements that the student actively attend classes. The Company maintains its right to investigate eligibility or student status and attendance records to verify that the Policy eligibility requirements have been met. If and whenever the Company discovers that the Policy eligibility requirements have not been met, its only obligation is refund of premium.

The eligibility date for Dependents of the Named Insured shall be determined in accordance with the following:

1. If a Named Insured has Dependents on the date he or she is eligible for insurance.
2. If a Named Insured acquires a Dependent after the Effective Date, such Dependent becomes eligible:
  - a. On the date the Named Insured acquires a legal spouse.
  - b. On the date the Named Insured acquires a dependent child who is within the limits of a dependent child set forth in the Definitions section of this Certificate.

Dependent eligibility expires concurrently with that of the Named Insured.

## Section 2: Effective and Termination Dates

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The Master Policy on file with the Consortium Sponsor (IHECT) becomes effective at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2021. The Insured Person's coverage becomes effective on the first day of the period for which premium is paid or the date the enrollment form and full premium are received by the Company (or its authorized representative), whichever is later.

The Master Policy terminates at 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2022. The Insured Person's coverage terminates on that date or at the end of the period through which premium is paid, whichever is earlier. Dependent coverage will not be effective prior to that of the Insured student or extend beyond that of the Insured student.

There is no pro-rata or reduced premium payment for late enrollees. Refunds of premiums are allowed only upon entry into the armed forces.

The Master Policy is a non-renewable one year term insurance policy. The Master Policy will not be renewed.

## Section 3: Extension of Benefits after Termination

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The coverage provided under the Policy ceases on the Termination Date. However, if an Insured is Totally Disabled on the Termination Date from a covered Injury or Sickness for which benefits were paid before the Termination Date, Covered Medical Expenses for such Injury or Sickness will continue to be paid as long as the condition continues but not to exceed 90 days after the Termination Date.

Coverage under the Policy will not apply if the coverage is replaced with a succeeding carrier providing substantially equivalent or greater benefits than those provided by the Policy. For purposes of this section, the terms "Total Disability" and "Totally Disabled" means: 1) with respect to the Insured, the complete inability of the Insured to perform all of the substantial and material duties and functions of his or her occupation and any other gainful occupation in which such person earns substantially the same compensation earned prior to disability, and 2) with respect to the Insured's covered Dependents, confinement as a bed patient in a Hospital.

The total payments made in respect of the Insured for such condition both before and after the Termination Date will never exceed the Maximum Benefit.

After this Extension of Benefits provision has been exhausted, all benefits cease to exist, and under no circumstances will further payments be made.

## Section 4: Pre-Admission Notification

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UnitedHealthcare should be notified of all Hospital Confinements prior to admission.

- 1. PRE-ADMISSION NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL NON-EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATIONS:** The patient, Physician or Hospital should telephone 1-877-295-0720 at least five working days prior to the planned admission.
- 2. PRE-ADMISSION NOTIFICATION OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS:** The patient, patient's representative, Physician or Hospital should telephone 1-877-295-0720 within two working days of the admission or as soon as reasonably possible to provide notification of any admission due to Medical Emergency.

UnitedHealthcare is open for Pre-Admission Notification calls from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. C.S.T., Monday through Friday. Calls may be left on the Customer Service Department's voice mail after hours by calling 1-877-295-0720.

**IMPORTANT:** Failure to follow the notification procedures will not affect benefits otherwise payable under the Policy; however, pre-notification is not a guarantee that benefits will be paid.

## Section 5: Preferred Provider Information

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"Preferred Providers" are the Physicians, Hospitals and other health care providers who have contracted to provide specific medical care at negotiated prices. Preferred Providers in the local school area are:

UnitedHealthcare Choice Plus

The availability of specific providers is subject to change without notice. A list of Preferred Providers is located on the plan's web site at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com). Insureds should always confirm that a Preferred Provider is participating at the time

services are required by calling the Company at 1-800-505-4160 and/or by asking the provider when making an appointment for services.

**“Preferred Allowance”** means the amount a Preferred Provider will accept as payment in full for Covered Medical Expenses.

**“Out-of-Network”** providers have not agreed to any prearranged fee schedules. Insureds may incur significant out-of-pocket expenses with these providers. Charges in excess of the insurance payment may be the Insured’s responsibility. Please see the **Important Notice to Insured** that is below.

**“Network Area”** means the 50 mile radius around the local school campus the Named Insured is attending.

Regardless of the provider, each Insured is responsible for the payment of their Deductible. The Deductible must be satisfied before benefits are paid. The Company will pay according to the benefit limits in the Schedule of Benefits.

### **Inpatient Expenses**

**Preferred Providers** – Eligible Inpatient expenses at a Preferred Provider will be paid at the Coinsurance percentages specified in the Schedule of Benefits, up to any limits specified in the Schedule of Benefits. Preferred Hospitals include UnitedHealthcare Choice Plus United Behavioral Health (UBH) facilities. Call 1-800-505-4160 for information about Preferred Hospitals.

**Out-of-Network Providers** - If Inpatient care is not provided at a Preferred Provider, eligible Inpatient expenses will be paid according to the benefit limits in the Schedule of Benefits.

### **Outpatient Hospital Expenses**

Preferred Providers may discount bills for outpatient Hospital expenses. Benefits are paid according to the Schedule of Benefits. Insureds are responsible for any amounts that exceed the benefits shown in the Schedule, up to the Preferred Allowance.

### **Professional & Other Expenses**

Benefits for Covered Medical Expenses provided by UnitedHealthcare Choice Plus will be paid at the Coinsurance percentages specified in the Schedule of Benefits or up to any limits specified in the Schedule of Benefits. All other providers will be paid according to the benefit limits in the Schedule of Benefits.

### **Continuity of Care; Termination of Provider Contracts**

The Insured has the right to continuity of care while covered under the Policy for a covered Injury or Sickness in the event of termination of a Preferred Provider’s participation in the Plan under the following circumstances: 1) the Insured is being treated for a Life Threatening Condition; or 2) the Insured is being treated under Special Circumstances.

“Life Threatening Condition” means a Sickness or Injury for which the likelihood of death is probable unless the course of the Injury or Sickness is interrupted. “Special Circumstances” means a condition regarding which the treating Physician or health care provider reasonably believes that discontinuing care by the treating Physician or health care provider could cause harm to the Insured. Examples of an Insured who has a special circumstance include an Insured with a disability, acute condition, or Life Threatening Condition or an Insured who is past the 24th week of pregnancy.

Benefits will continue to be paid at the negotiated Preferred Provider level of benefits if an Insured whom the Physician or provider is currently treating has Special Circumstances in accordance with the dictates of medical prudence. The Physician or provider shall identify the Special Circumstances and shall: 1) request that the Insured be permitted to continue treatment under the Physician’s or providers care; and 2) agree not to seek payment from the Insured of any amount for which the Insured would not be responsible if the Physician or provider were still a Preferred Provider.

All obligations on behalf of the Company for reimbursement at the Preferred Provider level of benefits for the ongoing treatment shall terminate after: 1) the 90th day after the effective date of the termination; or 2) if the Insured has been diagnosed as having a terminal Sickness at the time of termination, the expiration of a nine-month period after the effective date of the termination. If the Insured is past the 24th week of pregnancy at the time of termination, the Company shall continue the Preferred Provider benefits through the delivery of the child, immediate postpartum care and the follow-up checkup within the six-week period after delivery.

### **Medical Emergency Treatment**

In the event of a Medical Emergency and the Insured cannot reasonably reach a Preferred Provider, the Company will pay for the following Medical Emergency services received by an out-of-network provider. Benefits will be paid at the greater of: 1) the median amount negotiated with Preferred Providers for the same service; 2) the Usual and Customary Rate; or 3)

the amount that would be paid under Medicare (part A or part B of title XVII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) for the same service. Benefits will be paid at the Preferred Provider Copayment, Coinsurance and Deductible level of benefits until the Insured can reasonably be expected to transfer to a Preferred Provider.

1. A medical screening examination or other evaluation required by state or federal law to be provided in the emergency facility of a Hospital that is necessary to determine whether a Medical Emergency condition exists.
2. Necessary Emergency Services, including the treatment and stabilization of a Medical Emergency condition.
3. Services originating in a Hospital emergency facility, including a freestanding emergency medical care facility, following treatment or stabilization of a Medical Emergency condition.
4. Supplies related to the Medical Emergency condition and Emergency Services described above.

The Company will make payment directly to the out-of-network provider. The out-of-network provider is not allowed to bill the Insured person for, and the Insured does not have financial responsibility for, an amount greater than the applicable Copayment, Coinsurance and Deductible for Medical Emergency Treatment as described above.

**Important Notice to Insured:**

**Although services may be or have been provided to an Insured at a health care facility that is a member of the Preferred Provider network, other professional services may be or have been provided at or through the facility by Physicians and other health care practitioners who are not members of the Preferred Provider network. The Insured may be responsible for payment of all or part of the fees for those professional services that are not paid or covered by the Policy unless balance billing for those services is prohibited as specified below.**

**Out-of-Network Facility-Based Physician**

When services are received at a Preferred Provider facility on a non-Medical Emergency basis from an out-of-network facility-based Physician, the Company will pay the out-of-network facility-based Physician for the Covered Medical Expenses incurred at the Usual and Customary Rate. Payment will be made directly to the Physician. The out-of-network facility-based Physician is not allowed to bill the Insured Person for, and the Insured Person does not have financial responsibility for, an amount greater than any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance and Deductible under the Policy. This provision does not apply to a non-Medical Emergency service when the Insured makes an advance written election to receive and the Physician gives advance written disclosure of the Physician's out-of-network status and the projected amounts for which the Insured may be responsible under what circumstances.

**Out-of-Network Diagnostic Imaging Provider or Laboratory Service Provider**

When diagnostic imaging or laboratory services are performed in conjunction with a service performed by a Preferred Provider, the Company will pay the out-of-network diagnostic imaging provider or laboratory service provider for the Covered Medical Expenses incurred at the Usual and Customary Rate. Payment will be made directly to the provider. The out-of-network diagnostic imaging provider or laboratory service provider is not allowed to bill the Insured Person for, and the Insured Person does not have financial responsibility for, an amount greater than any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance and Deductible under the Policy. This provision does not apply to a non-Medical Emergency service when the Insured makes an advance written election to receive and the provider gives advance written disclosure of the provider's out-of-network status and the projected amounts for which the Insured may be responsible under what circumstances.

If a service is not considered under Medical Emergency Treatment, Out-of-Network Facility-Based Physician or Out-of-Network Diagnostic Imaging Provider or Laboratory Service Provider, and a Preferred Provider is not reasonably available, expenses will be considered at Usual and Customary Charges and at the in-network coinsurance percentage. Any amount over the Usual and Charges will apply to the Preferred Provider Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum upon proof of payment made to the Out-of-Network Provider from the Insured.

**Notice:**

**Right to an Adequate Preferred Provider Network:**

- You have the right to an adequate network of Preferred Providers (also known as "network providers").
  - If you believe that the network is inadequate, you may file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance.
  - You have the right, in most cases, to obtain an estimate in advance from out-of-network providers of what they will charge for their services; and
  - From your insurer an estimate of what it will pay for the services.
- You may obtain a current directory of Preferred Providers at the following website: [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or by calling 1-800-505-4160 for assistance in finding available Preferred Providers.
- If you are treated by a provider or facility that is not a Preferred Provider, you may be billed for anything not paid by the insurer unless prohibited by law.

- If directory information is materially inaccurate and you rely on it, you may be entitled to have an out-of-network claim paid at the in-network percentage level of reimbursement and your out-of-pocket expenses counted toward your in-network Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

## **Section 6: Medical Expense Benefits – Injury and Sickness**

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This section describes Covered Medical Expenses for which benefits are available. **Please refer to the attached Schedule of Benefits for benefit details.**

Benefits are payable for Covered Medical Expenses (see Definitions) less any Deductible incurred by or for an Insured Person for loss due to Injury or Sickness subject to: a) the maximum amount for specific services as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits; and b) any Coinsurance or Copayment amounts set forth in the Schedule of Benefits or any benefit provision hereto. Read the Definitions section and the Exclusions and Limitations section carefully.

No benefits will be paid for services designated as "No Benefits" in the Schedule of Benefits or for any matter described in Exclusions and Limitations. If a benefit is designated, Covered Medical Expenses include:

### **Inpatient**

1. **Room and Board Expense.**

Daily semi-private room rate when confined as an Inpatient and general nursing care provided and charged by the Hospital.

2. **Intensive Care.**

If provided in the Schedule of Benefits.

3. **Hospital Miscellaneous Expenses.**

When confined as an Inpatient or as a precondition for being confined as an Inpatient. In computing the number of days payable under this benefit, the date of admission will be counted, but not the date of discharge.

Benefits will be paid for services and supplies such as:

- The cost of the operating room.
- Laboratory tests.
- X-ray examinations.
- Anesthesia.
- Drugs (excluding take home drugs) or medicines.
- Therapeutic services.
- Supplies.

4. **Routine Newborn Care.**

See Benefits for Maternity and Post Delivery Care.

5. **Surgery.**

Physician's fees for Inpatient surgery.

6. **Assistant Surgeon Fees.**

Assistant Surgeon Fees in connection with Inpatient surgery.

7. **Anesthetist Services.**

Professional services administered in connection with Inpatient surgery.

8. **Registered Nurse's Services.**

Registered Nurse's services which are all of the following:

- Private duty nursing care only.
- Received when confined as an Inpatient.
- Ordered by a licensed Physician.
- A Medical Necessity.

General nursing care provided by the Hospital or, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility is not covered under this benefit.

9. **Physician's Visits.**

Non-surgical Physician services when confined as an Inpatient.

10. **Pre-admission Testing.**

Benefits are limited to routine tests such as:

- Complete blood count.
- Urinalysis.
- Chest X-rays.

If otherwise payable under the Policy, major diagnostic procedures such as those listed below will be paid under the Hospital Miscellaneous benefit:

- CT scans.
- NMR's.
- Blood chemistries.

**Outpatient**

11. **Surgery.**

Physician's fees for outpatient surgery.

12. **Day Surgery Miscellaneous.**

Facility charge and the charge for services and supplies in connection with outpatient day surgery; excluding non-scheduled surgery; and surgery performed in a Hospital emergency room; trauma center; Physician's office; or clinic.

13. **Assistant Surgeon Fees.**

Assistant Surgeon Fees in connection with outpatient surgery.

14. **Anesthetist Services.**

Professional services administered in connection with outpatient surgery.

15. **Physician's Visits.**

Services provided in a Physician's office for the diagnosis and treatment of a Sickness or Injury. Benefits do not apply when related to surgery or Physiotherapy.

Physician's Visits for preventive care are provided as specified under Preventive Care Services.

16. **Physiotherapy.**

Includes but is not limited to the following rehabilitative services (including Habilitative Services):

- Physical therapy.
- Occupational therapy.
- Cardiac rehabilitation therapy.
- Manipulative treatment.
- Speech therapy. Other than as provided for Habilitative Services or in Benefits for Treatment of Speech and Hearing Disorders, speech therapy will be paid only for the treatment of speech, language, voice, communication and auditory processing when the disorder results from Injury, trauma, stroke, surgery, cancer, or vocal nodules.

17. **Medical Emergency Expenses.**

Only in connection with a Medical Emergency as defined. Benefits will be paid under the Medical Emergency Expenses benefit specified in the Schedule of Benefits for the following Emergency Services:

- The facility charge for use of the emergency room and supplies.

All other Emergency Services received during the visit will be paid as specified in the Schedule of Benefits for the particular service received.

All other Emergency Services are subject to the Medical Emergency Treatment requirements specified in Section 5 of the Policy.



**18. Diagnostic X-ray Services.**

Diagnostic X-rays are only those procedures identified in Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) as codes 70000 - 79999 inclusive. X-ray services for preventive care are provided as specified under Preventive Care Services.

**19. Radiation Therapy.**

See Schedule of Benefits.

**20. Laboratory Procedures.**

Laboratory Procedures are only those procedures identified in Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) as codes 80000 - 89999 inclusive. Laboratory procedures for preventive care are provided as specified under Preventive Care Services.

**21. Tests and Procedures.**

Tests and procedures are those diagnostic services and medical procedures performed by a Physician but do not include:

- Physician's Visits.
- Physiotherapy.
- X-rays.
- Laboratory Procedures.

The following therapies will be paid under the Tests and Procedures (Outpatient) benefit:

- Inhalation therapy.
- Infusion therapy.
- Pulmonary therapy.
- Respiratory therapy.
- Dialysis and hemodialysis.

Tests and Procedures for preventive care are provided as specified under Preventive Care Services.

**22. Injections.**

When administered in the Physician's office and charged on the Physician's statement. Immunizations for preventive care are provided as specified under Preventive Care Services.

**23. Chemotherapy.**

See Schedule of Benefits.

**24. Prescription Drugs.**

See Schedule of Benefits.

Early refills of prescription eye drops are covered if all of the following are met:

- The original prescription states that additional quantities of the eye drops are needed.
- The refill does not exceed the total quantity of dosage units authorized by the prescribing Physician on the original prescription, including refills.
- The refill is dispensed on or before the last day of the prescribed dosage period and;
  - Not earlier than the 21st day after the date a prescription for a 30-day supply of eye drops is dispensed;
  - Not earlier than the 42nd day after the date a prescription for a 60-day supply of eye drops is dispensed; or
  - Not earlier than the 63rd day after the date a prescription for a 90-day supply of eye drops is dispensed.

**Other**

**25. Ambulance Services.**

See Schedule of Benefits.

**26. Durable Medical Equipment.**

Durable Medical Equipment must be all of the following:

- Provided or prescribed by a Physician. A written prescription must accompany the claim when submitted.
- Primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose.
- Can withstand repeated use.
- Generally is not useful to a person in the absence of Injury or Sickness.
- Not consumable or disposable except as needed for the effective use of covered durable medical equipment.

For the purposes of this benefit, the following are considered durable medical equipment.

- Braces that stabilize an injured body part and braces to treat curvature of the spine.
- External prosthetic devices that replace a limb or body part but does not include any device that is fully implanted into the body.
- Orthotic devices that straighten or change the shape of a body part.
- Cochlear implant external speech processor and controller with necessary component replacement every 3 years. Benefits for a cochlear implant are provided under the applicable medical or surgical benefits as Medically Necessary or audiologically necessary.

If more than one piece of equipment or device can meet the Insured's functional need, benefits are available only for the equipment or device that meets the minimum specifications for the Insured's needs. Dental braces are not durable medical equipment and are not covered. Benefits for durable medical equipment are limited to the initial purchase or one replacement purchase per Policy Year. No benefits will be paid for rental charges in excess of purchase price.

See also Benefits for Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices and Services.

**27. Consultant Physician Fees.**

Services provided on an Inpatient or outpatient basis.

**28. Dental Treatment.**

Dental treatment when services are performed by a Physician and limited to the following:

- Injury to Sound, Natural Teeth.
- Removal of complete bony impacted teeth.

Benefits will not be denied for treatment of a covered dental procedure for an Insured who is unable to undergo the treatment in an office setting or receive local anesthetic due to a documented physical, mental, or medical reason when determined by the Insured's Physician or dentist providing the treatment.

Breaking a tooth while eating is not covered. Routine dental care and treatment to the gums are not covered.

Pediatric dental benefits are provided in the Pediatric Dental Services provision.

**29. Mental Illness Treatment.**

Benefits will be paid for services received:

- On an Inpatient basis while confined to a Hospital including partial hospitalization/day treatment received at a Hospital, psychiatric day treatment facility, a crisis stabilization unit, or residential treatment center for children and adolescents.
- On an outpatient basis including intensive outpatient treatment.

**30. Substance Use Disorder Treatment.**

Benefits will be paid for services received:

- On an Inpatient basis while confined to a Hospital including partial hospitalization/day treatment received at a Hospital, or chemical dependency treatment center.
- On an outpatient basis including intensive outpatient treatment.

**31. Maternity.**

Same as any other Sickness. See Benefits for Maternity and Post Delivery Care.

**32. Complications of Pregnancy.**

Same as any other Sickness.

**33. Preventive Care Services.**

Medical services that have been demonstrated by clinical evidence to be safe and effective in either the early detection of disease or in the prevention of disease, have been proven to have a beneficial effect on health outcomes and are limited to the following as required under applicable law:

- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of "A" or "B" in the current recommendations of the *United States Preventive Services Task Force*.
- Immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- With respect to infants, children, and adolescents, evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the *Health Resources and Services Administration*.
- With respect to women, such additional preventive care and screenings provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the *Health Resources and Services Administration*.

**34. Reconstructive Breast Surgery Following Mastectomy.**

In connection with a covered mastectomy. See Benefits for Reconstructive Breast Surgery Following Mastectomy.

**35. Diabetes Services.**

Same as any other Sickness in connection with the treatment of diabetes. See Benefits for Diabetes Treatment.

**36. Home Health Care.**

Services received from a licensed home health agency that are:

- Ordered by a Physician.
- Provided or supervised by a Registered Nurse in the Insured Person's home.
- Pursuant to a home health plan.

Benefits will be paid only when provided on a part-time, intermittent schedule and when skilled care is required. One visit equals up to four hours of skilled care services.

**37. Hospice Care.**

When recommended by a Physician for an Insured Person that is terminally ill with a life expectancy of six months or less. All hospice care must be received from a licensed hospice agency.

Hospice care includes:

- Physical, psychological, social, and spiritual care for the terminally ill Insured.
- Short-term grief counseling for immediate family members while the Insured is receiving hospice care.

**38. Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility.** Services received while confined as a full-time Inpatient in a licensed Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility. Confinement in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility must follow within 24 hours of, and be for the same or related cause(s) as, a period of Hospital Confinement or Skilled Nursing Facility confinement.

**39. Skilled Nursing Facility.**

Services received while confined as an Inpatient in a Skilled Nursing Facility for treatment rendered for one of the following:

- In lieu of Hospital Confinement as a full-time inpatient.
- Within 24 hours following a Hospital Confinement and for the same or related cause(s) as such Hospital Confinement.

**40. Urgent Care Center.**

Benefits are limited to:

- The facility or clinic fee billed by the Urgent Care Center.

All other services rendered during the visit will be paid as specified in the Schedule of Benefits.

**41. Hospital Outpatient Facility or Clinic.**

Benefits are limited to:

- The facility or clinic fee billed by the Hospital.

All other services rendered during the visit will be paid as specified in the Schedule of Benefits.

**42. Approved Clinical Trials.**

Routine Patient Care Costs incurred while taking part in an Approved Clinical Trial for the treatment of cancer or other Life-threatening Condition. The Insured Person must be clinically eligible for participation in the Approved Clinical Trial according to the trial protocol and either: 1) the referring Physician is a participating health care provider in the trial and has concluded that the Insured's participation would be appropriate; or 2) the Insured provides medical and scientific evidence information establishing that the Insured's participation would be appropriate.

"Routine patient care costs" means Covered Medical Expenses which are typically provided absent a clinical trial and not otherwise excluded under the Policy. Routine patient care costs do not include:

- The experimental or investigational item, device or service, itself.

- Items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient.
- A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis.

“Life-threatening condition” means any disease or condition from which the likelihood of death is probable unless the course of the disease or condition is interrupted.

“Approved clinical trial” means a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition and is described in any of the following:

- Federally funded trials. The study or investigation is approved or funded (which may include funding through in-kind contributions) by one or more of the following:
  - National Institutes of Health (NIH). (Includes National Cancer Institute (NCI).)
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
  - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
  - A cooperative group or center of any of the entities described above or the Department of Defense (DOD) or the Veterans Administration (VA).
  - A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants.
  - The Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense or the Department of Energy if the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review. The peer review system is determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to meet both of the following criteria:
    - Comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the *National Institutes of Health*.
    - Ensures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.
- The study or investigation is conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration.
- The study or investigation is a drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application.

See also Benefits for Routine Patient Care Costs for Clinical Trials.

#### 43. **Transplantation Services.**

Same as any other Sickness for organ or tissue transplants when ordered by a Physician. Benefits are available when the transplant meets the definition of a Covered Medical Expense.

Donor costs that are directly related to organ removal are Covered Medical Expenses for which benefits are payable through the Insured organ recipient’s coverage under the Policy. Benefits payable for the donor will be secondary to any other insurance plan, service plan, self-funded group plan, or any government plan that does not require the Policy to be primary.

No benefits are payable for transplants which are considered an Elective Surgery or Elective Treatment (as defined) and transplants involving animal organs.

Travel expenses are not covered. Health services connected with the removal of an organ or tissue from an Insured Person for purposes of a transplant to another person are not covered.

#### 44. **Pediatric Dental and Vision Services.**

Benefits are payable as specified in the attached Pediatric Dental Services Benefits and Pediatric Vision Care Services Benefits endorsements.

#### 45. **Hearing Aids.**

Hearing aids when required for the correction of a hearing impairment (a reduction in the ability to perceive sound which may range from slight to complete deafness). Hearing aids are electronic amplifying devices designed to bring sound more effectively into the ear. A hearing aid consists of a microphone, amplifier and receiver.

Benefits are available for a hearing aid that is purchased as a result of a written recommendation by a Physician. If more than one type of hearing aid can meet the Insured’s functional needs, benefits are available only for the hearing aid that meets the minimum specifications for the Insured’s needs. Benefits are limited to one hearing aid

per hearing impaired ear every 36 months, including associated fitting, testing, dispensing services and the provision of ear molds as necessary to maintain optimal fit of the hearing aid.

## **Section 7: Mandated Benefits**

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### **BENEFITS FOR TELEMEDICINE / TELEHEALTH SERVICES**

Benefits will be paid for services provided through Telemedicine Medical Services and Telehealth Services on the same basis as services provided through an in-person consultation or procedure.

