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Welcome

Thank you for choosing Aetna.

This is your booklet-certificate. It is one of three documents that together describe the benefits covered by your Aetna plan for in-network and out-of-network coverage.

This booklet-certificate will tell you about your covered benefits – what they are and how you get them. If you become insured, this booklet-certificate becomes your certificate of coverage under the group policy, and it takes the place of all certificates describing similar coverage that were previously sent to you. The second document is the schedule of benefits. It tells you how we share expenses for eligible health services and tells you about limits – like when your plan covers only a certain number of visits.

The third document is the group policy between Aetna Life Insurance Company (“Aetna”) and the policyholder. Ask the policyholder if you have any questions about the group policy.

Oh, and each of these documents may have amendments attached to them. They change or add to the documents they’re part of.

Where to next? Flip through the table of contents or try the Let’s get started! section right after it. The Let’s get started! section gives you a thumbnail sketch of how your plan works. The more you understand, the more you can get out of your plan.

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Let’s get started!

Here are some basics. First things first – some notes on how we use words. Then we explain how your plan works so you can get the most out of your coverage. But for all the details – and this is very important – you need to read this entire booklet-certificate and the schedule of benefits. And if you need help or more information, we tell you how to reach us.

Some notes on how we use words
- When we say “you” and “your”, we mean both you and any covered dependents.
- When we say “us”, “we”, and “our”, we mean Aetna.
- Some words appear in bold type. We define them in the Glossary section.

Sometimes we use technical medical language that is familiar to medical providers.

What your plan does – providing covered benefits
Your plan provides covered benefits. These are eligible health services for which your plan has the obligation to pay.

This plan provides in-network, out-of-network and out of the United States (U.S.) coverage for medical, vision and pharmacy insurance coverage.

How your plan works – starting and stopping coverage
Your coverage under the plan has a start and an end. You start coverage after you complete the eligibility and enrollment process. To learn more see the Who the plan covers section.

Your coverage typically ends when you leave your job. Family members can lose coverage for many reasons. To learn more see the When coverage ends section.

Ending coverage under the plan doesn’t necessarily mean you lose coverage with us. See the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section.

How your plan works while you are covered in-network
Your in-network coverage:
- Helps you get and pay for a lot of – but not all – health care services. These are called eligible health services.
- You will pay less cost share when you use a network provider.

1. Eligible health services
   Doctor and hospital services are the foundation for many other services. You’ll probably find the preventive care, emergency services and urgent condition coverage especially important. But the plan won’t always cover the services you want. Sometimes it doesn’t cover health care services your doctor will want you to have.

   So what are eligible health services? They are health care services that meet these three requirements:
   - They are listed in the Eligible health services under your plan section.
   - They are not carved out in the What your plan doesn’t cover – some eligible health service exceptions section. (We refer to this section as the “exceptions” section.)
   - They are not beyond any limits in the schedule of benefits.
2. **Providers**

   Aetna’s network of doctors, **hospitals** and other health care **providers** are there to give you the care you need. You can find **network providers** and see important information about them most easily on our online **provider directory**. Just log into your secure member website at **www.aetna.com**.

You may choose a **primary care physician** (we call that doctor your **PCP**) to oversee your care. Your **PCP** will provide your routine care, and send you to other **providers** when you need specialized care. You don’t have to access care through your **PCP**. You may go directly to network **specialists** and **providers** for **eligible health services**. Your plan often will pay a bigger share for **eligible health services** that you get through your **PCP**, so choose a **PCP** as soon as you can.

For more information about the network and the role of your **PCP**, see the **Who provides the care** section.

3. **Paying for eligible health services— the general requirements**

   There are several general requirements for the plan to pay any part of the expense for an **eligible health service**. They are:
   - The **eligible health service** is **medically necessary**
   - You get the **eligible health service** from a **network** or **out-of-network provider**
   - You or your **provider precertifies** the **eligible health service** when required

You will find details on **medical necessity** and **precertification** requirements in the **Medical necessity and precertification requirements** section.

4. **Paying for eligible health services— sharing the expense**

   Generally your plan and you will share the expense of your **eligible health services** when you meet the general requirements for paying.

   But sometimes your plan will pay the entire expense; and sometimes you will. For more information see the **What the plan pays and what you pay** section, and see the schedule of benefits.

5. **Disagreements**

   We know that people sometimes see things differently.

   The plan tells you how we will work through our differences. And if we still disagree, an independent group of experts called an “external review organization” or ERO for short, will make the final decision for us.

   For more information see the **When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures** section.
How your plan works while you are covered out-of-network

The section above told you how your plan works while you are covered in-network. You also have coverage when you want to get your care from providers who are not part of the Aetna network. It’s called out-of-network or other health care coverage.

Your out-of-network coverage:

- Means you can get care from providers who are not part of the Aetna network.
- Means you will have to pay for services at the time that they are provided. You will be required to pay the full charges and submit a claim for reimbursement to us. You are responsible for completing and submitting claim forms for reimbursement of eligible health services that you paid directly to a provider.
- Means that when you use out-of-network coverage, it is your responsibility to start the precertification process with providers.
- Means you will pay a higher cost share when you use an out-of-network provider.

You will find details on:

- Precertification requirements in the Medical necessity and precertification requirements section.
- Out-of-network providers and any exceptions in the Who provides the care section.
- Cost sharing in the What the plan pays and what you pay section, and your schedule of benefits.
- Claim information in the When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures section.

How your plan works while you are covered outside the U.S.

You also have coverage outside the U.S.

Your outside the U.S. coverage:

- Means you can get eligible health services outside the U.S. This includes preventive care and treatment for illness or injury. See the Eligible health services under your plan section.

You will find details on:

- Cost sharing in your schedule of benefits.
- Reimbursement for care from providers outside the U.S. in the General provisions – other things you should know section.
- Claim information in the When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures section.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about your coverage or benefits outside the U.S., you may contact us at: Aetna Life Insurance Company, Attn: Aetna International, 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06156

You may also use the toll free phone number on your ID card or visit our web site at www.aetnainternational.com.
How to contact us for help
We are here to answer your questions. You can contact us by logging onto your secure member website at www.aetna.com

Register for your secure internet access to reliable health information, tools and resources. The secure member online tools will make it easier for you to make informed decisions about your health care, view claims, research care and treatment options, and access information on health and wellness.

You can also contact us by:
- Calling Aetna Member Services at the toll-free number on your ID card
- Writing us at Aetna Life Insurance Company, 151 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06156

Your member ID card
Your member ID card tells doctors, hospitals, and other providers that you are covered by this plan. Show your ID card each time you get health care from a provider to help them bill us correctly and help us better process their claims.

Remember, only you and your covered dependents can use your member ID card. If you misuse your card we may end your coverage.

We will mail you your ID card. If you haven’t received it before you need eligible health services, or if you’ve lost it, you can print a temporary ID card. Just log into your secure member website at www.aetna.com.
Who the plan covers

You will find information in this section about:

- Who is eligible
- When you can join the plan
- Who can be on your plan (who can be your dependent)
- Adding new dependents
- Special times you and your dependents can join the plan

Who is eligible
The policyholder decides and tells us who is eligible for health care coverage.

When you can join the plan
As an employee you can enroll yourself and your dependents:

- Once each Calendar Year during the annual enrollment period
- At other special times during the year (see the Special times you and your dependents can join the plan section below)

If you do not enroll yourself and your dependents when you first qualify for health benefits, you may have to wait until the next annual enrollment period to join.

Who can be on your plan (who can be your dependent)
If your plan includes coverage for dependents, you can enroll the following family members on your plan. (They are referred to in this booklet-certificate as your “dependents”.)

- Your legal spouse
- Your domestic partner who meets the rules set by the policyholder and requirements under state law
- Your dependent children – your own or those of your spouse or domestic partner
  - The children must be under 26 years of age, and they include:
    - Biological children
    - Stepchildren
    - Legally adopted children, including any children placed with you for adoption
    - Foster children
    - Children you are responsible for under a qualified medical support order or court-order (whether or not the child resides with you)
    - Grandchildren in your court-ordered custody
    - Any other child with whom you have a parent-child relationship

You may continue coverage for a disabled child past the age limit shown above. See the Continuation of coverage for other reasons in the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section for more information.
Adding new dependents
You can add the following new dependents any time during the year:

- **A spouse** - If you marry, you can put your spouse on your plan.
  - We must receive your completed enrollment information not more than 31 days after the date of your marriage.
  - Ask the policyholder when benefits for your spouse will begin. It will be:
    - No later than the first day of the first calendar month after the date we receive your completed enrollment information and
    - Within 31 days of the date of your marriage.
- **A domestic partner** - If you enter a domestic partnership, you can enroll your domestic partner on your health plan.
  - We must receive your completed enrollment information not more than 31 days after the date you file a Declaration of Domestic Partnership, or not later than 31 days after you provide documentation required by the policyholder.
  - Ask the policyholder when benefits for your domestic partner will begin. It will be either on the date your Declaration of Domestic Partnership is filed or the first day of the month following the date we receive your completed enrollment information.
- **A newborn child** - Your newborn child is covered on your health plan for the first 31 days after birth.
  - To keep your newborn covered, we must receive your completed enrollment information within 31 days of birth.
  - You must still enroll the child within 31 days of birth even when coverage does not require payment of an additional premium contribution for the covered dependent.
  - If you miss this deadline, your newborn will not have health benefits after the first 31 days.
- **An adopted child** - A child that you, or that you and your spouse or domestic partner adopts is covered on your plan for the first 31 days after the adoption is complete.
  - To keep your adopted child covered, we must receive your completed enrollment information within 31 days after the adoption.
  - If you miss this deadline, your adopted child will not have health benefits after the first 31 days.
- **A stepchild** - You may put a child of your spouse or domestic partner on your plan.
  - You must complete your enrollment information and send it to us within 31 days after the date of your marriage or your Declaration of Domestic Partnership with your stepchild’s parent.
  - Ask the policyholder when benefits for your stepchild will begin. It is either on the date of your marriage or the date your Declaration of Domestic Partnership is filed or the first day of the month following the date we receive your completed enrollment information.

**Notification of change in status**
It is important that you notify us of any changes in your benefit status. This will help us effectively deliver your benefits. Please notify us as soon as possible of status changes such as:

- Change of address
- Change of covered dependent status
- Enrollment in Medicare or any other health plan of any covered dependent
Special times you and your dependents can join the plan

You can enroll in these situations:

• When you did not enroll in this plan before because:
  - You were covered by another health plan, and now that other coverage has ended
  - You had COBRA, and now that coverage has ended
• When a court orders that you cover a current spouse or domestic partner or a minor child on your health plan
• You or your dependents lose your eligibility for enrollment in Medicaid or an S-CHIP plan
• You or your dependents become eligible for State premium assistance under Medicaid or an S-CHIP plan for the payment of your premium contribution for coverage under this plan

We must receive your completed enrollment information within 31 days of the date of the event or date on which you no longer have the other coverage mentioned above. However, the completed enrollment form may be submitted within 60 days of the event when:

• You lose your eligibility for enrollment in Medicaid or an S-CHIP plan
• You become eligible for State premium assistance under Medicaid or an S-CHIP plan for the payment of your premium contribution for coverage under this plan

Effective date of coverage

Your coverage will be in effect as of the date you become eligible for health benefits.
Medical necessity and precertification requirements

The starting point for covered benefits under your plan is whether the services and supplies are eligible health services. See the Eligible health services under your plan and exceptions sections plus the schedule of benefits.

Your plan pays for its share of the expense for eligible health services only if the general requirements are met. They are:

- The eligible health service is medically necessary.
- You or your provider precertifies the eligible health service when required.

This section addresses the medical necessity and precertification requirements.

Medically necessary; medical necessity
As we said in the Let's get started! section, medical necessity is a requirement for you to receive a covered benefit under this plan.

The medical necessity requirements are stated in the Glossary section, where we define "medically necessary, medical necessity". That is where we also explain what our medical directors or their physician designees consider when determining if an eligible health service is medically necessary.

Our clinical policy bulletins explain our policy for specific services and supplies. We use these bulletins and other resources to help guide individualized coverage decisions under our plans. You can find the bulletins and other information at https://www.aetna.com/health-care-professionals/clinical-policy-bulletins.html.

Precertification
You need pre-approval from us for some eligible health services. Pre-approval is also called precertification.

In-network
Your physician is responsible for obtaining any necessary precertification before you get the care. If your physician doesn't get a required precertification, we won't pay the provider who gives you the care. You won't have to pay either if your physician fails to ask us for precertification. If your physician requests precertification and we refuse it, you can still get the care but the plan won't pay for it. You will find details on requirements in the What the plan pays and what you pay - Important exceptions – when you pay all section.

Out-of-network
When you go to an out-of-network provider, it is your responsibility to obtain precertification from us for any services and supplies on the precertification list. If you do not precertify, your benefits may be reduced, or the plan may not pay any benefits. Refer to your schedule of benefits for this information. The list of services and supplies requiring precertification appears later in this section. Also, for any precertification benefit reduction that is applied see the schedule of benefits Precertification covered benefit reduction section.

Outside the U.S.
You are not required to get precertification for services obtained outside the U.S.
**Precertification** should be secured within the timeframes specified below. For **emergency services**, **precertification** is not required, but you should notify us within the timeframes listed below. To obtain **precertification**, call us at the telephone number listed on your ID card. This call must be made:

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

We will provide a written notification to you and your **physician** of the **precertification** decision, where required by state law. If your **precertified** services are approved, the approval is valid for 180 days as long as you remain enrolled in the plan.

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

If **precertification** determines that the **stay** or services and supplies are not **covered benefits**, the notification will explain why and how our decision can be appealed. You or your **provider** may request a review of the **precertification** decision. See the *When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures* section.

**What if you don’t obtain the required precertification?**
If you don’t obtain the required **precertification**:

- Your benefits may be reduced, or the plan may not pay any benefits. See the schedule of benefits **Precertification covered benefit reduction** section.
- You will be responsible for the unpaid balance of the bills.
- Any additional out-of-pocket expenses incurred will not count toward your out-of-network **deductibles** or **maximum out-of-pocket limits**.
What types of services require precertification?

Precertification is required for the following types of services and supplies:

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Certain prescription drugs are covered under the medical plan when they are given to you by your doctor or health care facility. The following information applies to these prescription drugs:

For certain drugs, your provider needs to get approval from us before we will cover the drug. The requirement for getting approval in advance guides appropriate use of certain drugs and makes sure they are medically necessary.

Step therapy is a type of precertification where we require you to first try certain drugs to treat your medical condition before we will cover another drug for that condition.

Contact us or go online to get the most up-to-date precertification requirements and list of step therapy drugs.

Sometimes you or your provider may ask for a medical exception for drugs that are not covered or for which coverage was denied. You, someone who represents you or your provider can contact us. You will need to provide us with clinical documentation. Any exception granted is based upon an individual and is a case-by-case decision that will not apply to other members.
Eligible health services under your plan

The information in this section is the first step to understanding your plan's eligible health services.

Your plan covers many kinds of health care services and supplies, such as physician care and hospital stays. But sometimes those services are not covered at all or are covered only up to a limit.

For example,
- Physician care generally is covered but physician care for cosmetic surgery is never covered. This is an exception (exclusion).
- Home health care is generally covered but it is a covered benefit only up to a set number of visits a year. This is a limitation.

You can find out about these exceptions in the exceptions section, and about the limitations in the schedule of benefits.

We've grouped the health care services below to make it easier for you to find what you're looking for.

Important note:
Sex-specific eligible health services are covered when medically appropriate, regardless of identified gender.

Preventive care and wellness

This section describes the eligible health services and supplies available under your plan when you are well.

Important notes:
1. You will see references to the following recommendations and guidelines in this section:
   - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
   - United States Preventive Services Task Force
   - Health Resources and Services Administration
   - American Academy of Pediatrics/Bright Futures/Health Resources and Services Administration guidelines for children and adolescents

   These recommendations and guidelines may be updated periodically. When these are updated, they will be applied to this plan. The updates will be effective on the first day of the Calendar Year, one year after the updated recommendation or guideline is issued.

2. Diagnostic testing will not be covered under the preventive care benefit. For those tests, you will pay the cost sharing specific to eligible health services for diagnostic testing.

3. Gender-specific preventive care benefits include eligible health services described below regardless of the sex you were assigned at birth, your gender identity, or your recorded gender.

4. To learn what frequency and age limits apply to routine physical exams and routine cancer screenings, contact your physician or contact Member Services by logging onto your secure member website at www.aetna.com or at the toll-free number on your ID card. This information can also be found at the www.HealthCare.gov website.
Routine physical exams

Eligible health services include office visits to your physician, PCP or other health professional for routine physical exams. This includes routine vision and hearing screenings given as part of the exam. A routine exam is a medical exam given by a physician for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified illness or injury, and also includes:

- Evidence-based items that have in effect a rating of A or B in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- Services as recommended in the American Academy of Pediatrics/Bright Futures/Health Resources and Services Administration guidelines for children and adolescents.
- Screenings and counseling services as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration. These services may include but are not limited to:
  - Screening and counseling services on topics such as:
    - Interpersonal and domestic violence
    - Sexually transmitted diseases
    - Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) infections
  - Screening for gestational diabetes for women
  - High risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing for women 30 and older
- Radiological services, lab and other tests given in connection with the exam.
- For covered newborns, an initial hospital checkup to include a hearing exam.

Preventive care immunizations

Eligible health services include immunizations for infectious diseases recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Your plan does not cover immunizations that are not considered preventive care, such as those required due to your employment or travel.

Well woman preventive visits

Eligible health services include your routine:

- Well woman preventive exam office visit to your physician, obstetrician (OB), gynecologist (GYN) or OB/GYN. This includes pap smears. Your plan covers the exams recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration. A routine well woman preventive exam is a medical exam given for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified illness or injury.
- Preventive care breast cancer (BRCA) gene blood testing by a physician and lab.
- Preventive breast cancer genetic counseling provided by a genetic counselor to interpret the test results and evaluate treatment.
- Screening for diabetes after pregnancy for women with a history of diabetes during pregnancy.
- Screening for urinary incontinence.

Preventive screening and counseling services

Eligible health services include screening and counseling by your health professional for some conditions. These are obesity, misuse of alcohol and/or drugs, use of tobacco products, sexually transmitted infection counseling and genetic risk counseling for breast and ovarian cancer. Your plan will cover the services you get in an individual or group setting. Here is more detail about those benefits.

- Obesity and/or healthy diet counseling
  Eligible health services include the following screening and counseling services to aid in weight reduction due to obesity:
  - Preventive counseling visits and/or risk factor reduction intervention
- Nutritional counseling
- Healthy diet counseling visits provided in connection with Hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease

- **Misuse of alcohol and/or drugs**
  Eligible health services include the following screening and counseling services to help prevent or reduce the use of an alcohol agent or controlled substance:
  - Preventive counseling visits
  - Risk factor reduction intervention
  - A structured assessment

- **Use of tobacco products**
  Eligible health services include the following screening and counseling services to help you to stop the use of tobacco products:
  - Preventive counseling visits
  - Treatment visits
  - Class visits;
  - Tobacco cessation prescription and over-the-counter drugs
    - Eligible health services include FDA-approved prescription drugs and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs to help stop the use of tobacco products, when prescribed by a prescriber and the prescription is submitted to the pharmacist for processing.

  Tobacco product means a substance containing tobacco or nicotine such as:
  - Cigarettes
  - Cigars
  - Smoking tobacco
  - Snuff
  - Smokeless tobacco
  - Candy-like products that contain tobacco

- **Sexually transmitted infection counseling**
  Eligible health services include the counseling services to help you prevent or reduce sexually transmitted infections.

- **Genetic risk counseling for breast and ovarian cancer**
  Eligible health services include counseling and evaluation services to help you assess whether or not you are at increased risk for breast and ovarian cancer.

### Routine cancer screenings

Eligible health services include the following routine cancer screenings:
- Mammograms
- Prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests
- Digital rectal exams
- Fecal occult blood tests
- Sigmoidoscopies
- Double contrast barium enemas (DCBE)
- Colonoscopies which includes removal of polyps performed during a screening procedure, and a pathology exam on any removed polyps
- Lung cancer screenings
These benefits will be subject to any age, family history and frequency guidelines that are:

- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of A or B in the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force
- Evidence-informed items or services provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration

If you need a routine gynecological exam performed as part of a cancer screening, you may go directly to a network provider who is an OB, GYN or OB/GYN.

Prenatal care

Eligible health services include your routine prenatal physical exams as preventive care, which is the initial and subsequent history and physical exam such as:

- Maternal weight
- Blood pressure
- Fetal heart rate check
- Fundal height

You can get this care at your physician's, PCP's, OB's, GYN's, or OB/GYN's office.

**Important note:**
You should review the benefit under Eligible health services under your plan- Maternity and related newborn care and the exceptions sections of this booklet-certificate for more information on coverage for pregnancy expenses under this plan.

Comprehensive lactation support and counseling services

Eligible health services include comprehensive lactation support (assistance and training in breast feeding) and counseling services during pregnancy or at any time following delivery for breast feeding. Your plan will cover this when you get it in an individual or group setting. Your plan will cover this counseling only when you get it from a certified lactation support provider.

Breast feeding durable medical equipment

Eligible health services include renting or buying durable medical equipment you need to pump and store breast milk as follows:

**Breast pump**

Eligible health services include:

- Renting a hospital grade electric pump while your newborn child is confined in a hospital.
- The buying of:
  - An electric breast pump (non-hospital grade). Your plan will cover this cost once every three years, or
  - A manual breast pump. Your plan will cover this cost once per pregnancy.

If an electric breast pump was purchased within the previous three year period, the purchase of another electric breast pump will not be covered until a three year period has elapsed since the last purchase.

**Breast pump supplies and accessories**

Eligible health services include breast pump supplies and accessories. These are limited to only one purchase per pregnancy in any year where a covered female would not qualify for the purchase of a new pump.
Coverage for the purchase of breast pump equipment is limited to one item of equipment, for the same or similar purpose, and the accessories and supplies needed to operate the item. You are responsible for the entire cost of any additional pieces of the same or similar equipment you purchase or rent for personal convenience or mobility.