"Telemedicine medical service" means a health care service delivered by a Physician or provided by a health professional acting under Physician delegation and supervision, and acting within the scope of the Physician's or health professional's license to a patient at a different physical location than the Physician or health professional using telecommunications or information technology.

"Telehealth services" means a health service, other than a telemedicine medical service, delivered by a health professional licensed, certified, or otherwise entitled to practice within the scope of the health professional's license, certification, or entitlement to a patient at a different physical location than the health professional using telecommunications or information technology.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOLLOWING A BRAIN INJURY**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Injury for Medically Necessary services as a result of and related to a brain injury to facilitate the recovery and progressive rehabilitation of survivors of acquired brain injuries to the extent possible to their pre-injury condition. Acquired brain injury means a neurological insult to the brain, which is not hereditary, congenital, or degenerative. The injury to the brain has occurred after birth and results in a change in neuronal activity, which results in an impairment of physical functioning, sensory processing, cognition, or psychosocial behavior.

Exclusions provided in the policy do not include limitations or exclusions of therapies listed and defined below. The following therapies must be provided for the coverage of an Acquired Brain Injury.

1. Cognitive rehabilitation therapy - Services designed to address therapeutic cognitive activities, based on an assessment and understanding of the Insured's brain-behavioral deficits.
2. Cognitive communication therapy - Services designed to address modalities of comprehension and expression, including understanding, reading, writing, and verbal expression of information.
3. Neurocognitive therapy - Services designed to address neurological deficits in informational processing and to facilitate the development of higher level cognitive abilities.
4. Neurocognitive rehabilitation - Services designed to assist cognitively impaired Insureds to compensate for deficits in cognitive functioning by rebuilding cognitive skills and/or developing compensatory strategies and techniques.
5. Neurobehavioral testing - An evaluation of the history of neurological and psychiatric difficulty, current symptoms, current mental status, and premorbid history, including the identification of problematic behavior and the relationship between behavior and the variables that control behavior. This may include interviews of the Insured, family, or others.
6. Neurobehavioral treatment - Interventions that focus on behavior and the variables that control behavior.
7. Neurophysiological testing - An evaluation of the functions of the nervous system.
8. Neurophysiological treatment - Interventions that focus on the functions of the nervous system.
9. Neuropsychological testing - The administering of a comprehensive battery of tests to evaluate neurocognitive, behavioral, and emotional strengths and weaknesses and their relationship normal and abnormal central nervous system functioning.
10. Neuropsychological treatment - Interventions designed to improve or minimize deficits in behavioral and cognitive processes.
11. Outpatient day treatment services - Structured services provided to address functional deficits in behavior and/or cognition delivered in settings that include transitional residential, community integration, or non-residential services.
12. Psychophysiological testing - An evaluation of the interrelationships between the nervous system and other bodily organs and behavior.
13. Psychophysiological treatment - Interventions designed to alleviate or decrease abnormal physiological responses of the nervous system due to behavioral or emotional factors.
14. Neurofeedback therapy - Services that utilize operant conditioning learning procedure based on electroencephalography (EEG) parameters, and which are designed to result in improved mental performance and behavior, and stabilized mood.
15. Remediation - The process(es) of restoring or improving a specific function.

16. Post-acute transition services - Services that facilitate the continuum of care beyond the initial neurological insult through rehabilitation and community reintegration.
17. Community reintegration services, including outpatient day treatment services - Services that facilitate the continuum of care as an affected individual transitions into the community.
18. Post-acute care treatment services - Services provided after acute care confinement and/or treatment that are based on an assessment of the individual's physical, behavioral, or cognitive functional deficits, which include a treatment goal of achieving functional changes by reinforcing, strengthening, or re-establishing previously learned patterns of behavior and/or establishing new patterns of cognitive activity or compensatory mechanisms.

Benefits for post-acute care treatment services shall not be included in any policy maximum lifetime limit on the number of days of acute care treatment. Benefits for post-acute care treatment include reasonable expenses related to the periodic reevaluation of the care of the Insured who:

1. Has incurred an Acquired Brain Injury;
2. Has been unresponsive to treatment; and
3. Becomes responsive to treatment at a later date.

A determination of whether expenses are reasonable for the periodic reevaluation may include consideration of factors including:

1. Cost;
2. The time that has expired since the previous evaluation;
3. Any difference in the expertise of the Physician performing the evaluation;
4. Changes in technology; and
5. Advances in medicine.

Treatment for an Acquired Brain Injury may be provided at a facility at which appropriate services may be provided, including:

1. A Hospital, including an acute and a post-acute rehabilitation hospital; and
2. An assisted living facility.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOR TEMPOROMANDIBULAR AND CRANIOMANDIBULAR JOINT DYSFUNCTION**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness or Injury for Medically Necessary diagnostic and/or surgical treatment of conditions affecting the temporomandibular joint, including the jaw or the craniomandibular joint, as a result of an accident, trauma, congenital defect, developmental defect or a pathology.

No benefits will be paid for other dental services that are not otherwise shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOR DETECTION OF PROSTATE CANCER**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for an annual diagnostic examination for the detection of prostate cancer, including both:

1. A physical examination for the detection of prostate cancer.
2. A prostate-specific antigen test used for the detection of prostate cancer for each Insured who is: a) at least 50 years of age and asymptomatic; or b) at least 40 years of age with a family history of prostate cancer or another prostate cancer risk factor.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOR COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for a medically recognized screening examination for the detection of colorectal cancer for an Insured age 50 years of age or older and at normal risk for developing colon cancer. Benefits include the Insured's choice of:

1. A fecal occult blood test, including stool DNA test, performed annually and a flexible sigmoidoscopy performed every five years.

2. A colonoscopy, including a computer tomography colonography, performed every 10 years.
3. One double contrast barium enema every five years.

For an insured who is at high risk for colorectal cancer, colorectal cancer screening examinations and laboratory tests as recommended by the treating Physician.

An individual is at high risk for colorectal cancer if the individual has a family medical history of colorectal cancer; a prior occurrence of cancer or precursor neoplastic polyps; a prior occurrence of a chronic digestive disease conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis; or other predisposing factors.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

#### **BENEFITS FOR MAMMOGRAPHY**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for an annual screening mammography by all forms of low-dose mammography, which will also include digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis for the presence of occult breast cancer, for Insureds 35 years and older or more often if recommended by the Physician.

Benefits include Diagnostic Mammograms, regardless of age, on a basis no less favorable than for screening mammograms.

"Diagnostic mammogram" means an imaging examination designed to evaluate any of the following:

1. A subjective or objective abnormality detected by a Physician in a breast.
2. An abnormality seen by a Physician on a screening mammogram.
3. An abnormality previously identified by a Physician as probably benign in a breast for which follow-up imaging is recommended by a Physician.
4. An individual with a personal history of breast cancer.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

#### **BENEFITS FOR MASTECTOMY**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for a mastectomy including a minimum of 48 hours of inpatient care following a covered mastectomy and 24 hours following a lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

#### **BENEFITS FOR RECONSTRUCTIVE BREAST SURGERY FOLLOWING MASTECTOMY**

Benefits will be paid as specified below for the reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed. Benefits will also be paid for surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to achieve a symmetrical appearance. Benefits will include prostheses and treatment of physical complications, including lymphedemas, at all stages of mastectomy, in consultation with the attending Physician and the patient. Benefits shall be subject to the same Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance and other provisions of the policy as for any other Sickness but shall not be subject to other dollar limitations of the Policy.

#### **BENEFITS FOR DIABETES TREATMENT**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for medication, Equipment, Supplies, appliances and Self-management Training that are Medically Necessary for the treatment of Type I, Type II and gestational diabetes.

"Diabetes equipment" means:

1. Blood glucose monitors, including noninvasive monitors, and monitors designed to be used by blind individuals.
2. Insulin pumps, both external and implantable, and associated appurtenances.
3. Insulin infusion devices.
4. Podiatric appliances for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes.
5. Biohazard disposal containers.

"Diabetes supplies" means:

1. Test strips for blood glucose monitors.
2. Visual reading and urine test strips.
3. Lancets and lancet devices.
4. Insulin and insulin analogs.
5. Injection aids.
6. Syringes.
7. Prescriptive and non-prescriptive oral agents for controlling blood sugar levels.
8. Glucagon emergency kits.
9. Batteries.
10. Skin preparation items.
11. Adhesive supplies.
12. Infusion sets.
13. Insulin cartridges.
14. Durable and disposable devices to assist in the injection of insulin.
15. Other required disposable supplies.
16. Tablets for glucose tests, ketones and protein.

Diabetes self-management training must be provided by a Physician or upon written order of a Physician as specified below. Self-management training includes:

1. Training provided to a qualified Insured after the initial diagnosis of diabetes in the care and management of that condition, including nutritional counseling and proper use of diabetes equipment and supplies.
2. Additional training authorized on the diagnosis of a Physician of a significant change in the qualified Insured's symptoms or condition that requires changes in the qualified Insured's self-management regime.
3. Periodic or episodic continuing education training when prescribed by a Physician as warranted by the development of new techniques and treatments for diabetes.

If the diabetes self-management training is provided on the written order of a Physician, the training must also include:

1. A diabetes self-management training program recognized by the American Diabetes Association;
2. Diabetes self-management training provided by a multidisciplinary team:
  - a. The nonphysician members of which are coordinated by either:
    - i. A diabetes educator who is certified by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators.
    - ii. An individual who has completed at least 24 hours of continuing education that meets guidelines established by the Texas Board of Health and that includes a combination of diabetes-related educational principles and behavioral strategies;
  - b. That consists of at least a licensed dietitian and a Registered Nurse and may include a pharmacist and a social worker; and
  - c. Each member of which, other than a social worker, has recent didactic and experiential preparation in diabetes clinical and educational issues as determined by the member's licensing agency, in consultation with the commissioner of public health, unless the member's licensing agency, in consultation with the commissioner of public health, determines that the core educational preparation for the member's license includes the skills the member needs to provide diabetes self-management training;
3. Diabetes self-management training provided by a diabetes educator certified by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators; or
4. Diabetes self-management training that provides one or more of the following components:
  - a. A nutrition counseling component provided by a licensed dietitian, for which the licensed dietitian shall be paid;
  - b. A pharmaceutical component provided by a pharmacist, for which the pharmacist shall be paid;
  - c. A component provided by a Physician assistant or registered nurse, for which the Physician assistant or registered nurse shall be paid, except that the Physician assistant or Registered Nurse may not be paid for providing a nutrition counseling or pharmaceutical component unless a licensed dietitian or pharmacist is unavailable to provide that component; or
  - d. A component provided by a Physician.

An individual may not provide a component of diabetes self-management training specified above unless: the subject matter of the component is within the scope of the individual's practice; and, the individual meets the education requirements, as determined by the individual's licensing agency in consultation with the commissioner of public health.

All supplies, including medications, and equipment for the control of diabetes shall be dispensed as written, including brand name products, unless substitution is approved by the Physician or practitioner who issues the written order for the supplies or equipment.



Diabetes supplies includes repairs and necessary maintenance of insulin pumps not otherwise provided for under a manufacturer's warranty or purchase agreement, and rental fees for pumps during the repair and necessary maintenance of insulin pumps, neither of which shall exceed the purchase price of a similar replacement pump.

In addition to the above benefits, on the approval of the United States Food and Drug Administration of new or improved diabetes equipment or diabetes supplies, including improved insulin or other Prescription Drugs, benefits will be provided for such new or improved equipment, supplies and medicine if Medically Necessary and appropriate as determined by a Physician.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOR OFF-LABEL DRUG USE**

Benefits will be provided under the Prescription Drug Benefit for any drug prescribed to treat an Insured for a covered chronic, disabling, or life-threatening Sickness if the drug: (1) has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for at least one indication; and (2) is recognized for treatment of the indication for which the drug is prescribed in: (A) a prescription drug reference compendium approved by the commissioner for the purpose of this article; or (B) substantially accepted peer-reviewed medical literature.

Benefits shall include coverage of Medically Necessary services associated with the administration of the drug. A drug use that is covered under this section may not be denied based on a "Medical Necessity" requirement except for reasons that are unrelated to the legal status of the drug use. This section does not require coverage for: (1) experimental drugs not otherwise approved for any indication by the Food and Drug Administration; or (2) any disease or condition that is excluded from coverage under the plan. Benefits are not provided for a drug the Food and Drug Administration has determined to be contraindicated for treatment of the current indication.

"Contraindication" means the potential for, or the occurrence of, an undesirable alteration of the therapeutic effect of a prescribed drug prescription because of the presence, in the patient for whom it is prescribed, of a disease condition, or the potential for, or the occurrence of, a clinically significant adverse effect of the drug on the patient's disease condition.

"Indication" means any symptom, cause, or occurrence in a Sickness that points out the cause, diagnosis, course of treatment, or prognosis of the Sickness.

"Peer-reviewed medical literature" means published scientific studies in any peer-reviewed national professional journal.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOR MATERNITY AND POST-DELIVERY CARE**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for the Insured Mother and Newborn Infant for Maternity and Post-Delivery Care. Benefits will be provided for inpatient stay following birth for a minimum of:

1. 48 hours following an uncomplicated vaginal delivery.
2. 96 hours following an uncomplicated delivery by caesarean section.

Benefits will be provided for timely post-delivery care. That care may be provided to the Insured and Newborn Infant by a Physician, Registered Nurse, or other appropriate licensed health care provider and may be provided at either:

1. The Insured's home, a health care provider's office, or a health care facility.
2. Another location determined to be appropriate under rules adopted by the commissioner.

The benefits must allow the Insured the option to have the care provided in the Insured's home.

"Post-delivery care" means postpartum health care services provided in accordance with accepted maternal and neonatal physical assessments, including newborn screening tests and the cost of newborn screening kit in the amount provided by the Department of State Health Services on its Internet website on the date the test was administered. The term includes parent education, assistance and training in breast-feeding and bottle-feeding, and the performance of any necessary and appropriate clinical tests. The timeliness of the care shall be determined in accordance with recognized medical standards for that care.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOR COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for Complications of Pregnancy.

“Complications of Pregnancy” means: 1) conditions, requiring Hospital Confinement (when the pregnancy is not terminated), whose diagnosis are distinct from pregnancy but are adversely affected by pregnancy or are caused by pregnancy, such as acute nephritis, nephrosis, cardiac decompensation, missed abortion, and similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity, but shall not include false labor, occasional spotting, Physician prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy, morning sickness, hyperemesis gravidarum, pre-eclampsia, and similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy not constituting a nosologically distinct complication of pregnancy; and 2) non-elective cesarean section, termination of ectopic pregnancy, and spontaneous termination of pregnancy, occurring during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOR OSTEOPOROSIS**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for a “Qualified Enrollee” for medically accepted bone mass measurement to detect low bone mass and to determine the Insured’s risk of osteoporosis and fractures associated with osteoporosis.

“Qualified enrollee” means an Insured who is:

1. A postmenopausal woman who is not receiving estrogen replacement therapy.
2. An individual with vertebral abnormalities, primary hyperparathyroidism or a history of bone fractures.
3. An individual who is receiving long-term glucocorticoid therapy, or being monitored to assess the response to or efficacy of an approved osteoporosis drug therapy.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOR PHENYLKETONURIA OR OTHER HERITABLE DISEASE**

Benefits will be provided under the Prescription Drug Benefit for the formulas necessary for the treatment of Phenylketonuria or a Heritable Disease prescribed by or under the direction of a Physician.

“Phenylketonuria” means an inherited condition that, if not treated, may cause severe mental retardation. “Heritable disease” means an inherited disease that may result in mental or physical retardation or death.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

### **BENEFITS FOR AMINO ACID-BASED ELEMENTAL FORMULAS**

Benefits will be paid under the Prescription Drug benefit for amino acid-based elemental formula for the treatment of an Insured who is diagnosed with any of the following diseases or disorders:

1. Immunoglobulin E and non-immunoglobulin E mediated allergies to multiple food proteins.
2. Severe food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome.
3. Eosinophilic disorder, as evidenced by results from a biopsy.
4. Impaired absorption of nutrients caused by disorders affecting the absorptive surface, functional length and motility of the gastrointestinal tract.

Benefits will include coverage of any Medically Necessary services associated with the administration of the formula.

The treating Physician must issue a written order stating the amino acid-based elemental formula is Medically Necessary for the treatment of an Insured diagnosed with any of the diseases or disorders mentioned above.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

## **BENEFITS FOR PRESCRIPTION CONTRACEPTIVE DRUGS OR DEVICES**

Benefits will be provided for a prescription contraceptive drug or device approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and an Outpatient Contraceptive Service. Outpatient Contraceptive Service means a consultation, examination, procedure, or medical service that is provided on an outpatient basis and that is related to the use of a drug or device intended to prevent pregnancy.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

This benefit does not restrict benefits otherwise provided under Preventative Care Services.

## **BENEFITS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CRANIOFACIAL ABNORMALITIES**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for reconstructive surgery for craniofacial abnormalities to improve the function of, or to attempt to create a normal appearance of, an abnormal structure caused by congenital defects, developmental deformities, trauma, tumors, infections, or disease.

Benefits are subject to the policy Deductible, and any Coinsurance or Copayment requirements of the Policy.

## **BENEFITS FOR THE DETECTION OF HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS, OVARIAN CANCER AND CERVICAL CANCER**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for the early detection of ovarian cancer and cervical cancer for women 18 years of age or older. Coverage includes a CA 125 blood test and a conventional Pap smear screening or a screening using liquid-based cytology methods, as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, alone or in combination with a test approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the detection of the human papillomavirus.

Screening tests required under this section must be performed in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, or another similar national organization of medical professionals recognized by the commissioner.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

## **BENEFITS FOR PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND SERVICES**

Benefits will be paid based on the Medicare allowance for prosthetic devices, orthotic devices, and professional services related to the fitting and use of those devices as specified below:

1. Benefits will equal those benefits provided for under federal laws for health insurance for the aged and disabled pursuant to 42 U.S.C. sections 1395K, 1395L, 1395M and CFR 410.100, 414.202, 414.210, and 414.228 as applicable.
2. Benefits will include repair and replacement of a prosthetic or orthotic device unless the repair or replacement is necessitated by misuse or loss by the Insured.
3. Benefits are limited to the most appropriate model of device that adequately meets the medical needs of the Insured as determined by the treating Physician or podiatrist and prosthetist or orthotist.

“Prosthetic Device” means an artificial device designed to replace, wholly or partly, an arm or leg.

“Orthotic Device” means a custom-fitted or custom-fabricated medical device that is applied to a part of the human body to correct a deformity, improve function, or relieve symptoms of a disease.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations or any other provisions of the Policy.

## **BENEFITS FOR ROUTINE PATIENT CARE COSTS FOR CLINICAL TRIALS**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for Routine Patient Care Costs to an Insured in connection with a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial if the clinical trial is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of a life-threatening Sickness and is approved by:

1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services;

2. The National Institutes of Health;
3. The United States Food and Drug Administration;
4. The United States Department of Defense;
5. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or
6. An institutional review board of an institution in Texas which has an agreement with the Office for Human Research Protections of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

“Routine Patient Care Costs” means the costs of any Medically Necessary health care service for which benefits are provided without regard to whether the Insured is participating in a clinical trial. Routine Patient Care Costs does not include:

1. The cost of an investigational new drug or device that is not approved for any indication by the United States Food and Drug Administration, including a drug or device that is the subject of the clinical trial;
2. The cost of a service that is not a health care service, regardless of whether the service is required in connection with participation in a clinical trial;
3. The cost of a service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis;
4. A cost associated with managing a clinical trial; or
5. The cost of a health care service that is specifically excluded from coverage under the plan.

Benefits will not be paid for the cost of routine patient care provided through the research institution conducting the clinical trial for the cost unless the research institution, and each health care professional providing the routine patient care through the research institution, agrees to accept reimbursement at the rates established under the plan.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

#### **BENEFITS FOR ORALLY ADMINISTERED ANTICANCER MEDICATIONS**

Benefits will be paid for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication prescribed for cancer treatment used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer medications.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

#### **BENEFITS FOR TREATMENT OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISORDERS**

Benefits will be paid the same as for any other Sickness for the necessary care and treatment of loss or impairment of speech or hearing.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

#### **BENEFITS FOR EARLY DETECTION TEST FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE**

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for early detection test for atherosclerosis and abnormal artery structure and function. Benefits will be paid for one of the following screening tests every five years when performed by a laboratory certified by a recognized national organization:

1. Computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary artery calcifications.
2. Ultrasonography measuring carotid intima–media thickness and plaque.

Benefits are provided only for an Insured who is:

1. A male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76 years of age.
2. A female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76 years of age.
3. Diabetic
4. Has a risk of developing coronary heart disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction algorithm which is intermediate or higher.

Benefits shall be subject to all Deductible, Copayment, Coinsurance, limitations, or any other provisions of the Policy.

## BENEFITS FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

Benefits will be provided for childhood immunizations, following the American Pediatric Association recommendations, for Dependent children from birth through the sixth birthday.

Immunizations against diphtheria, haemophilus influenzae type b, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis, polio, rubella, tetanus, varicella, and any other immunizations that are required by law for the child shall be covered.

These benefits will not be subject to any Coinsurance, Deductible, or Copayment provisions of the Policy, but will be subject to other provisions of the Policy.

## BENEFITS FOR SCREENING FOR HEARING LOSS

Benefits will be paid the same as any other Sickness for a screening test for hearing loss for Dependent children from birth to the date the child is 30 days old and necessary diagnostic follow-up care related to the screening test from birth through the date the child is 24 months old.

These benefits will not be subject to the Deductible but will be subject to any Coinsurance, Copayment, or any other provisions of the Policy.

## Section 8: Coordination of Benefits Provision

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Benefits will be coordinated with any other eligible medical, surgical, or hospital Plan or coverage so that combined payments under all programs will not exceed 100% of Allowable Expenses incurred for covered services and supplies.

### Definitions

1. **Allowable Expenses:** Any health care expense, including Coinsurance, or Copays and without reduction for any applicable Deductible that is covered in full or in part by any of the Plans covering the Insured Person. If a Plan is advised by an Insured Person that all Plans covering the Insured Person are high-deductible health Plans and the Insured Person intends to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the primary high-deductible health Plan's deductible is not an allowable expense, except for any health care expense incurred that may not be subject to the deductible as described in s 223(c)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. If a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service is considered an allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense or service or a portion of an expense or service that is not covered by any of the Plans is not an allowable expense. Any expense that a provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging an Insured Person is not an allowable expense. Expenses that are not allowable include all of the following.
  - The difference between the cost of a semi-private hospital room and a private hospital room, unless one of the Plans provides coverage for private hospital rooms.
  - For Plans that compute benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement or other similar reimbursement methodology, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specified benefit.
  - For Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, any amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees.
  - If one Plan calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement or other similar reimbursement methodology and another Plan calculates its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's payment arrangement shall be the Allowable Expense for all Plans. However, if the provider has contracted with the Secondary Plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the Primary Plan's payment arrangement and if the provider's contract permits, that negotiated fee or payment shall be the allowable expense used by the Secondary Plan to determine its benefits.

The amount of any benefit reduction by the Primary Plan because an Insured Person has failed to comply with the Plan provisions is not an Allowable Expense. Examples of these types of Plan provisions include second surgical opinions, precertification of admission, and preferred provider arrangements.

2. **Plan:** A form of coverage with which coordination is allowed.

Plan includes all of the following:

- Group insurance contracts and subscriber contracts.
- Uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage.

- Group and individual coverage through closed panel Plans.
- Group-type contracts, including blanket or franchise contracts.
- Individual coverage.
- The medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care.
- The medical benefits coverage in automobile no fault and traditional automobile fault type contracts.
- Medicare or other governmental benefits, as permitted by law, except for Medicare supplement coverage. That part of the definition of Plan may be limited to the hospital, medical, and surgical benefits of the governmental program.

Plan does not include any of the following:

- Hospital indemnity coverage benefits or other fixed indemnity coverage.
- Accident only coverage.
- Limited benefit health coverage as defined by state law.
- Specified disease or specified accident coverage.
- School accident-type coverages that cover students for accidents only, including athletic injuries, either on a twenty four hour basis or on a “to and from school” basis;
- Benefits provided in long term care insurance policies for non-medical services, for example, personal care, adult day care, homemaker services, assistance with activities of daily living, respite care, and custodial care or for contracts that pay a fixed daily benefit without regard to expenses incurred or the receipt of services.
- Medicare supplement policies.
- State Plans under Medicaid.
- A governmental Plan, which, by law, provides benefits that are in excess of those of any private insurance Plan or other nongovernmental Plan.

3. **Primary Plan:** A Plan whose benefits for a person’s health care coverage must be determined without taking the existence of any other Plan into consideration. A Plan is a Primary Plan if: 1) the Plan either has no order of benefit determination rules or its rules differ from those outlined in this Coordination of Benefits Provision; or 2) all Plans that cover the Insured Person use the order of benefit determination rules and under those rules the Plan determines its benefits first.
4. **Secondary Plan:** A Plan that is not the Primary Plan.
5. **We, Us or Our:** The Company named in the Policy.

**Rules for Coordination of Benefits** - When an Insured Person is covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are outlined below.

The Primary Plan pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits under any other Plan.

If an Insured is covered by more than one Secondary Plan, the Order of Benefit Determination rules in this provision shall decide the order in which the Secondary Plan’s benefits are determined in relation to each other. Each Secondary Plan shall take into consideration the benefits of the Primary Plan or Plans and the benefits of any other Plans, which has its benefits determined before those of that Secondary Plan.

A Plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this provision is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying Plan is primary. This does not apply to coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are superimposed over base Plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a closed panel Plan to provide out of network benefits.

If the Primary Plan is a closed panel Plan and the Secondary Plan is not a closed panel Plan, the Secondary Plan shall pay or provide benefits as if it were the Primary Plan when an Insured Person uses a non-panel provider, except for emergency services or authorized referrals that are paid or provided by the Primary Plan.

A Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another Plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other Plan.

**Order of Benefit Determination** - Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:

1. **Non-Dependent/Dependent.** The benefits of the Plan which covers the person as an employee, member or subscriber are determined before those of the Plan which covers the person as a Dependent. If the person is a Medicare beneficiary, and, as a result of the provisions of Title XVII of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations, Medicare is both (i) secondary to the Plan covering the person as a dependent; and (ii) primary to the Plan covering the person as other than a dependent, then the order of benefit is reversed. The Plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber, policyholder or retiree is the Secondary Plan and the other Plan covering the person as a dependent is the Primary Plan.
2. **Dependent Child/Parents Married or Living Together.** When this Plan and another Plan cover the same child as a Dependent of different persons, called "parents" who are married or are living together whether or not they have ever been married:
  - the benefits of the Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in a year exclusive of year of birth are determined before those of the Plan of the parent whose birthday falls later in that year.
  - However, if both parents have the same birthday, the benefits of the Plan which covered the parent longer are determined before those of the Plan which covered the other parent for a shorter period of time.

3. **Dependent Child/Parents Divorced, Separated or Not Living Together.** If two or more Plans cover a person as a Dependent child of parents who are divorced or separated or are not living together, whether or not they have ever been married, benefits for the child are determined in this order:

If the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the parents is responsible for the health care services or expenses of the child and that Plan has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is Primary. If the parent with financial responsibility has no coverage for the child's health care services or expenses, but that parent's spouse does, the spouse's Plan is the Primary Plan. This item shall not apply with respect to any Plan year during which benefits are paid or provided before the entity has actual knowledge of the court decree provision.

If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the child's health care expenses or coverage, the order of benefit shall be determined in accordance with part (2).

If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or coverage of the child, the order of benefits shall be determined in accordance with the rules in part (2).

If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the child's health care expenses or coverage, the order of benefits are as follows:

- First, the Plan of the parent with custody of the child.
  - Then the Plan of the spouse of the parent with the custody of the child.
  - The Plan of the parent not having custody of the child.
  - Finally, the Plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child.
4. **Dependent Child/Non-Parental Coverage.** If a Dependent child is covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the order of benefits shall be determined, as applicable, as if those individuals were parents of the child.
  5. **Active/Inactive Employee.** The benefits of a Plan which covers a person as an employee who is neither laid off nor retired (or as that employee's Dependent) are determined before those of a Plan which covers that person as a laid off or retired employee (or as that employee's Dependent). If the other Plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.
  6. **COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If a person whose coverage is provided under COBRA or under a right of continuation pursuant to federal or state law also is covered under another Plan, the following shall be the order of benefit determination:
    - First, the benefits of a Plan covering the person as an employee, member or subscriber or as that person's Dependent.
    - Second, the benefits under the COBRA or continuation coverage.
    - If the other Plan does not have the rule described here and if, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.

7. **Longer/Shorter Length of Coverage.** If none of the above rules determines the order of benefits, the benefits of the Plan which covered an employee, member or subscriber longer are determined before those of the Plan which covered that person for the shorter time.

If none of the provisions stated above determine the Primary Plan, the Allowable Expenses shall be shared equally between the Plans.

**Effect on Benefits** - When Our Plan is secondary, We may reduce Our benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans during a plan year are not more than the total Allowable Expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the Secondary Plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage and apply that calculated amount to the Allowable Expense under its Plan that is unpaid by the Primary Plan. The Secondary Plan may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the Primary Plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans for the claim do not exceed the total Allowable Expense for that claim. In addition, the Secondary Plan shall credit to its Plan Deductible any amounts it would have credited to its Deductible in the absence of other health care coverage.

**Right to Recovery and Release of Necessary Information** - For the purpose of determining applicability of and implementing the terms of this provision, We may, without further consent or notice, release to or obtain from any other insurance company or organization any information, with respect to any person, necessary for such purposes. Any person claiming benefits under Our coverage shall give Us the information We need to implement this provision. We will give notice of this exchange of claim and benefit information to the Insured Person when any claim is filed.

**Facility of Payment and Recovery** - Whenever payments which should have been made under our coverage have been made under any other Plans, We shall have the right to pay over to any organizations that made such other payments, any amounts that are needed in order to satisfy the intent of this provision. Any amounts so paid will be deemed to be benefits paid under Our coverage. To the extent of such payments, We will be fully discharged from Our liability.

Whenever We have made payments with respect to Allowable Expenses in total amount at any time, which are more than the maximum amount of payment needed at that time to satisfy the intent of this provision, We may recover such excess payments. Such excess payments may be received from among one or more of the following, as We determine: any persons to or for or with respect to whom such payments were made, any other insurers, service plans or any other organizations.

## Section 9: Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits

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### Loss of Life, Limb or Sight

If such Injury shall independently of all other causes and within 180 days from the date of Injury solely result in any one of the following specific losses, the Insured Person or beneficiary may request the Company to pay the applicable amount below in addition to payment under the Medical Expense Benefits.

#### For Loss Of

Life	\$5,000.00
Two or More Members	\$5,000.00
One Member	\$2,500.00
Thumb or Index Finger	\$1,250.00

Member means hand, arm, foot, leg, or eye. Loss shall mean with regard to hands or arms and feet or legs, dismemberment by severance at or above the wrist or ankle joint; with regard to eyes, entire and irrecoverable loss of sight. Only one specific loss (the greater) resulting from any one Injury will be paid.

## Section 10: Definitions

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**ADOPTED CHILD** means a child whom the Insured Person is a party to a suit in which the Insured Person seeks to adopt. Coverage is available under the Policy for an adopted child the same as any Newborn Infant or Dependent.

**COINSURANCE** means the percentage of Covered Medical Expenses that the Company pays.

**COMPLICATION OF PREGNANCY** means 1) conditions requiring Hospital Confinement (when the pregnancy is not terminated), whose diagnoses are distinct from pregnancy but are adversely affected by pregnancy or are caused by pregnancy, such as acute nephritis, nephrosis, cardiac decompensation, missed abortion and similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity, but shall not include false labor, occasional spotting, Physician prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy, morning sickness, hyperemesis gravidarum, pre-eclampsia, and similar conditions; associated with



the management of a difficult pregnancy not constituting a nosologically distinct complication of pregnancy; and 2) non-elective cesarean section, termination of ectopic pregnancy, and spontaneous termination of pregnancy, occurring during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible.

**CONGENITAL CONDITION** means a medical condition or physical anomaly arising from a defect existing at birth.

**COPAY/COPAYMENT** means a specified dollar amount that the Insured is required to pay for certain Covered Medical Expenses.

**COVERED MEDICAL EXPENSES** means reasonable charges which are: 1) not in excess of Usual and Customary Charges; 2) not in excess of the Preferred Allowance when the Policy includes Preferred Provider benefits and the charges are received from a Preferred Provider; 3) not in excess of the maximum benefit amount payable per service as specified in the Schedule of Benefits; 4) made for services and supplies not excluded under the Policy; 5) made for services and supplies which are a Medical Necessity; 6) made for services included in the Schedule of Benefits; and 7) in excess of the amount stated as a Deductible, if any.

Covered Medical Expenses will be deemed "incurred" only: 1) when the covered services are provided; and 2) when a charge is made to the Insured Person for such services.

**CUSTODIAL CARE** means services that are any of the following:

1. Non-health related services, such as assistance in activities.
2. Health-related services that are provided for the primary purpose of meeting the personal needs of the patient or maintaining a level of function (even if the specific services are considered to be skilled services), as opposed to improving that function to an extent that might allow for a more independent existence.
3. Services that do not require continued administration by trained medical personnel in order to be delivered safely and effectively.

**DEDUCTIBLE** means if an amount is stated in the Schedule of Benefits or any endorsement to the Policy as a deductible, it shall mean an amount to be subtracted from the amount or amounts otherwise payable as Covered Medical Expenses before payment of any benefit is made. The deductible will apply as specified in the Schedule of Benefits.

**DEPENDENT** means the legal spouse of the Named Insured and their dependent children, including any adopted child; any child in placement for adoption; any child for which suit is filed for adoption; any child for which the Named Insured is under court order to provide medical or dental coverage; any natural born or adopted child of the spouse of the Named Insured; and, any dependent grandchild of the Named Insured. Children shall cease to be dependent at the end of the month in which they attain the age of 26 years.

The attainment of the limiting age will not operate to terminate the coverage of such child while the child is and continues to be both:

1. Incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental retardation or physical handicap.
2. Chiefly dependent upon the Insured Person for support and maintenance.

Proof of such incapacity and dependency shall be furnished to the Company: 1) by the Named Insured; and, 2) within 31 days of the child's attainment of the limiting age. Subsequently, such proof must be given to the Company annually following the child's attainment of the limiting age.

If a claim is denied under the Policy because the child has attained the limiting age for dependent children, the burden is on the Insured Person to establish that the child is and continues to be handicapped as defined by subsections (1) and (2).

**ELECTIVE SURGERY OR ELECTIVE TREATMENT** means those health care services or supplies that do not meet the health care need for a Sickness or Injury. Elective surgery or elective treatment includes any service, treatment or supplies that: 1) are deemed by the Company to be research or experimental; or 2) are not recognized and generally accepted medical practices in the United States.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES** means with respect to a Medical Emergency:

1. A medical screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such emergency medical condition.
2. Such further medical examination and treatment to stabilize the patient to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital.

3. Services originated in a Hospital emergency facility, freestanding emergency medical care facility or comparable emergency facility to evaluate and stabilize an emergency medical condition.

**HABILITATIVE SERVICES** means health care services that help a person keep, learn, or improve skills and functions for daily living when administered by a Physician pursuant to a treatment plan. Habilitative services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, and other services for people with disabilities.

Habilitative services do not include Elective Surgery or Elective Treatment or services that are solely educational in nature or otherwise paid under state or federal law for purely educational services. Custodial Care, respite care, day care, therapeutic recreation, vocational training and residential treatment are not habilitative services.

A service that does not help the Insured Person to meet functional goals in a treatment plan within a prescribed time frame is not a habilitative service.

**HOSPITAL** means a licensed or properly accredited general hospital which: 1) is open at all times; 2) is operated primarily and continuously for the treatment of and surgery for sick and injured persons as inpatients; 3) is under the supervision of a staff of one or more legally qualified Physicians available at all times; 4) continuously provides on the premises 24 hour nursing service by Registered Nurses; 5) provides organized facilities for diagnosis and major surgery on the premises; and 6) is not primarily a clinic, nursing, rest or convalescent home.

**HOSPITAL CONFINED/HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT** means confinement as an Inpatient in a Hospital by reason of an Injury or Sickness for which benefits are payable.

**INJURY** means bodily injury which is all of the following:

1. Directly and independently caused by specific accidental contact with another body or object.
2. Unrelated to any pathological, functional, or structural disorder.
3. A source of loss.
4. Treated by a Physician within 30 days after the date of accident.
5. Sustained while the Insured Person is covered under the Policy.

All injuries sustained in one accident, including all related conditions and recurrent symptoms of these injuries will be considered one injury. Injury does not include loss which results wholly or in part, directly or indirectly, from disease or other bodily infirmity. Covered Medical Expenses incurred as a result of an injury that occurred prior to the Policy's Effective Date will be considered a Sickness under the Policy.

**INPATIENT** means an uninterrupted confinement that follows formal admission to a Hospital, or Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility by reason of an Injury or Sickness for which benefits are payable under the Policy.

**INPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITY** means a long term acute inpatient rehabilitation center, a Hospital (or special unit of a Hospital designated as an inpatient rehabilitation facility) that provides rehabilitation health services on an Inpatient basis as authorized by law.

**INSURED PERSON** means: 1) the Named Insured; and, 2) Dependents of the Named Insured, if: 1) the Dependent is properly enrolled in the Policy, and 2) the appropriate Dependent premium has been paid. The term Insured also means Insured Person.

**INTENSIVE CARE** means: 1) a specifically designated facility of the Hospital that provides the highest level of medical care; and 2) which is restricted to those patients who are critically ill or injured. Such facility must be separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds and wards customarily used for patient confinement. They must be: 1) permanently equipped with special life-saving equipment for the care of the critically ill or injured; and 2) under constant and continuous observation by nursing staff assigned on a full-time basis, exclusively to the intensive care unit. Intensive care does not mean any of these step-down units:

1. Progressive care.
2. Sub-acute intensive care.
3. Intermediate care units.
4. Private monitored rooms.
5. Observation units.
6. Other facilities which do not meet the standards for intensive care.

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY** means bona fide Emergency Services provided after the sudden onset of a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity including severe pain, such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in:

1. Placement of the Insured's health in jeopardy.
2. Serious impairment of bodily functions.
3. Serious dysfunction of any body organ or part.
4. Serious disfigurement.
5. In the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the fetus.

Expenses incurred for Medical Emergency will be paid only for Sickness or Injury which fulfills the above conditions. These expenses will not be paid for minor Injuries or minor Sicknesses.

**MEDICAL NECESSITY/MEDICALLY NECESSARY** means those services or supplies provided or prescribed by a Hospital or Physician which are all of the following:

1. Essential for the symptoms and diagnosis or treatment of the Sickness or Injury.
2. Provided for the diagnosis, or the direct care and treatment of the Sickness or Injury.
3. In accordance with the standards of good medical practice.
4. Not primarily for the convenience of the Insured, or the Insured's Physician.
5. The most appropriate supply or level of service which can safely be provided to the Insured.

The Medical Necessity of being confined as an Inpatient means that both:

1. The Insured requires acute care as a bed patient.
2. The Insured cannot receive safe and adequate care as an outpatient.

The Policy only provides payment for services, procedures and supplies which are a Medical Necessity. No benefits will be paid for expenses which are determined not to be a Medical Necessity, including any or all days of Inpatient confinement.

**MENTAL ILLNESS** means a Sickness that is a mental, emotional or behavioral disorder listed in the mental health or psychiatric diagnostic categories in the current *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a disorder is listed in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment of the disorder is a Covered Medical Expense. If not excluded or defined elsewhere in the Policy, all mental health or psychiatric diagnoses are considered one Sickness.

**NAMED INSURED** means an eligible, registered student of the Policyholder, if: 1) the student is properly enrolled in the Policy; and 2) the appropriate premium for coverage has been paid.

**NEWBORN INFANT** means any child born of an Insured while that person is insured under the Policy. Newborn Infants will be covered under the Policy for the first 31 days after birth. Coverage for such a child will be for Injury or Sickness, including medically diagnosed congenital defects, birth abnormalities, prematurity and nursery care; benefits will be the same as for the Insured Person who is the child's parent.

The Insured will have the right to continue such coverage for the child beyond the first 31 days. To continue the coverage the Insured must, within the 31 days after the child's birth: 1) apply to the Company; and 2) pay the required additional premium, if any, for the continued coverage. If the Insured does not use this right as stated here, all coverage as to that child will terminate at the end of the first 31 days after the child's birth.

**OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM** means the amount of Covered Medical Expenses that must be paid by the Insured Person before Covered Medical Expenses will be paid at 100% for the remainder of the Policy Year. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details on how the Out-of-Pocket Maximum applies.

**PHYSICIAN** means a legally qualified licensed practitioner of the healing arts who provides care within the scope of his/her license.

**PHYSIOTHERAPY** means short-term outpatient rehabilitation therapies (including Habilitative Services) administered by a Physician.

**POLICY OR MASTER POLICY** means the entire agreement issued to the Policyholder that includes all of the following:

1. The Policy.

2. The Policyholder Application.
3. The Certificate of Coverage.
4. The Schedule of Benefits.
5. Endorsements.
6. Amendments.

**POLICY YEAR** means the period of time beginning on the Policy Effective Date and ending on the Policy Termination Date.

**POLICYHOLDER** means the institution of higher education to whom the Master Policy is issued.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** mean: 1) prescription legend drugs; 2) compound medications of which at least one ingredient is a prescription legend drug; 3) any other drugs which under the applicable state or federal law may be dispensed only upon written prescription of a Physician; and 4) injectable insulin.

**REGISTERED NURSE** means a professional nurse (R.N.).

**SICKNESS** means sickness or disease of the Insured Person which causes loss while the Insured Person is covered under the Policy. All related conditions and recurrent symptoms of the same or a similar condition will be considered one sickness. Covered Medical Expenses incurred as a result of an Injury that occurred prior to the Policy's Effective Date will be considered a sickness under the Policy.

**SKILLED NURSING FACILITY** means a Hospital or nursing facility that is licensed and operated as required by law.

**SOUND, NATURAL TEETH** means natural teeth, the major portion of the individual tooth is present, regardless of fillings or caps; and is not carious, abscessed, or defective.

**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER** means a Sickness that is listed as an alcoholism and substance use disorder in the current *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association*. The fact that a disorder is listed in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association* does not mean that treatment of the disorder is a Covered Medical Expense. If not excluded or defined elsewhere in the Policy, all alcoholism and substance use disorders are considered one Sickness.

**URGENT CARE CENTER** means a facility that provides treatment required to prevent serious deterioration of the Insured Person's health as a result of an unforeseen Sickness, Injury, or the onset of acute or severe symptoms.

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY CHARGES** means the maximum amount the Policy is obligated to pay for services. Except as otherwise required under state or federal regulations, usual and customary charges will be the lowest of:

1. The billed charge for the services.
2. An amount determined using current publicly-available data which is usual and customary when compared with the charges made for a) similar services and supplies and b) to persons having similar medical conditions in the geographic area where service is rendered.

The Company uses data from FAIR Health, Inc. and/or Data iSight to determine Usual and Customary Charges. No payment will be made under the Policy for any expenses incurred which in the judgment of the Company are in excess of Usual and Customary Charges. The Insured may be billed for any charges which exceed the Usual and Customary Charges.

Data iSight is a cost containment service that the Company contracts with to provide statistical publicly-available data used to determine usual and customary charges. Data used for this determination will not include data regarding paid or accepted amounts and will be limited to billed charge data.

FAIR Health is an organization that the Company contracts with to provide statistical publicly-available data used to determine usual and customary charges. Data used for this determination will not include FAIR Health data regarding paid or accepted amounts and will be limited to billed charge data.

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY RATE** means the maximum amount the Policy is obligated to pay for services. Except as otherwise required under state or federal regulations, usual and customary rate will be the lowest of:

1. The billed charge for the services.
2. An amount determined using current publicly-available data which is usual and customary when compared with the charges made for a) similar services and supplies and b) to persons having similar medical conditions in the geographic area where service is rendered.

3. An amount determined using current publicly-available data reflecting the costs for facilities, which determines usual and customary charges, providing the same or similar services, adjusted for geographical difference where applicable, plus a margin factor.

The Company uses data from FAIR Health, Inc and/or Data iSight to determine Usual and Customary Rate. No payment will be made under the Policy for any expenses incurred which in the judgment of the Company are in excess of Usual and Customary Rate. Unless otherwise stated in this Certificate, the Insured may be billed for any charges which exceed the Usual and Customary Charges.

Data iSight is a cost containment service that the Company contracts with to provide statistical publicly-available data used to determine usual and customary charges.

FAIR Health is an organization that the Company contracts with to provide statistical publicly-available data used to determine usual and customary charges.

## **Section 11: Exclusions and Limitations**

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No benefits will be paid for: a) loss or expense caused by, contributed to, or resulting from; or b) treatment, services or supplies for, at, or related to any of the following:

1. Acupuncture.
2. Addiction, such as:
  - Caffeine addiction.
  - Non-chemical addiction, such as: gambling, sexual, spending, shopping, working and religious.
  - Codependency.
3. Behavioral problems. Conceptual handicap. Developmental delay or disorder or mental retardation. Learning disabilities. Milieu therapy. Parent-child problems.
4. Biofeedback.
5. Circumcision.
6. Cosmetic procedures, except reconstructive procedures to correct an Injury or treat a Sickness for which benefits are otherwise payable under the Policy. The primary result of the procedure is not a changed or improved physical appearance.
7. Custodial Care.
  - Care provided in: rest homes, health resorts, homes for the aged, halfway houses, college infirmaries or places mainly for domiciliary or Custodial Care.
  - Extended care in treatment or substance abuse facilities for domiciliary or Custodial Care.
8. Dental treatment, except:
  - For accidental Injury to Sound, Natural Teeth.
  - As described under Dental Treatment in the Policy.

This exclusion does not apply to benefits specifically provided in Pediatric Dental Services.
9. Elective Surgery or Elective Treatment.
10. Elective abortion.
11. Foot care for the following, except as specifically provided in the Policy:
  - Flat foot conditions.
  - Supportive devices for the foot, except as specifically provided in Benefits for Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices and Services.
  - Fallen arches.
  - Weak feet.
  - Chronic foot strain.
  - Routine foot care including the care, cutting and removal of corns, calluses, toenails, and bunions (except capsular or bone surgery).

This exclusion does not apply to preventive foot care for Insured Persons with diabetes.
12. Health spa or similar facilities. Strengthening programs.
13. Hearing examinations. Other treatment for hearing defects and hearing loss. "Hearing defects" means any physical defect of the ear which does or can impair normal hearing, apart from the disease process.

This exclusion does not apply to:

  - Hearing defects or hearing loss as a result of an infection or Injury.
  - Benefits for Treatment of Speech and Hearing Disorders as specifically provided in the Policy.
  - Benefits for Screening for Hearing Loss as specifically provided in the Policy.
14. Hirsutism. Alopecia.
15. Hypnosis.

16. Immunizations, except as specifically provided in the Policy. Preventive medicines or vaccines, except where required for treatment of a covered Injury or as specifically provided in the Policy.
17. Injury or Sickness for which benefits are paid or payable under any Workers' Compensation or Occupational Disease Law or Act, or similar legislation.
18. Injury sustained while:
  - Participating in any intercollegiate or professional sport, contest or competition.
  - Traveling to or from such sport, contest or competition as a participant.
  - Participating in any practice or conditioning program for such sport, contest or competition.
19. Investigational services.
20. Lipectomy.
21. Participation in a riot or civil disorder. Commission of or attempt to commit a felony.
22. Prescription Drugs, services or supplies as follows:
  - Therapeutic devices or appliances, including: hypodermic needles, syringes, support garments and other non-medical substances, regardless of intended use, except as specifically provided in the Policy and in the Benefits for Diabetes Treatment.
  - Immunization agents, except as specifically provided in the Policy.
  - Drugs labeled, "Caution - limited by federal law to investigational use" or experimental drugs.
  - Products used for cosmetic purposes.
  - Drugs used to treat or cure baldness. Anabolic steroids used for body building.
  - Anorectics - drugs used for the purpose of weight control.
  - Fertility agents or sexual enhancement drugs, such as Parlodel, Pergonal, Clomid, Profasi, Metrodin, Serophene, or Viagra.
  - Refills in excess of the number specified or dispensed after one (1) year of date of the prescription.
23. Reproductive services for the following:
  - Procreative counseling.
  - Genetic counseling and genetic testing.
  - Cryopreservation of reproductive materials. Storage of reproductive materials.
  - Infertility treatment (male or female), including any services or supplies rendered for the purpose or with the intent of inducing conception.
  - Premarital examinations.
  - Impotence, organic or otherwise.
  - Female sterilization procedures, except as specifically provided in the Policy.
  - Vasectomy.
  - Reversal of sterilization procedures.
24. Research or examinations relating to research studies, or any treatment for which the patient or the patient's representative must sign an informed consent document identifying the treatment in which the patient is to participate as a research study or clinical research study, except as specifically provided in the Policy.
25. Routine eye examinations. Eye refractions. Eyeglasses. Contact lenses. Prescriptions or fitting of eyeglasses or contact lenses. Vision correction surgery. Treatment for visual defects and problems.  
This exclusion does not apply as follows:
  - When due to a covered Injury or disease process.
  - To benefits specifically provided in Pediatric Vision Services.
26. Routine Newborn Infant Care and well-baby nursery and related Physician charge, except as specifically provided in the Benefits for Maternity and Post Delivery Care.
27. Preventive care services which are not specifically provided in the Policy, including:
  - Routine physical examinations and routine testing.
  - Preventive testing or treatment.
  - Screening exams or testing in the absence of Injury or Sickness.
28. Services provided by a member of the Insured Person's immediate family. The term "member of the immediate family" means any person related to an Insured Person within the third degree by the laws of consanguinity or affinity. This exclusion does not apply to the selection of a dentist who provides a covered dental care service under the Policy as long as the dentist is licensed in Texas to provide the service.
29. Services provided normally without charge by the Health Service of the Policyholder.
30. Deviated nasal septum, including submucous resection and/or other surgical correction thereof. Nasal and sinus surgery, except for treatment of a covered Injury or treatment of chronic sinusitis.
31. Skydiving. Parachuting. Hang gliding. Glider flying. Parasailing. Sail planing. Bungee jumping.
32. Sleep disorders.
33. Speech therapy, except as specifically provided in the Policy. Naturopathic services.

34. Stand-alone multi-disciplinary smoking cessation programs. These are programs that usually include health care providers specializing in smoking cessation and may include a psychologist, social worker or other licensed or certified professional.
35. Supplies, except as specifically provided in the Policy.
36. Surgical breast reduction, breast augmentation, breast implants or breast prosthetic devices, or gynecomastia, except as specifically provided in the Policy.
37. Treatment in a Government hospital, unless there is a legal obligation for the Insured Person to pay for such treatment.
38. War or any act of war, declared or undeclared; or while in the armed forces of any country (a pro-rata premium will be refunded upon request for such period not covered).
39. Weight management. Weight reduction. Nutrition programs. Treatment for obesity. Surgery for removal of excess skin or fat. This exclusion does not apply to benefits specifically provided in the Policy.

## **Section 12: How to File a Claim for Injury and Sickness Benefits**

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In the event of Injury or Sickness, students should:

1. Report to the Student Health Service or Infirmary for treatment, or when not in school, to their Physician or Hospital.
2. Mail to the address below all medical and hospital bills along with the patient's name and Insured student's name, address, SR ID number (Insured's insurance Company ID number) and name of the college or university under which the student is insured. A Company claim form is not required for filing a claim.
3. Submit claims for payment within 90 days after the date of service. If the Insured doesn't provide this information within one year of the date of service, benefits for that service may be denied at our discretion. This time limit does not apply if the Insured is legally incapacitated.

Submit the above information to the Company by mail:

FirstStudent  
P.O. Box 809025  
Dallas, TX 75380-9025

## **Section 13: General Provisions**

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**GRACE PERIOD:** A grace period of 14 days will be provided for the payment of each premium payment due after the first premium. The Insured Person's premium must be received during the grace period to avoid a lapse in coverage, and the Insured Person must meet the eligibility requirements each time a premium payment is made.

**NOTICE OF CLAIM:** Written notice of claim must be given to the Company within 90 days after the occurrence or commencement of any loss covered by the Policy, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible. Notice given by or on behalf of the Named Insured to the Company, P.O. Box 809025, Dallas, Texas 75380-9025 with information sufficient to identify the Named Insured shall be deemed notice to the Company.

**CLAIM FORMS:** Claim forms are not required. Please see the How to File a Claim for Injury and Sickness Benefits section of this Certificate for helpful information on filing a claim without a claim form.

**PROOF OF LOSS:** Written proof of loss must be furnished to the Company at its said office within 90 days after the date of such loss. Failure to furnish such proof within the time required will not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to furnish proof. In no event except in the absence of legal capacity shall written proofs of loss be furnished later than one year from the time proof is otherwise required.

**TIME OF PAYMENT OF CLAIM:** Indemnities payable under the Policy for any loss will be paid no later than the 60th day after receipt of due written proof of such loss provided the Company has received all items, statements and forms reasonably requested and required to secure final proof of loss.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** All or a portion of any indemnities provided by the Policy will be paid directly to the Insured Person or the Insured Person's assignee. Benefits for loss of life will be paid to 1) the beneficiary designated by the Insured Person or the beneficiary's assignee or 2) the family member specified by the Policy terms if the policy contains conditions relating to family status, or 3) to the estate of the Insured Person, if the designated or specified beneficiary is not living at the time the Insured Person dies. If benefits are payable to the estate of an Insured Person or to an individual who is a minor or is otherwise not competent to give a valid release, the Company will pay benefits, up to an amount established by the Commissioner, to any individual related by consanguinity or affinity to the individual who is considered by the Company to be equitably entitled to the benefits. Any payment so made shall discharge the Company's obligation to the extent of the amount of benefits so paid.

**PAYMENT TO STATE:** Benefits will be payable to the Texas Department of Human Services for Covered Medical Expenses under this Policy for an Insured Person when the Texas Department of Human Services pays for such expenses and notification is given to the Company with the claim. Benefits payable on behalf of a child under the Policy will be paid to the Texas Department of Human Services after the Company receives written notice that:

1. The parent who purchased the coverage is: (a) a possessory conservator of the child under an order issued by a court in this state or is not entitled to possession of or access to the child; and (b) is required by court order or court-approved agreement to pay child support;
2. The Texas Department of Human Services is paying benefits on behalf of the child under Chapter 31 or Chapter 32, Human Resources Code; and
3. The Company is notified through an attachment to the claim for insurance benefits when the claim is first submitted to the Company that benefits must be paid directly to the Texas Department of Human Services.

**BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO PARENT OF A MINOR:** Benefits will be payable to a managing conservator who is not a student of the Policyholder provided such managing conservator is responsible for a minor child who is a Dependent of a person who is a student of the Policyholder and which child is duly enrolled as an Insured Dependent, and the managing conservator has paid all or any portion of a medical bill that would be covered under the terms of the Policy. The managing conservator of the child must provide a certified copy of a court order establishing the person as managing conservator or other evidence designated by the State Board of Insurance before the benefits can be paid to the managing conservator. The managing conservator must also submit valid receipts and invoices for such medical payments on behalf of the child.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:** As a part of Proof of Loss, the Company at its own expense shall have the right and opportunity: 1) to examine the person of any Insured Person when and as often as it may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim; and, 2) to have an autopsy made in case of death where it is not forbidden by law. The Company has the right to secure a second opinion regarding treatment or hospitalization. Failure of an Insured to present himself or herself for examination by a Physician when requested shall authorize the Company to: (1) withhold any payment of Covered Medical Expenses until such examination is performed and Physician's report received; and (2) deduct from any amounts otherwise payable hereunder any amount for which the Company has become obligated to pay to a Physician retained by the Company to make an examination for which the Insured failed to appear. Said deduction shall be made with the same force and effect as a Deductible herein defined.

**LEGAL ACTIONS:** No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the Policy prior to the expiration of 60 days after written proofs of loss have been furnished in accordance with the requirements of the Policy. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of 3 years after the time written proofs of loss are required to be furnished.

**SUBROGATION:** The Company shall be subrogated to all rights of recovery which any Insured Person has against any person, firm or corporation to the extent of payments for benefits made by the Company to or for benefit of an Insured Person. The Insured shall execute and deliver such instruments and papers as may be required and do whatever else is necessary to secure such rights to the Company.

If an Insured is not represented by an attorney in obtaining a recovery, the amount to be subrogated will be the lesser of:

1. One-half (1/2) of the Insured's gross recovery; or
2. The total cost of benefits paid, provided, or assumed by Us.

If an Insured is represented by an attorney in obtaining a recovery, the amount to be subrogated will be the lesser of:

1. One-half (1/2) of the Insured's gross recovery less attorney's fees and procurement costs; or
2. The total cost of benefits paid, provided, or assumed by Us, less attorney's fees and procurement costs.

**RIGHT OF RECOVERY:** Payments made by the Company which exceed the Covered Medical Expenses (after allowance for Deductible and Coinsurance clauses, if any) payable hereunder shall be recoverable by the Company from or among any persons, firms, or corporations to or for whom such payments were made or from any insurance organizations who are obligated in respect of any covered Injury or Sickness as their liability may appear.

**MORE THAN ONE POLICY:** Insurance effective at any one time on the Insured Person under a like policy, or policies in this Company is limited to the one such policy elected by the Insured Person, his beneficiary or his estate, as the case may be, and the Company will return all premiums paid for all other such policies.

**MISSTATEMENT OF AGE:** If the age of an Insured has been misstated, the Insured shall be responsible for payment of any additional premium due had coverage been purchased at the correct issue age. The Company shall furnish notice to the Insured of such additional premium due. Additional premium that is not paid within 31 days from the date of notice of additional premium due may, at the election of the Company, be deducted from any claim payment then due and payable.



## **Section 14: Notice of Appeal Rights**

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### **RIGHT TO INTERNAL APPEAL**

#### **Standard Internal Appeal**

The Insured Person has the right to request an Internal Appeal if the Insured Person disagrees with the Company's denial, in whole or in part, of a claim or request for benefits. The Insured Person, or the Insured Person's Authorized Representative, must submit an oral or written request for an Internal Appeal within 180 days of receiving a notice of the Company's Adverse Determination.

The oral or written Internal Appeal request should include:

1. A statement specifically requesting an Internal Appeal of the decision;
2. The Insured Person's Name and ID number (from the ID card);
3. The date(s) of service;
4. The provider's name;
5. The reason the claim should be reconsidered; and
6. Any comments, documents, records, or other material relevant to the claim.

Please contact the Customer Service Department at 1-800-505-4160 with any questions regarding the Internal Appeal process. The written request for an Internal Appeal should be sent to: FirstStudent, PO Box 809025, Dallas, TX 75380-9025.

#### **Internal Appeal Process**

Within 180 days after receipt of a notice of an Adverse Determination, an Insured Person or an Authorized Representative may submit an oral or written request for an Internal Review of an Adverse Determination.

Upon receipt of the request for an Internal Review, the Company shall provide the Insured Person with the name, address and telephone of the employee or department designated to coordinate the Internal Review for the Company. With respect to an Adverse Determination involving Utilization Review, the Company shall designate an appropriate clinical peer(s) of the same or similar specialty as would typically manage the case which is the subject of the Adverse Determination. The clinical peer(s) shall not have been involved in the initial Adverse Determination.

Within 3 working days after receipt of the grievance, the Company shall provide notice of receipt of an appeal request and that the Insured Person or Authorized Representative is entitled to:

1. Submit written comments, documents, records, and other material relating to the request for benefits to be considered when conducting the Internal Review; and
2. Receive from the Company, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records and other information relevant to the Insured Person's request for benefits.

Prior to issuing or providing a notice of Final Adverse Determination, the Company shall provide, free of charge and as soon as possible:

1. Any new or additional evidence considered by the Company in connection with the grievance; and
2. Any new or additional rationale upon which the decision was based.

The Insured Person or Authorized Representative shall have 10 calendar days to respond to any new or additional evidence or rationale.

The Company shall issue a Final Adverse Decision in writing or electronically to the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative no later than 30 days after the Company's receipt of the grievance. The appeal decision of an Adverse Determination will be made by a Physician.

Within 10 working days, after an appeal is denied, the appeal may be reviewed by a Physician who is of the same or similar specialty as a health care provider who would typically manage the medical or dental condition, procedure, or treatment under consideration for review when the Insured's treating Physician certifies in writing there is good cause to have the appeal reviewed by a particular type of specialty provider. The specialty review will be completed within 15 working days from the date of request by the Insured's treating Physician for specialty review is received.

Time periods shall be calculated based on the date the Company receives the request for the Internal Review, without regard to whether all of the information necessary to make the determination accompanies the request.

The written notice of Final Adverse Determination for the Internal Review shall include:

1. The titles and qualifying credentials of the reviewers participating in the Internal Review;
2. Information sufficient to identify the claim involved in the grievance, including the following:
  - a. The date of service;
  - b. The name health care provider; and
  - c. The claim amount;
3. A statement that the diagnosis code and treatment code and their corresponding meanings shall be provided to the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative, upon request;
4. For an Internal Review decision that upholds the Company's original Adverse Determination:
  - a. The specific reason(s) for the Final Adverse Determination, including the denial code and its corresponding meaning, as well as a description of the Company's standard, if any, that was used in reaching the denial;
  - b. Reference to the specific Policy provisions upon which the determination is based;
  - c. A statement that the Insured Person is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Insured Person's benefit request;
  - d. If applicable, a statement that the Company relied upon a specific internal rule, guideline, protocol, or similar criterion and that a copy will be provided free of charge upon request;
  - e. If the Final Adverse Determination is based on a Medical Necessity or experimental or investigational treatment or similar exclusion or limitation, a statement that an explanation will be provided to the Insured Person free of charge upon request;
  - f. Instructions for requesting: (i) a copy of the rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion relied upon to make the Final Adverse Determination; and (ii) the written statement of the scientific or clinical rationale for the determination;
5. A description of the procedures for obtaining an External Independent Review of the Final Adverse Determination pursuant to the State's External Review legislation;
6. The Insured Person's right to bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction; and
7. Notice of the Insured Person's right to contact the commissioner's office or ombudsman's office for assistance with respect to any claim, grievance or appeal at any time.

### **Expedited Internal Review**

For Urgent Care Requests, an Insured Person may submit a request, either orally or in writing, for an Expedited Internal Review (EIR).

An Urgent Care Request means a request for services or treatment where the time period for completing a standard Internal Appeal:

1. Could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Insured Person or jeopardize the Insured Person's ability to regain maximum function; or
2. Would, in the opinion of a Physician with knowledge of the Insured Person's medical condition, subject the Insured Person to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the requested health care service or treatment.

To request an Expedited Internal Appeal, please contact Claims Appeals at 888-315-0447. The written request for an Expedited Internal Appeal should be sent to: Claims Appeals, FirstStudent, PO Box 809025, Dallas, TX 75380-9025.

### **Expedited Internal Review Process**

The Insured Person or an Authorized Representative may submit an oral or written request for an Expedited Internal Review (EIR) of an Adverse Determination:

1. Involving Urgent Care Requests; and
2. Related to a concurrent review Urgent Care Request involving an admission, availability of care, continued stay or health care service for an Insured Person who has received emergency services, but has not been discharged from a facility.

All necessary information, including the Company's decision, shall be transmitted to the Insured Person or an Authorized Representative via telephone, facsimile or the most expeditious method available. The Insured Person or the Authorized Representative shall be notified of the EIR decision no more than one (1) working day after the Company's receipt of the EIR request and all information necessary to complete the appeal.

If the EIR request is related to a concurrent review Urgent Care Request, benefits for the service will continue until the Insured Person has been notified of the final determination.

At the same time an Insured Person or an Authorized Representative files an EIR request, the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative may file:

1. An Expedited External Review (EER) request if the Insured Person has a medical condition where the timeframe for completion of an EIR would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Insured Person or would jeopardize the Insured Person's ability to regain maximum function; or

2. An Expedited Experimental or Investigational Treatment External Review (EEIER) request if the Adverse Determination involves a denial of coverage based on a determination that the recommended or requested service or treatment is experimental or investigational and the Insured Person's treating Physician certifies in writing that the recommended or requested service or treatment would be significantly less effective if not promptly initiated.

The notice of Final Adverse Determination may be provided orally, in writing, or electronically.

### **RIGHT TO EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT REVIEW**

After exhausting the Company's Internal Appeal process, an Insured Person or Authorized Representative may submit a request for an External Independent Review when the service or treatment in question:

1. Is a Covered Medical Expense under the Policy; and
2. Is not covered because it does not meet the Company's requirements for Medical Necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care, effectiveness, or the treatment is determined to be experimental or investigational.

A request for an External Independent Review shall not be made until the Insured Person or Authorized Representative has exhausted the Internal Appeals process. The Internal Appeal Process shall be considered exhausted if:

1. The Company has issued a Final Adverse Determination as detailed herein;
2. The Insured Person or the Authorized Representative filed a request for an Internal Appeal and has not received a written decision from the Company within 30 days and the Insured Person or Authorized Representative has not requested or agreed to a delay;
3. The Company fails to strictly adhere to the Internal Appeal process detailed herein; or
4. The Company agrees to waive the exhaustion requirement.

After exhausting the Internal Appeal process, and after receiving notice of an Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination, an Insured Person or Authorized Representative has 4 months to request an External Independent Review. Except for a request for an Expedited External Review, the request for an External Review should be made in writing to the Company. Upon request of an External Review, the Company shall provide the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative with the appropriate forms to request the review.

### **Where to Send External Review Requests**

All types of External Review requests shall be submitted to Claims Appeals at the following address:

Claims Appeals  
FirstStudent  
P.O. Box 809025  
Dallas, TX 75380-9025  
1-888-315-0447

### **Standard External Review (SER) Process**

A Standard External Review request must be submitted in writing within 4 months of receiving a notice of the Company's Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination.

1. Within 5 business days after receiving the SER request notice, the Company will complete a preliminary review to determine that:
  - a. The individual was an Insured Person covered under the Policy at the time the service was requested or provided;
  - b. The Insured Person has exhausted the Company's Internal Appeal Process;
  - c. The Insured Person has provided all the information and forms necessary to process the request; and
  - d. The service in question: (i) is a Covered Medical Expense under the Policy; and (ii) is not covered because it does not meet the Company's requirements for Medical Necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness.
2. Within 1 business day after completion of the preliminary review, the Company shall notify the Commissioner, the Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative in writing whether the request is complete and eligible for a SER.
  - a. If the request is not complete, the Company's response shall include what information or materials are needed to make the request complete;
  - b. If the request is not eligible, the Company's response shall include the reasons for ineligibility. The Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative shall also be advised of the right to appeal the decision to the Commissioner.
3. After receiving notice that a request is eligible for SER, the Commissioner shall, within 1 business day:
  - a. Assign an Independent Review Organization (IRO) from the Commissioner's approved list;
  - b. Notify the Company of the name of the assigned IRO; and

- c. Notify the Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative, that the request has been accepted. This notice shall include: (i) the name of the IRO; and (ii) a statement that the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative may, within 5 business days following receipt of the notice, submit additional information to the IRO for consideration when conducting the review.
- 4. a. The Company shall, within 5 business days, provide the IRO with any documents and information the Company considered in making the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. The Company's failure to provide the documents and information will not delay the SER.
- b. If the Company fails to provide the documents and information within the required time frame, the IRO may terminate the review and may reverse the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. Upon making this decision, the IRO shall, within 1 business day, advise the Commissioner, the Company, the Insured Person, and the Authorized Representative, if any, of its decision.
- 5. The IRO shall review all written information and documents submitted by the Company and the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative.
- 6. If the IRO receives any additional information from the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative, the IRO must forward the information to the Company within 1 business day.
  - a. The Company may then reconsider its Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. Reconsideration by the Company shall not delay or terminate the SER.
  - b. The SER may only be terminated if the Company decides to reverse its Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination and provide coverage for the service that is the subject of the SER.
  - c. If the Company reverses its decision, the Company shall provide written notification within 1 business day to the Commissioner, the Insured Person, the Authorized Representative, if applicable, and the IRO. Upon written notice from the Company, the IRO will terminate the SER.
- 7. Within 45 days after receipt of the SER request, the IRO shall provide written notice of its decision to uphold or reverse the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination.
- 8. The notice shall be sent to the Commissioner, the Company, the Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative. Upon receipt of a notice of decision reversing the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination, the Company shall immediately approve the coverage that was the subject of the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination.

**Expedited External Review (EER) Process**

An Expedited External Review request may be submitted either orally or in writing when:

- 1. The Insured Person or an Authorized Representative may make a written or oral request for an Expedited External Review (EER) with the Company at the time the Insured Person receives:
  - a. An Adverse Determination if:
    - i. The Insured Person or the Authorized Representative has filed a request for an Expedited Internal Review (EIR); and
    - ii. The Adverse Determination involves a medical condition for which the timeframe for completing an EIR would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Insured Person or jeopardize the Insured Person's ability to regain maximum function; or
  - b. A Final Adverse Determination, if:
    - i. The Insured Person has a medical condition for which the timeframe for completing a Standard External Review (SER) would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Insured Person or jeopardize the Insured Person's ability to regain maximum function; or
    - ii. The Final Adverse determination involves an admission, availability of care, continued stay or health care service for which the Insured Person received emergency services, but has not been discharged from a facility. An EER may not be provided for retrospective Adverse Determinations or Final Adverse Determinations.
- 2. Upon receipt of a request for an EER, the Company shall immediately review the request to determine that:
  - a. The individual was an Insured Person covered under the Policy at the time the service was requested or provided;
  - b. The Insured Person has exhausted the Company's Internal Appeal Process, unless the Insured Person is not required to do so as specified in sub-sections 1. a. and b. shown above;
  - c. The Insured Person has provided all the information and forms necessary to process the request; and
  - d. The service in question: (i) is a Covered Medical Expense under the Policy; and (ii) is not covered because it does not meet the Company's requirements for Medical Necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness.
- 3. Immediately after completion of the review, the Company shall notify the Commissioner, the Insured Person and the Authorized Representative, if applicable, whether the request is eligible for an EER.
  - a. If the request is not complete, the Company's response shall include what information or materials are needed to make the request complete;

- b. If the request is not eligible, the Company's response shall include the reasons for ineligibility. The Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative shall also be advised of the right to appeal the decision to the Commissioner.
- 4. When a request is complete and eligible for an EER, the Commissioner shall immediately assign an Independent Review Organization (IRO) from the Commissioner's approved list and notify the Company of the name of the assigned IRO.
  - a. The Company shall provide or transmit all necessary documents and information considered in making the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination.
  - b. All documents shall be submitted to the IRO electronically, by telephone, via facsimile, or by any other expeditious method.
- 5. a. If the EER is related to an Adverse Determination for which the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative filed the EER concurrently with an Expedited Internal Review (EIR) request, then the IRO will determine whether the Insured Person shall be required to complete the EIR prior to conducting the EER.
  - b. The IRO shall immediately notify the Insured Person and the Authorized Representative, if applicable, that the IRO will not proceed with EIR until the Company completes the EIR and the Insured Person's grievance remains unresolved at the end of the EER process.
- 6. In no more than 72 hours after receipt of the qualifying EIR request, the IRO shall:
  - a. Make a decision to uphold or reverse the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination; and
  - b. Notify the Commissioner, the Company, the Insured Person, and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative.
- 7. Upon receipt of a notice of decision reversing the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination, the Company shall immediately approve the coverage that was the subject of the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination.

**Standard Experimental or Investigational Treatment External Review (SEIER) Process**

An Insured Person, or an Insured Person's Authorized Representative, may submit a request for an Experimental or Investigational External Review when the denial of coverage is based on a determination that the recommended or requested health care service or treatment is experimental or investigational.

A request for a Standard Experimental or Investigational External Review must be submitted in writing within 4 months of receiving a notice of the Company's Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination.

- 1. For an Adverse Determination or a Final Adverse Determination that involves denial of coverage based on a determination that the health care service or treatment recommended or requested is experimental or investigational, an Insured Person or an Authorized Representative may submit a request for a Standard Experimental or Investigational Treatment External Review (SEIER) with the Company.
- 2. Within 5 business days after receiving the SEIER request notice, the Company will complete a preliminary review to determine that:
  - a. The individual was an Insured Person covered under the Policy at the time the service was recommended, requested or provided;
  - b. The recommended or requested health care services or treatment:
    - i. Is a Covered Medical Expense under the Insured Person's Policy except for the Company's determination that the service or treatment is experimental or investigational for a particular medical condition; and
    - ii. Is not explicitly listed as an Exclusion or Limitation under the Insured Person's Policy;
  - c. The Insured Person's treating Physician has certified that one of the following situations is applicable:
    - i. Standard health care services or treatments have not been effective in improving the condition of the Insured Person;
    - ii. Standard health care services or treatments are not medically appropriate for the Insured Person;
    - iii. There is no available standard health care service or treatment covered by the Company that is more beneficial than the recommended or requested health care service or treatment;
  - d. The Insured Person's treating Physician:
    - i. Has recommended a health care service or treatment that the Physician certified, in writing, is likely to be more beneficial to the Insured Person, in the Physician's opinion, than any available standard health care services or treatments; or
    - ii. Who is a licensed, board certified or board eligible Physician qualified to practice in the area of medicine appropriate to treat the Insured Person's condition, has certified in writing that scientifically valid studies using acceptable protocols demonstrate that the health care service or treatment requested by the Insured Person is likely to be more beneficial to the Insured Person than any available standard health care services or treatments;
  - e. The Insured Person has exhausted the Company's Internal Appeal Process; and
  - f. The Insured Person has provided all the information and forms necessary to process the request.

3. Within 1 business day after completion of the preliminary review, the Company shall notify the Commissioner, the Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative in writing whether the request is complete and eligible for a SEIER.
  - a. If the request is not complete, the Company's response shall include what information or materials are needed to make the request complete; or
  - b. If the request is not eligible, the Company response shall include the reasons for ineligibility. The Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative shall also be advised of the right to appeal the decision to the Commissioner.
4. After receiving notice that a request is eligible for SEIER, the Commissioner shall, within 1 business day:
  - a. Assign an IRO from the Commissioner's approved list;
  - b. Notify the Company of the name of the assigned IRO; and
  - c. Notify the Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative, that the request has been accepted. This notice shall include: (i) the name of the IRO; and (ii) a statement that the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative may, within 5 business days following receipt of the notice, submit additional information to the IRO for consideration when conducting the review.
5. a. The Company shall, within 5 business days, provide the IRO with any documents and information the Company considered in making the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. The Company's failure to provide the documents and information will not delay the SEIER. b.) If the Company fails to provide the documents and information within the required time frame, the IRO may terminate the review and may reverse the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. Upon making this decision, the IRO shall immediately advise the Commissioner, the Company, the Insured Person, and the Authorized Representative, if any, of its decision.
6. The IRO shall review all written information and documents submitted by the Company and the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative.
7. If the IRO receives any additional information from the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative, the IRO must forward the information to the Company within 1 business day.
  - a. The Company may then reconsider its Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. Reconsideration by the Company shall not delay or terminate the SEIER.
  - b. The SEIER may only be terminated if the Company decides to reverse its Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination and provide coverage for the service that is the subject of the SEIER.
  - c. If the Company reverses its decision, the Company shall immediately provide written notification to the Commissioner, the Insured Person, the Authorized Representative, if applicable, and the IRO. Upon written notice from the Company, the IRO will terminate the SEIER.
8. After completion of the IRO's review, upon receipt of a notice of decision reversing the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination, the Company shall immediately approve the coverage of the recommended or requested health care service or treatment that was the subject of the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination.