**Family planning services – female contraceptives**

**Eligible health services** include family planning services such as:

- **Counseling services**
  - **Eligible health services** include counseling services provided by a physician, OB, GYN, or OB/GYN on contraceptive methods. These will be covered when you get them in either a group or individual setting.

- **Devices**
  - **Eligible health services** include contraceptive devices (including any related services or supplies) when they are provided by, administered or removed by a physician during an office visit.

- **Voluntary sterilization**
  - **Eligible health services** include charges billed separately by the provider for female voluntary sterilization procedures and related services and supplies. This also could include tubal ligation and sterilization implants.

**Important note:**

See the following sections for more information:

- Family planning services - other
- Maternity and related newborn care
- Outpatient prescription drugs
- Treatment of basic infertility

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**Physicians and other health professionals**

**Physician services**

- **Eligible health services** include services by your physician to treat an illness or injury. You can get those services:
  - At the physician’s office
  - In your home
  - In a hospital
  - From any other inpatient or outpatient facility
  - By way of telemedicine

**Important note:**

All in-person office visits covered with a **behavioral health provider** are also covered if you use telemedicine instead.

**Telemedicine** may have different cost sharing. See the schedule of benefits for more information.
Other services and supplies that your **physician** may provide:

- Allergy testing and allergy injections
- Radiological supplies, services, and tests
- Immunizations that are not covered as preventive care
- Screening of infants and toddlers for developmental delays. Eligible health services include developmental screenings for children at ages 9 months, 18 months and 30 months.
- Lead poisoning screening for children. Eligible health services include charges for a baseline lead poisoning screening for children at or around 12 months of age and also for children under the age of 6 who are at a high risk for lead poisoning, in accordance with established guidelines and criteria.

**Physician surgical services**

**Eligible health services** include the services of:

- The surgeon who performs your **surgery**
- Your surgeon who you visit before and after the **surgery**
- Another surgeon who you go to for a second opinion before the **surgery**

**Alternatives to physician office visits**

**Walk-in clinic**

**Eligible health services** include health care services provided at walk-in clinics for:

- Unscheduled, non-medical emergency **illnesses** and **injuries**
- The administration of immunizations administered within the scope of the clinic’s license
Hospital and other facility care

Hospital care

Eligible health services include inpatient and outpatient hospital care.

The types of hospital care services that are eligible for coverage include:

- **Room and board** charges up to the hospital's semi-private room rate. Your plan will cover the extra expense of a private room when appropriate because of your medical condition.
- Services of physicians employed by the hospital.
- Operating and recovery rooms.
- Intensive or special care units of a hospital.
- Administration of blood and blood derivatives, but not the expense of the blood or blood product.
- Radiation therapy.
- Cognitive rehabilitation.
- Speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy.
- Oxygen and oxygen therapy.
- Radiological services, laboratory testing and diagnostic services.
- Medications.
- Intravenous (IV) preparations.
- Discharge planning.
- Services and supplies provided by the outpatient department of a hospital.

Alternatives to hospital stays

Outpatient surgery and physician surgical services

Eligible health services include services provided and supplies used in connection with outpatient surgery performed in a surgery center or a hospital’s outpatient department.

**Important note:** Some surgeries can be done safely in a physician’s office. For those surgeries, your plan will pay only for physician services and not for a separate fee for facilities.

Home health care

Eligible health services include home health care provided by a home health care agency in the home, but only when all of the following criteria are met:

- You are homebound.
- Your physician orders them.
- The services take the place of your needing to stay in a hospital or a skilled nursing facility, or needing to receive the same services outside your home.
- The services are a part of a home health care plan.
- The services are skilled nursing services, home health aide services or medical social services, or are short-term speech, physical or occupational therapy.
- If you are discharged from a hospital or skilled nursing facility after a stay, the intermittent requirement may be waived to allow coverage for continuous skilled nursing services. See the schedule of benefits for more information on the intermittent requirement.
- Home health aide services are provided under the supervision of a registered nurse.
- Medical social services are provided by or supervised by a physician or social worker.
Short-term physical, speech, and occupational therapy provided in the home are subject to the conditions and limitations imposed on therapy provided outside the home. See the Short-term rehabilitation services and Habilitation therapy services sections and the schedule of benefits.

Home health care services do not include custodial care.

**Hospice care**

Eligible health services include inpatient and outpatient hospice care when given as part of a hospice care program.

The types of hospice care services that are eligible for coverage include:
- Room and board
- Services and supplies furnished to you on an inpatient or outpatient basis
- Services by a hospice care agency or hospice care provided in a hospital

Hospice care services provided by the providers below may be covered, even if the providers are not an employee of the hospice care agency responsible for your care:
- A physician for consultation or case management
- A physical or occupational therapist
- A home health care agency for:
  - Physical and occupational therapy
  - Medical supplies
  - Outpatient prescription drugs
  - Psychological counseling
  - Dietary counseling

**Outpatient private duty nursing**

Eligible health services include private duty nursing care provided by an R.N. or L.P.N. for non-hospitalized acute illness or injury if your condition requires skilled nursing care and visiting nursing care is not adequate.

**Skilled nursing facility**

Eligible health services include inpatient skilled nursing facility care.

The types of skilled nursing facility care services that are eligible for coverage include:
- Room and board, up to the semi-private room rate
- Services and supplies that are provided during your stay in a skilled nursing facility

**Emergency services and urgent care**

Eligible health services include services and supplies for the treatment of an emergency medical condition or an urgent condition.

As always, you can get emergency services from network providers. However, you can also get emergency services from out-of-network providers.

Your coverage for emergency services and urgent care from out-of-network providers ends when Aetna and the attending physician determine that you are medically able to travel or to be transported to a network provider if you need more care.

As it applies to in-network coverage, you are covered for follow-up care only when your physician or PCP provides the care or coordinates it.
If you use an out-of-network provider to receive follow up care, you are subject to a higher out-of-pocket expense.

**In case of a medical emergency**
When you experience an emergency medical condition, you should go to the nearest emergency room. You can also dial 911 or your local emergency response service for medical and ambulance assistance. If possible, call your physician but only if a delay will not harm your health.

**Non-emergency condition**
If you go to an emergency room for what is not an emergency medical condition, the plan may not cover your expenses. See the schedule of benefits and the exception-Emergency services and urgent care and Precertification covered benefit reduction sections for specific plan details.

**In case of an urgent condition**
**Urgent condition**
If you need care for an urgent condition, you should first seek care through your physician. If your physician is not reasonably available to provide services, you may access urgent care from an urgent care facility.

**Non-urgent care**
If you go to an urgent care facility for what is not an urgent condition, the plan may not cover your expenses. See the exception –Emergency services and urgent care and Precertification covered benefit reduction sections and the schedule of benefits for specific plan details.
Specific conditions

Autism spectrum disorder
Autism spectrum disorder is defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) of the American Psychiatric Association.

Eligible health services include the services and supplies provided by a physician or behavioral health provider for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder. We will only cover this treatment if a physician or behavioral health provider orders it as part of a treatment plan.

Eligible health services include:
- Behavioral health treatment
- Pharmacy care
- Psychiatric care
- Psychological care
- Therapeutic care
- Items and equipment necessary to provide, receive, or improve upon any of the above listed services, including those necessary for Applied Behavior Analysis.

Any care for autism spectrum disorders that is determined by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, based upon their review of best practices and/or evidence-based research, to be medically necessary.

We will cover early intensive behavioral interventions such as applied behavior analysis. Applied behavior analysis is an educational service that is the process of applying interventions:
- That systematically change behavior, and
- That is responsible for observable improvements in behavior.

Birthing center
Eligible health services include prenatal and postpartum care and obstetrical services from your provider. After your child is born, eligible health services include:
- 48 hours of care in a birthing center after a vaginal delivery
- 96 hours of care in a birthing center after a cesarean delivery

A birthing center is a facility specifically licensed as a freestanding birthing center by applicable state and federal laws to provide prenatal care, delivery and immediate postpartum care.

Diabetic equipment, supplies and education
Eligible health services include:
- Services and supplies
  - Foot care to minimize the risk of infection
  - Alcohol swabs
  - Glucagon emergency kits
- Equipment
  - External insulin pumps
  - Blood glucose monitors without special features, unless required due to blindness
- Training
  - Self-management training provided by a health care provider certified in diabetes self-management training
This coverage is for the treatment of insulin (type I) and non-insulin dependent (type II) diabetes and the treatment of elevated blood glucose levels during pregnancy.

**Family planning services – other**

**Eligible health services** include certain family planning services provided by your **physician** such as:

- Voluntary sterilization for males
- Abortion

**Maternity and related newborn care**

**Eligible health services** include prenatal and postpartum care and obstetrical services. After your child is born, **eligible health services** include:

- 48 hours of inpatient care in a **hospital** after a vaginal delivery
- 96 hours of inpatient care in a **hospital** after a cesarean delivery
- A shorter **stay**, if the attending **physician**, with the consent of the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier
- The mother could be discharged earlier. If so, the plan will pay for 1 post-delivery visit by a health care **provider**.

Coverage also includes the services and supplies needed for circumcision by a **provider**.

**Mental health treatment**

**Eligible health services** include the treatment of **mental disorders** provided by a **hospital**, psychiatric hospital, residential treatment facility, **physician** or **behavioral health provider** as follows:

- **Inpatient room and board** at the semi-private **room rate**, and other services and supplies related to your condition that are provided during your **stay** in a **hospital**, psychiatric hospital, or residential treatment facility
- Outpatient treatment received while not confined as an inpatient in a **hospital**, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility, including:
  - Office visits to a **physician** or **behavioral health provider** such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or licensed professional counselor (includes telemedicine consultation)
  - Individual, group and family therapies for the treatment of mental health
  - Other outpatient mental health treatment such as:
    - **Partial hospitalization treatment** provided in a facility or program for mental health treatment provided under the direction of a **physician**
    - **Intensive outpatient program** provided in a facility or program for mental health treatment provided under the direction of a **physician**
    - Skilled behavioral health services provided in the home, but only when all the following criteria are met:
      - You are homebound
      - Your **physician** orders them
      - The services take the place of a **stay** in a **hospital** or a residential treatment facility, or you are unable to receive the same services outside your home
      - The skilled behavioral health care is appropriate for the active treatment of a condition, illness or disease to avoid placing you at risk for serious complications
      - Electro-convulsive therapy (ECT)
      - Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)
      - Psychological testing
      - Neuropsychological testing
      - 23 hour observation
      - Peer counseling support by a peer support specialist
A peer support specialist serves as a role model, mentor, coach, and advocate. They must be certified by the state where the services are provided or a private certifying organization recognized by us. Peer support must be supervised by a behavioral health provider.

**Substance related disorders treatment**

Eligible health services include the treatment of substance abuse provided by a hospital, psychiatric hospital, residential treatment facility, physician or behavioral health provider as follows:

- **Inpatient room and board** at the semi-private room rate, and other services and supplies that are provided during your stay in a hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility. Treatment of substance abuse in a general medical hospital is only covered if you are admitted to the hospital's separate substance abuse section or unit, unless you are admitted for the treatment of medical complications of substance abuse.

  As used here, “medical complications” include, but are not limited to, electrolyte imbalances, malnutrition, cirrhosis of the liver, delirium tremens and hepatitis.

- **Outpatient treatment** received while not confined as an inpatient in a hospital, psychiatric hospital or residential treatment facility, including:
  - Office visits to a physician or behavioral health provider such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or licensed professional counselor (includes telemedicine consultation)
  - Individual, group and family therapies for the treatment of substance abuse
  - Other outpatient substance abuse treatment such as:
    - Outpatient detoxification
    - Partial hospitalization treatment provided in a facility or program for treatment of substance abuse provided under the direction of a physician
    - Intensive outpatient program provided in a facility or program for treatment of substance abuse provided under the direction of a physician
    - Ambulatory detoxification which are outpatient services that monitor withdrawal from alcohol or other substance abuse, including administration of medications
    - Treatment of withdrawal symptoms
    - 23 hour observation
    - Peer counseling support by a peer support specialist

  A peer support specialist serves as a role model, mentor, coach, and advocate. They must be certified by the state where the services are provided or a private certifying organization recognized by us. Peer support must be supervised by a behavioral health provider.
Oral and maxillofacial treatment (mouth, jaws and teeth)

Eligible health services include the following oral and maxillofacial treatment (mouth, jaws and teeth) provided by a physician, a dentist and hospital:

- **Non-surgical treatment of infections or diseases.**
- **Surgery** needed to:
  - Treat a fracture, dislocation, or wound.
  - Cut out cysts, tumors, or other diseased tissues.
  - Cut into gums and tissues of the mouth. This is only covered when not done in connection with the removal, replacement or repair of teeth.
  - Alter the jaw, jaw joints, or bite relationships by a cutting procedure when appliance therapy alone cannot result in functional improvement.
- **Hospital services and supplies** received for a stay required because of your condition.
- **Dental work, surgery and orthodontic treatment** needed to remove, repair, restore or reposition:
  - Natural teeth damaged, lost, or removed. Your teeth must be free from decay or in good repair, and are firmly attached to your jaw bone at the time of your injury.
  - Other body tissues of the mouth fractured or cut due to injury.
- **Crowns, dentures, bridges, or in-mouth appliances only for:**
  - The first denture or fixed bridgework to replace lost teeth.
  - The first crown needed to repair each damaged tooth.
  - An in-mouth appliance used in the first course of orthodontic treatment after an injury.
- **Accidental injuries** and other trauma. Oral surgery and related dental services to return sound natural teeth to their pre-trauma functional state. These services must take place no later than 24 months after the injury.
  - Sound natural teeth are teeth that were stable, functional, and free from decay and advanced periodontal disease at the time of the trauma.
  - If a child needs oral surgery as the result of accidental injury or trauma, surgery may be postponed until a certain level of growth has been achieved.

Reconstructive surgery and supplies

Eligible health services include all stages of reconstructive surgery by your provider and related supplies provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting only in the following circumstances:

- **Your surgery** reconstructs the breast where a necessary mastectomy was performed, such as an implant and areolar reconstruction. It also includes surgery on a healthy breast to make it symmetrical with the reconstructed breast, treatment of physical complications of all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedema and prostheses.
- **Your surgery** is to implant or attach a covered prosthetic device.
- **Your surgery** corrects a gross anatomical defect present at birth. The surgery will be covered if:
  - The defect results in severe facial disfigurement or major functional impairment of a body part.
  - The purpose of the surgery is to improve function.
- **Your surgery** is needed because treatment of your illness resulted in severe facial disfigurement or major functional impairment of a body part, and your surgery will improve function.
Transplant services
Eligible health services include transplant services provided by a physician and hospital.

This includes the following transplant types:
- Solid organ
- Hematopoietic stem cell
- Bone marrow
- CAR-T and T Cell receptor therapy for FDA-approved treatments

Network of transplant facilities
We designate facilities to provide specific services or procedures. They are listed as Institutes of Excellence™ (IOE) facilities in your provider directory.

The amount you will pay for covered transplant services depends on where you get the care. Your cost share will be lower when you get transplant services from the IOE facility we designate to perform the transplant you need. You may also get transplant services at a non-IOE facility, but your cost share will be higher.

Important note:
- If there is no IOE facility for your transplant type in your network, the National Medical Excellence Program® (NME) will arrange for and coordinate your care at an IOE facility in another one of our networks. If you don’t get your transplant services at the IOE facility we designate, your cost share will be higher.
- Many pre and post transplant medical services, even routine ones, are related to and may affect the success of your transplant. While your transplant care is being coordinated by the National Medical Excellence Program® (NME), all medical services must be managed through the NME so that you receive the highest level of benefits at the appropriate facility. This is true even if the eligible health service is not directly related to your transplant.

Treatment of infertility
Basic infertility
Eligible health services include seeing a network provider:
- To diagnose and evaluate the underlying medical cause of infertility.
- To do surgery to treat the underlying medical cause of infertility. Examples are endometriosis surgery or, for men, varicocele surgery.

Comprehensive infertility services
Eligible health services include comprehensive infertility care. The first step to using your comprehensive infertility health care services is enrolling with our National Infertility Unit (NIU). To enroll you can reach our dedicated NIU at 1-800-575-5999.

Infertility services
You are eligible for infertility services if:
- You are covered under this plan as an employee or as a covered dependent who is the employee’s legal spouse or domestic partner, referred to as “your partner”.
- There exists a condition that:
  - Is demonstrated to cause the disease of infertility.
  - Has been recognized by your physician or infertility specialist and documented in your or your partner’s medical records.
- You or your partner has not had a voluntary sterilization, with or without surgical reversal, regardless of post reversal results. This includes tubal ligation, hysterectomy and vasectomy only if obtained as a form
of voluntary sterilization.

- You or your partner does not have **infertility** that is due to a natural physiologic process such as age related ovarian insufficiency (e.g. perimenopause, menopause).
- A successful pregnancy cannot be attained through less costly treatment for which coverage is available under this plan.
- You have met the requirement for the number of months trying to conceive through egg and sperm contact.
- Your unmedicated day 3 Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH) level meets the following criteria:

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Our NIU is here to help you. It is staffed by a dedicated team of registered nurses and infertility coordinators with expertise in all areas of infertility who can help:
- Enroll in the infertility program.
- Assist you with precertification of eligible health services.
- Coordinate precertification for comprehensive infertility when these services are eligible health services.
- Evaluate your medical records to determine whether comprehensive infertility services are reasonably likely to result in success.
- Determine whether comprehensive infertility services are eligible health services.

Your provider will request approval from us in advance for your infertility services. We will cover charges made by an infertility specialist for the following infertility services:
- Ovulation induction cycle(s) with menotropins.
- Intruterine insemination.

A “cycle” is an attempt at ovulation induction or intrauterine insemination. The cycle begins with the initiation of therapy and ends when the treatment is followed by confirmation of non-pregnancy (either a negative pregnancy test or a menstrual period). In the case of the achievement of pregnancy, a cycle is considered completed at 6 weeks following a positive pregnancy test. Each treatment type is counted as a separate cycle.

Advanced reproductive technology
Eligible health services include Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART). ART services are more advanced medical procedures or treatments performed to help a woman achieve pregnancy.

ART services
ART services include:
- In vitro fertilization (IVF)
- Zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT)
- Gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT)
- Cryopreserved embryo transfers (Frozen Embryo Transfers (FET))
- Intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) or ovum microsurgery

You are eligible for ART services if:
- You are covered under this plan as an employee or as a covered dependent who is the employee’s legal spouse or domestic partner, referred to as “your partner”. Dependent children are covered under this plan for ART services only in the case of fertility preservation due to planned treatment for medical conditions that will result in infertility.
- There exists a condition that: Is demonstrated to cause the disease of infertility. Has been recognized by your physician or infertility specialist and documented in your or your partner’s medical records.
- You or your partner has not had a voluntary sterilization, with or without surgical reversal, regardless of post reversal results. This includes tubal ligation, hysterectomy and vasectomy only if obtained as a form of voluntary sterilization.
- You or your partner does not have infertility that is due to a natural physiologic process such as age related ovarian insufficiency (e.g. perimenopause, menopause).
- A successful pregnancy cannot be attained through less costly treatment for which coverage is available under this plan.
- You have exhausted the comprehensive infertility services benefits or have a clinical need to move on to ART procedures. You have met the requirement for the number of months trying to conceive through egg and sperm contact.
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- If you have been diagnosed with premature ovarian insufficiency (POI), as described in our clinical policy bulletin, you are eligible for ART services, so long as egg retrievals are completed before you reach age 45 and transfers are completed before you reach age 50, regardless of FSH level.

**Fertility preservation**

Fertility preservation involves the retrieval of mature eggs and/or sperm or the creation of embryos that are frozen for future use. You are eligible for fertility preservation only when you:

- Are believed to be fertile
- Have planned services that will result in infertility such as:
  - Chemotherapy
  - Pelvic radiotherapy
- Other gonadotoxic therapies
- Ovarian or testicular removal

Along with the eligibility requirements above, you are eligible for fertility preservation benefits if, for example:
  - You, your partner or dependent child are planning treatment that is demonstrated to result in infertility. Planned treatments include:
    - Bilateral orchiectomy (removal of both testicles)
    - Bilateral oophorectomy (removal of both ovaries)
    - Hysterectomy (removal of the uterus)
    - Chemotherapy or radiation therapy that is established in medical literature to result in infertility
  - The eggs that will be retrieved for use are reasonably likely to result in a successful pregnancy by meeting the criteria below:

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**If you are age 40 and older,** must be less than 19 mIU/mL in all prior tests performed after age 40. |

**Eligible health services** for fertility preservation will be paid on the same basis as other ART services benefits for individuals who are infertile.

Our National Infertility Unit (NIU) is here to help you. It is staffed by a dedicated team of registered nurses and infertility coordinators with expertise in all areas of infertility who can help:
  - Enroll in the infertility program.
  - Assist you with precertification of eligible health services.
  - Coordinate precertification for ART services and fertility preservation services when these services are eligible health services. Your provider should obtain precertification for fertility preservation services through the NIU either directly or through a reproductive endocrinologist.
  - Evaluate your medical records to determine whether ART services and fertility preservation services are reasonably likely to result in success.
  - Determine whether ART services and fertility preservation services are eligible health services.
  - Case manage for the provision of ART services and fertility preservation services for an eligible covered person.

Your provider will request approval from us in advance for your ART services and fertility preservation services. We will cover charges made by an ART specialist for the following ART services:
  - Any combination of the following ART services:
    - In vitro fertilization (IVF)
    - Zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT)
    - Gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT)
    - Cryopreserved embryo transfers (Frozen Embryo Transfer (FET))
• Intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) or ovum microsurgery.
• Charges associated with your care when using a gestational carrier including egg retrieval and culture and fertilization of your eggs that will be transferred into a gestational carrier. The embryo transfer itself is not covered. (See the What your plan doesn’t cover - some eligible health service exceptions section.)
• Charges associated with your care when you will receive a donor egg or embryo in a donor IVF cycle. These services include culture and fertilization of the egg from the donor and transfer of the embryo into you.
• Charges associated with obtaining sperm from your partner when they are covered under this plan for ART services.
• The procedures are done while not confined in a hospital or any other facility as an inpatient.