### **Expedited Experimental or Investigational Treatment External Review (EEIER) Process**

An Insured Person, or an Insured Person's Authorized Representative, may submit an oral request for an Expedited Experimental or Investigational External Review when:

1. An Insured Person or an Authorized Representative may make an oral request for an Expedited Experimental or Investigational Treatment External Review (EEIER) with the Company at the time the Insured Person receives:
  - a. An Adverse Determination if:
    - i. The Insured Person or the Authorized Representative has filed a request for an Expedited Internal Review (EIR); and
    - ii. The Adverse Determination involves a denial of coverage based on a determination that the recommended or requested health care service or treatment is experimental or investigational and the Insured Person's treating physician certifies in writing that the recommended or requested health care service or treatment would be significantly less effective if not promptly initiated; or
  - b. A Final Adverse Determination, if:
    - i. The Insured Person has a medical condition for which the timeframe for completing a Standard External Review (SER) would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Insured Person or jeopardize the Insured Person's ability to regain maximum function; or
    - ii. The Final Adverse Determination is based on a determination that the recommended or requested health care service or treatment is experimental or investigational and the Insured Person's treating Physician certifies in writing that the recommended or requested health care service or treatment would be significantly less effective if not promptly initiated. An EEIER may not be provided for retrospective Adverse Determinations or Final Adverse Determinations.
2. Upon receipt of an EEIER request notice, the Company shall immediately complete a preliminary review to determine that:

- a. The individual was an Insured Person covered under the Policy at the time the service was recommended or provided;
  - b. The recommended or requested health care services or treatment:
    - iii. Is a Covered Medical Expense under the Insured Person's Policy except for the Company's determination that the service or treatment is experimental or investigational for a particular medical condition; and
    - iv. Is not explicitly listed as an Exclusion or Limitation under the Insured Person's Policy;
  - c. The Insured Person's treating Physician has certified that one of the following situations is applicable:
    - iv. Standard health care services or treatments have not been effective in improving the condition of the Insured Person;
    - v. Standard health care services or treatments are not medically appropriate for the Insured Person;
    - vi. There is no available standard health care service or treatment covered by the Company that is more beneficial than the recommended or requested health care service or treatment;
  - d. The Insured Person's treating Physician:
    - iii. Has recommended a health care service or treatment that the Physician certified, in writing, is likely to be more beneficial to the Insured Person, in the Physician's opinion, than any available standard health care services or treatments; or
    - iv. Who is a licensed, board certified or board eligible Physician qualified to practice in the area of medicine appropriate to treat the Insured Person's condition, has certified in writing that scientifically valid studies using acceptable protocols demonstrate that the health care service or treatment requested by the Insured Person is likely to be more beneficial to the Insured Person than any available standard health care services or treatments;
  - e. The Insured Person has exhausted the Company's Internal Appeal Process unless the Insured person is not required to do so as specified in sub-sections 1. a. and b. above; and
  - f. The Insured Person has provided all the information and forms necessary to process the request.
3. The Company shall immediately notify the Commissioner, the Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative in writing whether the request is complete and eligible for an EEIER.
    - a. If the request is not complete, the Company's response shall include what information or materials are needed to make the request complete; or
    - b. If the request is not eligible, the Company's response shall include the reasons for ineligibility. The Insured Person and, if applicable, the Authorized Representative shall also be advised of the right to appeal the decision to the Commissioner.
  4. After receiving notice that a request is eligible for EEIER, the Commissioner shall immediately:
    - a. Assign an IRO from the Commissioner's approved list; and
    - b. Notify the Company of the name of the assigned IRO.
  5. The Company shall provide or transmit all necessary documents and information considered in making the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. All documents shall be submitted to the IRO electronically, by telephone, via facsimile, or by any other expeditious method.
  6. a. If the EEIER is related to an Adverse Determination for which the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative filed the EEIER concurrently with an Expedited Internal Review (EIR) request, then the IRO will determine whether the Insured Person shall be required to complete the EIR prior to conducting the EEIER. b.) The IRO shall immediately notify the Insured Person and the Authorized Representative, if applicable, that the IRO will not proceed with EEIER until the Company completes the EIR and the Insured Person's grievance remains unresolved at the end of the EIR process.
  7. a. The Company shall, within 5 business days, provide the IRO with any documents and information the Company considered in making the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. The Company's failure to provide the documents and information will not delay the EEIER. b.) If the Company fails to provide the documents and information within the required time frame, the IRO may terminate the review and may reverse the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. Upon making this decision, the IRO shall immediately advise the Commissioner, the Company, the Insured Person, and the Authorized Representative, if any, of its decision.
  8. Each clinical reviewer assigned by the IRO shall review all written information and documents submitted by the Company and the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative.
  9. If the IRO receives any additional information from the Insured Person or the Authorized Representative, the IRO must forward the information to the Company within 1 business day.
    - a. The Company may then reconsider its Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination. Reconsideration by the Company shall not delay or terminate the EEIER.
    - b. The EEIER may only be terminated if the Company decides to reverse its Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination and provide coverage for the service that is the subject of the EEIER.
    - c. If the Company reverses its decision, the Company shall immediately provide written notification to the Commissioner, the Insured Person, the Authorized Representative, if applicable, and the IRO. Upon written notice from the Company, the IRO will terminate the EEIER.
  10. Each clinical reviewer shall provide an oral or written opinion to the IRO no later than 5 calendar days after being selected by the IRO.

11. The IRO shall make a decision and provide oral or written notice of its decision within 48 hours after receipt of the opinions from each clinical reviewer.
12. Upon receipt of the IRO's notice of decision reversing the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination, the Company shall immediately approve the coverage of the recommended or requested health care service or treatment that was the subject of the Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination.

### **BINDING EXTERNAL REVIEW**

An External Review decision is binding on the Company except to the extent the Company has other remedies available under state law. An External Review decision is binding on the Insured Person to the extent the Insured Person has other remedies available under applicable federal or state law. An Insured Person or an Authorized Representative may not file a subsequent request for External Review involving the same Adverse Determination or Final Adverse Determination for which the Insured Person has already received an External Review decision.

### **APPEAL RIGHTS DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Notice of Appeal Rights, the following terms are defined as shown below:

**Adverse Determination** means a determination by the Company that, based upon the information provided, a request for benefits under the Policy does not meet the Company's requirements for Medical Necessity, or are experimental or investigational, and the requested benefit is denied, reduced, in whole or in part.

**Authorized Representative** means:

1. A person to whom an Insured Person has given express written consent to represent the Insured Person;
2. A person authorized by law to provide substituted consent for an Insured Person;
3. An Insured Person's family member or health care provider when the Insured Person is unable to provide consent;  
or
4. In the case of an urgent care request, a health care professional with knowledge of the Insured Person's medical condition.

**Evidenced-based Standard** means the conscientious, explicit and judicious use of the current best evidence based on the overall systematic review of the research in making decisions about the care of individual patients.

**Final Adverse Determination** means an Adverse Determination involving a Covered Medical Expense that has been upheld by the Company, at the completion of the Company's internal appeal process or an Adverse Determination for which the internal appeals process has been deemed exhausted in accordance with this notice.

**Prospective Review** means Utilization Review performed: 1) prior to an admission or the provision of a health care service or course of treatment; and 2) in accordance with the Company's requirement that the service be approved, in whole or in part, prior to its provision.

**Retrospective Review** means any review of a request for a Covered Medical Expense that is not a Prospective Review request. Retrospective review does not include the review of a claim that is limited to the veracity of documentation or accuracy of coding.

**Urgent Care Request** means a request for a health care service or course of treatment with respect to which the time periods for making a non-urgent care request determination:

1. Could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Insured Person or the ability of the Insured Person to regain maximum function; or
2. In the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the Insured Person's medical condition, would subject the Insured Person to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the health care service or treatment that is the subject of the request.

**Utilization Review** means a system for prospective, concurrent, or retrospective review of the Medical Necessity and appropriateness, efficacy of health care services and a system for prospective, concurrent, or retrospective review to determine the experimental or investigational nature of health care services. The term does not include a review in response to an elective request for clarification of coverage.

### **Questions Regarding Appeal Rights**

Contact Customer Service at 1-800-505-4160 with questions regarding the Insured Person's rights to an Internal Appeal and External Review.

Other resources are available to help the Insured Person navigate the appeals process. For questions about appeal rights, your state department of insurance may be able to assist you at:



Texas Department of Insurance  
P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, Texas, 78714-9104  
800-252-3439  
www.tdi.texas.gov  
ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

## COMPLAINT RESOLUTION

Insured Persons, Preferred, Out-of-Network Providers or their representatives with questions or complaints may call the Customer Service Department at 1-800-505-4160. If the question or complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant, the complainant may submit a written request to the Claims Review Committee, which will make a thorough investigation and respond to the complainant in a timely manner. The Company will not retaliate against the complainant because of the complaint.

## Section 15: Online Access to Account Information

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UnitedHealthcare **StudentResources** Insureds have online access to claims status, EOBs, ID cards, network providers, correspondence, and coverage information by logging in to **My Account** at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com). Insured students who don't already have an online account may simply select the "Create Account" link. Follow the simple, onscreen directions to establish an online account in minutes using the Insured's 7-digit Insurance ID number or the email address on file.

As part of UnitedHealthcare **StudentResources**' environmental commitment to reducing waste, we've adopted a number of initiatives designed to preserve our precious resources while also protecting the security of a student's personal health information.

**My Account** now includes a message center - a self-service tool that provides a quick and easy way to view any email notifications the Company may have sent. Notifications are securely sent directly to the Insured student's email address. If the Insured student prefers to receive paper copies, he or she may opt-out of electronic delivery by going into My Profile and making the change there.

## Section 16: ID Cards

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Digital ID cards will be made available to each Insured Person. The Company will send an email notification when the digital ID card is available to be downloaded from **My Account**. An Insured Person may also use **My Account** to request delivery of a permanent ID card through the mail.

## Section 17: UHCSR Mobile App

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The UHCSR Mobile App is available for download from Google Play or the App Store. Features of the Mobile App include easy access to:

- ID Cards – view, save to your device, fax or email directly to your provider. Covered Dependents are also included.
- Provider Search – search for In-Network participating healthcare or Mental Health providers, find contact information for the provider's office or facility, and locate the provider's office or facility on a map.
- Find My Claims – view claims received within the past 120 days for both the primary Insured and covered Dependents; includes provider, date of service, status, claim amount and amount paid.

## Section 18: Important Company Contact Information

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The Policy is Underwritten by:  
**UNITEDHEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY**

Administrative Office:  
FirstStudent  
P.O. Box 809025  
Dallas, Texas 75380-9025  
1-800-505-4160  
Web site:[www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com)

## Schedule of Benefits

IHECT-TX-Gold Enhanced 3

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METALLIC LEVEL – GOLD WITH ACTUARIAL VALUE OF 85.48%

### Injury and Sickness Benefits

#### No Overall Maximum Dollar Limit (Per Insured Person, Per Policy Year)

Deductible Preferred Provider	\$200 (Per Insured Person, Per Policy Year)
Deductible Out-of-Network	\$600 (Per Insured Person, Per Policy Year)
Coinsurance Preferred Provider	80% except as noted below
Coinsurance Out-of-Network	60% except as noted below
Out-of-Pocket Maximum Preferred Provider	\$6,850 (Per Insured Person, Per Policy Year)
Out-of-Pocket Maximum Preferred Provider	\$13,700 (For all Insureds in a Family, Per Policy Year)
Out-of-Pocket Maximum Out-of-Network	\$15,000 (Per Insured Person, Per Policy Year)

The Policy provides benefits for the Covered Medical Expenses incurred by an Insured Person for loss due to a covered Injury or Sickness.

The Preferred Provider for this plan is UnitedHealthcare Choice Plus.

If care is received from a Preferred Provider any Covered Medical Expenses will be paid at the Preferred Provider level of benefits. If a Preferred Provider is not reasonably available in the Network Area, benefits will be paid at the level of benefits shown as Preferred Provider benefits and any amount over the Usual and Customary Charges will apply to the Preferred Provider Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum upon proof of payment made to the Out-of-Network Provider from the Insured. If the Covered Medical Expense is incurred for Emergency Services when due to a Medical Emergency, benefits will be paid at the Preferred Provider level of benefits. In all other situations, reduced or lower benefits will be provided when an Out-of-Network provider is used.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum:** After the Out-of-Pocket Maximum has been satisfied, Covered Medical Expenses will be paid at 100% for the remainder of the Policy Year subject to any benefit maximums or limits that may apply. Separate Out-of-Pocket Maximums apply to Preferred Provider and Out-of-Network benefits. Any applicable Coinsurance, Copays, or Deductibles will be applied to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum. Services that are not Covered Medical Expenses and the amount benefits are reduced for failing to comply with Policy provisions or requirements do not count toward meeting the Out-of-Pocket Maximum. Even when the Out-of-Pocket Maximum has been satisfied, the Insured Person will still be responsible for Out-of-Network Copays.

**Student Health Center Benefits:** The Deductible and Copays will be waived and benefits will be paid at 100% for Covered Medical Expenses incurred when treatment is rendered at the Student Health Center.

Benefits are calculated on a Policy Year basis unless otherwise specifically stated. When benefit limits apply, benefits will be paid up to the maximum benefit for each service as scheduled below. All benefit maximums are combined Preferred Provider and Out-of-Network unless otherwise specifically stated. Please refer to the Medical Expense Benefits – Injury and Sickness section of the Certificate of Coverage for a description of the Covered Medical Expenses for which benefits are available. Covered Medical Expenses include:

Inpatient	Preferred Provider	Out-of-Network Provider
<b>Room and Board Expense</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Intensive Care</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Hospital Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Routine Newborn Care</b> See Benefits for Maternity and Post Delivery Care	Paid as any other Sickness	Paid as any other Sickness

<b>Inpatient</b>	<b>Preferred Provider</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Provider</b>
<b>Surgery</b> If two or more procedures are performed through the same incision or in immediate succession at the same operative session, the maximum amount paid will not exceed 50% of the second procedure and 50% of all subsequent procedures.	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Assistant Surgeon Fees</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Anesthetist Services</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Registered Nurse's Services</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Physician's Visits</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Pre-admission Testing</b> Payable within 7 working days prior to admission.	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible

<b>Outpatient</b>	<b>Preferred Provider</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Provider</b>
<b>Surgery</b> If two or more procedures are performed through the same incision or in immediate succession at the same operative session, the maximum amount paid will not exceed 50% of the second procedure and 50% of all subsequent procedures.	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Day Surgery Miscellaneous</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Assistant Surgeon Fees</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Anesthetist Services</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Physician's Visits</b>	\$25 Copay per visit 100% of Preferred Allowance not subject to Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Physiotherapy</b> Review of Medical Necessity will be performed after 12 visits per Injury or Sickness.	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Medical Emergency Expenses</b> The Copay will be waived if admitted to the Hospital.	\$150 Copay per visit Preferred Allowance not subject to Deductible	\$150 Copay per visit 80% of Usual and Customary Charges not subject to Deductible
<b>Diagnostic X-ray Services</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Radiation Therapy</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Laboratory Procedures</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Tests &amp; Procedures</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Injections</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible

<b>Outpatient</b>	<b>Preferred Provider</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Provider</b>
<b>Chemotherapy</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Prescription Drugs</b> *See UHCP Prescription Drug Benefit Endorsement for additional information.	*UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy (UHCP), Retail Network Pharmacy \$20 Copay per prescription Tier 1 \$45 Copay per prescription Tier 2 \$60 Copay per prescription Tier 3 up to a 31-day supply per prescription not subject to Deductible When Specialty Prescription Drugs are dispensed at a Non-Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy, the Insured is required to pay 2 times the retail Copay (up to 50% of the Prescription Drug Charge). UHCP Mail Order Network Pharmacy or Preferred 90 Day Retail Network Pharmacy at 2.5 times the retail Copay up to a 90-day supply.	\$20 Copay per prescription generic drug \$45 Copay per prescription brand-name drug up to a 31-day supply per prescription not subject to Deductible

<b>Other</b>	<b>Preferred Provider</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Provider</b>
<b>Ambulance Services</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	80% of Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Durable Medical Equipment</b> See also Benefits for Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices and Services	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	80% of Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Consultant Physician Fees</b>	\$25 Copay per visit 100% of Preferred Allowance not subject to Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Dental Treatment</b> Benefits paid on Injury to Sound, Natural Teeth only. Benefits paid for removal of complete bony impacted teeth only.	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	80% of Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Mental Illness Treatment</b>	<b>Inpatient:</b> Preferred Allowance after Deductible <b>Outpatient office visits:</b> \$25 Copay per visit 100% of Preferred Allowance not subject to Deductible <b>All other outpatient services, except Medical Emergency Expenses and Prescription Drugs:</b> Preferred Allowance after Deductible	<b>Inpatient:</b> Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible <b>Outpatient office visits:</b> Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible <b>All other outpatient services, except Medical Emergency Expenses and Prescription Drugs:</b> Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Substance Use Disorder Treatment</b>	<b>Inpatient:</b> Preferred Allowance after Deductible <b>Outpatient office visits:</b> \$25 Copay per visit 100% of Preferred Allowance not subject to Deductible <b>All other outpatient services, except Medical Emergency Expenses and Prescription Drugs:</b> Preferred Allowance after Deductible	<b>Inpatient:</b> Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible <b>Outpatient office visits:</b> Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible <b>All other outpatient services, except Medical Emergency Expenses and Prescription Drugs:</b> Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible

<b>Other</b>	<b>Preferred Provider</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Provider</b>
<b>Maternity</b> See Benefits for Maternity and Post Delivery Care	Paid as any other Sickness	Paid as any other Sickness
<b>Complications of Pregnancy</b>	Paid as any other Sickness	Paid as any other Sickness
<b>Preventive Care Services</b> No Deductible, Copays or Coinsurance will be applied when the services are received from a Preferred Provider. Please visit <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits/">https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits/</a> for a complete list of services provided for specific age and risk groups.	100% of Preferred Allowance	No Benefits
<b>Reconstructive Breast Surgery Following Mastectomy</b> See Benefits for Reconstructive Breast Surgery Following Mastectomy	Paid as any other Sickness	Paid as any other Sickness
<b>Diabetes Services</b> See Benefits for Diabetes Treatment	Paid as any other Sickness	Paid as any other Sickness
<b>Home Health Care</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Hospice Care</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Urgent Care Center</b>	\$50 Copay per visit Preferred Allowance not subject to Deductible	\$50 Copay per visit Usual and Customary Charges not subject to Deductible
<b>Hospital Outpatient Facility or Clinic</b>	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Approved Clinical Trials</b> See also Benefits for Routine Patient Care Costs for Clinical Trials	Paid as any other Sickness	Paid as any other Sickness
<b>Transplantation Services</b>	Paid as any other Sickness	Paid as any other Sickness
<b>-Pediatric Dental and Vision Services</b>	See endorsements attached for Pediatric Dental and Vision Services benefits	See endorsements attached for Pediatric Dental and Vision Services benefits
<b>Hearing Aids</b>	Paid as any other Sickness	Paid as any other Sickness
<b>Titers</b> Benefits are limited to titers related to immunizations for the following: Polio Virus Immune status, Varicella-Zoster AB, IgG, Hepatitis B surf AB, MMR, Hep B, Hep A, Tdap, and Rubella.	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible
<b>Tuberculosis Screening and Testing</b> Benefits are limited to TB Screening and Testing not covered under the Preventive Care Services benefit.	Preferred Allowance after Deductible	Usual and Customary Charges after Deductible

# UNITEDHEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY

## POLICY ENDORSEMENT

This endorsement takes effect and expires concurrently with the Policy to which it is attached and is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Policy not inconsistent therewith.



President

It is hereby understood and agreed that the Policy to which this endorsement is attached is amended as follows:

### **Pediatric Dental Services Benefits**

Benefits are provided under this endorsement for Covered Dental Services, as described below, for Insured Persons under the age of 19. Benefits under this endorsement terminate on the earlier of: 1) last day of the month the Insured Person reaches the age of 19; or 2) the date the Insured Person's coverage under the Policy terminates.

#### **Section 1: Accessing Pediatric Dental Services**

##### **Network and Non-Network Benefits**

**Network Benefits** - these benefits apply when the Insured Person chooses to obtain Covered Dental Services from a Network Dental Provider. Insured Persons generally are required to pay less to the Network Dental Provider than they would pay for services from a non-Network provider. Network Benefits are determined based on the contracted fee for each Covered Dental Service. In no event, will the Insured Person be required to pay a Network Dental Provider an amount for a Covered Dental Service that is greater than the contracted fee.

In order for Covered Dental Services to be paid as Network Benefits, the Insured Person must obtain all Covered Dental Services directly from or through a Network Dental Provider.

Insured Persons must always check the participation status of a provider prior to seeking services. From time to time, the participation status of a provider may change. The Insured Person can check the participation status by calling the Company and/or the provider. The Company can help in referring the Insured Person to Network Dental Provider.

The Company will make a Directory of Network Dental Providers available to the Insured Person. The Insured Person can also call Customer Service at 1-877-816-3596 to determine which providers participate in the Network. The telephone number for Customer Service is also on the Insured's ID card.

**Non-Network Benefits** - these benefits apply when the Insured Person decides to obtain Covered Dental Services from non-Network Dental Providers. Insured Persons generally are required to pay more to the provider than for Network Benefits. Non-Network Benefits are determined based on the Usual and Customary Fee for similarly situated Network Dental Providers for each Covered Dental Service. The actual charge made by a non-Network Dental Provider for a Covered Dental Service may exceed the Usual and Customary Fee. Insured Persons may be required to pay a non-Network Dental Provider an amount for a Covered Dental Service in excess of the Usual and Customary Fee. When the Insured Person obtains Covered Dental Services from non-Network Dental Providers, the Insured Person must file a claim with the Company to be reimbursed for Allowed Dental Amounts.

##### **What Are Covered Dental Services?**

The Insured Person is eligible for benefits for Covered Dental Services listed in this endorsement if such Dental Services are Necessary and are provided by or under the direction of a Network Dental Provider.

Benefits are available only for Necessary Dental Services. The fact that a Dental Provider has performed or prescribed a procedure or treatment, or the fact that it may be the only available treatment for a dental disease, does not mean that the procedure or treatment is a Covered Dental Service under this endorsement.

## **What Is a Pre-Treatment Estimate?**

If the charge for a Dental Service is expected to exceed \$500 or if a dental exam reveals the need for fixed bridgework, the Insured Person may notify the Company of such treatment before treatment begins and receive a pre-treatment estimate. To receive a pre-treatment estimate, the Insured Person or Dental Provider should send a notice to the Company, via claim form, within 20 calendar days of the exam. If requested, the Dental Provider must provide the Company with dental x-rays, study models or other information necessary to evaluate the treatment plan for purposes of benefit determination.

The Company will determine if the proposed treatment is a Covered Dental Service and will estimate the amount of payment. The estimate of benefits payable will be sent to the Dental Provider and will be subject to all terms, conditions and provisions of the Policy. Clinical situations that can be effectively treated by a less costly, clinically acceptable alternative procedure will be assigned a benefit based on the less costly procedure.

A pre-treatment estimate of benefits is not an agreement to pay for expenses. This procedure lets the Insured Person know in advance approximately what portion of the expenses will be considered for payment.

## **Section 2: Benefits for Pediatric Dental Services**

Benefits are provided for the Dental Services stated in this Section when such services are:

- A. Necessary.
- B. Provided by or under the direction of a Dental Provider.
- C. Clinical situations that can be effectively treated by a less costly, dental appropriate alternative procedure will be assigned a benefit based on the least costly procedure.
- D. Not excluded as described in Section 3: Pediatric Dental Exclusions of this endorsement.

Benefits for Covered Dental Services are subject to satisfaction of the Dental Services Deductible.

### **Network Benefits:**

Benefits for Allowed Dental Amounts are determined as a percentage of the negotiated contract fee between the Company and the provider rather than a percentage of the provider's billed charge. The Company's negotiated rate with the provider is ordinarily lower than the provider's billed charge.

A Network provider cannot charge the Insured Person or the Company for any service or supply that is not Necessary as determined by the Company. If the Insured Person agrees to receive a service or supply that is not Necessary the Network provider may charge the Insured Person. However, these charges will not be considered Covered Dental Services and benefits will not be payable.

### **Non-Network Benefits:**

Benefits for Allowed Dental Amounts from non-Network providers are determined as a percentage of the Usual and Customary Fees. The Insured Person must pay the amount by which the non-Network provider's billed charge exceeds the Allowed Dental Amounts.

### **Dental Services Deductible**

Benefits for pediatric Dental Services provided under this endorsement are not subject to the Policy Deductible stated in the Policy *Schedule of Benefits*. Instead, benefits for pediatric Dental Services are subject to a separate Dental Services Deductible.

For any combination of Network and Non-Network Benefits, the Dental Services Deductible per Policy Year is \$500 per Insured Person.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum** - any amount the Insured Person pays in Coinsurance for pediatric Dental Services under this endorsement applies to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum stated in the Policy *Schedule of Benefits*.

## Benefits

Dental Services Deductibles are calculated on a Policy Year basis.

When benefit limits apply, the limit stated refers to any combination of Network Benefits and Non-Network Benefits unless otherwise specifically stated.

Benefit limits are calculated on a Policy Year basis unless otherwise specifically stated.

### Benefit Description

<b>Amounts shown below in the Schedule of Benefits are based on Allowed Dental Amounts.</b>		
<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
<b>Diagnostic Services - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
<p><i>Evaluations (Checkup Exams)</i></p> <p>Limited to 2 times per 12 months. Covered as a separate benefit only if no other service was done during the visit other than X-rays.</p> <p>D0120 - Periodic oral evaluation D0140 - Limited oral evaluation - problem focused D9995 - Teledentistry - synchronous - real time encounter D9996 - Teledentistry - asynchronous - information stored and forwarded to dentist for subsequent review D0150 - Comprehensive oral evaluation D0180 - Comprehensive periodontal evaluation</p> <p>The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.</p> <p>D0160 - Detailed and extensive oral evaluation - problem focused</p>	50%	50%
<p><i>Intraoral Radiographs (X-ray)</i></p> <p>Limited to 2 series of films per 12 months.</p> <p>D0210 - Complete series (including bitewings)</p>	50%	50%
<p>The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.</p> <p>D0220 - Intraoral - periapical first film D0230 - Intraoral - periapical - each additional film D0240 - Intraoral - occlusal film</p>	50%	50%
<p>Any combination of the following services is limited to 2 series of films per 12 months.</p> <p>D0270 - Bitewings - single film D0272 - Bitewings - two films D0274 - Bitewings - four films</p>	50%	50%



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D0277 - Vertical bitewings		
Limited to 1 time per 36 months.	50%	50%
D0330 - Panoramic radiograph image		
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.	50%	50%
D0340 - Cephalometric X-ray D0350 - Oral/Facial photographic images D0391 - Interpretation of diagnostic images D0470 - Diagnostic casts		
<b>Preventive Services - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
<i>Dental Prophylaxis (Cleanings)</i>	50%	50%
<i>The following services are limited to 2 times every 12 months.</i>		
D1110 - Prophylaxis - adult D1120 - Prophylaxis - child		
<i>Fluoride Treatments</i>	50%	50%
<i>The following services are limited to 2 times every 12 months.</i>		
D1206 and D1208 - Fluoride		
<i>Sealants (Protective Coating)</i>	50%	50%
The following services are limited to once per first or second permanent molar every 36 months.		
D1351 - Sealant - per tooth - unrestored permanent molar D1352 - Preventive resin restorations in moderate to high caries risk patient - permanent tooth		
<i>Space Maintainers (Spacers)</i>	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.		
D1510 - Space maintainer - fixed - unilateral - per quadrant D1516 - Space maintainer - fixed - bilateral maxillary D1517 - Space maintainer - fixed - bilateral mandibular D1520 - Space maintainer - removable - unilateral - per quadrant D1526 - Space maintainer - removable - bilateral maxillary D1527 - Space maintainer - removable - bilateral mandibular D1551 - Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer - maxillary		

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D1552 - Re-cement or re-bond bilateral space maintainer - mandibular D1553 - Re-cement or re-bond unilateral space maintainer - per quadrant D1556 - Removal of fixed unilateral space maintainer - per quadrant D1557 - Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer - maxillary D1558 - Removal of fixed bilateral space maintainer - mandibular D1575 - Distal shoe space maintainer - fixed - unilateral per quadrant		
<b>Minor Restorative Services - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
<i>Amalgam Restorations (Silver Fillings)</i>  The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D2140 - Amalgams - one surface, primary or permanent D2150 - Amalgams - two surfaces, primary or permanent D2160 - Amalgams - three surfaces, primary or permanent D2161 - Amalgams - four or more surfaces, primary or permanent	50%	50%
<i>Composite Resin Restorations (Tooth Colored Fillings)</i>  The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D2330 - Resin-based composite - one surface, anterior D2331 - Resin-based composite - two surfaces, anterior D2332 - Resin-based composite - three surfaces, anterior D2335 - Resin-based composite - four or more surfaces or involving incised angle, anterior	50%	50%
<b>Crowns/Inlays/Onlays - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
The following services are subject to a limit of 1 time every 60 months.  D2542 - Onlay - metallic - two surfaces D2543 - Onlay - metallic - three surfaces D2544 - Onlay - metallic - four surfaces D2740 - Crown - porcelain/ceramic substrate D2750 - Crown - porcelain fused to high noble metal D2751 - Crown - porcelain fused to predominately base metal	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
<p>D2752 - Crown - porcelain fused to noble metal  D2753 - Crown - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys  D2780 - Crown - 3/4 cast high noble metal  D2781 - Crown - 3/4 cast predominately base metal  D2783 - Crown - 3/4 porcelain/ceramic  D2790 - Crown - full cast high noble metal  D2791 - Crown - full cast predominately base metal  D2792 - Crown - full cast noble metal  D2794 - Crown - titanium and titanium alloys  D2930 - Prefabricated stainless steel crown - primary tooth  D2931 - Prefabricated stainless steel crown - permanent tooth</p> <p>The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.</p> <p>D2510 - Inlay - metallic - one surface  D2520 - Inlay - metallic - two surfaces  D2530 - Inlay - metallic - three surfaces  D2910 - Re-cement inlay  D2920 - Re-cement crown</p>		
<p>The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.</p> <p>D2940 - Protective restoration</p>	50%	50%
<p>The following services are limited to 1 time per tooth every 60 months.</p> <p>D2929 - Prefabricated porcelain crown - primary  D2950 - Core buildup, including any pins</p>	50%	50%
<p>The following service is limited to 1 time per tooth every 60 months.</p> <p>D2951 - Pin retention - per tooth, in addition to crown</p>	50%	50%
<p><i>The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.</i></p> <p>D2954 - Prefabricated post and core in addition to crown</p>	50%	50%
<p>The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.</p> <p>D2980 - Crown repair necessitated by restorative material failure  D2981 - Inlay repair</p>	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D2982 - Onlay repair D2983 - Veneer repair D2990 - Resin infiltration/smooth surface		
<b>Endodontics - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
<i>The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.</i> D3220 - Therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration)	50%	50%
<i>The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.</i>  D3222 - Partial pulpotomy for apexogenesis - permanent tooth with incomplete root development	50%	50%
<i>The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.</i>  D3230 - Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - anterior - primary tooth (excluding final restoration) D3240 - Pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) - posterior, primary tooth (excluding final restoration)	50%	50%
<i>The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.</i>  D3310 - Anterior root canal (excluding final restoration) D3320 - Bicuspid root canal (excluding final restoration) D3330 - Molar root canal (excluding final restoration) D3346 - Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - anterior D3347 - Retreatment of previous root canal therapy - bicuspid D3348 - Retreatment of previous root canal therapy – molar	50%	50%
<i>The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.</i>  D3351 - Apexification/recalcification - initial visit D3352 - Apexification/recalcification - interim medication replacement D3353 - Apexification/recalcification - final visit	50%	50%
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.  D3354 - Pulpal regeneration	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D3410 - Apicoectomy/periradicular - anterior	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D3421 - Apicoectomy/periradicular - bicuspid D3425 - Apicoectomy/periradicular - molar D3426 - Apicoectomy/periradicular - each additional root		
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.  D3450 - Root amputation - per root	50%	50%
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.  D3920 - Hemisection (including any root removal), not including root canal therapy	50%	50%
<b>Periodontics - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
The following services are limited to a frequency of 1 every 36 months.  D4210 - Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - four or more teeth D4211 - Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - one to three teeth D4212 - Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - with restorative procedures - per tooth	50%	50%
The following services are limited to 1 every 36 months.  D4240 - Gingival flap procedure, four or more teeth D4241 - Gingival flap procedure, including root planing, one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant	50%	50%
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.  D4249 - Clinical crown lengthening - hard tissue	50%	50%
The following services are limited to 1 every 36 months.  D4260 - Osseous surgery D4261 - Osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure), one to three contiguous teeth or bounded teeth spaces per quadrant D4263 - Bone replacement graft - first site in quadrant	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D4270 - Pedicle soft tissue graft procedure	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D4271 - Free soft tissue graft procedure		
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D4273 - Subepithelial connective tissue graft procedures, per tooth D4275 - Soft tissue allograft D4277 - Free soft tissue graft - first tooth D4278 - Free soft tissue graft - additional teeth	50%	50%
The following services are limited to 1 time per quadrant every 24 months.  D4341 - Periodontal scaling and root planing - four or more teeth per quadrant D4342 - Periodontal scaling and root planing - one to three teeth per quadrant D4346 - Scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth, after oral evaluation	50%	50%
The following service is limited to a frequency to 1 per lifetime.  D4355 - Full mouth debridement to enable comprehensive evaluation and diagnosis	50%	50%
The following service is limited to 4 times every 12 months in combination with prophylaxis.  D4910 - Periodontal maintenance	50%	50%
<b>Removable Dentures - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
The following services are limited to a frequency of 1 every 60 months.  D5110 - Complete denture - maxillary D5120 - Complete denture - mandibular D5130 - Immediate denture - maxillary D5140 - Immediate denture - mandibular D5211 - Mandibular partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth) D5212 - Maxillary partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests, and teeth) D5213 - Maxillary partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth)	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D5214 - Mandibular partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth) D5221 - Immediate maxillary partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth) D5222 - Immediate mandibular partial denture - resin base (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth) D5223 - Immediate maxillary partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth) D5224 - Immediate mandibular partial denture - cast metal framework with resin denture bases (including retentive/clasping materials, rests and teeth) D5282 - Removable unilateral partial denture - one piece cast metal (including clasps and teeth), maxillary D5283 - Removable unilateral partial denture - one piece cast metal (including clasps and teeth), mandibular D5284 - Removable unilateral partial denture - one piece flexible base (including clasps and teeth) - per quadrant D5286 - Removable unilateral partial denture - one piece resin (including clasps and teeth) - per quadrant		
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D5410 - Adjust complete denture - maxillary D5411 - Adjust complete denture - mandibular D5421 - Adjust partial denture - maxillary D5422 - Adjust partial denture - mandibular D5510 - Repair broken complete denture base D5511 - Repair broken complete denture base - mandibular D5512 - Repair broken complete denture base - maxillary D5520 - Replace missing or broken teeth - complete denture D5610 - Repair resin denture base	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D5611 - Repair resin partial denture base - mandibular D5612 - Repair resin partial denture base - maxillary D5620 - Repair cast framework D5621 - Repair cast partial framework - mandibular D5622 - Repair cast partial framework - maxillary D5630 - Repair or replace broken retentive/clasping materials - per tooth D5640 - Replace broken teeth - per tooth D5650 - Add tooth to existing partial denture D5660 - Add clasp to existing partial denture		
The following services are limited to rebasing performed more than 6 months after the initial insertion with a frequency limitation of 1 time per 12 months.  D5710 - Rebase complete maxillary denture D5720 - Rebase maxillary partial denture D5721 - Rebase mandibular partial denture D5730 - Reline complete maxillary denture D5731 - Reline complete mandibular denture D5740 - Reline maxillary partial denture D5741 - Reline mandibular partial denture D5750 - Reline complete maxillary denture (laboratory) D5751 - Reline complete mandibular denture (laboratory) D5752 - Reline complete mandibular denture (laboratory) D5760 - Reline maxillary partial denture (laboratory) D5761 - Reline mandibular partial denture (laboratory) - rebase/reline D5762 - Reline mandibular partial denture (laboratory) D5876 - Add metal substructure to acrylic full denture (per arch)	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D5850 - Tissue conditioning (maxillary) D5851 - Tissue conditioning (mandibular)	50%	50%



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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
<b>Bridges (Fixed partial dentures) - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D6210 - Pontic - cast high noble metal D6211 - Pontic - cast predominately base metal D6212 - Pontic - cast noble metal D6214 - Pontic - titanium and titanium alloys D6240 - Pontic - porcelain fused to high noble metal D6241 - Pontic - porcelain fused to predominately base metal D6242 - Pontic - porcelain fused to noble metal D6243 - Pontic - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys D6245 - Pontic - porcelain/ceramic	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D6545 - Retainer - cast metal for resin bonded fixed prosthesis D6548 - Retainer - porcelain/ceramic for resin bonded fixed prosthesis	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D6519 - Inlay/onlay - porcelain/ceramic D6520 - Inlay - metallic - two surfaces D6530 - Inlay - metallic - three or more surfaces D6543 - Onlay - metallic - three surfaces D6544 - Onlay - metallic - four or more surfaces	50%	50%
The following services are limited to 1 time every 60 months.  D6740 - Retainer crown - porcelain/ceramic D6750 - Retainer crown - porcelain fused to high noble metal D6751 - Retainer crown - porcelain fused to predominately base metal D6752 - Retainer crown - porcelain fused to noble metal D6753 - Retainer crown - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys D6780 - Retainer crown - 3/4 cast high noble metal D6781 - Retainer crown - 3/4 cast predominately base metal	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D6782 - Retainer crown - 3/4 cast noble metal D6783 - Retainer crown - 3/4 porcelain/ceramic D6784 - Retainer crown - 3/4 titanium and titanium alloys D6790 - Retainer crown - full cast high noble metal D6791 - Retainer crown - full cast predominately base metal D6792 - Retainer crown - full cast noble metal		
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.  D6930 - Re-cement or re-bond fixed partial denture	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D6973 - Core build up for retainer, including any pins D6980 - Fixed partial denture repair necessitated by restorative material failure	50%	50%
<b>Oral Surgery - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.  D7140 - Extraction, erupted tooth or exposed root	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D7210 - Surgical removal of erupted tooth requiring elevation of mucoperiosteal flap and removal of bone and/or section of tooth D7220 - Removal of impacted tooth - soft tissue D7230 - Removal of impacted tooth - partially bony D7240 - Removal of impacted tooth - completely bony D7241 - Removal of impacted tooth - completely bony with unusual surgical complications D7250 - Surgical removal or residual tooth roots D7251 - Coronectomy - intentional partial tooth removal	50%	50%
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.  D7270 - Tooth reimplantation and/or stabilization of accidentally evulsed or displaced tooth	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.  D7280 - Surgical access of an unerupted tooth	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D7310 - Alveoplasty in conjunction with extractions - per quadrant D7311 - Alveoplasty in conjunction with extraction - one to three teeth or tooth space - per quadrant D7320 - Alveoplasty not in conjunction with extractions - per quadrant D7321 - Alveoplasty not in conjunction with extractions - one to three teeth or tooth space - per quadrant	50%	50%
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit.  D7471 - Removal of lateral exostosis (maxilla or mandible)	50%	50%
The following services are not subject to a frequency limit.  D7510 - Incision and drainage of abscess D7910 - Suture of recent small wounds up to 5 cm D7921 - Collect - apply autologous product D7953 - Bone replacement graft for ridge preservation - per site D7971 - Excision of pericoronal gingiva	50%	50%
<b>Adjunctive Services - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
The following service is not subject to a frequency limit; however, it is covered as a separate benefit only if no other services (other than the exam and radiographs) were done on the same tooth during the visit.  D9110 - Palliative (Emergency) treatment of dental pain - minor procedure	50%	50%
Covered only when clinically Necessary.  D9220 - Deep sedation/general anesthesia first 30 minutes D9221 - Dental sedation/general anesthesia each additional 15 minutes	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D9222 - Deep sedation/general anesthesia - first 15 minutes D9239 - Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/anesthesia - first 15 minutes D9241 - Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia - first 30 minutes D9242 - Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia - each additional 15 minutes D9610 - Therapeutic drug injection, by report		
Covered only when clinically Necessary  D9310 - Consultation (diagnostic service provided by a dentist or Physician other than the practitioner providing treatment)	50%	50%
The following is limited to 1 guard every 12 months.  D9944 - Occlusal guard - hard appliance, full arch D9945 - Occlusal guard - soft appliance, full arch D9946 - Occlusal guard - hard appliance, partial arch	50%	50%
<b>Implant Procedures - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
The following services are limited to 1 time every 60 months.  D6010 - Endosteal implant D6012 - Surgical placement of interim implant body D6040 - Eposteal implant D6050 - Transosteal implant, including hardware D6053 - Implant supported complete denture D6054 - Implant supported partial denture D6055 - Connecting bar implant or abutment supported D6056 - Prefabricated abutment D6057 - Custom abutment D6058 - Abutment supported porcelain ceramic crown D6059 - Abutment supported porcelain fused to high noble metal D6060 - Abutment supported porcelain fused to predominately base metal crown D6061 - Abutment supported porcelain fused to noble metal crown D6062 - Abutment supported cast high noble metal crown	50%	50%

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D6063 - Abutment supported cast predominately base metal crown D6064 - Abutment supported porcelain/ceramic crown D6065 - Implant supported porcelain/ceramic crown D6066 - Implant supported crown - porcelain fused to high noble alloys D6067 - Implant supported crown - high noble alloys D6068 - Abutment supported retainer for porcelain/ceramic fixed partial denture D6069 - Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to high noble metal fixed partial denture D6070 - Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to predominately base metal fixed partial denture D6071 - Abutment supported retainer for porcelain fused to noble metal fixed partial denture D6072 - Abutment supported retainer for cast high noble metal fixed partial denture D6073 - Abutment supported retainer for predominately base metal fixed partial denture D6074 - Abutment supported retainer for cast metal fixed partial denture D6075 - Implant supported retainer for ceramic fixed partial denture D6076 - Implant supported retainer for FPD - porcelain fused to high noble alloys D6077 - Implant supported retainer for metal FPD - high noble alloys D6078 - Implant/abutment supported fixed partial denture for completely edentulous arch D6079 - Implant/abutment supported fixed partial denture for partially edentulous arch D6080 - Implant maintenance procedure D6081 - Scaling and debridement in the presence of inflammation or mucositis of a single implant, including cleaning of the implant surfaces, without flap entry and closure D6082 - Implant supported crown - porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys D6083 - Implant supported crown - porcelain fused to noble alloys		

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<b>What Are the Procedure Codes, Benefit Description and Frequency Limitations?</b>	<b>Network Benefits</b>	<b>Non-Network Benefits</b>
D6084 - Implant supported crown - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys D6086 - Implant supported crown - predominantly base alloys D6087 - Implant supported crown - noble alloys D6088 - Implant supported crown - titanium and titanium alloys D6090 - Repair implant prosthesis D6091 - Replacement of semi-precision or precision attachment D6095 - Repair implant abutment D6096 - Remove broken implant retaining screw D6097 - Abutment supported crown - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys D6098 - Implant supported retainer - porcelain fused to predominantly base alloys D6099 - Implant supported retainer for FPD - porcelain fused to noble alloys D6100 - Implant removal D6101 - Debridement peri-implant defect D6102 - Debridement and osseous peri-implant defect D6103 - Bone graft peri-implant defect D6104 - Bone graft implant replacement D6118 - Implant/abutment supported interim fixed denture for edentulous arch - mandibular D6119 - Implant/abutment supported interim fixed denture for edentulous arch - maxillary D6120 - Implant supported retainer - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys D6121 - Implant supported retainer for metal FPD - predominantly base alloys D6122 - Implant supported retainer for metal FPD - noble alloys D6123 - Implant supported retainer for metal FPD - titanium and titanium alloys D6190 - Implant index D6195 - Abutment supported retainer - porcelain fused to titanium and titanium alloys		
<b>Medically Necessary Orthodontics - (Subject to payment of the Dental Services Deductible.)</b>		
Benefits for comprehensive orthodontic treatment are approved by the Company, only in those instances that are related to an identifiable syndrome such as cleft lip and or palate, Crouzon's Syndrome, Treacher-Collins Syndrome, Pierre-Robin Syndrome, hemi-facial atrophy, hemi-facial hypertrophy; or other severe craniofacial deformities which result in a physically handicapping malocclusion as determined by the Company's dental consultants. Benefits are not available for		

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comprehensive orthodontic treatment for crowded dentitions (crooked teeth), excessive spacing between teeth, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) conditions and/or having horizontal/vertical (overjet/overbite) discrepancies.		
Services or supplies furnished by a Dental Provider in order to diagnose or correct misalignment of the teeth or the bite. Benefits are available only when the service or supply is determined to be medically Necessary.		
D8010 - Limited orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition D8020 - Limited orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition D8030 - Limited orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition D8050 - Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition D8060 - Interceptive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition D8070 - Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition D8080 - Comprehensive orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition D8210 - Removable appliance therapy D8220 - Fixed appliance therapy D8660 - Pre-orthodontic treatment visit D8670 - Periodic orthodontic treatment visit D8680 - Orthodontic retention D8695 - Removal of fixed orthodontic appliances for reasons other than completion of treatment D8696 - Repair of orthodontic appliance - maxillary D8697 - Repair of orthodontic appliance - mandibular D8698 - Re-cement or re-bond fixed retainer - maxillary D8699 - Re-cement or re-bond fixed retainer - mandibular D8701 - Repair of fixed retainer, includes reattachment - maxillary D8702 - Repair of fixed retainer, includes reattachment - mandibular	50%	50%

### Section 3: Pediatric Dental Exclusions

Except as may be specifically provided in this endorsement under Section 2: Benefits for Covered Dental Services, benefits are not provided under this endorsement for the following:

1. Any Dental Service or Procedure not listed as a Covered Dental Service in this endorsement in Section 2: Benefits for Covered Dental Services.
2. Dental Services that are not Necessary.
3. Hospitalization or other facility charges.
4. Any Dental Procedure performed solely for cosmetic/aesthetic reasons. (Cosmetic procedures are those procedures that improve physical appearance.)
5. Reconstructive surgery, regardless of whether or not the surgery is incidental to a dental disease, Injury, or Congenital Condition, when the primary purpose is to improve physiological functioning of the involved part of the body.
6. Any Dental Procedure not directly associated with dental disease.
7. Any Dental Procedure not performed in a dental setting.

8. Procedures that are considered to be Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services. This includes pharmacological regimens not accepted by the American Dental Association (ADA) Council on Dental Therapeutics. The fact that an Experimental, or Investigational or Unproven Service, treatment, device or pharmacological regimen is the only available treatment for a particular condition will not result in benefits if the procedure is considered to be Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service in the treatment of that particular condition.
9. Drugs/medications, received with or without a prescription, unless they are dispensed and utilized in the dental office during the patient visit.
10. Setting of facial bony fractures and any treatment associated with the dislocation of facial skeletal hard tissue.
11. Treatment of benign neoplasms, cysts, or other pathology involving benign lesions, except excisional removal. Treatment of malignant neoplasms or Congenital Conditions of hard or soft tissue, including excision.
12. Replacement of complete dentures, fixed and removable partial dentures or crowns and implants, implant crowns and prosthesis if damage or breakage was directly related to provider error. This type of replacement is the responsibility of the Dental Provider. If replacement is Necessary because of patient non-compliance, the patient is liable for the cost of replacement.
13. Services related to the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), either bilateral or unilateral. Upper and lower jaw bone surgery (including surgery related to the temporomandibular joint). Orthognathic surgery, jaw alignment, and treatment for the temporomandibular joint.
14. Charges for not keeping a scheduled appointment without giving the dental office 24 hours notice.
15. Expenses for Dental Procedures begun prior to the Insured Person becoming enrolled for coverage provided through this endorsement to the Policy.
16. Dental Services otherwise covered under the Policy, but rendered after the date individual coverage under the Policy terminates, including Dental Services for dental conditions arising prior to the date individual coverage under the Policy terminates.
17. Foreign Services are not covered unless required for a Dental Emergency.
18. Fixed or removable prosthodontic restoration procedures for complete oral rehabilitation or reconstruction.
19. Procedures related to the reconstruction of a patient's correct vertical dimension of occlusion (VDO).
20. Billing for incision and drainage if the involved abscessed tooth is removed on the same date of service.
21. Placement of fixed partial dentures solely for the purpose of achieving periodontal stability.
22. Acupuncture; acupressure and other forms of alternative treatment, whether or not used as anesthesia.
23. Orthodontic coverage does not include the installation of a space maintainer, any treatment related to treatment of the temporomandibular joint, any surgical procedure to correct a malocclusion, replacement of lost or broken retainers and/or habit appliances, and any fixed or removable interceptive orthodontic appliances previously submitted for payment under the Policy.

## Section 4: Claims for Pediatric Dental Services

When obtaining Dental Services from a non-Network Dental Provider, the Insured Person will be required to pay all billed charges directly to the Dental Provider. The Insured Person may then seek reimbursement from the Company. The Insured Person must provide the Company with all of the information identified below.

### Reimbursement for Dental Services

The Insured Person is responsible for sending a request for reimbursement to the Company, on a form provided by or satisfactory to the Company.

**Claim Forms.** It is not necessary to include a claim form with the proof of loss. However, the proof must include all of the following information:

- Insured Person's name and address.
- Insured Person's identification number.
- The name and address of the provider of the service(s).
- A diagnosis from the Dental Provider including a complete dental chart showing extractions, fillings or other dental services rendered before the charge was incurred for the claim.
- Radiographs, lab or hospital reports.
- Casts, molds or study models.
- Itemized bill which includes the CPT or ADA codes or description of each charge.
- The date the dental disease began.
- A statement indicating that the Insured Person is or is not enrolled for coverage under any other health or dental insurance plan or program. If enrolled for other coverage, The Insured Person must include the name of the other carrier(s).

To file a claim, submit the above information to the Company at the following address:  
UnitedHealthcare Dental



ATTN: Claims Unit  
P. O. Box 30567  
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0567

If the Insured Person would like to use a claim form, call Customer Service at 1-877-816-3596. This number is also listed on the Insured's Dental ID Card. If the Insured Person does not receive the claim form within 15 calendar days of the request, the proof of loss may be submitted with the information stated above.

The Insured may access benefit information at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com) and dental providers may access benefit information at [www.dbp.com](http://www.dbp.com).

## Section 5: Defined Terms for Pediatric Dental Services

The following definitions are in addition to those listed in the Definitions section of the Certificate of Coverage:

**Allowed Dental Amounts** - Allowed Dental Amounts for Covered Dental Services, incurred while the Policy is in effect, are determined as stated below:

- For Network Benefits, when Covered Dental Services are received from Network Dental Providers, Allowed Dental Amounts are the Company's contracted fee(s) for Covered Dental Services with that provider.
- For Non-Network Benefits, when Covered Dental Services are received from Non-Network Dental Providers, Allowed Dental Amounts are the Usual and Customary Fees, as defined below.

**Covered Dental Service** – a Dental Service or Dental Procedure for which benefits are provided under this endorsement.

**Dental Emergency** - a dental condition or symptom resulting from dental disease which arises suddenly and, in the judgment of a reasonable person, requires immediate care and treatment, and such treatment is sought or received within 24 hours of onset.

**Dental Provider** - any dentist or dental practitioner who is duly licensed and qualified under the law of jurisdiction in which treatment is received to render Dental Services, perform dental surgery or administer anesthetics for dental surgery.

**Dental Service or Dental Procedures** - dental care or treatment provided by a Dental Provider to the Insured Person while the Policy is in effect, provided such care or treatment is recognized by the Company as a generally accepted form of care or treatment according to prevailing standards of dental practice.

**Dental Services Deductible** - the amount the Insured Person must pay for Covered Dental Services in a Policy Year before the Company will begin paying for Network or Non-Network Benefits in that Policy Year.

**Experimental, Investigational, or Unproven Service** - medical, dental, surgical, diagnostic, or other health care services, technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies or devices that, at the time the Company makes a determination regarding coverage in a particular case, is determined to be:

- Not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be lawfully marketed for the proposed use and not identified in the American Hospital Formulary Service or the United States Pharmacopoeia Dispensing Information as appropriate for the proposed use; or
- Subject to review and approval by any institutional review board for the proposed use; or
- The subject of an ongoing clinical trial that meets the definition of a Phase 1, 2, or 3 clinical trial set forth in the FDA regulations, regardless of whether the trial is actually subject to FDA oversight; or
- Not determined through prevailing peer-reviewed professional literature to be safe and effective for treating or diagnosing the condition or Sickness for which its use is proposed.