A “cycle” is an attempt at a particular type of infertility treatment (e.g., GIFT, ZIFT, cryopreserved embryo transfers). The cycle begins with the initiation of therapy and ends when the treatment is followed by confirmation of non-pregnancy (either a negative pregnancy test or a menstrual period). In the case of the achievement of pregnancy, a cycle is considered completed at 6 weeks following a positive pregnancy test. Each treatment type is counted as a separate cycle.

Specific therapies and tests

Outpatient diagnostic testing
Diagnostic complex imaging services
Eligible health services include complex imaging services by a provider, including:

- Computed tomography (CT) scans
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) including Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS), Magnetic resonance venography (MRV) and Magnetic resonance angiogram (MRA)
- Nuclear medicine imaging including Positron emission tomography (PET) scans
- Other outpatient diagnostic imaging service where the billed charge exceeds $500

Complex imaging for preoperative testing is covered under this benefit.

Diagnostic lab work and radiological services
Eligible health services include diagnostic radiological services (other than diagnostic complex imaging), lab services, and pathology and other tests, but only when you get them from a licensed radiological facility or lab.

Chemotherapy
Eligible health services for chemotherapy depends on where treatment is received. In most cases, chemotherapy is covered as outpatient care. However, your hospital benefit covers the initial dose of chemotherapy after a cancer diagnosis during a hospital stay.

Outpatient infusion therapy
Eligible health services include infusion therapy you receive in an outpatient setting including but not limited to:

- A free-standing outpatient facility
- The outpatient department of a hospital
- A physician in the office
- A home care provider in your home

Infusion therapy is the parenteral (e.g. intravenous) administration of prescribed medications or solutions.
Certain infused medications may be covered under the outpatient prescription drug coverage. You can access the list of specialty prescription drugs by contacting Member Services or by logging onto your Aetna secure member website at www.aetna.com or calling the number on your ID card to determine if coverage is under the outpatient prescription drug benefit or this certificate.

When Infusion therapy services and supplies are provided in your home, they will not count toward any applicable home health care maximums.

**Outpatient radiation therapy**

Eligible health services include the following radiology services provided by a health professional:

- Radiological services
- Gamma ray
- Accelerated particles
- Mesons
- Neutrons
- Radium
- Radioactive isotopes

**Specialty prescription drugs**

Eligible health services include specialty prescription drugs when they are:

- Purchased by your provider, and
- Injected or infused by your provider in an outpatient setting such as:
  - A free-standing outpatient facility
  - The outpatient department of a hospital
  - A physician in the office
  - A home care provider in your home
- And, listed on our specialty prescription drug list as covered under this booklet-certificate.

You can access the list of specialty prescription drugs by contacting Member Services by logging onto your Aetna secure member website at www.aetna.com or calling the number on your ID card to determine if coverage is under the outpatient prescription drug benefit or this certificate.

Certain injected and infused medications may be covered under the outpatient prescription drug coverage. You can access the list of specialty prescription drugs by contacting Member Services or by logging onto your Aetna secure member website at www.aetna.com or calling the number on your ID card to determine if coverage is under the outpatient prescription drug benefit or this certificate.

When injectable or infused services and supplies are provided in your home, they will not count toward any applicable home health care maximums.

**Short-term cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services**

Eligible health services include the cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services listed below.

**Cardiac rehabilitation**

Eligible health services include cardiac rehabilitation services you receive at a hospital, skilled nursing facility or physician’s office, but only if those services are part of a treatment plan determined by your risk level and ordered by your physician.
Pulmonary rehabilitation

Eligible health services include pulmonary rehabilitation services as part of your inpatient hospital stay if it is part of a treatment plan ordered by your physician.

A course of outpatient pulmonary rehabilitation may also be eligible for coverage if it is performed at a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or physician’s office, is used to treat reversible pulmonary disease states, and is part of a treatment plan ordered by your physician.

Short-term rehabilitation services

Short-term rehabilitation services help you restore or develop skills and functioning for daily living. Eligible health services include short-term rehabilitation services your physician prescribes. The services have to be performed by:

- A licensed or certified physical, occupational or speech therapist
- A hospital, skilled nursing facility, or hospice facility
- A home health care agency
- A physician

Short-term rehabilitation services have to follow a specific treatment plan, ordered by your physician.

Outpatient cognitive rehabilitation, physical, occupational, and speech therapy

Eligible health services include:

- Physical therapy, but only if it is expected to significantly improve or restore physical functions lost as a result of an acute illness, injury or surgical procedure.
- Occupational therapy (except for vocational rehabilitation or employment counseling), but only if it is expected to:
  - Significantly improve, develop or restore physical functions you lost as a result of an acute illness, injury or surgical procedure, or
  - Relearn skills so you can significantly improve your ability to perform the activities of daily living on your own.
- Speech therapy, but only if it is expected to:
  - Significantly improve or restore the speech function or correct a speech impairment as a result of an acute illness, injury or surgical procedure, or
  - Improve delays in speech function development caused by a gross anatomical defect present at birth.

Speech function is the ability to express thoughts, speak words and form sentences. Speech impairment is difficulty with expressing one’s thoughts with spoken words.

- Cognitive rehabilitation associated with physical rehabilitation, but only when:
  - Your cognitive deficits are caused by neurologic impairment due to trauma, stroke, or encephalopathy and
  - The therapy is coordinated with us as part of a treatment plan intended to restore previous cognitive function.

Spinal manipulation

Eligible health services include spinal manipulation to correct a muscular or skeletal problem.

Your provider must establish or approve a treatment plan that details the treatment, and specifies frequency and duration.
Habilitation therapy services
Habilitation therapy services are services that help you keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living (e.g. therapy for a child who isn’t walking or talking at the expected age).

Eligible health services include habilitation therapy services your physician prescribes. The services have to be performed by:

- A licensed or certified physical, occupational or speech therapist
- A hospital, skilled nursing facility, or hospice facility
- A home health care agency
- A physician
- An ABA specialist for the screening, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder as permitted by state law

Habilitation therapy services have to follow a specific treatment plan, ordered by your physician.

Outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy
Eligible health services include:

- Physical therapy, (except for services provided in an educational or training setting) if it is expected to develop any impaired function.
- Occupational therapy (except for vocational rehabilitation or employment counseling or services provided in an educational or training setting), if it is expected to develop any impaired function
- Speech therapy (except for services provided in an educational or training setting or to teach sign language) is covered provided the therapy is expected to develop speech function as a result of delayed development.
  (Speech function is the ability to express thoughts, speak words and form sentences).
Other services

Acupuncture

Eligible health services include the treatment by the use of acupuncture (manual or electroacupuncture) provided by your physician, if the service is performed:

- As a form of anesthesia in connection with a covered surgical procedure

Ambulance service

Eligible health services include transport by professional ground ambulance services:

- To the first hospital to provide emergency services.
- From one hospital to another hospital if the first hospital cannot provide the emergency services you need.
- From a hospital to your home or to another facility if an ambulance is the only safe way to transport you.
- From your home to a hospital if an ambulance is the only safe way to transport you. Transport is limited to 100 miles.

Your plan also covers transportation to a hospital by professional air or water ambulance when:

- Professional ground ambulance transportation is not available.
- Your condition is unstable, and requires medical supervision and rapid transport.
- You are travelling from one hospital to another and
  - The first hospital cannot provide the emergency services you need, and
  - The two conditions above are met.

Clinical trial therapies (experimental or investigational)

Eligible health services include experimental or investigational drugs, devices, treatments or procedures from a provider under an “approved clinical trial” only when you have cancer or terminal illnesses and all of the following conditions are met:

- Standard therapies have not been effective or are not appropriate.
- We determine based on published, peer-reviewed scientific evidence that you may benefit from the treatment.

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

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

Eligible health services include "routine patient costs" incurred by you from a provider in connection with participation in an "approved clinical trial" as a “qualified individual” for cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition, as those terms are defined in the federal Public Health Service Act, Section 2709.

- Federally funded trials:
  - The study or investigation is approved or funded by one or more of the following:
    - The National Institutes of Health
    - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
    - The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality
    - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
    - Cooperative group or center of any of the entities described above or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs
    - 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
    - The Department of Energy
  - For those approved by the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense or Energy, the study or investigation must have been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services determines:
    - To be comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health
    - Assures 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

Durable medical equipment (DME)

Eligible health services include the expense of renting or buying DME and accessories you need to operate the item from a DME supplier. Your plan will cover either buying or renting the item, depending on which we think is more cost efficient. If you purchase DME, that purchase is only eligible for coverage if you need it for long-term use.

Coverage includes:

- One item of DME for the same or similar purpose.
- Repairing DME due to normal wear and tear. It does not cover repairs needed because of misuse or abuse.
- A new DME item you need because your physical condition has changed. It also covers buying a new DME item to replace one that was damaged due to normal wear and tear, if it would be cheaper than repairing it or renting a similar item.

Your plan only covers the same type of DME that Medicare covers. But there are some DME items Medicare covers that your plan does not. We list examples of those in the exceptions section.
Hearing aids and exams

Eligible health services include hearing care that includes hearing exams, prescribed hearing aids and hearing aid services as described below.

Hearing aid means:
- Any wearable, non-disposable instrument or device designed to aid or make up for impaired human hearing
- Parts, attachments, or accessories

Hearing aid services are:
- Audiometric hearing exam and evaluation for a hearing aid prescription performed by:
  - A physician certified as an otolaryngologist or otologist
  - An audiologist who is legally qualified in audiology, or holds a certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech and Hearing Association in the absence of any licensing requirements; and who performs the exam at the written direction of a legally qualified otolaryngologist or otologist
- Electronic hearing aids, installed in accordance with a prescription written during a covered hearing exam
- Any other related services necessary to access, select and adjust or fit a hearing aid

Non-routine/non-preventive care hearing exams

Eligible health services for adults and children include charges for an audiometric hearing exam for evaluation and treatment of illness, injury or hearing loss, if the exam is performed by:

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

Nutritional supplements

Eligible health services include formula and low protein modified food products ordered by a physician for the treatment of phenylketonuria or an inherited disease of amino and organic acids.

For purposes of this benefit, “low protein modified food product” means foods that are specifically formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving and are intended to be used under the direction of a physician for the dietary treatment of any inherited metabolic disease. Low protein modified food products do not include foods that are naturally low in protein.

Orthotics and prosthetic devices

Eligible health services include:
- Charges made for orthotic devices and internal and external prosthetic devices and special appliances when the device or appliance improves or restores body part function lost or damaged due to illness, injury or birth defect
- Instruction and incidental supplies needed to use a covered orthotic device and/or prosthetic device
- The repair and replacement of orthotic or prosthetic devices unless the replacement or repair is due to misuse or loss
- Items covered by Medicare unless excluded in the definitions below or in the exceptions section.

Eligible health services include the initial provision and subsequent replacement of an orthosis or prosthesis
that temporarily or permanently replaces all or part of the body lost or impaired as a result of illness or injury and that your physician orders and administers. But we cover it only if we approve the device in advance.

Your plan covers the first orthosis and prosthesis you need that temporarily or permanently replaces all or part of a body part lost or impaired as a result of illness or injury, or congenital defect as described in the list of covered devices below for an:

- Internal body part or organ
- External body part.

What types of devices and appliances are covered?
The list of covered devices includes, but is not limited to:

- An artificial arm, leg, hip, knee, or eye
- Eye lens
- An external breast prosthesis and the first bra made solely for use with it after a mastectomy
- A breast implant after a mastectomy
- Ostomy supplies, urinary catheters, and external urinary collection devices
- Speech generating device
- A cardiac pacemaker and pacemaker defibrillators
- A durable brace that is custom made for and fitted for you

Some terms you need to know
Orthosis means: a custom fabricated brace or support that is designed based on medical necessity. "Orthotics" means:

- The science and practice of evaluating, measuring, designing, fabricating, assembling, fitting, adjusting, or servicing, as well as providing the initial training necessary to accomplish the fitting of, an orthosis for the support, correction, or alleviation of neuromuscular or musculoskeletal dysfunction, disease, injury, or deformity
- The practice of orthotics includes evaluation, treatment, and consultation; with basic observational gait and postural analysis to assess and design orthoses to maximize function and provide the support and alignment necessary to prevent or correct a deformity, improve the safety and efficiency of mobility, locomotion or both. Providing continuing patient care in order to assess its effect on the patient’s tissues and to assure proper fit and function of the orthotic device through periodic evaluation

Prosthesis means:

- An artificial limb that can be brought into the correct position and is capable of weight bearing, when required for proper function.
- An artificial medical device that is not surgically implanted and that is used to replace a missing limb or other external human body part including an artificial limb, hand, or foot.

Prosthetics means:

- The science and practice of evaluation, measuring, designing, fabricating, assembling, fitting, aligning, adjusting, servicing, providing the initial training necessary to accomplish the fitting of, a prosthesis through the replacement of external parts of a human body lost due to amputation, birth deformities, or abscesses. This includes:
  - Generation of an image, form or mold that replicates the patient’s body or body segment
  - Design and fabrication of a socket to accept a residual anatomic limb
  - Creating an artificial limb designed to support body weight, improve or restore function, appearance or both.
  - Observational gait analysis and clinical assessment to refine and fix the relative position of various parts of the prosthesis to maximize function, stability, and safety of the patient
  - Providing and continuing patient care in order to assess the prosthetic device’s effect on the patient’s tissues and to assure proper fit and function of the prosthetic device through periodic evaluation.
How am I reimbursed?
If you are required to pay for an orthotic or prosthetic device that is covered under the plan, you will be reimbursed at a rate equal to the federal reimbursement rate minus any applicable cost sharing.

For the purposes of this provision, "federal reimbursement rate" means the current listed fee schedule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), listing the current Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and the corresponding reimbursement rates.

What if I need a replacement?
Eligible health services include replacement of an orthotic device and prosthetic device if:

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

Scalp hair prosthesis
Eligible health services include coverage for scalp hair prosthesis worn for hair loss resulting from alopecia areata, resulting from an autoimmune disease. Coverage is subject to the same limitations and guidelines as other prosthesis as listed in the exceptions section.

Vision care
Routine vision exams
Eligible health services include a routine vision exam provided by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. The exam will include refraction and glaucoma testing.
Outpatient prescription drugs Outside the U.S.
Eligible health services include outpatient prescription drugs when prescribed in writing by a prescriber to treat an illness or injury and dispensed by a pharmacy.
Outpatient prescription drugs Inside the U.S.
What you need to know about your outpatient prescription drug plan

Read this section carefully so that you know:

- How to access network pharmacies
- Eligible health services under your plan
- What outpatient prescription drugs are covered
- Other services
- How you get an emergency prescription filled
- Where your schedule of benefits fits in
- How do I request a medical exception
- What your plan doesn’t cover – some eligible health service exceptions
- How you share the cost of your outpatient prescription drugs

Some prescription drugs may not be covered or coverage may be limited. This does not keep you from getting prescription drugs that are not covered benefits. You can still fill your prescription, but you have to pay for it yourself. For more information see the Where your schedule of benefits fits in section, and see the schedule of benefits.

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

How to access network pharmacies

How do you find a network pharmacy?

You can find a network pharmacy in two ways:

- Online: By logging onto your secure member website at www.aetna.com.
- By phone: Call the toll-free Member Services number on your member ID card. During regular business hours, a Member Services representative can assist you. Our automated telephone assistant can give you this information 24 hours a day.

You may go to any network pharmacies. Pharmacies include network retail, mail order and specialty pharmacies.

Eligible health services under your plan

What does your outpatient prescription drug plan cover?

Any pharmacy service that meets these three requirements:

- They are listed in the Eligible health services under your plan section
- They are not carved out in the What your plan doesn’t cover - some eligible health service exceptions section
- They are not beyond any limits in the schedule of benefits

Your plan benefits are covered when you follow the plan’s general rules:

- You need a prescription from your prescriber.
- Your drug needs to be medically necessary for your illness or injury. See the Medical necessity requirements section.
- You need to show your ID card to the pharmacy when you get a prescription filled.
Your outpatient prescription drug plan includes drugs listed in the drug guide. Prescription drugs listed on the formulary exclusions list are excluded unless a medical exception is approved by us prior to the drug being picked up at the pharmacy. If it is medically necessary for you to use a prescription drug on the formulary exclusions list, you or your prescriber must request a medical exception. See the How to get a medical exception section.

Generic prescription drugs may be substituted by your pharmacist for brand-name prescription drugs. Your out-of-pocket costs may be less if you use a generic prescription drug when available.

Prescription drugs covered by this plan are subject to misuse, waste, and/or abuse utilization review by us, your provider, and/or your network pharmacy. The outcome of this review may include: limiting coverage of the applicable drug(s) to one prescribing provider and/or one network pharmacy, limiting the quantity, dosage, day supply, requiring a partial fill or denial of coverage.

What outpatient prescription drugs are covered

Your prescriber may give you a prescription in different ways, including:

- Writing out a prescription that you then take to a network pharmacy
- Calling or e-mailing a network pharmacy to order the medication
- Submitting your prescription electronically

Once you receive a prescription from your prescriber, you may fill the prescription at a network, retail, mail order or specialty pharmacy.

Retail pharmacy

Generally, retail pharmacies may be used for up to a 30 day supply of prescription drugs. You should show your ID card to the network pharmacy every time you get a prescription filled. The network pharmacy will submit your claim. You will pay any cost sharing directly to the network pharmacy.

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

Mail order pharmacy

Generally, the drugs available through mail order are maintenance drugs that you take on a regular basis for a chronic or long-term medical condition.

Outpatient prescription drugs are covered when dispensed by a network mail order pharmacy. Each prescription is limited to a maximum 365 day supply.

Other services

Preventive Contraceptives

For females who are able to reproduce, your outpatient prescription drug plan covers certain drugs and devices that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved to prevent pregnancy when prescribed by a prescriber and the prescription is submitted to the pharmacist for processing. Your outpatient prescription drug plan also covers related services and supplies needed to administer covered devices. At least one form of contraception in each of the methods identified by the FDA is included. You can access the list of contraceptive drugs by logging onto your secure member website at https://www.aetna.com/ or calling the number on your ID card.

We cover over-the-counter (OTC) and generic prescription drugs and devices for each of the methods identified by the FDA at no cost share. If a generic prescription drug or device is not available for a certain method, you may obtain certain brand-name prescription drug for that method at no cost share.
**Important note:** You may qualify for a medical exception if your **provider** determines that the contraceptives covered standardly as preventive are not medically appropriate. Your **prescriber** may request a medical exception and submit the exception to us.

**Diabetic supplies**  
**Eligible health services** include but are not limited to the following diabetic supplies upon **prescription** by a **prescriber**:

- Injection devices including insulin syringes, needles and pens  
- Test strips - for blood glucose, ketone and urine  
- Blood glucose calibration liquid  
- Lancet devices and kits  
- Alcohol swabs

See your medical plan benefits for coverage of blood glucose meters and insulin pumps.

**Immunizations**  
**Eligible health services** include preventive immunizations as required by the ACA guidelines when administered at a **network pharmacy**. You should call the number on your ID card to find a participating **network pharmacy**. You should contact the **pharmacy** for availability, as not all **pharmacies** will stock all available vaccines.

**Infertility drugs**  
**Eligible health services** include oral and injectable synthetic ovulation stimulant **prescription drugs** used primarily for the purpose of treating the underlying cause of **infertility**.

**Off-label use**  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved **prescription drugs** may be covered when the off-label use of the drug has not been approved by the FDA for your condition(s). Eligibility for coverage is subject to the following:

- The drug must be accepted as safe and effective to treat your condition(s) in one of the following standard compendia:
  - American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Drug Information (AHFS Drug Information)  
  - Thomson Micromedex DrugDex System (DrugDex)  
  - Clinical Pharmacology (Gold Standard, Inc.)  
  - The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Drug and Biologics Compendium; or

- Use for your condition(s) has been proven as safe and effective by at least one well-designed controlled clinical trial, (i.e., a Phase III or single center controlled trial, also known as Phase II). Such a trial must be published in a peer reviewed medical journal known throughout the U.S. and either:
  - The dosage of a drug for your condition(s) is equal to the dosage for the same condition(s) as suggested in the FDA-approved labeling or by one of the standard compendia noted above.
  - The dosage has been proven to be safe and effective for your condition(s) by one or more well-designed controlled clinical trials. Such a trial must be published in a peer reviewed medical journal.

**Orally administered anti-cancer drugs, including chemotherapy drugs**  
**Eligible health services** include any drug prescribed for the treatment of cancer if it is recognized for treatment of that indication in a standard reference compendium or recommended in the medical literature even if the drug is not approved by the FDA for a particular indication.
Over-the-counter drugs
*Eligible health services* include certain over-the-counter medications, as determined by the plan. Coverage of the selected over-the-counter medications requires a *prescription*. You can access the list by logging onto your secure member website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).

Preventive care drugs and supplements
*Eligible health services* include preventive care drugs and supplements (including over-the-counter drugs and supplements) as required by the ACA guidelines when prescribed by a *prescriber* and the *prescription* is submitted to the pharmacist for processing.

Risk reducing breast cancer prescription drugs
*Eligible health services* include *prescription drugs* used to treat people who are at:
- Increased risk for breast cancer, and
- Low risk for adverse medication side effects
How you get an emergency prescription filled
You may not have access to a network pharmacy in an emergency or urgent care situation, or you may be traveling outside of the plan’s service area. If you must fill a prescription in either situation, we will reimburse you as shown in the table below.

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Where your schedule of benefits fits in
You are responsible for paying your part of the cost sharing. The schedule of benefits shows any benefit limitations and any out-of-pocket costs you are responsible for. Keep in mind that you are responsible for costs not covered under this plan.

Your prescription drug costs are based on:
• The type of prescription drug you’re prescribed.
• Where you fill your prescription.

The plan may, in certain circumstances, make some brand-name prescription drugs available to you at the generic prescription drug copayment level.

How your copayment/coinsurance works
Your copayment/coinsurance is the amount you pay for each prescription fill or refill. Your schedule of benefits shows you which copayments/coinsurance you need to pay for specific prescription fill or refill. You will pay any cost sharing directly to the network pharmacy.

How do I request a medical exception?
Sometimes you or your prescriber may seek a medical exception to get health care services for drugs not listed on the drug guide. You, someone who represents you or your prescriber can contact us and will need to provide us with the required clinical documentation. Any exception granted is based upon an individual, case by case decision, and will not apply to other members. If approved by us, you will receive the preferred drug or non-preferred drug benefit level.

You, someone who represents you or your prescriber may seek a quicker medical exception process to get coverage for non-covered drugs in an urgent situation. An urgent situation happens when you have a health condition that may seriously affect your life, health, or ability to get back maximum function or when you are going through a current course of treatment using a non-preferred drug. You, someone who represents you or your prescriber may submit a request for a quicker review for an urgent situation by:
• Contacting our Precertification Department at 1-855-582-2025
• Faxing the request to 1-855-330-1716
• Submitting the request in writing to CVS Health ATTN: Aetna PA, 1300 E Campbell Road Richardson, TX 75081

We will make a coverage determination within 24 hours after we receive your request and will tell you, someone who represents you and your prescriber of our decision.

**Prescribing units**
Some outpatient prescription drugs are subject to quantity limits. These quantity limits help your prescriber and pharmacist check that your outpatient prescription drug is used correctly and safely. We rely on medical guidelines, FDA-approved recommendations and other criteria developed by us to set these quantity limits.

Some outpatient prescription drugs are limited to 100 units dispensed per prescription order or refill.

Any outpatient prescription drug that has duration of action extending beyond one (1) month shall require the number of copayments per prescribing unit that is equal to the anticipated duration of the medication. For example, a single injection of a drug that is effective for three (3) months would require three (3) copayments.
What your plan doesn’t cover – some eligible health service exceptions

We already told you about the many health care services and supplies that are eligible for coverage under your plan in the Eligible health services under your plan section. And we told you there, that some of those health care services and supplies have exceptions (exclusions). For example, physician care is an eligible health service but physician care for cosmetic surgery is never covered. This is an exception (exclusion).

In this section we tell you about the exceptions. We've grouped them to make it easier for you to find what you want.

- Under "General exceptions" we've explained what general services and supplies are not covered under the entire plan.
- Below the general exceptions, in “Exceptions under specific types of care,” we've explained what services and supplies are exceptions under specific types of care or conditions.

Please look under both categories to make sure you understand what exceptions may apply in your situation.

And just a reminder, you'll find coverage limitations in the schedule of benefits.

General exceptions

Blood, blood plasma, synthetic blood, blood derivatives or substitutes
Examples of these are:

- The provision of blood to the hospital, other than blood derived clotting factors.
- Any related services including processing, storage or replacement expenses.
- The services of blood donors, apheresis or plasmapheresis.

For autologous blood donations, only administration and processing expenses are covered.

Cosmetic services and plastic surgery
- Any treatment, surgery (cosmetic or plastic), service or supply to alter, improve or enhance the shape or appearance of the body, whether or not for psychological or emotional reasons. This cosmetic services exclusion does not apply to surgery after an accidental injury when performed as soon as medically feasible. Injuries that occur during medical treatments are not considered accidental injuries, even if unplanned or unexpected.

Cost share waived
- Any cost for a service when any out-of-network provider waives all or part of your copayment, coinsurance, deductible, or any other amount

Counseling
- Marriage, religious, family, career, social adjustment, pastoral, or financial counseling.

Court-ordered services and supplies
- Includes those court-ordered services and supplies, or those required as a condition of parole, probation, release or as a result of any legal proceeding
Custodial care
Examples are:

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

Dental care except as covered in the Eligible health services under your plan Oral and maxillofacial treatment section.
Dental services related to:

- The care, filling, removal or replacement of teeth and treatment of injuries to or diseases of the teeth
- Dental services related to the gums
- Apicoectomy (dental root resection)
- Orthodontics
- Root canal treatment
- Soft tissue impactions
- Bony impacted teeth
- Alveolectomy
- Augmentation and vestibuloplasty treatment of periodontal disease
- False teeth
- Prosthetic restoration of dental implants
- Dental implants

This exclusion does not include bone fractures, removal of tumors, and odontogenic cysts

Early intensive behavioral interventions
Examples of those services are:

- Early intensive behavioral interventions (Denver, LEAP, TEACCH, Rutgers, floor time, Lovaas and similar programs) and other intensive educational interventions.

Educational services
Examples of those services are:

- Any service or supply for education, training or retraining services or testing.
- Special education, remedial education, wilderness treatment program, job training and job hardening programs

Examinations
Any health examinations needed:

- Because a third party requires the exam. Examples are, examinations to get or keep a job, or examinations required under a labor agreement or other contract.
- Because a law requires it.
• To buy insurance or to get or keep a license.
• To travel.
• To go to a school, camp, or sporting event, or to join in a sport or other recreational activity.

**Experimental or investigational**
• Experimental or investigational drugs, devices, treatments or procedures unless otherwise covered under:
  – Clinical trial therapies (experimental or investigational)
  – Clinical trials (routine patient costs)
  – Medicare
• See the Eligible health services under your plan – Other services section.

**Facility charges**
For care, services or supplies provided in:
• Rest homes
• Assisted living facilities
• Similar institutions serving as a persons’ main residence or providing mainly custodial or rest care
• Health resorts
• Spas or sanitariums
• Infirmary at schools, colleges, or camps

**Foot care**
• Services and supplies for:
  - The treatment of calluses, bunions, toenails, hammertoes, or fallen arches
  - The treatment of weak feet, chronic foot pain or conditions caused by routine activities, such as walking, running, working or wearing shoes
  - Supplies (including orthopedic shoes), foot orthotics, arch supports, shoe inserts, ankle braces, guards, protectors, creams, ointments and other equipment, devices and supplies
  - Routine pedicure services, such as routine cutting of nails, when there is no illness or injury in the nails

**Growth/height care**
• A treatment, device, drug, service or supply to increase or decrease height or alter the rate of growth
• Surgical procedures, devices and growth hormones to stimulate growth

**Jaw joint disorder**
• Non-surgical treatment of jaw joint disorder (TMJ)
• Jaw joint disorder treatment (TMJ) performed by prosthesis placed directly on the teeth, surgical and non-surgical medical and dental services, and diagnostic or therapeutics services related to TMJ

**Maintenance care**
• Care made up of services and supplies that maintain, rather than improve, a level of physical or mental function, except for habilitation therapy services. See the Eligible health services under your plan – Habilitation therapy services section.
Medical supplies – outpatient disposable

- Any outpatient disposable supply or device. Examples of these are:
  - Sheaths
  - Bags
  - Elastic garments
  - Support hose
  - Bandages
  - Bedpans
  - Syringes
  - Blood or urine testing supplies
  - Other home test kits
  - Splints
  - Neck braces
  - Compresses
  - Other devices not intended for reuse by another patient

Other primary payer

- Payment for a portion of the charge that Medicare or another party is responsible for as the primary payer.

Outpatient prescription or non-prescription drugs and medicines

- Outpatient prescription or non-prescription drugs and medicines provided by the policyholder or through a third party vendor contract with the policyholder.

Personal care, comfort or convenience items

- Any service or supply primarily for your convenience and personal comfort or that of a third party.

Pregnancy charges

- Charges in connection with pregnancy care other than for complications of pregnancy and other covered expenses as specifically described in the Eligible health services under your plan section

Routine exams

- Routine physical exams, routine eye exams, routine dental exams, routine hearing exams and other preventive services and supplies, except as specifically provided in the Eligible health services under your plan section

Services provided by a family member

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

Sexual dysfunction and enhancement

- Any treatment, prescription drug, service, or supply to treat sexual dysfunction, enhance sexual performance or increase sexual desire, including:
  - Surgery, prescription drugs, implants, devices or preparations to correct or enhance erectile function, enhance sensitivity, or alter the shape or appearance of a sex organ
  - Sex therapy, sex counseling, marriage counseling, or other counseling or advisory services
Strength and performance
- Services, devices and supplies such as drugs or preparations designed primarily for enhancing your:
  - Strength
  - Physical condition
  - Endurance
  - Physical performance

Telemedicine
- Services given when you are not present at the same time as the provider

Therapies and tests
- Full body CT scans
- Hair analysis
- Hypnosis and hypnotherapy
- Massage therapy, except when used as a physical therapy modality
- Sensory or auditory integration therapy

Tobacco cessation
- Any treatment, drug, service or supply to stop or reduce smoking or the use of other tobacco products or to treat or reduce nicotine addiction, dependence or cravings, including medications, nicotine patches and gum unless recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). This also includes:
  - Counseling, except as specifically provided in the Eligible health services under your plan – Preventive care and wellness section
  - Hypnosis and other therapies
  - Medications, except as specifically provided in the Eligible health services under your plan – Outpatient prescription drugs section
  - Nicotine patches
  - Gum

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

Wilderness treatment programs
- Wilderness treatment programs (whether or not the program is part of a residential treatment facility or otherwise licensed institution)
- Educational services, schooling or any such related or similar program, including therapeutic programs within a school setting

Work related illness or injuries
- Coverage available to you under worker's compensation or under a similar program under local, state or federal law for any illness or injury related to employment or self-employment.
- A source of coverage or reimbursement will be considered available to you even if you waived your right to payment from that source. You may also be covered under a workers’ compensation law or similar law. If you submit proof that you are not covered for a particular illness or injury under such law, then that illness or injury will be considered “non-occupational” regardless of cause.
Additional exceptions for specific types of care

Preventive care and wellness

- Services for diagnosis or treatment of a suspected or identified illness or injury
- Exams given during your stay for medical care
- Services not given by or under a physician’s direction
- Psychiatric, psychological, personality or emotional testing or exams

Family planning services

- Any contraceptive methods that are only "reviewed" by the FDA and not "approved" by the FDA
- The reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures, including any related follow-up care
- Voluntary sterilization procedures that were not billed separately by the provider or were not the primary purpose of a confinement.

Physicians and other health professionals

There are no additional exceptions specific to physicians and other health professionals.

Hospital and other facility care

Alternatives to facility stays

Outpatient surgery and physician surgical services

- The services of any other physician who helps the operating physician
- A stay in a hospital (Hospital stays are covered in the Eligible health services under your plan – Hospital and other facility care section.)
- A separate facility charge for surgery performed in a physician’s office
- Services of another physician for the administration of a local anesthetic

Home health care

- Services for infusion therapy
- Services provided outside of the home (such as in conjunction with school, vacation, work or recreational activities)
- Transportation
- Services or supplies provided to a minor or dependent adult when a family member or caregiver is not present

Hospice care

- Funeral arrangements
- Pastoral counseling
- Financial or legal counseling. This includes estate planning and the drafting of a will
- Homemaker or caretaker services. These are services which are not solely related to your care and may include:
  - Sitter or companion services for either you or other family members
  - Transportation
  - Maintenance of the house
Outpatient private duty nursing
(See home health care in the Eligible health services under your plan and Outpatient and inpatient skilled nursing care sections regarding coverage of nursing services).

Specific conditions

Family planning services - other
- Reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures including related follow-up care
- Family planning services received while confined as an inpatient in a hospital or other facility

Maternity and related newborn care
- Any services and supplies related to births that take place in the home or in any other place not licensed to perform deliveries.

Mental health treatment
- Mental health services for the following categories (or equivalent terms as listed in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) of the American Psychiatric Association):
  - Stay in a facility for treatment for dementia and amnesia without a behavioral disturbance that necessitates mental health treatment
  - Sexual deviations and disorders except for gender identity disorders
  - Tobacco use disorders, except as described in the Eligible health services under your plan – Preventive care and wellness section
  - Pathological gambling, kleptomania, pyromania
  - School and/or education service, including special education, remedial education, wilderness treatment programs, or any such related or similar programs
  - Services provided in conjunction with school, vocation, work or recreational activities
  - Transportation

Obesity (bariatric) surgery
- Weight management treatment or drugs intended to decrease or increase body weight, control weight or treat obesity, including morbid obesity except as described in the Eligible health services under your plan – Preventive care and wellness section, including preventive services for obesity screening and weight management interventions. This is regardless of the existence of other medical conditions. Examples of these are:
  - Liposuction, banding, gastric stapling, gastric by-pass and other forms of bariatric surgery
  - Surgical procedures, medical treatments and weight control/loss programs primarily intended to treat, or are related to the treatment of obesity, including morbid obesity
  - Drugs, stimulants, preparations, foods or diet supplements, dietary regimens and supplements, food supplements, appetite suppressants and other medications
  - Hypnosis or other forms of therapy
  - Exercise programs, exercise equipment, membership to health or fitness clubs, recreational therapy or other forms of activity or activity enhancement

Oral and maxillofacial treatment (mouth, jaws and teeth)
- Dental implants
Transplant services
- Services and supplies furnished to a donor when the recipient is not a covered person
- Harvesting and storage of organs, without intending to use them for immediate transplantation for your existing illness
- Harvesting and/or storage of bone marrow, hematopoietic stem cells, or other blood cells without intending to use them for transplantation within 12 months from harvesting, for an existing illness

Treatment of infertility
- Experimental fertility care services.
- Payments to gestational carriers or surrogates.
- The reversal of voluntary sterilization undergone after the covered individual successfully procreated with the covered individual’s partner at the time the reversal is desired.
- The care of the donor in a donor egg cycle. This includes, but is not limited to, any payments to the donor, donor screening fees, fees for lab tests, and any charges associated with care of the donor required for donor egg retrievals or transfers.
- The use of a gestational carrier for the female acting as the gestational carrier. A gestational carrier is a female carrying an embryo to which she is not genetically related.
- Obtaining sperm from a person not covered under this plan
- Home ovulation prediction kits or home pregnancy tests.
- The purchase of donor embryos, donor oocytes, or donor sperm.

Specific therapies and tests

Outpatient infusion therapy
- Blood transfusions and blood products
- Dialysis

Specialty prescription drugs
- Specialty prescription drugs and medicines provided by your employer or through a third party vendor contract with your employer.
- Drugs that are included on the list of specialty prescription drugs as covered under your outpatient prescription drug plan.

Other services

Ambulance services
- Fixed wing air ambulance from an out-of-network provider except in case of an emergency

Clinical trial therapies (experimental or investigational)
- Your plan does not cover clinical trial therapies (experimental or investigational), except as described in the Eligible health services under your plan - Clinical trial therapies (experimental or investigational) section.
**Clinical trial therapies (routine patient costs)**
- Services and supplies related to data collection and record-keeping that is solely needed due to the clinical trial (i.e. protocol-induced costs)
- Services and supplies provided by the trial sponsor without charge to you
- The experimental intervention itself (except **medically necessary** Category B investigational devices and promising experimental and investigational interventions for **terminal illnesses** in certain clinical trials in accordance with Aetna’s claim policies).

**Durable medical equipment (DME)**
Examples of these items are:
- Whirlpools
- Portable whirlpool pumps
- Massage table
- Sauna baths
- Message devices (personal voice recorder)
- Over bed tables
- Elevators
- Communication aids
- Vision aids
- Telephone alert systems

**Hearing aids and exams**
The following services or supplies:
- A replacement of:
  - A hearing aid that is lost, stolen or broken
  - A hearing aid installed within the prior 36 month period
- Replacement parts or repairs for a hearing aid
- Batteries or cords
- A hearing aid that does not meet the specifications prescribed for correction of hearing loss
- Any ear or hearing exam performed by a **physician** who is not certified as an otolaryngologist or otologist
- Hearing exams given during a **stay** in a hospital or other facility, except those provided to newborns as part of the overall hospital stay
- Any tests, appliances and devices to:
  - Improve your hearing. This includes hearing aid batteries and auxiliary equipment.
  - Enhance other forms of communication to make up for hearing loss or devices that simulate speech.

**Nutritional supplements**
- Any food item, including infant formulas, nutritional supplements, vitamins, plus **prescription** vitamins, medical foods and other nutritional items, even if it is the sole source of nutrition, except as covered in the **Eligible health services under your plan – Other services** section.

**Orthotics and prosthetic devices**
- Services covered under any other benefit
- Orthopedic shoes, therapeutic shoes, foot orthotics, or other devices to support the feet, unless required for the treatment of or to prevent complications of diabetes, or if the orthopedic shoe is an integral part of a covered leg brace
- Repair and replacement due to loss, misuse, abuse or theft
- **Artificial eyes**
- **Artificial ears**
• Dental appliances
• Ostomy products
• Eyelashes
• Wigs
• Prefabricated or direct-formed orthotic devices or any of the following assistive technology devices: commercially available knee orthoses used following injury or surgery
• Spastic muscle-tone inhibiting orthoses
• Upper extremity adaptive equipment
• Finger splints
• Hand splints
• Wrist gauntlets
• Facemasks used following burns
• Wheelchair seating that is an integral part of the wheelchair and not worn by the patient independent of the wheelchair
• Fabric or elastic supports
• Corsets
• Low-temperature formed plastic splints
• Trusses
• Canes
• Crutches
• Cervical collars
• Any other similar devices, as determined by Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, commonly carried in stock by a pharmacy, department store, or surgical supply facility

**Vision Care**

**Adult vision care**

• Office visits to an ophthalmologist, optometrist or optician related to the fitting of *prescription* contact lenses
• Eyeglass frames, *non-prescription* lenses and *non-prescription* contact lenses that are for cosmetic purposes

**Vision care services and supplies**

Your plan does not cover vision care services and supplies, except as described in the *Eligible health services under your plan – Other services* section.

• Special supplies such as *non-prescription* sunglasses
• Special vision procedures, such as orthoptics or vision therapy
• Eye exams during your stay in a hospital or other facility for health care
• Eye exams for contact lenses or their fitting
• Eyeglasses or duplicate or spare eyeglasses or lenses or frames
• Replacement of lenses or frames that are lost or stolen or broken
• Acuity tests
• Eye surgery for the correction of vision, including radial keratotomy, LASIK and similar procedures
• Services to treat errors of refraction
Outpatient prescription drugs

Abortion drugs

Allergy sera and extracts administered via injection

Any services related to the dispensing, injection or application of a drug

Biological sera

Cosmetic drugs
  - Medications or preparations used for cosmetic purposes.

Compounded prescriptions containing bulk chemicals that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
  - Including compounded bioidentical hormones

Devices, products and appliances, except those that are specially covered

Dietary supplements including medical foods

Drugs or medications
  - Administered or entirely consumed at the time and place it is prescribed or dispensed
  - Which do not, by federal or state law, require a prescription order (i.e. over-the-counter (OTC) drugs), even if a prescription is written except as specifically provided in the Eligible health services under your plan – Outpatient prescription drugs section
  - That includes the same active ingredient or a modified version of an active ingredient as a covered prescription drug (unless a medical exception is approved)
  - That is therapeutically equivalent or therapeutically alternative to a covered prescription drug including biosimilars (unless a medical exception is approved)
  - That is therapeutically equivalent or therapeutically alternative to an over-the-counter (OTC) product (unless a medical exception is approved)
  - Not approved by the FDA or not proven safe and effective
  - Provided under your medical plan while an inpatient of a healthcare facility
  - Recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), but which have not yet been reviewed by Aetna’s Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
  - That includes vitamins and minerals unless recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
  - For which the cost is covered by a federal, state, or government agency (for example: Medicaid or Veterans Administration)
  - That are used to treat sexual dysfunction, enhance sexual performance or increase sexual desire, including drugs, implants, devices or preparations to correct or enhance erectile function, enhance sensitivity, or alter the shape or appearance of a sex organ
• That are used for the purpose of weight gain or reduction, including but not limited to stimulants, preparations, foods or diet supplements, dietary regimens and supplements, food or food supplements, appetite suppressants or other medications.
• That are drugs or growth hormones used to stimulate growth and treat idiopathic short stature, unless there is evidence that the member meets one or more clinical criteria detailed in our precertification and clinical policies.

**Duplicative drug therapy (e.g. two antihistamine drugs)**

**Genetic care**
• Any treatment, device, drug, service or supply to alter the body’s genes, genetic make-up, or the expression of the body’s genes except for the correction of congenital birth defects.

**Immunizations related to travel or work**

**Immunization or immunological agents** except as specifically provided in the Eligible health services under your plan – Outpatient prescription drugs section.

**Implantable drugs and associated devices** except as specifically provided in the Eligible health services under your plan – Outpatient prescription drugs section.

**Injectables:**
• Any charges for the administration or injection of prescription drugs or injectable insulin and other injectable drugs covered by us
• Needles and syringes, except for those used for self-administration of an injectable drug
• Any drug, which due to its characteristics as determined by us must typically be administered or supervised by a qualified provider or licensed certified health professional in an outpatient setting. This exception does not apply to Depo Provera and other injectable drugs used for contraception.

**Insulin pumps or tubing or other ancillary equipment and supplies for insulin pumps** except as specifically provided in the Eligible health services under your plan – Diabetic equipment, supplies and education section.