**Foreign Services** - services provided outside the U.S. and U.S. Territories.

**Necessary** - Dental Services and supplies under this endorsement which are determined by the Company through case-by-case assessments of care based on accepted dental practices to be appropriate and are all of the following:

- Necessary to meet the basic dental needs of the Insured Person.
- Rendered in the most cost-efficient manner and type of setting appropriate for the delivery of the Dental Service.
- Consistent in type, frequency and duration of treatment with scientifically based guidelines of national clinical, research, or health care coverage organizations or governmental agencies that are accepted by the Company.
- Consistent with the diagnosis of the condition.

- Required for reasons other than the convenience of the Insured Person or his or her Dental Provider.
- Demonstrated through prevailing peer-reviewed dental literature to be either:
  - Safe and effective for treating or diagnosing the condition or sickness for which their use is proposed; or
  - Safe with promising efficacy
    - For treating a life threatening dental disease or condition.
    - Provided in a clinically controlled research setting.
    - Using a specific research protocol that meets standards equivalent to those defined by the National Institutes of Health.

(For the purpose of this definition, the term life threatening is used to describe dental diseases or sicknesses or conditions, which are more likely than not to cause death within one year of the date of the request for treatment.)

The fact that a Dental Provider has performed or prescribed a procedure or treatment or the fact that it may be the only treatment for a particular dental disease does not mean that it is a Necessary Covered Dental Service as defined in this endorsement. The definition of Necessary used in this endorsement relates only to benefits under this endorsement and differs from the way in which a Dental Provider engaged in the practice of dentistry may define necessary.

**Network** - a group of Dental Providers who are subject to a participation agreement in effect with the Company, directly or through another entity, to provide Dental Services to Insured Persons. The participation status of providers will change from time to time.

**Network Benefits** - benefits available for Covered Dental Services when provided by a Dental Provider who is a Network Dentist.

**Non-Network Benefits** - benefits available for Covered Dental Services obtained from Non-Network Dentists.

**Usual and Customary Fee** - Usual and Customary Fees are calculated by the Company based on available data resources of competitive fees in that geographic area.

Usual and Customary Fees must not exceed the fees that the provider would charge any similarly situated payor for the same services.

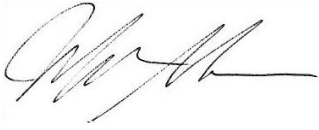
Usual and Customary Fees are determined solely in accordance with the Company's reimbursement policy guidelines. The Company's reimbursement policy guidelines are developed by the Company, in its discretion, following evaluation and validation of all provider billings in accordance with one or more of the following methodologies:

- As indicated in the most recent edition of the Current Procedural Terminology (publication of the American Dental Association).
- As reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.
- As utilized for Medicare.
- As determined by medical or dental staff and outside medical or dental consultants.
- Pursuant to other appropriate source or determination that the Company accepts.

# UNITEDHEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY

## POLICY ENDORSEMENT

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President

It is hereby understood and agreed that the Policy to which this endorsement is attached is amended as follows:

### **Pediatric Vision Care Services Benefits**

Benefits are provided under this endorsement for Vision Care Services, as described below, for Insured Persons under the age of 19. Benefits under this endorsement terminate on the earlier of: 1) last day of the month the Insured Person reaches the age of 19; or 2) the date the Insured Person's coverage under the Policy terminates.

#### **Section 1: Benefits for Pediatric Vision Care Services**

Benefits are available for pediatric Vision Care Services from a Spectera Eyecare Networks or non-Network Vision Care Provider. To find a Spectera Eyecare Networks Vision Care Provider, the Insured Person may call the provider locator service at 1-800-839-3242. The Insured Person may also access a listing of Spectera Eyecare Networks Vision Care Providers on the Internet at [www.myuhcvision.com](http://www.myuhcvision.com).

When Vision Care Services are obtained from a non-Network Vision Care Provider, the Insured Person will be required to pay all billed charges at the time of service. The Insured Person may then seek reimbursement from the Company as described in this endorsement under Section 3: Claims for Vision Care Services. Reimbursement will be limited to the amounts stated below.

When obtaining these Vision Care Services from a Spectera Eyecare Networks Vision Care Provider, the Insured Person will be required to pay any Copayments at the time of service.

#### **Network Benefits:**

Benefits for Vision Care Services are determined based on the negotiated contract fee between the Company and the Vision Care Provider. The Company's negotiated rate with the Vision Care Provider is ordinarily lower than the Vision Care Provider's billed charge.

#### **Non-Network Benefits:**

Benefits for Vision Care Services from non-Network providers are determined as a percentage of the provider's billed charge.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum** - any amount the Insured Person pays in Coinsurance for Vision Care Services under this endorsement applies to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum stated in the Policy Schedule of Benefits. Any amount the Insured Person pays in Copayments for Vision Care Services under this endorsement applies to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum stated in the Policy Schedule of Benefits.

## **Policy Deductible**

Benefits for pediatric Vision Care Services provided under this endorsement are not subject to any Policy Deductible stated in the Policy Schedule of Benefits. Any amount the Insured Person pays in Copayments for Vision Care Services under this endorsement does not apply to the Policy Deductible stated in the Policy Schedule of Benefits.

## **What Are the Benefit Descriptions?**

### **Benefits**

When benefit limits apply, the limit stated refers to any combination of Network Benefits and non-Network Benefits unless otherwise specifically stated.

Benefit limits are calculated on a Policy Year basis unless otherwise specifically stated.

### **Frequency of Service Limits**

Benefits are provided for the Vision Care Services described below, subject to Frequency of Service limits and Copayments and Coinsurance stated under each Vision Care Service in the Schedule of Benefits below.

### **Routine Vision Examination**

A routine vision examination of the eyes and according to the standards of care in the area where the Insured Person resides, including:

- A patient history that includes reasons for exam, patient medical/eye history, and current medications.
- Visual acuity with each eye and both eyes, far and near, with and without glasses or contact lenses (for example, 20/20 and 20/40).
- Cover test at 20 feet and 16 inches (checks how the eyes work together as a team).
- Ocular motility (how the eyes move) near point convergence (how well eyes move together for near vision tasks, such as reading), and depth perception (3D vision).
- Pupil reaction to light and focusing.
- Exam of the eye lids, lashes, and outside of the eye.
- Retinoscopy (when needed) – helps to determine the starting point of the refraction which determines the lens power of the glasses.
- Phorometry/Binocular testing – far and near: how well eyes work as a team.
- Tests of accommodation – how well the Insured Person sees up close (for example, reading).
- Tonometry, when indicated: test pressure in eye (glaucoma check).
- Ophthalmoscopic examination of the inside of the eye.
- Visual field testing.
- Color vision testing.
- Diagnosis/prognosis.
- Specific recommendations.

Post exam procedures will be performed only when materials are required.

Or, in lieu of a complete exam, Retinoscopy (when applicable) - objective refraction to determine lens power of corrective lenses and subjective refraction to determine lens power of corrective lenses.

### **Eyeglass Lenses**

Lenses that are placed in eyeglass frames and worn on the face to correct visual acuity limitations.

The Insured Person is eligible to choose only one of either eyeglasses (Eyeglass Lenses and/or Eyeglass Frames) or Contact Lenses. If the Insured Person selects more than one of these Vision Care Services, the Company will pay benefits for only one Vision Care Service.

If the Insured Person purchases Eyeglass Lenses and Eyeglass Frames at the same time from the same Spectera Eyecare Networks Vision Care Provider, only one Copayment will apply to those Eyeglass Lenses and Eyeglass Frames together.

## **Eyeglass Frames**

A structure that contains eyeglass lenses, holding the lenses in front of the eyes and supported by the bridge of the nose.

The Insured Person is eligible to choose only one of either eyeglasses (Eyeglass Lenses and/or Eyeglass Frames) or Contact Lenses. If the Insured Person selects more than one of these Vision Care Services, the Company will pay benefits for only one Vision Care Service.

If the Insured Person purchases Eyeglass Lenses and Eyeglass Frames at the same time from the same Spectera Eyecare Networks Vision Care Provider, only one Copayment will apply to those Eyeglass Lenses and Eyeglass Frames together.

## **Contact Lenses**

Lenses worn on the surface of the eye to correct visual acuity limitations.

Benefits include the fitting/evaluation fees, contact lenses, and follow-up care.

The Insured Person is eligible to choose only one of either eyeglasses (Eyeglass Lenses and/or Eyeglass Frames) or Contact Lenses. If the Insured Person selects more than one of these Vision Care Services, the Company will pay benefits for only one Vision Care Service.

## **Necessary Contact Lenses**

Benefits are available when a Vision Care Provider has determined a need for and has prescribed the contact lens. Such determination will be made by the Vision Care Provider and not by the Company.

Contact lenses are necessary if the Insured Person has any of the following:

- Keratoconus.
- Anisometropia.
- Irregular corneal/astigmatism.
- Aphakia.
- Facial deformity.
- Corneal deformity.
- Pathological myopia.
- Aniseikonia.
- Aniridia.
- Post-traumatic disorders.

## **Low Vision**

Benefits are available to Insured Persons who have severe visual problems that cannot be corrected with regular lenses and only when a Vision Care Provider has determined a need for and has prescribed the service. Such determination will be made by the Vision Care Provider and not by the Company.

Benefits include:

- Low vision testing: Complete low vision analysis and diagnosis which includes a comprehensive examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear or vision aids where indicated, and any related follow-up care.
- Low vision therapy: Subsequent low vision therapy if prescribed.

## Schedule of Benefits

Vision Care Service	Frequency of Service	Network Benefit	Non-Network Benefit
<b>Routine Vision Examination or Refraction only in lieu of a complete exam.</b>	Once per year.	100% after a Copayment of \$20.	50% of the billed charge.
<b>Eyeglass Lenses</b>	Once per year.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single Vision</li> </ul>		100% after a Copayment of \$40.	50% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bifocal</li> </ul>		100% after a Copayment of \$40.	50% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trifocal</li> </ul>		100% after a Copayment of \$40.	50% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lenticular</li> </ul>		100% after a Copayment of \$40.	50% of the billed charge.
<b>Lens Extras</b>	Once per year.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polycarbonate lenses</li> </ul>		100%	100% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard scratch-resistant coating</li> </ul>		100%	100% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tint</li> </ul>		20%	Non-Network Benefits are not available.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversized lenses</li> </ul>		20%	Non-Network Benefits are not available.

Vision Care Service	Frequency of Service	Network Benefit	Non-Network Benefit
<b>Eyeglass Frames</b>	Once per year.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eyeglass frames with a retail cost up to \$130.</li> </ul>		100%	50% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eyeglass frames with a retail cost of \$130 - \$160.</li> </ul>		100% after a Copayment of \$15.	50% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eyeglass frames with a retail cost of \$160 - \$200.</li> </ul>		100% after a Copayment of \$30.	50% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eyeglass frames with a retail cost of \$200 - \$250.</li> </ul>		100% after a Copayment of \$50.	50% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eyeglass frames with a retail cost greater than \$250.</li> </ul>		60%	50% of the billed charge.

Vision Care Service	Frequency of Service	Network Benefit	Non-Network Benefit
<b>Contact Lenses Fitting &amp; Evaluation</b>	Once per year.	100%	100% of the billed charge.
<b>Contact Lenses</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered Contact Lens Selection</li> </ul>	Limited to a 12 month supply.	100% after a Copayment of \$40.	50% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Necessary Contact Lenses</li> </ul>	Limited to a 12 month supply.	100% after a Copayment of \$40.	50% of the billed charge.

Vision Care Service	Frequency of Service	Network Benefit	Non-Network Benefit
<b>Low Vision Care Services</b> Note that benefits for these services will be paid as reimbursements. When obtaining these Vision Care Services, the Insured Person will be required to pay all billed charges at the time of service. The Insured Person may then obtain reimbursement from the Company. Reimbursement will be limited to the amounts stated.	Once every 24 months.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low vision testing</li> </ul>		100% of the billed charge.	75% of the billed charge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low vision therapy</li> </ul>		100% of the billed charge.	75% of the billed charge.

## Section 2: Pediatric Vision Exclusions

Except as may be specifically provided in this endorsement under Section 1: Benefits for Pediatric Vision Care Services, benefits are not provided under this endorsement for the following:

1. Medical or surgical treatment for eye disease which requires the services of a Physician and for which benefits are available as stated in the Policy.
2. Non-prescription items (e.g. Plano lenses).
3. Replacement or repair of lenses and/or frames that have been lost or broken.
4. Optional Lens Extras not listed in Section 1: Benefits for Vision Care Services.
5. Missed appointment charges.
6. Applicable sales tax charged on Vision Care Services.

## Section 3: Claims for Pediatric Vision Care Services

When obtaining Vision Care Services from a non-Network Vision Care Provider, the Insured Person will be required to pay all billed charges directly to the Vision Care Provider. The Insured Person may then seek reimbursement from the Company. Information about claim timelines and responsibilities in the General Provisions section in the Certificate of Coverage applies to Vision Care Services provided under this endorsement, except that when the Insured Person submits a Vision Services claim, the Insured Person must provide the Company with all of the information identified below.

### Reimbursement for Vision Care Services

To file a claim for reimbursement for Vision Care Services rendered by a non-Network Vision Care Provider, or for Vision Care Services covered as reimbursements (whether or not rendered by a Spectera Eyecare Networks Vision Care Provider or a non-Network Vision Care Provider), the Insured Person must provide all of the following information at the address specified below:

- Insured Person's itemized receipts.
- Insured Person's name.
- Insured Person's identification number from the ID card.
- Insured Person's date of birth.

Submit the above information to the Company:

By mail:

Claims Department  
 P.O. Box 30978  
 Salt Lake City, UT 84130

By facsimile (fax):  
1-248-733-6060

## **Section 4: Defined Terms for Pediatric Vision Care Services**

The following definitions are in addition to those listed in Definitions section of the Certificate of Coverage:

**Covered Contact Lens Selection** - a selection of available contact lenses that may be obtained from a Spectera Eyecare Networks Vision Care Provider on a covered-in-full basis, subject to payment of any applicable Copayment.

**Spectera Eyecare Networks** - any optometrist, ophthalmologist, optician or other person designated by the Company who provides Vision Care Services for which benefits are available under the Policy.

**Vision Care Provider** - any optometrist, therapeutic optometrist, ophthalmologist, optician or other person who may lawfully provide Vision Care Services.

**Vision Care Service** - any service or item listed in this endorsement in Section 1: Benefits for Pediatric Vision Care Services.



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President

It is hereby understood and agreed that the Policy to which this endorsement is attached is amended as follows:

### UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy (UHCP) Prescription Drug Benefits

#### Benefits for Prescription Drug Products

Benefits are available for Prescription Drug Products when dispensed at a UHCP Network Pharmacy as specified in the Policy Schedule of Benefits subject to all terms of the Policy and the provisions, definitions and exclusions specified in this endorsement.

Benefits are available for Prescription Drug Products from an Out-of-Network Pharmacy, as specified in the Policy Schedule of Benefits subject to all terms of the Policy.

Benefits for Prescription Drug Products are subject to supply limits and Copayments and/or Coinsurance or other payments that vary depending on which of the tiers of the Prescription Drug List the Prescription Drug Product is placed. Refer to the Policy Schedule of Benefits for applicable supply limits and Copayments and/or Coinsurance requirements.

Benefit for Prescription Drug Products are available when the Prescription Drug Product meets the definition of a Covered Medical Expense.

Benefits are available for refills of Prescription Drug Products only when dispensed as ordered by a Physician and only after  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the original Prescription Drug Product has been used. For select controlled medications filled at a retail Network Pharmacy, refills are available when 90% of the original Prescription Drug Product has been used. For select controlled medications filled at a mail order Network Pharmacy, refills are available when 80% of the original Prescription Drug Product has been used.

The Insured must present their ID card to the Network Pharmacy when the prescription is filled. If the Insured does not present their ID card to the Network Pharmacy, they will need to pay for the Prescription Drug and then submit a reimbursement form along with the paid receipts in order to be reimbursed. Insureds may obtain reimbursement forms by visiting [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) and logging in to their online account or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

Information on Network Pharmacies is available at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

When prescriptions are filled at pharmacies outside a Network Pharmacy, the Insured must pay for the Prescription Drugs out of pocket and submit the receipts for reimbursement as described in the How to File a Claim for Injury and Sickness Benefits section in the Certificate of Coverage.

#### Copayment and/or Coinsurance Amount

For Prescription Drug Products at a retail Network Pharmacy, Insured Persons are responsible for paying the lowest of:

- The applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance.
- The Network Pharmacy's Usual and Customary Fee for the Prescription Drug Product.

- The Prescription Drug Charge for that Prescription Drug Product.

For Prescription Drug Products from a mail order Network Pharmacy, Insured Persons are responsible for paying the lower of:

- The applicable Copayment and/or Coinsurance; or
- The Prescription Drug Charge for that Prescription Drug Product.

The Insured Person is not responsible for paying a Copayment and/or Coinsurance for PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medications.

## Supply Limits

Benefits for Prescription Drug Products are subject to supply limits as written by the Physician and the supply limits that are stated in the Policy Schedule of Benefits, unless adjusted based on the drug manufacturer's packaging size. For a single Copayment and/or Coinsurance, the Insured may receive a Prescription Drug Product up to the stated supply limit.

When a Prescription Drug Product is packaged or designed to deliver in a manner that provides more than a consecutive 31-day supply, the Copayment and/or Coinsurance that applies will reflect the number of days dispensed.

When a Prescription Drug Product is dispensed from a mail order Network Pharmacy or a Preferred 90 Day Retail Network Pharmacy, the Prescription Drug Product is subject to the supply limit stated in the Policy Schedule of Benefits, unless adjusted based on the drug manufacturer's packaging size, or based on supply limits.

Note: Some products are subject to additional supply limits based on criteria that the Company has developed. Supply limits are subject, from time to time, to the Company's review and change. This may limit the amount dispensed per Prescription Order or Refill and/or the amount dispensed per month's supply or may require that a minimum amount be dispensed.

The Insured may find out whether a Prescription Drug Product has been assigned a maximum quantity level for dispensing at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

## Refill Synchronization

The Company has a procedure to align the refill dates of Prescription Drug Products so that drugs that are refilled at the same frequency may be refilled concurrently.

An Insured Person may access information on these procedures at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

## If a Brand-name Drug Becomes Available as a Generic

If a Generic becomes available for a Brand-name Prescription Drug Product, the tier placement of the Brand-name Prescription Drug may change. Therefore, the Copayment and/or Coinsurance may change or the Insured will no longer have benefits for that particular Brand-name Prescription Drug Product.

## Designated Pharmacies

If the Insured requires certain Prescription Drug Products, including, but not limited to, Specialty Prescription Drug Products, the Company may direct the Insured to a Designated Pharmacy with whom the Company has an arrangement to provide those Prescription Drug Products.

If the Insured is directed to a Designated Pharmacy and chooses not to obtain their Prescription Drug Product from a Designated Pharmacy, the Insured may opt-out of the Designated Pharmacy program at [www.uhcsr.com](http://www.uhcsr.com) or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716. If the Insured opts-out of the program and fills their Prescription Drug Product at a non-Designated Pharmacy but does not inform the Company, the benefits will be provided under the Out-of-Network Prescription Drug benefit.

If the Insured is directed to a Designated Pharmacy and has informed the Company of their decision not to obtain their Prescription Drug Product from a Designated Pharmacy, benefits will be provided under the Out-of-Network Prescription Drug benefit. For a Specialty Prescription Drug Product, if the Insured chooses to obtain their Specialty Prescription Drug Product at a Non-Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy, the Insured will be required to pay 2 times the retail Network

Pharmacy Copayment and/or 2 times the retail Network Pharmacy Coinsurance (up to 50% of the Prescription Drug Charge) based on the applicable tier.

## **Specialty Prescription Drug Products**

Benefits are provided for Specialty Prescription Drug Products.

If the Insured requires Specialty Prescription Drug Products, the Company may direct the Insured to a Designated Pharmacy with whom the Company has an arrangement to provide those Specialty Prescription Drug Products.

If the Insured is directed to a Designated Pharmacy and the Insured has informed the Company of their decision not to obtain their Specialty Prescription Drug Product from a Designated Pharmacy, and the Insured chooses to obtain their Specialty Prescription Drug Product at a Non-Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy, the Insured will be required to pay 2 times the retail Network Pharmacy Copayment and/or 2 times the retail Network Pharmacy Coinsurance (up to 50% of the Prescription Drug Charge) based on the applicable tier.

The Company designates certain Network Pharmacies to be Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacies. The Company may periodically change the Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy designation of a Network Pharmacy. These changes may occur without prior notice to the Insured unless required by law. The Insured may find out whether a Network Pharmacy is a Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

If the Insured chooses to obtain their Specialty Prescription Drug Product at a Non-Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy, the Insured will be required to pay 2 times the retail Network Pharmacy Copayment and/or 2 times the retail Network Pharmacy Coinsurance (up to 50% of the Prescription Drug Charge) based on the applicable tier.

Please see the Definitions Section for a full description of Specialty Prescription Drug Product and Designated Pharmacy.

The following supply limits apply to Specialty Prescription Drug Products.

As written by the Physician, up to a consecutive 31-day supply of a Specialty Prescription Drug Product, unless adjusted based on the drug manufacturer's packaging size, or based on supply limits.

When a Specialty Prescription Drug Product is packaged or designed to deliver in a manner that provides more than a consecutive 31-day supply, the Copayment and/or Coinsurance that applies will reflect the number of days dispensed.

If a Specialty Prescription Drug Product is provided for less than or more than a 31-day supply, the Copayment and/or Coinsurance that applies will reflect the number of days dispensed.

Supply limits apply to Specialty Prescription Drug Products obtained at a Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy, a Non-Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy, a mail order Network Pharmacy or a Designated Pharmacy.

## **Prior Authorization Requirements**

Before certain Prescription Drug Products are dispensed at a Network Pharmacy, either the Insured's Physician, Insured's pharmacist or the Insured is required to obtain prior authorization from the Company or the Company's designee. The reason for obtaining prior authorization from the Company is to determine whether the Prescription Drug Product, in accordance with the Company's approved guidelines, is each of the following:

- It meets the definition of a Covered Medical Expense.
- It is not an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service.

If the Insured does not obtain prior authorization from the Company before the Prescription Drug Product is dispensed, the Insured may pay more for that Prescription Order or Refill. The Prescription Drugs requiring prior authorization are subject, from time to time, to the Company's review and change. There may be certain Prescription Drug Products that require the Insured to notify the Company directly rather than the Insured's Physician or pharmacist. The Insured may determine whether a particular Prescription Drug requires prior authorization at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

If the Insured does not obtain prior authorization from the Company before the Prescription Drug Product is dispensed, the Insured can ask the Company to consider reimbursement after the Insured receives the Prescription Drug Product. The Insured will be required to pay for the Prescription Drug Product at the pharmacy.

When the Insured submits a claim on this basis, the Insured may pay more because they did not obtain prior authorization from the Company before the Prescription Drug Product was dispensed. The amount the Insured is reimbursed will be based on the Prescription Drug Charge, less the required Copayment and/or Coinsurance and any Deductible that applies.

Benefits may not be available for the Prescription Drug Product after the Company reviews the documentation provided and determines that the Prescription Drug Product is not a Covered Medical Expense or it is an Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Service.

## Step Therapy

Certain Prescription Drug Products for which benefits are provided are subject to step therapy requirements. In order to receive benefits for such Prescription Drug Products an Insured must use a different Prescription Drug Product(s) first.

The Insured may find out whether a Prescription Drug Product is subject to step therapy requirements at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

When a step therapy requirement applies to a Prescription Drug Product the Insured's Physician may request an exception.

- For non-urgent step therapy exception requests, a review will be completed within 72 hours once all information needed to process the request has been received.
- For urgent step therapy exception requests, a review will be completed within 24 hours once all the information needed to process the request has been received.

If the step therapy exception request is denied, please refer to Section 14: *Notice of Appeal Rights* of the *Certificate* for additional information on appealing an Adverse Determination.

In the case of FDA-approved drugs for the treatment of stage 4 advanced, metastatic cancer, benefits will not be subject to step therapy requirements if the use of the drug is consistent with best practices for the treatment and is supported by peer-reviewed medical literature.

## Coverage Policies and Guidelines

The Company's Prescription Drug List (PDL) Management Committee makes tier placement changes on the Company's behalf. The PDL Management Committee places FDA-approved Prescription Drug Products into tiers by considering a number of factors including clinical and economic factors. Clinical factors may include review of the place in therapy or use as compared to other similar product or services, site of care, relative safety or effectiveness of the Prescription Drug Product, as well as if certain supply limits or prior authorization requirements should apply. Economic factors may include, but are not limited to, the Prescription Drug Product's total cost including, any rebates and evaluations on the cost effectiveness of the Prescription Drug Product.

Some Prescription Drug Products are more cost effective for treating specific conditions as compared to others, therefore; a Prescription Drug may be placed on multiple tiers according to the condition for which the Prescription Drug Product was prescribed to treat.

The Company may, from time to time, change the placement of a Prescription Drug Product among the tiers. These changes may happen no more than one time per Policy Year. If the Insured Person is actively taking a Prescription Drug Product, the Company will notify the Insured Person electronically, or in writing, upon request by the Insured, at least sixty days prior to any deletions, other than generic substitutions. The Company will continue to cover at the contracted benefit level until the Policy Termination Date any Prescription Drug Product that was covered under the Policy on its Effective Date, regardless of whether the Prescription Drug Product has been removed from the Prescription Drug List before the Policy Termination Date, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Policy benefits.