**Prescription drugs:**
• Dispensed by other than a network retail, mail order and specialty pharmacies except as specifically provided in the What prescription drugs are covered section.
• Dispensed by a mail order pharmacy that is an out-of-network pharmacy, except in a medical emergency or urgent care situation except as specifically provided in the How to get an emergency prescription filled section.
• For which there is an over-the-counter (OTC) product which has the same active ingredient and strength even if a prescription is written.
• Packaged in unit dose form.
• Filled prior to the effective date or after the termination date of coverage under this plan.
• Dispensed by a mail order pharmacy that include prescription drugs that cannot be shipped by mail due to state or federal laws or regulations, or when the plan considers shipment through the mail to be unsafe. Examples of these types of drugs include, but are not limited to, narcotics, amphetamines, DEA controlled substances and anticoagulants.
• That includes an active metabolite, stereoisomer, prodrug (precursor) or altered formulation of another drug and are not clinically superior to that drug as determined by the plan.
• That are ordered by a dentist or prescribed by an oral surgeon in relation to the removal of teeth, or prescription drugs for the treatment of a dental condition.
• That are considered oral dental preparations and fluoride rinses, except pediatric fluoride tablets or drops as specified on the preferred drug guide.
• That are non-preferred drugs, unless non-preferred drugs are specifically covered as described in your schedule of benefits. However, a non-preferred drug will be covered if in the judgment of the prescriber there is no equivalent prescription drug on the preferred drug guide or the product on the preferred drug guide is ineffective in treating your disease or condition or has caused or is likely to cause an adverse reaction or harm you.
• That are being used or abused in a manner that is determined to be furthering an addiction to a habit-forming substance, the use of or intended use of which would be illegal, unethical, imprudent, abusive, not medically necessary, or otherwise improper; and drugs obtained for use by anyone other than the member identified on the ID card.

Refills
• Refills dispensed more than one year from the date the latest prescription order was written.

Replacement of lost or stolen prescriptions

Test agents except diabetic test agents

We reserve the right to exclude:
• A manufacturer’s product when a same or similar drug (that is, a drug with the same active ingredient or same therapeutic effect), supply or equipment is on the preferred drug guide.
• Any dosage or form of a drug when the same drug (that is, a drug with the same active ingredient or same therapeutic effect) is available in a different dosage or form on our preferred drug guide.
Who provides the care

Just as the starting point for coverage under your plan is whether the services and supplies are eligible health services, the foundation for getting covered care is the network. This section tells you about network and out-of-network providers.

Network providers

We have contracted with providers to provide eligible health services to you. These providers make up the network for your plan. For you to receive the network level of benefits you must use network providers for eligible health services. There are some exceptions:

- Emergency services – refer to the description of emergency services and urgent care in the Eligible health services under your plan section.
- Urgent care – refer to the description of emergency services and urgent care in the Eligible health services under your plan section.
- Transplants – see the description of transplant services in the Eligible health services under your plan – specific conditions section

You may select a network provider from the directory through your Aetna secure member website at www.aetna.com. You can search our online provider search for names and locations of providers. We will also provide a directory to you in paper form if you request it.

You will not have to submit claims for treatment received from network providers. Your network provider will take care of that for you. And we will directly pay the network provider for what the plan owes.

Your PCP

We encourage you to access eligible health services through a PCP. They will provide you with primary care.

A PCP can be any of the following providers available under your plan:

- General practitioner
- Family physician
- Internist
- Pediatrician
- OB, GYN, and OB/GYN

How do you choose your PCP?

You can choose a PCP from the list of PCPs in our directory. See the Who provides the care, Network providers section.

Each covered family member is encouraged to select their own PCP. You may each select your own PCP. You should select a PCP for your covered dependent if they are a minor or cannot choose a PCP on their own.

What will your PCP do for you?

Your PCP will coordinate your medical care or may provide treatment. They may send you to other network providers.

Your PCP can also:

- Order lab tests and radiological services.
- Prescribe medicine or therapy.
- Arrange a hospital stay or a stay in another facility.
**How do I change my PCP?**
You may change your PCP at any time. You can call us at the toll-free number on your ID card or log on to your Aetna secure member website at www.aetna.com to make a change.

**Out-of-network providers**
You also have access to out-of-network providers. This means you can receive eligible health services from an out-of-network provider. If you use an out-of-network provider to receive eligible health services, you are subject to a higher out-of-pocket expense and are responsible for:

- Paying your out-of-network deductible
- Your out-of-network coinsurance
- Any charges over our recognized charge
- Submitting your own claims and getting precertification

**Keeping a provider you go to now (continuity of care)**
You may have to find a new provider when:

- You join the plan and the provider you have now is not in the network
- You are already a member of Aetna and your provider stops being in our network

However, in some cases, you may be able to keep going to your current provider to complete a treatment or to have treatment that was already scheduled. This is called continuity of care.

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If you are pregnant and have entered your second trimester, the transitional period will include the time required for postpartum care directly related to the delivery.

We will authorize coverage for the transitional period only if the provider agrees to our usual terms and conditions for contracting providers.
What the plan pays and what you pay

Who pays for your eligible health services – this plan, both of us, or just you? That depends. This section gives the general rule and explains these key terms:

• Your deductible
• Your copayments/coinsurance
• Your maximum out-of-pocket limit

We also remind you that sometimes you will be responsible for paying the entire bill: for example, if you get care that is not an eligible health service.

The general rule
When you get eligible health services:

• You pay for the entire expense up to any deductible limit.

And then

• The plan and you share the expense. The schedule of benefits lists how much your plan pays and how much you pay for each type of health care service. Your share is called a copayment/coinsurance.

And then

• The plan pays the entire expense after you reach any maximum out-of-pocket limit.

When we say “expense” in this general rule, we mean the negotiated charge for a network provider, and the recognized charge for an out-of-network provider. See the Glossary section for what these terms mean.

Important exception – when your plan pays all
Under the in-network level of coverage, your plan pays the entire expense for all eligible health services under the preventive care and wellness benefit.

Important exceptions – when you pay all
You pay the entire expense for an eligible health service:

• When you get a health care service or supply that is not medically necessary. See the Medical necessity and precertification requirements section.

• When your plan requires precertification, your physician requested it, we refused it, and you get an eligible health service without precertification. See the Medical necessity and precertification requirements section.

• When you get an eligible health service from an out-of-network provider and the provider waives all or part of your cost share.

In all these cases, the provider may require you to pay the entire charge. Any amount you pay will not count towards your deductible or towards your maximum out-of-pocket limit.
Special financial responsibility
You are responsible for the entire expense of:
- Cancelled or missed appointments

Neither you nor we are responsible for:
- Charges for which you have no legal obligation to pay
- Charges that would not be made if you did not have coverage
- Charges, expenses, or costs in excess of the negotiated charge

Where your schedule of benefits fits in

How your deductible works
Your deductible is the amount you need to pay, after paying your copayment or coinsurance, for eligible health services per Calendar Year as listed in the schedule of benefits. Your copayment or coinsurance does not count toward your deductible.

How your copayment/coinsurance works
Your copayment/coinsurance is the amount you pay for eligible health services after you have paid your deductible. Your schedule of benefits shows you which copayments/coinsurance you need to pay for specific eligible health services.

How your maximum out-of-pocket limit works
You will pay your deductible and copayments or coinsurance up to the maximum out-of-pocket limit for your plan. Your schedule of benefits shows the maximum out-of-pocket limits that apply to your plan. Once you reach your maximum out-of-pocket limit, your plan will pay for covered benefits for the remainder of that Calendar Year.

Important note:
See the schedule of benefits for any deductibles, copayments / coinsurance, maximum out-of-pocket limit and maximum age, visits, days, hours, admissions that may apply.
When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures

In the previous section, we explained how you and we share responsibility for paying for your eligible health services.

When a claim comes in, we decide and tell you how you and we will split the expense. We also explain what you can do if you think we got it wrong.

Claim procedures
For claims involving providers:

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<tr>
<th>Notice</th>
<th>Requirement</th>
<th>Deadline</th>
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<td>Submit a claim</td>
<td>• You should notify and request a claim form from us.</td>
<td>• You must send us notice and proof as soon as reasonably possible.</td>
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<td>• The claim form will provide instructions on how to complete and where to</td>
<td>• If you are unable to complete a claim form, you may send us:</td>
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<td>send the form(s).</td>
<td>− A description of services</td>
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<td>− Bill of charges</td>
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<td>− Any medical documentation you received from your provider</td>
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<td>Proof of loss (claim)</td>
<td>• A completed claim form and any additional information required by us.</td>
<td>• You must send us notice and proof as soon as reasonably possible.</td>
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<td>Benefit payment</td>
<td>• Written proof must be provided for all benefits.</td>
<td>• Benefits will be paid as soon as the necessary proof to support the</td>
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<td>• If we challenge any portion of a claim, the unchallenged portion of the</td>
<td>claim is received.</td>
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<td>claim will be paid promptly after the receipt of proof of loss.</td>
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Types of claims and communicating our claim decisions
You or your provider is required to send us a claim in writing. You can request a claim form from us. We will review that claim for payment to the provider or to you as appropriate.

There are different types of claims. The amount of time that we have to tell you about our decision on a claim depends on the type of claim. The section below will tell you about the different types of claims.

Urgent care claim
An urgent claim is one for which the doctor treating you decides a delay in getting medical care could put your life or health at risk. Or a delay might put your ability to regain maximum function at risk. It could also be a situation in which you need care to avoid severe pain.

If you are pregnant, an urgent claim also includes a situation that can cause serious risk to the health of your unborn baby.

Pre-service claim
A pre-service claim is a claim that involves services you have not yet received and which we will pay for only if we precertify them.

Post-service claim
A post service claim is a claim that involves health care services you have already received.

Concurrent care claim extension
A concurrent care claim extension occurs when you ask us to approve more services than we already have approved. Examples are extending a hospital stay or adding a number of visits to a provider.

Concurrent care claim reduction or termination
A concurrent care claim reduction or termination occur when we decide to reduce or stop payment for an already approved course of treatment. We will notify you of such a determination. You will have enough time to file an appeal. Your coverage for the service or supply will continue until you receive a final appeal decision from us or an external review organization if the situation is eligible for external review.

During this continuation period, you are still responsible for your share of the costs, such as copayments/coinsurance and deductibles that apply to the service or supply. If we uphold our decision at the final internal appeal, you will be responsible for all of the expenses for the service or supply received during the continuation period.

The chart below shows a timetable view of the different types of claims and how much time we have to tell you about our decision.

We may need to tell your physician about our decision on some types of claims, such as a concurrent care claim, or a claim when you are already receiving the health care services or are in the hospital.
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<th>Type of notice</th>
<th>Urgent care claim</th>
<th>Pre-service claim</th>
<th>Post-service claim</th>
<th>Concurrent care claim</th>
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<tr>
<td>Initial determination (us)</td>
<td>72 hours</td>
<td>8 business days</td>
<td>30 days</td>
<td>24 hours for urgent</td>
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<td>for non-electronic</td>
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<td>request*</td>
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<td>(paper) precertification request</td>
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<td>15 calendar days for non-urgent request</td>
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<td>5 business days</td>
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<td>request</td>
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<td>Extensions</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>15 days</td>
<td>15 days</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Additional information request (us)</td>
<td>48 hours</td>
<td>15 days</td>
<td>30 days</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Response to additional information request (you)</td>
<td>48 hours</td>
<td>45 days</td>
<td>45 days</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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*We have to receive the request at least 24 hours before the previously approved health care services end.

**Adverse benefit determinations**

We pay many claims at the full rate **negotiated charge** with a network provider and the **recognized amount** with an out-of-network provider, except for your share of the costs. But sometimes we pay only some of the claim. And sometimes we deny payment entirely. Any time we deny even part of the claim that is an “adverse benefit determination” or “adverse decision”. It is also an “adverse benefit determination” if we rescind your coverage entirely.

If we make an adverse benefit determination, we will tell you in writing.

**The difference between a complaint and an appeal**

**A complaint**

You may not be happy about a **provider** or an operational issue, and you may want to complain. You can call the toll-free number on your ID card, or write Member Services. Your complaint should include a description of the issue. You should include copies of any records or documents that you think are important. We will review the information and provide you with a written response within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint. We will let you know if we need more information to make a decision.

**An appeal**

You can ask us to re-review an adverse benefit determination. This is called an appeal. You can appeal to us by calling the toll-free number on your ID card.

**Appeals of adverse benefit determinations**

You can appeal our adverse benefit determination. We will assign your appeal to someone who was not involved in making the original decision. You must file an appeal within 180 calendar days from the time you receive the notice of an adverse benefit determination.

You can appeal by sending a written appeal to the address on the notice of adverse benefit determination, or by calling the toll-free number on your ID card. You need to include:

- Your name
- The policyholder’s name
- A copy of the adverse benefit determination
• Your reasons for making the appeal
• Any other information you would like us to consider

Another person may submit an appeal for you, including a provider. That person is called an authorized representative. You need to tell us if you choose to have someone else appeal for you (even if it is your provider). You should fill out an authorized representative form telling us that you are allowing someone to appeal for you. You can get this form on our website or by calling the toll-free number on your ID card. The form will tell you where to send it to us. You can use an authorized representative at any level of appeal.

You can appeal two times under this plan. If you appeal a second time you must present your appeal within 60 calendar days from the date you receive the notice of the first appeal decision.

Urgent care or pre-service claim appeals
If your claim is an urgent claim or a pre-service claim, your provider may appeal for you without having to fill out a form.

We will provide you with any new or additional information that we used or that was developed by us to review your claim. We will provide this information at no cost to you before we give you a decision at your last available level of appeal. This decision is called the final adverse benefit determination. You can respond to this information before we tell you what our final decision is.

Timeframes for deciding appeals
The amount of time that we have to tell you about our decision on an appeal claim depends on the type of claim. The chart below shows a timetable view of the different types of claims and how much time we have to tell you about our decision.

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<th>Concurrent care claim</th>
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<td>Appeal determinations at each level (us)</td>
<td>36 hours</td>
<td>15 days</td>
<td>15 days (level 1)</td>
<td>As appropriate to type of claim</td>
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<td>Extensions</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
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Exhaustion of appeals process
In most situations you must complete the two levels of appeal with us before you can take these other actions:
• Contact the Delaware Department of Insurance to request an investigation of an appeal
• File a complaint or appeal with the Delaware Department of Insurance
• Appeal through an external review process
• Pursue arbitration, litigation or other type of administrative proceeding

But sometimes you do not have to complete the two levels of appeals process before you may take other actions. These situations are:
• You have an urgent claim or a claim that involves ongoing treatment. You can have your claim reviewed internally and at the same time through the external review process.
• We did not follow all of the claim determination and appeal requirements of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. But, you will not be able to proceed directly to external review if:
  - The rule violation was minor and not likely to influence a decision or harm you
  - The violation was for a good cause or beyond our control
  - The violation was part of an ongoing, good faith exchange between you and us
**External review**

External review is a review done by people in an organization outside of Aetna. This is called an external review organization (ERO).

You have a right to external review only if:

- Our claim decision involved medical judgment
- We decided the service or supply is not medically necessary or not appropriate
- We decided the service or supply is experimental or investigational
- You have received an adverse determination

If our claim decision is one for which you can seek external review, we will say that in the notice of adverse benefit determination or final adverse benefit determination we send you. That notice also will describe the external review process. It will include a copy of the request for external review form at the final adverse determination level.

You must submit the Request for external review form:

- To Aetna
- Within 4 months of the date you received the decision from us
- And you must include a copy of the notice from us and all other important information that supports your request

You will pay for any information that you send and want reviewed by the ERO. We will pay for information we send to the ERO plus the cost of the review.

The state will:

- Contact the ERO that will conduct the review of your claim.

The ERO will:

- Assign the appeal to one or more independent clinical reviewers that have the proper expertise to do the review
- Consider appropriate credible information that you sent
- Follow our contractual documents and your plan of benefits
- Send notification of the decision within 45 calendar days of the date we receive your request form and all the necessary information

We will stand by the decision that the ERO makes, unless we can show conflict of interest, bias or fraud.

**How long will it take to get an ERO decision?**

We will tell you of the ERO decision not more than 45 calendar days after we receive your notice of external review form with all the information you need to send in.

But sometimes you can get a faster external review decision. Your **provider** must call us or send us a request for external review form.

There are two scenarios when you may be able to get a faster external review:

**For initial adverse determinations**

Your **provider** tells us that a delay in your receiving health care services would:

- Jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function, or
- Be much less effective if not started right away (in the case of experimental or investigational treatment)
For final adverse determinations
Your provider tells us that a delay in your receiving health care services would:

- Jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function
- Be much less effective if not started right away (in the case of experimental or investigational treatment), or
- The final adverse determination concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay or health care service for which you received emergency services, but have not been discharged from a facility

If your situation qualifies for this faster review, you will receive a decision within 72 hours of us getting your request.

Recordkeeping
We will keep the records of all complaints and appeals for at least 10 years.

Fees and expenses
We do not pay any fees or expenses incurred by you in pursuing a complaint or appeal.
Coordination of benefits

Some people have health coverage under more than one health plan. If you do, we will work together with your other plan(s) to decide how much each plan pays. This is called coordination of benefits (COB).

Key terms
Here are some key terms we use in this section. These terms will help you understand this COB section.

Allowable expense means:
- A health care expense that any of your health plans cover to any degree. If the health care service is not covered by any of the plans, it is not an allowable expense. For example, cosmetic surgery generally is not an allowable expense under this plan.

In this section when we talk about a “plan” through which you may have other coverage for health care expenses, we mean:
- Group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policies issued by insurers, HMOs, or health care service contractors
- Labor-management trustee plans, labor organization plans, employer organization plans, or employee benefit organization plans
- An automobile insurance policy
- Medicare or other governmental benefits
- Any contract that you can obtain or maintain only because of membership in or connection with a particular organization or group

Here’s how COB works
- When this is the primary plan, we will pay your medical claims first as if the other plan does not exist
- When this is the secondary plan, we will pay benefits after the primary plan and will reduce the payment based on any amount the primary plan paid
- We will never pay an amount that, together with payments from your other coverage, add up to more than 100% of the allowable expenses.

Determining who pays
Reading from top to bottom the first rule that applies will determine which plan is primary and which is secondary.

A plan that does not contain a COB provision is always the primary plan.

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<th>If you are covered as a:</th>
<th>Primary plan</th>
<th>Secondary plan</th>
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<td>Non-dependent or dependent</td>
<td>The plan covering you as an employee or retired employee</td>
<td>The plan covering you as a dependent</td>
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<td>Exception to the rule above when you are eligible for Medicare</td>
<td>If you or your spouse have Medicare coverage, the rule above may be reversed. If you have any questions about this you can contact us:</td>
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<td>- Online: Log on to your Aetna secure member website at <a href="https://www.aetna.com/">https://www.aetna.com/</a>. Select Find a Form, then select Your Other Health Plans.</td>
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<td>- By phone: Call the toll-free number on your ID card.</td>
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### COB rules for dependent children

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<th>Child of:</th>
<th>The “birthday rule” applies. The plan of the parent whose birthday* (month and day only) falls earlier in the calendar year. *Same birthdays--the plan that has covered a parent longer is primary</th>
<th>The plan of the parent born later in the year (month and day only)*. *Same birthdays--the plan that has covered a parent longer is primary</th>
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<td>• Parents who are married or living together</td>
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<td>• Parents separated or divorced or not living together</td>
<td>The plan of the parent whom the court said is responsible for health coverage But if that parent has no coverage then their spouse’s plan is primary</td>
<td>The plan of the other parent But if that parent has no coverage, then their spouse’s plan is primary</td>
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<td>• With court-order</td>
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<td>Child of:</td>
<td>Primary and secondary coverage is based on the birthday rule</td>
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<td>• Parents separated or divorced or not living together – court-order states both parents are responsible for coverage or have joint custody</td>
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<td>Child of:</td>
<td>The order of benefit payments is: • The plan of the custodial parent pays first • The plan of the spouse of the custodial parent (if any) pays second • The plan of the noncustodial parents pays next • The plan of the spouse of the noncustodial parent (if any) pays last</td>
<td>The plan covering you as an employee or retiree or the dependent of an employee or retiree is primary to a plan covering you as a laid off or retired employee (or as a dependent of a former employee) is secondary to a plan that covers the person as an active employee (or as a dependent of an active employee)</td>
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<td>• Parents separated or divorced or not living together and there is no court-order</td>
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<td>A plan that covers the person as a laid off or retired employee (or as a dependent of a former employee) is secondary to a plan that covers the person as an active employee (or as a dependent of an active employee)</td>
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<td>• Child covered by: Individual who is not a parent (i.e. stepparent or grandparent)</td>
<td>Treat the person the same as a parent when making the order of benefits determination: See Child of content above</td>
<td>A plan that covers the person as an employee or retiree or the dependent of an employee or retiree is primary to COBRA or state continuation coverage COBRA or state continuation coverage is secondary to the plan that covers the person as an employee or retiree or the dependent of an employee or retiree</td>
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<td>Active or inactive employee</td>
<td>The plan covering you as an active employee (or as a dependent of an active employee) is primary to a plan covering you as a laid off or retired employee (or as a dependent of a former employee)</td>
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<td>Longer or shorter length of coverage</td>
<td>If none of the above rules determine the order of payment, the plan that has covered the person longer is primary</td>
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Other rules do not apply | If none of the above rules apply, the plans share expenses equally

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<th><strong>How are benefits paid?</strong></th>
<th>Primary plan</th>
<th>Secondary plan</th>
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<td><strong>Primary plan</strong></td>
<td>The primary plan pays your claims as if there is no other health plan involved</td>
<td>The secondary plan calculates payment as if the primary plan did not exist and then applies that amount to any allowable expenses under the secondary plan that were not covered by the primary plan</td>
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<td><strong>Secondary plan</strong></td>
<td>The secondary plan will reduce payments so the total payments do not exceed 100% of the total allowable expense</td>
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**How COB works with Medicare**

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

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

You are eligible for Medicare when you are covered under it by reason of:

- Age, disability, or
- End stage renal disease

When you are eligible for Medicare, the plan coordinates the benefits it pays with the benefits that Medicare pays. Sometimes, this plan is the primary plan, which means that the plan pays benefits before Medicare pays benefits. Sometimes, this plan is the secondary plan, and pays benefits after Medicare or after an amount that Medicare would have paid had you been covered.

**Who pays first?**

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<th>If you are eligible due to age and have group health plan coverage based on your or your spouse’s current employment and:</th>
<th>Primary plan</th>
<th>Secondary plan</th>
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<td>The employer has 20 or more employees</td>
<td>Your plan</td>
<td>Medicare</td>
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<td>You are retired</td>
<td>Medicare</td>
<td>Your plan</td>
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<th>If you have Medicare because of:</th>
<th>Primary plan</th>
<th>Secondary plan</th>
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<td>End stage renal disease (ESRD)</td>
<td>Your plan will pay first for the first 30 months.</td>
<td>Medicare</td>
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<td>Medicare will pay first after this 30 month period.</td>
<td>Your plan</td>
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A disability other than ESRD and the employer has more than 100 employees

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<th>Your plan</th>
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<td>Note regarding ESRD: If you were already eligible for Medicare due to age and then became eligible due to ESRD, Medicare will remain your primary plan and this plan will be secondary.</td>
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This plan is secondary to Medicare in all other circumstances.

**How are benefits paid?**

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<th>We are primary</th>
<th>We pay your claims as if there is no Medicare coverage.</th>
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<td>Medicare is primary</td>
<td>We calculate our benefit as if there were no Medicare coverage and reduce our benefit so that when combined with the Medicare payment, the total payment is no more than 100% of the allowable expense.</td>
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**Other health coverage updates – contact information**

You should contact us if you have any changes to your other coverage. We want to be sure our records are accurate so your claims are processed correctly.

- **Online:** Log on to your Aetna secure member website at [https://www.aetna.com/](https://www.aetna.com/). Select Find a Form, then select Your Other Health Plans.
- **By phone:** Call the toll-free number on your ID card.

**Right to receive and release needed information**

We have the right to release or obtain any information we need for COB purposes. That includes information we need to recover any payments from your other health plans.

**Right to pay another carrier**

Sometimes another plan pays something we would have paid under your plan. When that happens, we will pay your plan benefit to the other plan.

**Right of recovery**

If we pay more than we should have under the COB rules, we may recover the excess from:

- Any person we paid or for whom we paid, or
- Any other plan that is responsible under these COB rules.
When coverage ends

Coverage can end for a number of reasons. This section tells you how and why coverage ends. And when you may still be able to continue coverage.

When will your coverage end?

Your coverage under this plan will end if:

- This plan is discontinued
- You voluntarily stop your coverage
- The group policy ends
- You are no longer eligible for coverage
- Your employment ends
- You do not make any required contributions
- We end your coverage
- You become covered under another medical plan offered by your employer

When coverage may continue under the plan

Your coverage under this plan will continue if:

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<th>Your employment ends because of illness, injury, sabbatical or other authorized leave as agreed to by the policyholder and us.</th>
<th>If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:</th>
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<td>• Your coverage may continue, until stopped by the policyholder, but not beyond 30 months from the start of your absence.</td>
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<th>Your employment ends because of a temporary lay-off, temporary leave of absence, sabbatical, or other authorized leave as agreed to by the policyholder and us.</th>
<th>If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:</th>
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<td>• Your coverage will stop on the date that your employment ends.</td>
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<th>Your employment ends because:</th>
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<td>• You have been placed on severance, or</td>
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<td>• This plan allows former employees to continue their coverage.</td>
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<th>Your employment ends because of a paid or unpaid medical leave of absence</th>
<th>If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:</th>
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<td>• Your coverage may continue until stopped by the policyholder but not beyond 30 months from the start of the absence.</td>
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Your employment ends because of a leave of absence that is not a medical leave of absence | If **premium** payments are made for you, you may be able to continue coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:
- Your coverage may continue until stopped by the policyholder but not beyond 1 month from the start of the absence.

Your employment ends because of a military leave of absence. | If **premium** payments are made for you, you may be able to continue coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:
- Your coverage may continue until stopped by the policyholder but not beyond 24 months from the start of the absence.

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It is your policyholder’s responsibility to let us know when your employment ends. The limits above may be extended only if we and the policyholder agree in writing to extend them.

**When will coverage end for any dependents?**

Coverage for your dependent will end if:
- Your dependent is no longer eligible for coverage.
- You do not make the required contribution toward the cost of dependents’ coverage.
- Your coverage ends for any of the reasons listed above, other than:
  - Exhaustion of your overall maximum benefit
  - If you enroll under a group Medicare plan that we offer. However, dependent’s coverage will end if your coverage ends under the Medicare plan
- Your dependent has exhausted the maximum benefit under your medical plan.

In addition, coverage for your domestic partner or civil union partner will end on the earlier of:
- The date this plan no longer allows coverage for domestic partners or civil unions.
- The date the domestic partnership or civil union ends. For domestic partnerships, you should provide the policyholder a completed and signed Declaration of Termination of Domestic Partnership.

**What happens to your dependents if you die?**

Coverage for dependents may continue for some time after your death. See the *Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends* section for more information.

**Why would we end you and your dependents’ coverage?**

We may immediately end your coverage if:
- You commit fraud or intentionally misrepresent yourself when you applied for or obtained coverage. You can refer to the *General provisions – other things you should know* section for more information on rescissions.

On the date your coverage ends, we will refund to your employer any prepayments for periods after the date your coverage ended.
When will we send you a notice of your coverage ending?

We will send you notice if your coverage is ending. This notice will tell you the date that your coverage ends. Here is how the date is determined (other than the circumstances described in Why would we end your coverage above).

Your coverage will end on either the date you stop active work, or the day before the first premium contribution due date that occurs after you stop active work.

Coverage will end for you and any dependents on the earlier of the date the group policy terminates or at the end of the period defined by the policyholder following the date on which you no longer meet the eligibility requirements.
Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends

This section explains options you may have after your coverage ends under this plan. Your individual situation will determine what options you will have.

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) Rights

What are your COBRA rights?
COBRA gives some people the right to keep their health coverage for 18, 29 or 36 months after a “qualifying event”. COBRA usually applies to employers of group sizes of 20 or more.

Here are the qualifying events that trigger COBRA continuation, which is eligible for continuation and how long coverage can be continued.

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<th>Qualifying event causing loss of coverage</th>
<th>Covered persons eligible for continued coverage</th>
<th>Length of continued coverage (starts from the day you lose current coverage)</th>
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<td>Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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<td>Your working hours are reduced</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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<td>You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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<td>You become entitled to benefits under Medicare</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
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<td>Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependent under the plan</td>
<td>Your dependent children</td>
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<td>Your dependents</td>
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<td>You are a retiree eligible for retiree health coverage and your former employer files for bankruptcy</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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When do I receive COBRA information?
The chart below lists who is responsible for giving the notice, the type of notice they are required to give and the timing.

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<th>Requirement</th>
<th>Deadline</th>
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<td>General notice – employer or Aetna</td>
<td>Notify you and your dependents of COBRA rights.</td>
<td>Within 90 days after active employee coverage begins</td>
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| Notice of qualifying event – employer | • Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct  
• Your working hours are reduced  
• You become entitled to benefits under Medicare  
• You die  
• You are a retiree eligible for retiree health coverage and your former employer files for bankruptcy | Within 30 days of the qualifying event or the loss of coverage, whichever occurs later |
| Election notice – employer or Aetna | Notify you and your dependents of COBRA rights when there is a qualifying event | Within 14 days after notice of the qualifying event |
| Notice of unavailability of COBRA – employer or Aetna | Notify you and your dependents if you are not entitled to COBRA coverage. | Within 14 days after notice of the qualifying event |
| Termination notice – employer or Aetna | Notify you and your dependents when COBRA coverage ends before the end of the maximum coverage period | As soon as practical following the decision that continuation coverage will end |
You/your dependents notification requirements

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<th>Notice of qualifying event – qualified beneficiary</th>
<th>Notify the employer if:</th>
<th>Within 60 days of the qualifying event or the loss of coverage, whichever occurs later</th>
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<td>• You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage</td>
<td>• Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as a dependent under the plan</td>
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<td>Disability notice</td>
<td>Notify the employer if:</td>
<td>Within 60 days of the decision of disability by the Social Security Administration, and before the 18 month coverage period ends</td>
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<td>• The Social Security Administration determines that you or a covered dependent qualify for disability status</td>
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<td>Notice of qualified beneficiary’s status change to non-disabled</td>
<td>Notify the employer if:</td>
<td>Within 30 days of the Social Security Administration’s decision</td>
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<td>• The Social Security Administration decides that the beneficiary is no longer disabled</td>
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<td>Enrollment in COBRA</td>
<td>Notify the employer if:</td>
<td>60 days from the qualifying event. You will lose your right to elect, if you do not:</td>
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<td>• You are electing COBRA</td>
<td>• Respond within the 60 days</td>
<td>• And send back your application</td>
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How can you extend the length of your COBRA coverage?
The chart below shows qualifying events after the start of COBRA (second qualifying events):

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<th>Qualifying event</th>
<th>Person affected (qualifying beneficiary)</th>
<th>Total length of continued coverage</th>
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<td>Disabled within the first 60 days of COBRA coverage (as determined by the Social Security Administration)</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>29 months (18 months plus an additional 11 months)</td>
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<td>• You die</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>Up to 36 months</td>
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<td>• You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
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How do you enroll in COBRA?
You enroll by sending in an application and paying the premium. The employer has 30 days to send you a COBRA election notice. It will tell you how to enroll and how much it will cost. You can take 60 days from the qualifying event to decide if you want to enroll. You need to send your application and pay the premium. If this is completed on time, you have enrolled in COBRA.

When is your first premium payment due?
Your first premium payment must be made within 45 days after the date of the COBRA election.

How much will COBRA coverage cost?
For most COBRA qualifying events you and your dependents will pay 102% of the total plan costs. This additional 2% is added to cover administrative fees. If you apply for COBRA because of a disability, the total due will be 150% of the plan costs.

Can you add a dependent to your COBRA coverage?
You may add a new dependent during a period of COBRA coverage. They can be added for the rest of the COBRA coverage period if:
- They meet the definition of an eligible dependent.
- You notified the employer within 31 days of their eligibility.
- You pay the additional required premiums.

When does COBRA coverage end?
COBRA coverage ends if:
- Coverage has continued for the maximum period.
- The plan ends. If the plan is replaced, you may be continued under the new plan.
- You and your dependents fail to make the necessary payments on time.
- You or a covered dependent become covered under another group health plan that does not exclude coverage for pre-existing conditions or the pre-existing conditions exclusion does not apply.
- You or a covered dependent become entitled to benefits under Medicare.
- You or your dependents are continuing coverage during the 19th to 29th months of a disability, and the disability ends.

Continuation of coverage for other reasons
To request an extension of coverage, just call the toll-free Member Services number on your ID card.

How can you extend coverage if you are totally disabled when coverage ends?
Your coverage may be extended if you or your dependents are totally disabled when coverage ends. Only the medical condition which caused the total disability is covered during your extension.

You are “totally disabled” if you cannot work at your own occupation or any other occupation for pay or profit.

Your dependent is “totally disabled” if that person cannot engage in most normal activities of a healthy person of the same age and gender.

You may extend coverage only for services and supplies related to the disabling condition until the earliest of:
- When you or your dependents are no longer totally disabled
- When you become covered by another health benefits plan
- 12 months of coverage
How can you extend coverage for hearing services and supplies when coverage ends?
If your coverage ends while you are not totally disabled, your plan will cover hearing services and supplies within 30 days after your coverage ends if:

- The prescription for the hearing aid is written in the 30 days before your coverage ended.
- The hearing aid is ordered during the 30 days before the date coverage ends.

How can you extend coverage for your disabled child beyond the plan age limits?
You have the right to extend coverage for your dependent child beyond the plan age limits. If your disabled child:

- Is not able to be self-supporting because of mental or physical disability, and
- Depends mainly (more than 50% of income) on you for support.

The right to coverage will continue only as long as a physician certifies that your child still is disabled.

We may ask you to send us proof of the disability within 90 days of the date coverage would have ended. Before we extend coverage, we may ask that your child get a physical exam. We will pay for that exam.

We may ask you to send proof that your child is disabled after coverage is extended. We won’t ask for this proof more than once a year. You must send it to us within 31 days of our request. If you don’t, we can terminate coverage for your dependent child.

How can you extend coverage for a child in college on medical leave?
You have the right to extend coverage for your dependent college student who takes a medically necessary leave of absence from school. The right to coverage will be extended until the earlier of:

- One year after the leave of absence begins, or
- The date coverage would otherwise end.

To extend coverage the leave of absence must:

- Begin while the dependent child is suffering from a serious illness or injury,
- Cause the dependent child to lose status as a full-time student under the plan, and
- Be certified by the treating doctor as medically necessary due to a serious illness or injury.

The doctor treating your child will be asked to keep us informed of any changes.
General provisions – other things you should know

 Administrative provisions

How you and we will interpret this booklet-certificate
We prepared this booklet-certificate according to ERISA, and according to other federal laws and state laws that apply. You and we will interpret it according to these laws. Also, you are bound by our interpretation of this booklet-certificate when we administer your coverage, so long as we use reasonable discretion.

How we administer this plan
We apply policies and procedures we’ve developed to administer this plan.

Who’s responsible to you
We are responsible to you for what our employees and other agents do.

We are not responsible for what is done by your providers. Even network providers are not our employees or agents.

Coverage and services

Your coverage can change
Your coverage is defined by the group accident and health insurance policy. This document may have amendments too. Under certain circumstances, we or the policyholder or the law may change your plan. When an emergency or epidemic is declared, we may modify or waive precertification, prescription quantity limits or your cost share if you are affected. Only Aetna may waive a requirement of your plan. No other person, including the policyholder or provider, can do this.

If a service cannot be provided to you
Sometimes things happen that are outside of our control. These are things such as natural disasters, epidemics, fire and riots.

We will try hard to get you access to the services you need even if these things happen. But if we can’t, we may refund you or the policyholder any unearned premium.

Legal action
You must complete the internal appeal process before you take any legal action against us for any expense or bill. See the When you disagree - claim decisions and appeal procedures section. You cannot take any action until 60 days after we receive written submission of claim.

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

Physical examinations and evaluations
At our expense, we have the right to have a physician of our choice examine you. This will be done at all reasonable times while certification or a claim for benefits is pending or under review.

Records of expenses
You should keep complete records of your expenses. They may be needed for a claim.
Things that would be important to keep are:

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

**Honest mistakes and intentional deception**

**Honest mistakes**

You or the policyholder may make an honest mistake when you share facts with us. When we learn of the mistake, we may make a fair change in premium contribution or in your coverage. If we do, we will tell you what the mistake was. We won’t make a change if the mistake happened more than 2 years before we learned of it.

**Intentional deception**

If we learn that you defrauded us or you intentionally misrepresented material facts, we can take actions that can have serious consequences for your coverage. These serious consequences include, but are not limited to:

- Loss of coverage, starting at some time in the past. This is called rescission.
- Loss of coverage going forward.
- Denial of benefits.
- Recovery of amounts we already paid.

We also may report fraud to criminal authorities.

Rescission means you lose coverage both going forward and going backward. If we paid claims for your past coverage, we will want the money back.

You have special rights if we rescind your coverage.

- We will give you 30 days advanced written notice of any rescission of coverage.
- You have the right to an Aetna appeal.
- You have the right to a third party review conducted by an independent external review organization.

**Some other money issues**

**Assignment of benefits**

When you see a network provider they will usually bill us directly. When you see an out-of-network provider, we may choose to pay you or to pay the provider directly. Unless we have agreed to do so in writing and to the extent allowed by law, we will not accept an assignment to an out-of-network provider or facility under this group policy. This may include:

- The benefits due
- The right to receive payments or
- Any claim you make for damages resulting from a breach, or alleged breach, of the terms of this group policy.

To request assignment you must complete an assignment form. The assignment form is available from the employer. The completed form must be sent to us for consent.

**Financial sanctions exclusions**

If coverage provided under this certificate violates or will violate any economic or trade sanctions, the coverage will be invalid immediately. For example, we cannot pay for eligible health services if it violates a financial sanction regulation. This includes sanctions related to a person or a country under sanction by the United States, unless it is allowed under a written license from the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC). You can find out more by visiting [http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Pages/default.aspx).
**Premium contribution**
This plan requires the policyholder to make **premium** payments. If payments are made through a payroll deduction with the policyholder, the policyholder will forward your payment to us. We will not pay benefits under this booklet-certificate if **premium** payments are not made. Any benefit payment denial is subject to our appeals procedure. See the *When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures* section.

**Recovery of overpayments**
We sometimes pay too much for **eligible health services** or pay for something that this plan doesn’t cover. If we do, we can require the person we paid – you or your **provider** – to return what we paid. If we don’t do that we have the right to reduce any future benefit payments by the amount we paid by mistake.

**When you are injured**
If someone else caused you to need care – say, a careless driver who injured you in a car crash – you may have a right to get money. We are entitled to that money, up to the amount we pay for your care. We have that right no matter who the money comes from – for example, the other driver, the policyholder or another insurance company.

To help us get paid back, you are doing four things now:
- You are agreeing to repay us from money you receive because of your **injury**.
- You are giving us a right to seek money in your name, from any person who causes you **injury** and from your own insurance. We can seek money only up to the amount we paid for your care.
- You are agreeing to cooperate with us so we can get paid back in full. For example, you’ll tell us within 30 days of when you seek money for your **injury** or **illness**. You’ll hold any money you receive until we are paid in full. And you’ll give us the right to money you get, ahead of everyone else.
- You are agreeing to provide us notice of any money you will be receiving before pay out, or within 5 days of when you receive the money.

We don’t have to reduce the amount we’re due for any reason, even to help pay your lawyer or pay other costs you incurred to get a recovery.

**Your health information**
We will protect your health information. We will only use or share it with others as needed for your care and treatment. We will also use and share it to help us process your **providers’** claims and manage your plan.

You can get a free copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices. Just call the toll-free number on your ID card.

When you accept coverage under this plan, you agree to let your **providers** share information with us. We need information about your physical and mental condition and care.
Effect of benefits under other plans

Effect of a Health Maintenance Organization plan (an HMO plan) on coverage
If you are eligible and have chosen medical coverage under an HMO plan offered by the employer, you will be excluded from medical coverage (except vision care, if any,) on the date of your coverage under the HMO plan.

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<th>Change of coverage:</th>
<th>Coverage takes effect:</th>
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<td>Live in an HMO plan enrollment area</td>
<td>During an open enrollment period</td>
<td>Group policy anniversary date after the open enrollment period</td>
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<td>Live in an HMO plan enrollment area</td>
<td>Not during an open enrollment period</td>
<td>Only if and when we give our written consent</td>
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<td>Move from an HMO plan enrollment area or the HMO</td>
<td>Within 31 days</td>
<td>On the date you elect such coverage</td>
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Extension of benefits for pregnancy

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<th>Evidence you must provide:</th>
<th>Extension:</th>
<th>Extension will end the earlier of:</th>
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<td>In a hospital not affiliated with the HMO plan</td>
<td>The HMO plan provides an extension of benefits for pregnancy</td>
<td>Same length of time and for the same conditions as the HMO plan provides</td>
<td>• The end of a 90 day period, or</td>
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<td>• The date the person is not</td>
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No benefits will be paid for any charges for services rendered or supplies received under an HMO plan.

Effect of prior coverage - transferred business
Prior coverage means:
- Any plan of group coverage that has been replaced by coverage under part or this entire plan.
- The plan must have been sponsored by the policyholder (e.g., transferred business).
- If you are eligible, the replacement can be complete, or in part for your eligible class. Any such plan is prior coverage if provided by another group contract or any benefit section of this plan.

If your coverage under any part of this plan replaces any prior coverage, any benefits provided under such prior coverage may reduce benefits payable under this plan. See the General coverage provisions section of the schedule of benefits.

Health coverage under this plan will continue uninterrupted as to your dependent college student who takes a medically necessary leave of absence from school. See the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends – How can you extend coverage for a child in college on medical leave? section.
Outside the U.S. benefits

Reimbursement for providers outside of the United States

If, acting reasonably, we determine that any central bank or relevant government or governmental authority imposes an artificial exchange rate (including without limitation an exchange rate which is inconsistent with the free market exchange rate) in relation to a relevant currency for any reason, we may, in our sole discretion, reimburse you for your valid claims pursuant to this agreement for treatment in such country in any manner we may reasonably decide.

In making such determination, we shall seek to ensure that, in keeping with the fundamental basis of any contract of insurance, we indemnify you for your loss (subject to the terms and conditions of your policy) but do not unjustly enrich you as may have been the case had we applied such artificial exchange rate to pay you in another currency.

Aetna In-network providers

Payment will be issued in either:

- The applicable local currency (if feasible, at the sole discretion of Aetna).
- The currency in which the policy premium was paid, if you do not have a bank account in local currency. The amount will equal what we would have paid our network provider in the currency in which premium was paid.

Out-of-network providers in the U.S.

Payment will be issued in either:

- The applicable local currency (if feasible, at the sole discretion of Aetna).
- The currency in which the policy premium was paid, if you do not have a bank account in local currency. The amount will equal the applicable recognized charge.
Glossary

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

Ambulance
A vehicle staffed by medical personnel and equipped to transport an ill or injured person.

Behavioral health provider
An individual professional that is properly licensed or certified to provide diagnostic and/or therapeutic services for mental disorders and substance abuse under the laws of the jurisdiction where the individual practices.

Body mass index
This is a degree of obesity and is calculated by dividing your weight in kilograms by your height in meters squared.

Brand-name prescription drug
A U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved prescription drug marketed with a specific brand-name by the company that manufactures it, usually by the company which develops and patents it.

Coinsurance
The specific percentage you and the plan have to pay for a health care service listed in the schedule of benefits.

Copay/copayments
The specific dollar amount or percentage you have to pay for a health care service listed in the schedule of benefits.

Cosmetic
Services, drugs or supplies that are primarily intended to alter, improve or enhance your appearance.

Covered benefits
Eligible health services that meet the requirements for coverage under the terms of this plan, including:
1. They are medically necessary.
2. You received precertification if required.

Custodial care
Services and supplies mainly intended to help meet your activities of daily living or other personal needs. Care may be custodial care even if it prescribed by a physician or given by trained medical personnel.