When considering a Prescription Drug Product for tier placement, the PDL Management Committee reviews clinical and economic factors regarding Insured Persons as a general population. Whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is appropriate for an individual Insured Person is a determination that is made by the Insured Person and the prescribing Physician.

NOTE: The tier placement of a Prescription Drug Product may change, from time to time, based on the process described above. As a result of such changes, the Insured may be required to pay more or less for that Prescription Drug Product. Please access [www.uhcsr.com](http://www.uhcsr.com) or call *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716 for the most up-to-date tier status. The Insured Person can also request information on whether a specific Prescription Drug Product is included in the Prescription Drug List. This information will be provided to the Insured Person no later than the third business day after the date of the request.

However, the inclusion of a Prescription Drug Product in the Prescription Drug List does not guarantee that the Prescription Drug Product will be prescribed for the Insured Person by their Physician for a particular medical condition or mental illness.

## Prescription Drug List

If the Company makes an Adverse Determination regarding Benefits for a Prescription Drug Product because it is not included on the Prescription Drug List (sometimes called a drug formulary) or because the Prescription Drug Product is considered Experimental and Investigational, the Insured Person will have the right to request a review by an Independent Review Organization (IRO).

## Rebates and Other Payments

The Company may receive rebates for certain drugs included on the Prescription Drug List. The Company does not pass these rebates on to the Insured Person, nor are they applied to the Insured's Deductible or taken into account in determining the Insured's Copayments and/or Coinsurance.

The Company, and a number of its affiliated entities, conducts business with various pharmaceutical manufacturers separate and apart from this Prescription Drug Endorsement. Such business may include, but is not limited to, data collection, consulting, educational grants and research. Amounts received from pharmaceutical manufacturers pursuant to such arrangements are not related to this Prescription Drug Benefit. The Company is not required to pass on to the Insured, and does not pass on to the Insured, such amounts.

## Definitions

**Brand-name** means a Prescription Drug: (1) which is manufactured and marketed under a trademark or name by a specific drug manufacturer; or (2) that the Company identifies as a Brand-name product, based on available data resources. This includes data sources such as Medi-Span that classify drugs as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a "brand name" by the manufacturer, pharmacy, or an Insured's Physician will be classified as Brand-name by the Company.

**Chemically Equivalent** means when Prescription Drug Products contain the same active ingredient.

**Designated Pharmacy** means a pharmacy that has entered into an agreement with the Company or with an organization contracting on the Company's behalf, to provide specific Prescription Drug Products. This includes Specialty Prescription Drug Products. Not all Network Pharmacies are a Designated Pharmacy.

**Experimental or Investigational Services** means medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, mental health, substance-related and addictive disorders or other health care services, technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies, medications, or devices that, at the time the Company makes a determination regarding coverage in a particular case, are determined to be any of the following:

- Not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be lawfully marketed for the proposed use and not identified in the American Hospital Formulary Service or the United States Pharmacopoeia Dispensing Information as appropriate for the proposed use.
- Subject to review and approval by any institutional review board for the proposed use. (Devices which are FDA approved under the Humanitarian Use Device exemption are not considered to be Experimental or Investigational.)
- The subject of an ongoing clinical trial that meets the definition of a Phase 1, 2 or 3 clinical trial set forth in the FDA regulations, regardless of whether the trial is actually subject to FDA oversight.

Exceptions:

- Clinical trials for which benefits are specifically provided for in the Policy.
- If the Insured is not a participant in a qualifying clinical trial as specifically provided for in the Policy, and has an Injury or Sickness that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment) the Company may, in its discretion, consider an otherwise Experimental or Investigational Service to be a Covered Medical Expense for that Injury or Sickness. Prior to such a consideration, the Company must first establish that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that, albeit unproven, the service has significant potential as an effective treatment for that Sickness or Injury.

**Generic** means a Prescription Drug Product: (1) that is Chemically Equivalent to a Brand-name drug; or (2) that the Company identifies as a Generic product based on available data resources. This includes data sources such as Medi-Span that classify drugs as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a "generic" by the manufacturer, pharmacy or Insured's Physician will be classified as a Generic by the Company.

**Maintenance Medication** means a Prescription Drug Product expected to be used for six months or more to treat or prevent a chronic condition. The Insured may find out if a Prescription Drug Product is a Maintenance Medication at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

**Network Pharmacy** means a pharmacy that has:

- Entered into an agreement with the Company or an organization contracting on the Company's behalf to provide Prescription Drug Products to Insured Persons.
- Agreed to accept specified reimbursement rates for dispensing Prescription Drug Products.
- Been designated by the Company as a Network Pharmacy.

**New Prescription Drug Product** means a Prescription Drug Product or new dosage form of a previously approved Prescription Drug Product, for the period of time starting on the date the Prescription Drug Product or new dosage form is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

- The date it is placed on a tier by the Company's PDL Management Committee.
- December 31st of the following calendar year.

**Non-Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy** means a specialty Network Pharmacy that the Company identifies as a non-preferred pharmacy within the network.

**Preferred 90 Day Retail Network Pharmacy** means a retail pharmacy that the Company identifies as a preferred pharmacy within the network for Maintenance Medication.

**Preferred Specialty Network Pharmacy** means a specialty Network Pharmacy that the Company identifies as a preferred pharmacy within the network.

**Prescription Drug or Prescription Drug Product** means a medication or product that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and that can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only according to a Prescription Order or Refill. A Prescription Drug Product includes a medication that is appropriate for self-administration or administration by a non-skilled caregiver. For the purpose of the benefits under the Policy, this definition includes:

- Inhalers.
- Insulin.
- Certain vaccines/immunizations administered in a Network Pharmacy.
- The following diabetic supplies:
  - standard insulin syringes with needles;
  - blood-testing strips - glucose;
  - urine-testing strips - glucose;
  - ketone-testing strips and tablets;
  - lancets and lancet devices ; and
  - glucose meters, including continuous glucose monitors.

**Prescription Drug Charge** means the rate the Company has agreed to pay the Network Pharmacies for a Prescription Drug Product dispensed at a Network Pharmacy. The rate includes a dispensing fee and any applicable sales tax.

**Prescription Drug List** means a list that places into tiers medications or products that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This list is subject to the Company's review and change from time to time (no more than one time per Policy Year). The Insured may find out which tier a particular Prescription Drug Product has been placed at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or call *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

**Prescription Drug List Management Committee** means the committee that the Company designates for placing Prescription Drugs into specific tiers.

**Prescription Order or Refill** means the directive to dispense a Prescription Drug Product issued by a Physician whose scope of practice permits issuing such a directive.

**PPACA** means Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

**PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medications** means the medications that are obtained at a Network Pharmacy with a Prescription Order or Refill from a Physician and that are payable at 100% of the Prescription Drug Charge (without application of any Copayment, Coinsurance, or Deductible) as required by applicable law under any of the following:

- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of “A” or “B” in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- With respect to infants, children and adolescents, evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- With respect to women, such additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

The Insured may find out if a drug is a PPACA Zero Cost Share Preventive Care Medication as well as information on access to coverage of Medically Necessary alternatives at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or by calling *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

**Specialty Prescription Drug Product** means Prescription Drug Products that are generally high cost, self-administered biotechnology drugs used to treat patients with certain illnesses. Insured Persons may access a complete list of Specialty Prescription Drug Products at [www.firststudent.com](http://www.firststudent.com) or call *Customer Service* at 1-855-828-7716.

**Therapeutically Equivalent** means when Prescription Drugs Products have essentially the same efficacy and adverse effect profile.

**Unproven Service(s)** means services, including medications, that are determined not to be effective for the treatment of the medical condition and/or not to have a beneficial effect on the health outcomes due to insufficient and inadequate clinical evidence from well-conducted randomized controlled trials or cohort studies in the prevailing published peer-reviewed medical literature.

- Well-conducted randomized controlled trials. (Two or more treatments are compared to each other, and the patient is not allowed to choose which treatment is received.)
- Well-conducted cohort studies from more than one institution. (Patients who receive study treatment are compared to a group of patients who receive standard therapy. The comparison group must be nearly identical to the study treatment group.)

The Company has a process by which it compiles and reviews clinical evidence with respect to certain health services. From time to time, the Company issues medical and drug policies that describe the clinical evidence available with respect to specific health care services. These medical and drug policies are subject to change without prior notice.

If the Insured has a life-threatening Injury or Sickness (one that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment) the Company may, as it determines, consider an otherwise Unproven Service to be a Covered Medical Expense for that Injury or Sickness. Prior to such a consideration, the Company must first establish that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that, albeit unproven, the service has significant potential as an effective treatment for that Sickness or Injury.

**Usual and Customary Fee** means the usual fee that a pharmacy charges individuals for a Prescription Drug Product without reference to reimbursement to the pharmacy by third parties. This fee includes a dispensing fee and any applicable sales tax.

## Additional Exclusions

In addition to the Exclusions and Limitations shown in the Certificate of Coverage, the following Exclusions apply:

1. Coverage for Prescription Drug Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which exceeds the supply limit.
2. Coverage for Prescription Drug Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply or quantity limit) which is less than the minimum supply limit.
3. Experimental or Investigational Services or Unproven Services and medications; medications used for experimental indications for certain diseases and/or dosage regimens determined by the Company to be experimental, investigational or unproven.
4. Prescription Drug Products, including New Prescription Drug Products or new dosage forms, that the Company determines do not meet the definition of a Covered Medical Expense.
5. Certain New Prescription Drug Products and/or new dosage forms until the date they are reviewed and placed on a tier by the Company's PDL Management Committee.
6. Compounded drugs that do not contain at least one ingredient that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and requires a Prescription Order or Refill. Compounded drugs that contain a non-FDA approved bulk chemical. Compounded drugs that are available as a similar commercially available Prescription Drug Product. (Compounded drugs that contain at least one ingredient that requires a Prescription Order or Refill are placed on Tier-3.)

7. Drugs available over-the-counter that do not require a Prescription Order or Refill by federal or state law before being dispensed, unless the Company has designated the over-the-counter medication as eligible for coverage as if it were a Prescription Drug Product and it is obtained with a Prescription Order or Refill from a Physician. Prescription Drug Products that are available in over-the-counter form or made up of components that are available in over-the-counter form or equivalent. Certain Prescription Drug Products that the Company has determined are Therapeutically Equivalent to an over-the-counter drug or supplement. Such determinations may be made up to one time during a Policy Year. The Company may decide at any time to reinstate benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision.
8. Any product for which the primary use is a source of nutrition, nutritional supplements, or dietary management of disease, and prescription medical food products, even when used for the treatment of Sickness or Injury, except as required by state mandate.
9. A Prescription Drug Product that contains (an) active ingredient(s) available in and Therapeutically Equivalent to another covered Prescription Drug Product. Such determinations may be made up to one time during a Policy Year, and the Company may decide at any time to reinstate benefits for a Prescription Drug that was previously excluded under this provision.
10. A Prescription Drug Product that contains (an) active ingredient(s) which is (are) a modified version of and Therapeutically Equivalent to another covered Prescription Drug Product. Such determinations may be made up to one time during a Policy Year, and the Company may decide at any time to reinstate benefits for a Prescription Drug that was previously excluded under this provision.
11. Certain Prescription Drug Products for which there are Therapeutically Equivalent alternatives available, unless otherwise required by law or approved by the Company. Such determinations may be made up to one time during a Policy Year, and the Company may decide at any time to reinstate benefits for a Prescription Drug that was previously excluded under this provision.
12. A Prescription Drug Product with an approved biosimilar or a biosimilar and Therapeutically Equivalent to another covered Prescription Drug Product. For the purpose of this exclusion a "biosimilar" is a biological Prescription Drug Product approved based on showing that it is highly similar to a reference product (a biological Prescription Drug Product) and has no clinically meaningful differences in terms of safety and effectiveness from the reference product. Such determinations may be made up to one time during a Policy Year, and the Company may decide at any time to reinstate benefits for a Prescription Drug that was previously excluded under this provision.
13. Prescription Drug Products as a replacement for a previously dispensed Prescription Drug Product that was lost, stolen, broken or destroyed.
14. Durable medical equipment, including insulin pumps and related supplies for the management and treatment of diabetes, for which benefits are provided in the Policy.
15. Diagnostic kits and products.
16. Publicly available software applications and/or monitors that may be available with or without a Prescription Order or Refill.
17. Certain Prescription Drug Products that are FDA approved as a package with a device or application, including smart package sensors and/or embedded drug sensors. This exclusion does not apply to a device or application that assists the Insured Person with the administration of a Prescription Drug Product.

## **Right to Request an Exclusion Exception**

When a Prescription Drug Product is excluded from coverage, the Insured Person or the Insured's representative may request an exception to gain access to the excluded Prescription Drug Product. To make a request, contact the Company in writing or call 1-800-505-4160. The Company will notify the Insured Person of the Company's determination within 72 hours.

## **Urgent Requests**

If the Insured Person's request requires immediate action and a delay could significantly increase the risk to the Insured Person's health, or the ability to regain maximum function, call the Company as soon as possible. The Company will provide a written or electronic determination within 24 hours.

## **External Review**

If the Insured Person is not satisfied with the Company's determination of the exclusion exception request, the Insured Person may be entitled to request an external review. The Insured Person or the Insured Person's representative may request an external review by sending a written request to the Company at the address set out in the determination letter or by calling 1-800-505-4160. The *Independent Review Organization (IRO)* will notify the Insured Person of the determination within 72 hours.



**Expedited External Review**

If the Insured Person is not satisfied with the Company's determination of the exclusion exception request and it involves an urgent situation, the Insured Person or the Insured's representative may request an expedited external review by calling 1-800-505-4160 or by sending a written request to the address set out in the determination letter. The IRO will notify the Insured Person of the determination within 24 hours.

# UNITEDHEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY

## POLICY ENDORSEMENT

This endorsement takes effect and expires concurrently with the Policy to which it is attached and is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Policy not inconsistent therewith.



President

It is hereby understood and agreed that the Policy to which this endorsement is attached is amended as follows:

An Insured Person under this insurance plan is eligible for Assistance and Evacuation Benefits in addition to the underlying plan coverage. The requirements to receive these benefits are as follows:

International Students, insured spouse and insured minor child(ren) are eligible to receive Assistance and Evacuation Benefits worldwide, except in their Home Country.

Domestic Students, insured spouse and insured minor child(ren) are eligible for Assistance and Evacuation Benefits when 100 miles or more away from their campus address or 100 miles or more away from their permanent home address or while participating in a study abroad program.

### Assistance and Evacuation Benefits

#### DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to the Assistance and Evacuation Benefits described further below.

“Emergency Medical Event” means an event wherein an Insured Person’s medical condition and situation are such that, in the opinion of the Company’s affiliate or authorized vendor and the Insured Person’s treating physician, the Insured Person requires urgent medical attention without which there would be a significant risk of death, or serious impairment and adequate medical treatment is not available at the Insured Person’s initial medical facility.

“Home Country” means, with respect to an Insured Person, the country or territory as shown on the Insured Person’s passport or the country or territory of which the Insured Person is a permanent resident.

“Host Country” means, with respect to an Insured Person, the country or territory the Insured Person is visiting or in which the Insured Person is living, which is not the Insured Person’s Home Country.

“Physician Advisors” mean physicians retained by the Company’s affiliate or authorized vendor for provision of consultative and advisory services to the Company’s affiliate or authorized vendor, including the review and analysis of the medical care received by Insured Persons.

An Insured Person must notify the Company’s affiliate or authorized vendor to obtain benefits for Medical Evacuation and Repatriation. If the Insured Person doesn’t notify the Company’s affiliate or authorized vendor, the Insured Person will be responsible for paying all charges and no benefits will be paid.

#### MEDICAL EVACUATION AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS

**Emergency Medical Evacuation:** If an Insured Person suffers a Sickness or Injury, experiences an Emergency Medical Event and adequate medical facilities are not available locally in the opinion of the Medical Director of the Company’s affiliate or authorized vendor, the Company’s affiliate or authorized vendor will provide an emergency medical evacuation

(under medical supervision if necessary) to the nearest facility capable of providing adequate care by whatever means is necessary. The Company will pay costs for arranging and providing for transportation and related medical services (including the cost of a medical escort if necessary) and medical supplies necessarily incurred in connection with the emergency medical evacuation.

**Dispatch of Doctors/Specialists:** If an Insured Person experiences an Emergency Medical Event and the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor determines that an Insured Person cannot be adequately assessed by telephone for possible medical evacuation from the initial medical facility or that the Insured Person cannot be moved and local treatment is unavailable, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will arrange to send an appropriate medical practitioner to the Insured Person's location when it deems it appropriate for medical management of a case. The Company will pay costs for transportation and expenses associated with dispatching a medical practitioner to an Insured Person's location, not including the costs of the medical practitioner's service.

**Medical Repatriation:** After an Insured Person receives initial treatment and stabilization for a Sickness or Injury, if the attending physician and the Medical Director of the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor determine that it is medically necessary, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will transport an Insured Person back to the Insured Person's permanent place of residence for further medical treatment or to recover. The Company will pay costs for arranging and providing for transportation and related medical services (including the cost of a medical escort if necessary) and medical supplies necessarily incurred in connection with the repatriation.

**Transportation after Stabilization:** If Medical Repatriation is not required following stabilization of the Insured Person's condition and discharge from the hospital, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will coordinate transportation to the Insured Person's point of origin, Home Country, or Host Country. The Company will pay costs for economy transportation (or upgraded transportation to match an Insured Person's originally booked travel arrangements) to the Insured Person's original point of origin, Home Country or Host Country.

**Transportation to Join a Hospitalized Insured Person:** If an Insured Person who is travelling alone is or will be hospitalized for more than three (3) days due to a Sickness or Injury, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will coordinate round-trip airfare for a person of the Insured Person's choice to join the Insured Person. The Company will pay costs for economy class round-trip airfare for a person to join the Insured Person.

**Return of Minor Children:** If an Insured Person's minor child(ren) age 18 or under are present but left unattended as a result of the Insured Person's Injury or Sickness, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will coordinate airfare to send them back to the Insured Person's Home Country. The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will also arrange for the services, transportation expenses, and accommodations of a non-medical escort, if required as determined by the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor. The Company will pay costs for economy class one-way airfare for the minor children (or upgraded transportation to match the Insured Person's originally booked travel arrangement) and, if required, the cost of the services, transportation expenses, and accommodations of a non-medical escort to accompany the minor children back to the Insured Person's Home Country.

**Repatriation of Mortal Remains:** In the event of an Insured Person's death, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will assist in obtaining the necessary clearances for the Insured Person's cremation or the return of the Insured Person's mortal remains. The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will coordinate the preparation and transportation of the Insured Person's mortal remains to the Insured Person's Home Country or place of primary residence, as it obtains the number of certified death certificates required by the Host Country and Home Country to release and receive the remains. The Company will pay costs for the certified death certificates required by the Home Country or Host Country to release the remains and expenses of the preparation and transportation of the Insured Person's mortal remains to the Insured Person's Home Country or place of primary residence.

## **CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

Assistance and Evacuation Benefits shall only be provided to an Insured Person after the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor receives the request (in writing or via phone) from the Insured Person or an authorized representative of the Insured Person of the need for the requested Assistance and Evacuation Benefits. In all cases, the requested Assistance and Evacuation Benefits services and payments must be arranged, authorized, verified and approved in advance by the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor.

With respect to any evacuation requested by an Insured Person, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the need for and the feasibility of an evacuation and the means, method, timing, and destination of such evacuation, and may consult with relevant third-parties, including as applicable, Physician Advisors and treating physicians as needed to make its determination.

In the event an Insured Person is incapacitated or deceased, his/her designated or legal representative shall have the right to act for and on behalf of the Insured Person.

The following Exclusions and Limitations apply to the Assistance and Evacuation Benefits.

In no event shall the Company be responsible for providing Assistance and Evacuation Benefits to an Insured Person in a situation arising from or in connection with any of the following:

1. Travel costs that were neither arranged nor approved in advance by the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor.
2. Taking part in military or police service operations.
3. Insured Person's failure to properly procure or maintain immigration, work, residence or similar type visas, permits or documents.
4. The actual or threatened use or release of any nuclear, chemical or biological weapon or device, or exposure to nuclear reaction or radiation, regardless of contributory cause.
5. Any evacuation or repatriation that requires an Insured Person to be transported in a biohazard-isolation unit.
6. Medical Evacuations from a marine vessel, ship, or watercraft of any kind.
7. Medical Evacuations directly or indirectly related to a natural disaster.
8. Subsequent Medical Evacuations for the same or related Sickness, Injury or Emergency Medical Event regardless of location.

## **Additional Assistance Services**

The following assistance services will be available to an Insured Person in addition to the Assistance and Evacuation Benefits.

### **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES**

**Worldwide Medical and Dental Referrals:** Upon an Insured Person's request, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will provide referrals to physicians, hospitals, dentists, and dental clinics in the area the Insured Person is traveling in order to assist the Insured Person in locating appropriate treatment and quality care.

**Monitoring of Treatment:** As and to the extent permissible, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will continually monitor the Insured Person's medical condition. Third-party medical providers may offer consultative and advisory services to the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor in relation to the Insured Person's medical condition, including review and analysis of the quality of medical care received by the Insured Person.

**Facilitation of Hospital Admittance Payments:** The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will issue a financial guarantee (or wire funds) on behalf of Company up to five thousand dollars (US\$5,000) to facilitate admittance to a foreign (non-US) medical facility.

**Relay of Insurance and Medical Information:** Upon an Insured Person's request and authorization, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will relay the Insured Person's insurance benefit information and/or medical records and information to a health care provider or treating physician, as appropriate and permissible, to help prevent delays or denials of medical care. The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will also assist with hospital admission and discharge planning.

**Medication and Vaccine Transfers:** In the event a medication or vaccine is not available locally, or a prescription medication is lost or stolen, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will coordinate the transfer of the medication or vaccine to Insured Persons upon the prescribing physician's authorization, if it is legally permissible.

**Updates to Family, Employer, and Home Physician:** Upon an Insured Person's approval, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will provide periodic case updates to appropriate individuals designated by the Insured Person in order to keep them informed.

**Hotel Arrangements:** The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will assist Insured Persons with the arrangement of hotel stays and room requirements before or after hospitalization or for ongoing care.

**Replacement of Corrective Lenses and Medical Devices:** The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will assist with the replacement of corrective lenses or medical devices if they are lost, stolen, or broken during travel.

## WORLDWIDE DESTINATION INTELLIGENCE

**Destination Profiles:** When preparing for travel, an Insured Person can contact the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor to have a pre-trip destination report sent to the Insured Person. This report draws upon an intelligence database of over 280 cities covering subject such as health and security risks, immunizations, vaccinations, local hospitals, crime, emergency phone numbers, culture, weather, transportation information, entry and exit requirements, and currency. The global medical and security database of over 170 countries and 280 cities is continuously updated and includes intelligence from thousands of worldwide sources.

## TRAVEL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

**Replacement of Lost or Stolen Travel Documents:** The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will assist the Insured Person in taking the necessary steps to replace passports, tickets, and other important travel documents.

**Emergency Travel Arrangements:** The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will make new reservations for airlines, hotels, and other travel services for an Insured Person in the event of a Sickness or Injury, to the extent that the Insured Person is entitled to receive Assistance and Evacuation Benefits.

**Transfer of Funds:** The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will provide the Insured Person with an emergency cash advance subject to the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor first securing funds from the Insured Person (via a credit card) or his/her family.

**Legal Referrals:** Should an Insured Person require legal assistance, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will direct the Insured Person to a duly licensed attorney in or around the area where the Insured Person is located.

**Language Services:** The Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will provide immediate interpretation assistance to an Insured Person in a variety of languages in an emergency situation. If a requested interpretation is not available or the requested assistance is related to a non-emergency situation, the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor will provide the Insured Person with referrals to interpreter services. Written translations and other custom requests, including an on-site interpreter, will be subject to an additional fee.

**Message Transmittals:** Insured Persons may send and receive emergency messages toll-free, 24-hours a day, through the Company's affiliate or authorized vendor.

## HOW TO ACCESS ASSISTANCE AND EVACUATION SERVICES

Assistance and Evacuation Services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

To access services, please refer to the phone number on the back of the Insured Person's ID Card or access My Account at [www.firststudent.com/MyAccount](http://www.firststudent.com/MyAccount) and select My Benefits/Additional Benefits/UHC Global Emergency Services.

When calling the Emergency Response Center, the caller should be prepared to provide the following information:

- Caller's name, telephone and (if possible) fax number, and relationship to the Insured Person.
- Insured Person's name, age, sex, and ID Number as listed on the Insured Person's Medical ID card.
- Description of the Insured Person's condition.
- Name, location, and telephone number of hospital, if applicable.
- Name and telephone number of the attending physician.
- Information on where the physician can be immediately reached.

If the condition is a medical emergency, the Insured Person should go immediately to the nearest physician or hospital without delay and then contact the 24-hour Emergency Response Center.

All medical expenses related to hospitalization and treatment costs incurred should be submitted to the Company for consideration at the address located in the "How to File a Claim for Injury and Sickness Benefits" section of the Certificate of Coverage and are subject to all Policy benefits, provisions, limitations, and exclusions.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

UnitedHealthcare StudentResources does not treat members differently because of sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin.

If you think you were treated unfairly because of your sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin, you can send a complaint to:

Civil Rights Coordinator  
United HealthCare Civil Rights Grievance  
P.O. Box 30608  
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130  
[UHC\\_Civil\\_Rights@uhc.com](mailto:UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com)

You must send the written complaint within 60 days of when you found out about it. A decision will be sent to you within 30 days. If you disagree with the decision, you have 15 days to ask us to look at it again.

If you need help with your complaint, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

You can also file a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

**Online** <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

**Phone:** Toll-free **1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697** (TDD)

**Mail:** U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201

We also provide free services to help you communicate with us. Such as, letters in other languages or large print. Or, you can ask for free language services such as speaking with an interpreter. To ask for help, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.