Deductible
The amount you pay for eligible health services per Calendar Year before your plan starts to pay as listed in the schedule of benefits.
Detoxification
The process where an alcohol or drug intoxicated, or alcohol or drug dependent, person is assisted through the period of time needed to eliminate the:

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

This can be done by metabolic or other means determined by a physician or a nurse practitioner working within the scope of their license. The process must keep the physiological risk to the patient at a minimum. And if it takes place in a facility, the facility must meet any applicable licensing standards established by the jurisdiction in which it is located.

Directory
The list of network providers for your plan. The most up-to-date directory for your plan appears at http://www.aetna.com/ under the provider search label. When searching provider search, you need to make sure that you are searching for providers that participate in your specific plan. Network providers may only be considered for certain Aetna plans.

Durable medical equipment (DME)
Equipment and the accessories needed to operate it, that is:

- Made to withstand prolonged use
- Mainly used in the treatment of an illness or injury
- Suited for use in the home
- Not normally used by people who do not have an illness or injury
- Not for altering air quality or temperature
- Not for exercise or training

Effective date of coverage
The date your and your dependents’ coverage begins under this booklet-certificate as noted in Aetna’s records.

Eligible health services
The health care services and supplies and prescription drugs listed in the Eligible health services under your plan section and not carved out or limited in the exceptions section or in the schedule of benefits.

Emergency admission
An admission to a hospital or treatment facility ordered by a physician within 24 hours after you receive emergency services.

Emergency medical condition
A recent and severe medical condition that would lead a prudent layperson to reasonably believe that the condition, illness or injury is of a severe nature. And that if you don’t get immediate medical care it could result in:

- Placing your health in serious danger
- Serious loss to bodily function
- Serious loss of function to a body part or organ
- Serious danger to the health of a fetus
Emergency services
Treatment given in a hospital’s emergency room for an emergency medical condition. This includes evaluation of, and treatment to stabilize an emergency medical condition.

Experimental or investigational
A drug, device, procedure, or treatment that we find is experimental or investigational because:
- There is not enough outcome data available from controlled clinical trials published in the peer-reviewed literature to validate its safety and effectiveness for the illness or injury involved
- The needed approval by the FDA has not been given for marketing
- A national medical or dental society or regulatory agency has stated in writing that it is experimental or investigational or suitable mainly for research purposes
- It is the subject of a Phase I, Phase II or the experimental or research arm of a Phase III clinical trial. These terms have the meanings given by regulations and other official actions and publications of the FDA and Department of Health and Human Services
- Written protocols or a written consent form used by a facility provider state that it is experimental or investigational.

Formulary exclusions list
A list of prescription drugs not covered under the plan. This list is subject to change.

Generic prescription drug
A prescription drug with the same dosage, safety, strength, quality, performance and intended use as the brand name product. It is defined as therapeutically equivalent by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and is considered to be as effective as the brand name product.

Group policy
The group policy consists of several documents taken together. These documents are:
- The group application
- The group policy
- The booklet-certificate(s)
- The schedule of benefits
- Any amendments to the group policy, booklet-certificate, and schedule of benefits

Health professional
A person who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by law to provide health care services to the public. For example, physicians, nurses, and physical therapists.

Home health care agency
An agency licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by applicable state and federal laws to provide home health care services, such as skilled nursing and other therapeutic services.

Home health care plan
A plan of services prescribed by a physician or other health care practitioner to be provided in the home setting. These services are usually provided after your discharge from a hospital or if you are homebound.

Hospice care
Care designed to give supportive care to people in the final phase of a terminal illness and focus on comfort and quality of life, rather than cure.
**Hospice care agency**
An agency or organization licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by applicable state and federal laws to provide hospice care. These services may be available in your home or inpatient setting.

**Hospice care program**
A program prescribed by a physician or other health professional to provide hospice care and supportive care to their families.

**Hospice facility**
An institution specifically licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by applicable state and federal laws to provide hospice care.

**Hospital**
An institution licensed as a hospital by applicable state and federal laws, and accredited as a hospital by The Joint Commission (TJC).

Hospital does not include a:
- Convalescent facility
- Rest facility
- Nursing facility
- Facility for the aged
- Psychiatric hospital
- Residential treatment facility for substance abuse
- Residential treatment facility for mental disorders
- Extended care facility
- Intermediate care facility
- Skilled nursing facility

**Illness**
Poor health resulting from disease of the body or mind.

**Infertile/infertility**
A disease defined by the failure to become pregnant or an inability to carry a pregnancy to live birth:
- For a female with a male partner, after:
  - 1 year of frequent, unprotected heterosexual sexual intercourse if under the age of 35
  - 6 months of frequent, unprotected heterosexual sexual intercourse if age 35 or older
- For a female without a male partner, after:
  - At least 12 cycles of donor insemination if under the age of 35
  - 6 cycles of donor insemination if age 35 or older
- For a male without a female partner, after:
  - At least 2 abnormal semen analyses obtained at least 2 weeks apart

**Injury**
Physical damage done to a person or part of their body.

**Institutes of Excellence™ (IOE) facility**
A facility designated by Aetna in the provider directory as Institutes of Excellence network provider for specific services or procedures.
Intensive outpatient program (IOP)
Clinical treatment provided must be no more than 5 days per week, no more than 19 hours per week and a minimum of 2 hours each treatment day of medically necessary services delivered by an appropriately licensed or credentialed practitioner. Services are designed to address a mental disorder or substance abuse issue and may include group, individual, family or multi-family group psychotherapy, psycho educational services, and adjunctive services such as medication monitoring.

Jaw joint disorder
This is:
- A temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction or any similar disorder of the jaw joint,
- A myofascial pain dysfunction (MPD) of the jaw, or
- Any similar disorder in the relationship between the jaw joint and the related muscles and nerves.

L.P.N.
A licensed practical nurse or a licensed vocational nurse.

Mail order pharmacy
A pharmacy where prescription drugs are legally dispensed by mail or other carrier.

Maximum out-of-pocket limit
The maximum out-of-pocket amount for payment of copayments and coinsurance including any deductible, to be paid by you or any covered dependents per Calendar Year for eligible health services.

Medically necessary/medical necessity
Health care services that we determine a provider exercising prudent clinical judgment, would provide to a patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms, and that we determine are:
- In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient’s illness, injury or disease
- Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, physician, or other health care provider
- Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient’s illness, injury or disease

Generally accepted standards of medical practice means:
- Standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community
- Following the standards set forth in our clinical policies and applying clinical judgment

Mental disorder
A mental disorder as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) of the American Psychiatric Association is a syndrome characterized by clinically significant disturbance in an individual’s cognition, emotion regulation, or behavior that reflects a dysfunction in the psychological, biological, or developmental processes underlying mental functioning. Mental disorders are usually associated with significant distress or disability in social, occupational, or other important activities.
Morbid obesity/morbidly obese
This means the body mass index is well above the normal range and severe medical conditions may also be present, such as:

- High blood pressure
- A heart or lung condition
- Sleep apnea or
- Diabetes
**Negotiated charge**

*For health coverage, this is either:*

- The amount a **network provider** has agreed to accept
- The amount we agree to pay directly to a **network provider** or third party vendor (including any administrative fee in the amount paid)

For providing services, **prescription drugs** or supplies to plan members. This does not include **prescription drug services from a network pharmacy**.

*For prescription drug services from a network pharmacy:*
The amount we established for each **prescription drug** obtained from a **network pharmacy** under this plan. This **negotiated charge** may reflect amounts we agreed to pay directly to the **network pharmacy** or to a third party vendor for the **prescription drug**, and may include a rebate, an additional service or risk charge set by us.

We may receive or pay additional amounts from or to third parties under price guarantees. These amounts may change the **negotiated charge** under this plan.

**Network pharmacy**
A **retail pharmacy**, **mail order pharmacy** or **specialty pharmacy** that has contracted with Aetna, an affiliate, or a third party vendor, to provide outpatient **prescription drugs** to you.

**Network provider**
A **provider** listed in the **directory** for your plan. However, a NAP provider listed in the NAP directory is not a **network provider**.

**Non-preferred drug**
A **prescription drug** or device that may have a higher out-of-pocket cost than a **preferred drug**.

**Other health care**
*Eligible health services* that are neither network services or supplies nor out-of-network services or supplies. **Other health care** can include care given by a **provider** who does not fall into any of the categories in the **provider directory**.

**Out-of-network pharmacy**
A **pharmacy** that is not a **network pharmacy** or a National Advantage Program (NAP) **provider** and does not appear in the **directory** for your plan.

**Out-of-network provider**
A **provider** who is not a **network provider**.

**Partial hospitalization treatment**
Clinical treatment provided must be no more than 5 days per week, minimum of 4 hours each treatment day. Services must be **medically necessary** and provided by a **behavioral health provider** with the appropriate license or credentials. Services are designed to address a **mental disorder** or **substance abuse** issue and may include:

- Group, individual, family or multi-family group psychotherapy
- Psycho-educational services
- Adjunctive services such as medication monitoring

Care is delivered according to accepted medical practice for the condition of the person.
**Pharmacy**
An establishment where **prescription** drugs are legally dispensed. This includes a **retail pharmacy**, **mail order pharmacy**, and **specialty pharmacy**.

**Physician**
A skilled health care professional trained and licensed to practice medicine under the laws of the state where they practice; specifically, doctors of medicine or osteopathy.

**Precertification, precertify**
A requirement that you or your **physician** contact Aetna before you receive coverage for certain services. This may include a determination by us as to whether the service is **medically necessary** and eligible for coverage.

**Preferred drug**
A **prescription drug** or device that may have a lower out-of-pocket cost than a **non-preferred drug**.

**Preferred drug guide**
A list of **prescription drugs** and devices established by Aetna or an affiliate. It does not include all **prescription drugs** and devices. This list can be reviewed and changed by Aetna or an affiliate. A copy of the **preferred drug guide** is available at your request. Or you can find it on the Aetna website at [www.aetna.com/formulary](http://www.aetna.com/formulary).

**Preferred network pharmacy**
A **network retail pharmacy** that Aetna has identified as a **preferred network pharmacy**.

**Premium**
The amount you or the policyholder are required to pay to Aetna to continue coverage.

**Prescriber**
Any **provider** acting within the scope of his or her license, who has the legal authority to write an order for outpatient **prescription drugs**.

**Prescription**
A written order for the dispensing of a **prescription drug** by a **prescriber**. If it is a verbal order, it must promptly be put in writing by the **network pharmacy**.

**Prescription drug**
An FDA approved drug or biological which can only be dispensed by **prescription**.

**Provider(s)**
A **physician**, other **health professional**, **hospital**, **skilled nursing facility**, **home health care agency** or other entity or person licensed or certified under applicable state and federal law to provide health care services to you. If state law does not specifically provide for licensure or certification, the entity must meet all Medicare accreditation standards (even if it does not participate in Medicare).

**Psychiatric hospital**
An institution specifically licensed or certified as a **psychiatric hospital** by applicable state and federal laws to provide a program for the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of alcoholism, drug abuse, **mental disorders** (including substance-related disorders) or mental **illnesses**.
**Psychiatrist**
A **psychiatrist** generally provides evaluation and treatment of mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders.

**Recognized charge**
The amount of an **out-of-network provider's** charge that is eligible for coverage. You are responsible for all amounts above what is eligible for coverage.

The **recognized charge** depends on the geographic area where you receive the service or supply. The table below shows the method for calculating the **recognized charge** for specific services or supplies:

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<th>Service or supply</th>
<th>Recognized charge</th>
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<tr>
<td>Professional services and other services or supplies not mentioned below</td>
<td>105% of the Medicare allowable rate</td>
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**Important note:** If the **provider** bills less than the amount calculated using the method above, the **recognized charge** is what the **provider** bills.

Special terms used
- Average wholesale price (AWP) is the current average wholesale price of a **prescription drug** listed in the Facts and Comparisons, Medi-span weekly price updates (or any other similar publication chosen by **Aetna**).
- Geographic area is normally based on the first three digits of the U.S. Postal Service zip codes. If we determine we need more data for a particular service or supply, we may base rates on a wider geographic area such as an entire state.
- Involuntary services are services or supplies that are one of the following:
  - Performed at a network facility by an **out-of-network provider**, unless that **out-of-network provider** is an assistant surgeon for your **surgery**
  - Not available from a **network provider**
  - **Emergency services**

We will calculate your cost share for involuntary services in the same way as we would if you received the services from a **network provider**.
- Medicare allowed rates are the rates CMS establishes for services and supplies provided to Medicare enrollees. We update our systems with these revised rates within 180 days of receiving them from CMS. If Medicare does not have a rate, we use one or more of the items below to determine the rate:
  - The method CMS uses to set Medicare rates
  - What other **providers** charge or accept as payment
  - How much work it takes to perform a service
  - Other things as needed to decide what rate is reasonable for a particular service or supply

We may make the following exceptions:
- For inpatient services, our rate may exclude amounts CMS allows for Operating Indirect Medical Education (IME) and Direct Graduate Medical Education (DGME).
- Our rate may also exclude other payments that CMS may make directly to **hospitals** or other **providers**. It also may exclude any backdated adjustments made by CMS.
- For anesthesia, our rate may be at least 100% of the rates CMS establishes for those services or supplies.
For laboratory, our rate may be 75% of the rates CMS establishes for those services or supplies.

For DME, our rate may be 75% of the rates CMS establishes for those services or supplies.

For medications payable/covered as medical benefits rather than prescription drug benefits, our rate may be 100% of the rates CMS establishes for those medications.

Our reimbursement policies

We reserve the right to apply our reimbursement policies to all out-of-network services including involuntary services. Our reimbursement policies may affect the recognized charge. These policies consider:

- The duration and complexity of a service
- When multiple procedures are billed at the same time, whether additional overhead is required
- Whether an assistant surgeon is necessary for the service
- If follow-up care is included
- Whether other characteristics modify or make a particular service unique
- When a charge includes more than one claim line, whether any services described by a claim line are part of or related to the primary service provided
- The educational level, licensure or length of training of the provider

Our reimbursement policies are based on our review of:

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) and other external materials that say what billing and coding practices are and are not appropriate
- Generally accepted standards of medical and dental practice
- The views of physicians and dentists practicing in the relevant clinical areas

We use commercial software to administer some of these policies. The policies may be different for professional services and facility services.

Get the most value out of your benefits

We have online tools to help decide whether to get care and if so, where. Use the “Estimate the Cost of Care” tool on Aetna’s secure member website. Aetna’s secure member website at www.aetna.com may contain additional information that can help you determine the cost of a service or supply. Log on to Aetna’s secure member website to access the “Estimate the Cost of Care” feature. Within this feature, view our “Cost of Care” and “Cost Estimator” tools.

R.N.

A registered nurse.

Residential treatment facility (mental disorders)

- An institution specifically licensed as a residential treatment facility by applicable state and federal laws to provide for mental health residential treatment programs. And is credentialed by Aetna or is accredited by one of the following agencies, commissions or committees for the services being provided:
  - The Joint Commission (TJC)
  - The Committee on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
  - The American Osteopathic Association’s Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP)
  - The Council on Accreditation (COA)
In addition to the above requirements, an institution must meet the following for residential treatment programs treating mental disorders:

- A behavioral health provider must be actively on duty 24 hours per day for 7 days a week.
- The patient must be treated by a psychiatrist at least once per week.
- The medical director must be a psychiatrist.
- Is not a wilderness treatment program (whether or not the program is part of a licensed residential treatment facility or otherwise licensed institution).

**Residential treatment facility (substance abuse)**

- An institution specifically licensed as a residential treatment facility by applicable state and federal laws to provide for substance abuse residential treatment programs. And is credentialed by Aetna or accredited by one of the following agencies, commissions or committees for the services being provided:
  - The Joint Commission (TJC)
  - The Committee on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
  - The American Osteopathic Association’s Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP)
  - The Council on Accreditation (COA)

In addition to the above requirements, an institution must meet the following for chemical dependence residential treatment programs:

- A behavioral health provider or an appropriately state certified professional (CADC, CAC, etc.) must be actively on duty during the day and evening therapeutic programming.
- The medical director must be a physician.
- Is not a wilderness treatment program (whether or not the program is part of a licensed residential treatment facility or otherwise licensed institution).

In addition to the above requirements, for chemical dependence detoxification programs within a residential setting:

- An R.N. must be onsite 24 hours per day for 7 days a week within a residential setting.
- Residential care must be provided under the direct supervision of a physician.

**Retail pharmacy**

A community pharmacy that dispenses outpatient prescription drugs at retail prices.

**Room and board**

A facility’s charge for your overnight stay and other services and supplies expressed as a daily or weekly rate.

**Semi-private room rate**

An institution’s room and board charge for most beds in rooms with 2 or more beds. If there are no such rooms, Aetna will calculate the rate based on the rate most commonly charged by similar institutions in the same geographic area.

**Skilled nursing facility**

A facility specifically licensed as a skilled nursing facility by applicable state and federal laws to provide skilled nursing care.

Skilled nursing facilities also include rehabilitation hospitals, and portions of a rehabilitation hospital and a hospital designated for skilled or rehabilitation services.
**Skilled nursing facility** does not include institutions that provide only:

- Minimal care
- Custodial care services
- Ambulatory care
- Part-time care services

It does not include institutions that primarily provide for the care and treatment of **mental disorders** or **substance abuse**.

**Skilled nursing services**

Services provided by an **R.N.** or **L.P.N.** within the scope of their license.

**Specialist**

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

**Specialty prescription drugs**

These are **prescription drugs** that include typically high-cost drugs that require special handling, special storage or monitoring and may include things such as oral, topical, inhaled and injected routes of administration.

You can access the list of these **specialty prescription drugs** by calling the toll-free number on your ID card or by logging on to your Aetna's secure member website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).

**Specialty pharmacy**

This is a **pharmacy** designated by Aetna as a **network pharmacy** to fill **prescriptions** for **specialty prescription drugs**.

**Stay**

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

**Substance abuse**

This is a physical or psychological dependency, or both, on a controlled substance or alcohol agent. These are defined in the **Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)** published by the American Psychiatric Association. This term does not include conditions you cannot attribute to a **mental disorder** that are a focus of attention or treatment or an addiction to nicotine products, food or caffeine intoxication.

**Surgery center**

A facility specifically licensed as a freestanding ambulatory surgical facility by applicable state and federal laws to provide outpatient **surgery services**. If state law does not specifically provide for licensure as an ambulatory surgical facility, the facility must meet all Medicare accreditation standards (even if it does not participate in Medicare).
Surgery or surgical procedures
The diagnosis and treatment of injury, deformity and disease by manual and instrumental means, such as cutting, abrading, suturing, destruction, ablation, removal, lasering, introduction of a catheter (e.g., heart or bladder catheterization) or scope (e.g., colonoscopy or other types of endoscopy), correction of fracture, reduction of dislocation, application of plaster casts, injection into a joint, injection of sclerosing solution, or otherwise physically changing body tissues and organs.

Telemedicine
A consultation between you and a provider who is performing a clinical medical or behavioral health service.

Services can be provided by:
- Two-way audiovisual teleconferencing;
- Telephone calls
- Any other method required by state law

Terminal illness
A medical prognosis that you are not likely to live more than 12 months.

Therapeutic drug class
A group of drugs or medications that have a similar or identical mode of action. Or are used for the treatment of the same or similar disease or injury.

Urgent care facility
A facility licensed as a freestanding medical facility by applicable state and federal laws to treat an urgent condition.

Urgent condition
An illness or injury that requires prompt medical attention but is not an emergency medical condition.

Walk-in clinic
A freestanding health care facility. Neither of the following should be considered a walk-in clinic:
- An emergency room
- The outpatient department of a hospital
Discount programs

Discount arrangements
We can offer you discounts on health care related goods or services. Sometimes, other companies provide these discounted goods and services. These companies are called “third party service providers”. These third party service providers may pay us so that they can offer you their services.

Third party service providers are independent contractors. The third party service provider is responsible for the goods or services they deliver. We have the right to change or end the arrangements at any time.

These discount arrangements are not insurance. We don’t pay the third party service providers for the services they offer. You are responsible for paying for the discounted goods or services.

Wellness and other incentives
We may encourage you to access certain medical services, use tools (online and others) that enhance your coverage and services and continue participation as an Aetna member through incentives. You and your doctor can talk about these medical services and tools and decide if they are right for you. In connection with a wellness or health improvement program, including but not limited to financial wellness programs, we may provide incentives based on your participation and your results. Incentives may include but are not limited to:

- Modifications to copayment, deductible or coinsurance amounts
- Premium discounts or rebates
- Contributions to a health savings account
- Fitness center membership reimbursement
- Merchandise
- Coupons
- Gift cards
- Debit cards, or
- Any combination of the above.
Additional Information Provided by

Adobe Systems Incorporated

The following information is provided to you in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). It is not a part of your booklet-certificate. Your Plan Administrator has determined that this information together with the information contained in your booklet-certificate is the Summary Plan Description required by ERISA.

In furnishing this information, Aetna is acting on behalf of your Plan Administrator who remains responsible for complying with the ERISA reporting rules and regulations on a timely and accurate basis.

Name of Plan:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Employer Identification Number:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Plan Number:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Type of Plan:
Welfare

Type of Administration:
Group Insurance Policy with:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

Plan Administrator:
Adobe Systems Incorporated
Attention: Susan Burke - Mgr, Vendor Partner Office
345 Park Avenue W07-431
San Jose, CA 95110
Telephone Number: (408) 536-4433

Agent For Service of Legal Process:
Adobe Systems Incorporated
Attention: Susan Burke - Mgr, Vendor Partner Office
345 Park Avenue W07-431
San Jose, CA 95110

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

End of Plan Year:
December 31
Source of Contributions:
Employer and Employee

Procedure for Amending the Plan:
The Employer may amend the Plan from time to time by a written instrument signed by the person designated by the Plan Administrator.

ERISA Rights
As a participant in the group insurance plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits
Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator’s office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) that is filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and an updated Summary Plan Description. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan’s annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

Receive a copy of the procedures used by the Plan for determining a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO).

Continue Group Health Plan Coverage
Continue health care coverage for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this summary plan description and the documents governing the Plan for the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries
In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called “fiduciaries” of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in your interest and that of other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

Enforce Your Rights
If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay up to $110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.
If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan’s decision or lack thereof concerning the status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in a federal court.

If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan’s money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Your Questions
If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.

If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact:

▪ the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory; or

You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
Statement of Rights under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act
Under federal law, group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage generally may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a delivery by cesarean section. However, the plan or issuer may pay for a shorter stay if the attending provider (e.g., your physician, nurse midwife, or physician assistant), after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under federal law, plans and issuers may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48-hour (or 96-hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

In addition, a plan or issuer may not, under federal law, require that you, your physician, or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, you may be required to obtain precertification for any days of confinement that exceed 48 hours (or 96 hours). For information on precertification, contact your plan administrator.

Notice Regarding Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act
Under this health plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, coverage will be provided to a person who is receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy and who elects breast reconstruction in connection with the mastectomy for:

(1) all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which a mastectomy has been performed;
(2) surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
(3) prostheses; and
(4) treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

This coverage will be provided in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, and will be provided in accordance with the plan design, limitations, copays, deductibles, and referral requirements, if any, as outlined in your plan documents.

If you have any questions about our coverage of mastectomies and reconstructive surgery, please contact the Member Services number on your ID card.

Confidentiality Notice
Aetna considers personal information to be confidential and has policies and procedures in place to protect it against unlawful use and disclosure. By "personal information," we mean information that relates to a member's physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to the member, or payment for the provision of health care or disability or life benefits to the member. Personal information does not include publicly available information or information that is available or reported in a summarized or aggregate fashion but does not identify the member.

When necessary or appropriate for your care or treatment, the operation of our health, disability or life insurance plans, or other related activities, we use personal information internally, share it with our affiliates, and disclose it to health care providers (doctors, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and other caregivers), payors (health care provider organizations, employers who sponsor self-funded health plans or who share responsibility for the payment of benefits, and others who may be financially responsible for payment for the services or benefits you receive under your plan), other insurers, third party administrators, vendors, consultants, government authorities, and their respective agents. These parties are required to keep personal information confidential as provided by applicable law. In our health plans, participating network providers are also required to give you access to your medical records within a reasonable amount of time after you make a request.

Some of the ways in which personal information is used include claim payment; utilization review and management; medical necessity reviews; coordination of care and benefits; preventive health, early detection, vocational rehabilitation and disease and case management; quality assessment and improvement activities; auditing and anti-fraud activities; performance measurement and outcomes assessment; health, disability and life claims analysis and reporting; health services, disability and life research; data and information systems management; compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; formulary management; litigation proceedings; transfer of policies or contracts to and from other insurers, HMOs and third party administrators; underwriting activities; and due diligence activities in connection with the purchase or sale of some or all of our business. We consider these activities key for the operation of our health, disability and life plans. To the extent permitted by law, we use and disclose personal information as provided above without member consent. However, we recognize that many members do not want to receive unsolicited marketing materials unrelated to their health, disability and life benefits. We do not disclose personal information for these marketing purposes unless the member consents. We also have policies addressing circumstances in which members are unable to give consent.

To obtain a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, which describes in greater detail our practices concerning use and disclosure of personal information, please call the toll-free Member Services number on your ID card or visit our Internet site at www.aetna.com.
Continuation of Coverage During an Approved Leave of Absence Granted to Comply With Federal Law

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

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

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

If Health Expense Benefits has reduction rules applicable by reason of age or retirement, Health Expense Benefits will be subject to such rules while you are on FMLA leave.

Coverage will not be continued beyond the first to occur of:

- The date you are required to make any contribution and you fail to do so.
- The date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated.
- The date the coverage involved discontinues as to your eligible class. However, coverage for health expenses may be available to you under another plan sponsored by your Employer.

Any coverage being continued for a dependent will not be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate.

If Health Expense Benefits terminate because your approved FMLA leave is deemed terminated by your Employer, you may, on the date of such termination, be eligible for Continuation Under Federal Law on the same terms as though your employment terminated, other than for gross misconduct, on such date. If the group contract provides any other continuation of coverage (for example, upon termination of employment, death, divorce or ceasing to be a defined dependent), you (or your eligible dependents) may be eligible for such continuation on the date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated or the date of the event for which the continuation is available.

If you acquire a new dependent while your coverage is continued during an approved FMLA leave, the dependent will be eligible for the continued coverage on the same terms as would be applicable if you were actively at work, not on an approved FMLA leave.

If you return to work for your Employer following the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, your coverage under the group contract will be in force as though you had continued in active employment rather than going on an approved FMLA leave provided you make request for such coverage within 31 days of the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave to be terminated. If you do not make such request within 31 days, coverage will again be effective under the group contract only if and when Aetna gives its written consent.

If any coverage being continued terminates because your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, any Conversion Privilege will be available on the same terms as though your employment had terminated on the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated.
Your Aetna International health and wellness programs

Being away from home often means being away from your friends and family support network. As your 24/7 partner in health, we help make sure you have the support you need to thrive. Whether it’s our In Touch Care program to manage chronic conditions or our Employee Assistance Program to help balance your work and personal needs, we’re here for you with all the tools, resources and programs you need – no matter where you are in the world.
24-Hour Nurse Line

Our 24-Hour Nurse Line gives members ready access to registered nurses who can answer their questions on a variety of health topics. The nurses give members the information they need and help them make smarter health care decisions. They can also help improve members’ relationships with their doctors, and:

- Empower members with health information to help them use health care services appropriately
- Encourage members to give a clear medical history and ask relevant questions
- Promote healthy lifestyle habits
- Provide members with health information to help them improve and better manage chronic conditions

Nurse Access
Nurses are available through a toll-free telephone number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We offer foreign language translation for our non-English speaking members.

Our nurses also have access to the Healthwise® Knowledgebase video library and can relay video links to callers upon request or to provide further education/support of the health topic they discussed. It is a user-friendly decision-support tool that promotes informed health decision-making and helps members learn about their treatment options.

NOTE: Neither Aetna International ® nor 24-Hour Nurse Line is a healthcare provider and neither shall be responsible for the availability, quantity, quality, or result of any medical treatment a member may receive, or for a member’s failure to pursue or obtain medical treatment.
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Life is full of challenges. Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) helps you balance the demands of work, life and personal issues. Whether it’s finding balance between work and life, dealing with the loss of a loved one, managing anxiety or depression, or parenting advice, EAP offers you free, confidential support delivered by qualified counselors.

- Up to five free counselling sessions per concern, per year
- Multilingual, 24/7, worldwide support
- Telephone support from behavioral health experts
- Referral to legal and financial resources

**Easy access**
To reach out for EAP assistance, call our Member Service Center using the phone number located on the back of your Member ID card.

When outside the United States, you can access your international EAP through the iConnectYou app on your portable device or mobile phone. The app gives you secure, confidential access to clinical counselors and work-life experts by phone, instant message, text (SMS) or video chat.

NOTE: Aetna does not render health care services and/or treatments and, therefore, cannot guarantee any results or outcomes. All participating providers are independent contractors and are neither agents nor employees of Aetna. The availability of any provider cannot be guaranteed, and the provider network composition is subject to change.
Global Crisis Management Program, powered by WorldAware

We’re more than just health insurance. We help protect our members by providing security advice and assistance to keep them safe from political unrest and natural disasters. To do this, we partner with global crisis management experts WorldAware to make sure members have help — should their safety ever be threatened.

Our Global Crisis Management Program offers valuable resources and support such as:

• 24/7 access to personalized safety advice from multilingual representatives
• Reliable information on more than 285 countries and more than 160 cities
• Travel safety briefings and security alerts tailored to your trip or assignment
• Email and text alerts providing up-to-the minute information on civil unrest, natural hazards and travel disruptions
• On-the-ground support for emergency travel and situations affecting personal safety, loss of belongings or theft of documents
• Specialized evacuation services to get away from threatening situations

To register, go to [https://my.worldaware.com/aetnaus](https://my.worldaware.com/aetnaus) and enter the letters “US” followed by your Aetna policy number (i.e., US123456), then create your log in user name and password. Or if you prefer, you can call WorldAware’s crisis management experts at +1-646-513-4232 to sign up.
BENEFIT PLAN

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Comprehensive Dental

Aetna Life Insurance Company
Booklet-Certificate

What Your Plan Covers and How Benefits are Paid

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Underwritten by Aetna Life Insurance Company
Welcome

Thank you for choosing Aetna.

This is your booklet-certificate. It is one of three documents that together describe the benefits covered by your Aetna plan for dental coverage.

This booklet-certificate will tell you about your covered benefits – what they are and how you get them. If you become covered, this booklet-certificate becomes your certificate of coverage under the group policy, and it replaces all certificates describing similar coverage that we sent to you before. The second document is the schedule of benefits. It tells you how we share expenses for eligible dental services and tells you about limits – like when your plan covers only a certain number of visits.

The third document is the group policy between Aetna Life Insurance Company (“Aetna”) and the policyholder. Ask the policyholder if you have any questions about the group policy.

Sometimes, we may send you documents that are amendments, endorsements, attachments, inserts or riders. They change or add to the documents they’re part of. When you receive these, they are considered part of your Aetna plan for coverage.

Where to next? Try the Let’s get started! section. Let’s get started! gives you a summary of how your plan works. The more you understand, the more you can get out of your plan.

Welcome to your Aetna plan.
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Schedule of benefits

Issued with your booklet-certificate
Let’s get started!

Here are some basics. First things first – some notes on how we use words. Then we explain how your plan works so you can get the most out of your coverage. But for all the details – and this is very important – you need to read this entire booklet-certificate and the schedule of benefits. And if you need help or more information, we tell you how to reach us.

Some notes on how we use words in the booklet-certificate and schedule of benefits

- When we say “you” and “your”, we mean both you and any covered dependents.
- When we say “us”, “we”, and “our”, we mean Aetna.
- Some words appear in bold type and we define them in the Glossary section.

Sometimes we use technical dental language that is familiar to dental providers.

What your plan does – providing covered benefits

Your plan provides covered benefits. These are eligible dental services for which your plan has the obligation to pay.

How your plan works – starting and stopping coverage

Your coverage under the plan has a start and an end. You start coverage after the eligibility and enrollment process is completed. To learn more see the Who the plan covers section.

Your coverage typically ends when you leave your job. Family members can lose coverage for many reasons, such as growing up and leaving home. To learn more see the When coverage ends section.

Ending coverage under the plan doesn’t necessarily mean you lose coverage with us. See the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section.

How your plan works while you are covered

Your coverage helps you get and pay for a lot of – but not all – dental care services. These are called eligible dental services.

Important note:
See the schedule of benefits for any deductibles, coinsurance, and maximum age or visit limits that may apply.

Eligible dental services

Eligible dental services meet these requirements:

- They are listed in the Eligible dental services section in the schedule of benefits.
- They are not carved out in the What your plan doesn’t cover – some eligible dental service exceptions and exclusions section. (We refer to this section as the “Exceptions” section.)
- They are not beyond any limits in the schedule of benefits.

Dental providers

You may choose any dental provider for the care you need.

For more information about the role of your dental provider, see the Who provides the care section.
Paying for dental services— the general requirement
The general requirement for the plan to pay any part of the expense for an eligible dental service is that the dental service is medically necessary.

You will find details on medical necessity requirements in the Medical necessity section.

Paying for eligible dental services—sharing the expense
Generally your plan and you will share the expense of your eligible dental services when you meet the general requirements for paying.

But sometimes your plan will pay the entire expense; and sometimes you will. For more information see the What the plan pays and what you pay section, and see the schedule of benefits.

How to contact us for help
We are here to answer your questions. You can contact us by:
  • Logging onto your secure member website at www.aetna.com
  • Registering for our secure Internet access to reliable dental information, tools and resources

Online tools will make it easier for you to make informed decisions about your dental care, view claims, research care and treatment options, and access information on health and wellness.

You can also contact us by:
  • Calling Aetna Member Services at 1-877-238-6200
  • Writing us at Aetna Life Insurance Company, 151 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06156

Your member ID card
You don’t need to show an ID card. When visiting a dentist, just provide your name, date of birth and either your member ID or social security number. The dental office can use that information to verify your eligibility and benefits. Your member ID is located on the front of your digital ID card which you can view or print by going to the secure member website at www.aetna.com. If you don’t have internet access, call us at 1-877-238-6200. You can also access your ID card when you’re on the go. To learn more, visit us at www.aetna.com/mobile.
Who the plan covers

You will find information in this section about:

- Who is eligible
- When you can join the plan
- Who can be on your plan (who can be your dependent)
- Adding new dependents
- Special times you and your dependents can join the plan

Who is eligible
The policyholder decides and tells us who is eligible for dental care coverage.

When you can join the plan
As an employee you can enroll yourself and your dependents:

- At any time
- Once each Calendar Year during the annual enrollment period
- At other special times during the year (see the Special times you and your dependents can join the plan section below)

If you do not enroll yourself and your dependents when you first qualify for dental benefits, you may have to wait until the next annual enrollment period to join.

Who can be on your plan (who can be your dependent)
If your plan includes coverage for dependents, you can enroll the following family members on your plan. (They are referred to in this booklet-certificate as your “dependents”.)

- Your legal spouse
- Your domestic partner who meets the rules set by the policyholder and requirements under state law
- Your dependent children, including children with a severe disability – your own or those of your spouse or domestic partner
  - Unmarried and
  - Under age 26, and solely depend on your support, and they include your:
    - Biological children
    - Stepchildren
    - Legally adopted children, including any children placed with you for adoption
    - Foster children
    - Children you are responsible for under a qualified medical support order or court-order (whether or not the child resides with you)
    - Grandchildren in your court-ordered custody
    - A grandchild whose parent is already covered as a dependent under this plan
    - Any other child with whom you have a parent-child relationship

Severe disability means children who, due to a significant mental or physical condition, illness, or disease, are likely to require specialized treatment or supports to secure effective access to dental care.

You may continue coverage for a disabled child past the age limit shown above. See the Continuation of coverage for other reasons in the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section for more information.
Adding new dependents

You can add the following new dependents any time during the year:

- **A spouse** - if you marry, you can put your spouse on your plan.  
  - We must receive your completed enrollment information not more than 31 days after the date of your marriage.
  - Ask the policyholder when benefits for your spouse will begin. It will be:
    - No later than the first day of the first calendar month after the date we receive your completed enrollment information.
    - Within 31 days of the date of your marriage.

- **A domestic partner** - if you enter a domestic partnership, you can enroll your domestic partner on your dental plan.
  - We must receive your completed enrollment information not more than 31 days after the date you file a Declaration of Domestic Partnership, or not later than 31 days after you provide documentation required by the policyholder.
  - Ask the policyholder when benefits for your domestic partner will begin. It will be either on the date your Declaration of Domestic Partnership is filed or the first day of the month following the date we receive your completed enrollment information.

- **A newborn child** – your newborn child is covered on your dental plan for the first 31 days after birth.
  - To keep your newborn covered, we must receive your completed enrollment information within 31 days of birth.
  - You must still enroll the child within 31 days of birth even when coverage does not require payment of an additional **premium** contribution for the covered dependent.
  - If you miss this deadline, your newborn will not have dental benefits after the first 31 days.

- **An adopted child** – A child that you, or that you and your spouse or domestic partner adopts is covered on your plan for the first 31 days after the adoption is complete.
  - To keep your adopted child covered, we must receive your completed enrollment information within 31 days after the adoption.
  - If you miss this deadline, your adopted child will not have dental benefits after the first 31 days.

- **A stepchild** – You may put a child of your spouse or domestic partner on your plan.
  - You must complete your enrollment information and send it to us within 31 days after the date of your marriage or your Declaration of Domestic Partnership with your stepchild’s parent.
  - Ask the policyholder when benefits for your stepchild will begin. It is either on the date of your marriage or the date your Declaration of Domestic Partnership is filed or the first day of the month following the date we receive your completed enrollment information.

Inform us of any changes

It is important that you inform us of any changes that might affect your benefit status. This will help us effectively deliver your benefits. Please contact us as soon as possible with changes such as:

- Change of address or phone number
- Change in marital status
- Change of covered dependent status
- A covered dependent who enrolls in any other group dental plan
Late entrant rule
The plan does not cover services and supplies given to a person age 5 or older if that person did not enroll in the plan during one of the following:

- The first 31 days the person is eligible for this coverage or
- Any period of open enrollment agreed to by the policyholder and us

This does not apply to charges incurred for any of the following:

- After the person has been covered by the plan for 12 months
- As a result of injuries sustained while covered by the plan
- Diagnostic and preventive services such as exams, cleanings, fluoride, and images (orthodontia related services are not included).

Special times you and your dependents can join the plan
You can enroll in these situations:

- When you did not enroll in this plan before because:
  - You were covered by another group dental plan, and now that other coverage has ended.
  - You had COBRA, and now that coverage has ended.
- You have added a dependent because of marriage, birth, adoption or foster care. See the Adding new dependents section for more information.
- When a court orders that you cover a current spouse, domestic partner, or a minor child on your dental plan.

We must receive your completed enrollment information from you within 31 days of that date on which you no longer have the other coverage mentioned above.

Effective date of coverage
Your coverage will be in effect as of the effective date of the plan if you were eligible for dental benefits at that time.
Medical necessity requirements

The starting point for covered benefits under your plan is whether the services and supplies are eligible dental services. See the Eligible dental services and Exclusions sections plus the schedule of benefits.

Your plan pays for its share of the expense for eligible dental services only if the eligible dental service is medically necessary.

This section addresses the medical necessity requirements.

Medically necessary / medical necessity
As we said in the Let’s get started! section, medical necessity is a requirement for you to receive a covered benefit under this plan.

The medical necessity requirements are in the Glossary section, where we define "medically necessary, medical necessity".
What are your eligible dental services?

The information in this section is the first step to understanding your plan's eligible dental services. If you have questions about this section, see the How to contact us for help section.

Your plan covers many kinds of dental care services and supplies, including children under the age of 21 with a severe disability. Severe disability means children who, due to a significant mental or physical condition, illness, or disease, are likely to require specialized treatment or supports to secure effective access to dental care.

Your eligible dental services are listed in the schedule of benefits. There you will find the detailed list of eligible dental services. But sometimes those services are not covered at all or are covered only up to a limit.

You can find out about exclusions in the Exceptions and the What rules and limits apply to dental care sections, and about the limitations in the schedule of benefits.
What rules and limits apply to dental care?

Several rules apply to the dental benefits. Following these rules will help you use your plan to your advantage by avoiding expenses that are not covered by your plan.

Alternate treatment rule
Sometimes there are several ways to treat a dental problem, all of which provide acceptable results.

If a charge is made for a non-eligible dental service or supply and an eligible dental service that would provide an acceptable result, then your plan will pay a benefit for the eligible dental service or supply.

If a charge is made for an eligible dental service but another eligible dental service that would provide an acceptable result is less expensive, the benefit will be for the least expensive eligible dental service.

You should review the differences in the cost of alternate treatment with your dental provider. Of course, you and your dental provider can still choose the more costly treatment method. You are responsible for any charges in excess of what your plan will cover.

Coverage for dental work begun before you are covered by the plan
Your plan does not cover dental work that began before you were covered by the plan. This means that the following dental work is not covered:

• An appliance, or modification of an appliance, if an impression for it was made before you were covered by the plan
• A crown, bridge, or cast or processed restoration, if a tooth was prepared for it before you were covered by the plan
• Root canal therapy, if the pulp chamber for it was opened before you were covered by the plan

Orthodontic treatment rule
Orthodontic treatment is covered on the date active orthodontic treatment begins.

This benefit does not cover charges for the following:

• Interceptive orthodontic treatment
• Limited orthodontic treatment
• Replacement of broken appliances
• Re-treatment of orthodontic cases
• Changes in treatment necessitated by an accident
• Maxillofacial surgery
• Myofunctional therapy
• Treatment of cleft palate
• Treatment of micrognathia
• Treatment of macroglossia
• Lingually placed direct bonded appliances and arch wires (i.e. “invisible braces”)
• Appliance therapy (to control harmful habits)

The plan will not cover the charges for an orthodontic procedure if an active appliance for that procedure was installed before you were covered by the plan.
Orthodontic limitation for late enrollees
The plan will not cover the charges for an orthodontic procedure for which an active appliance for that procedure has been installed within the 2 year period starting with the date you became covered by the plan. This limit applies only if you do not become enrolled in the plan within 31 days after you first become eligible.

Reimbursement policies
We have the right to apply Aetna reimbursement policies. Those policies may reduce the recognized charge. These policies take into account factors such as:

- The duration and complexity of a service
- When multiple procedures are billed at the same time, whether additional overhead is required
- Whether an assistant surgeon is necessary for the service
- If follow up care is included
- Whether other characteristics modify or make a particular service unique
- When a charge includes more than one claim line, whether any services described by a claim line are part of or incidental to the primary service provided and
- The educational level, licensure or length of training of the provider

Aetna reimbursement policies are based on our review of:

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) and other external materials that say what billing and coding practices are and are not appropriate
- Generally accepted standards of dental practice and
- The views of providers and dentists practicing in the relevant clinical areas

We use commercial software to administer some of these policies. Some policies are different for professional services than for facility services.

Replacement rule
Some eligible dental services are subject to your plan’s replacement rule. The replacement rule applies to replacements of, or additions to existing:

- Crowns
- Inlays
- Onlays
- Implants
- Veneers
- Complete dentures
- Removable partial dentures
- Fixed partial dentures (bridges)
- Other prosthetic services
These **eligible dental services** are covered only when you give us proof that:

- While you were covered by the plan:
  - You had a tooth (or teeth) extracted after the existing denture or bridge was installed.
  - As a result, you need to replace or add teeth to your denture or bridge.

- The present item cannot be made serviceable, and is:
  - A crown installed at least 8 years before its replacement.
  - An inlay, onlay, veneer, complete denture, removable partial denture, fixed partial denture (bridge), implant, or other prosthetic item installed at least 8 years before its replacement.

- While you were covered by the plan:
  - You had a tooth (or teeth) extracted.
  - Your present denture is an immediate temporary one that replaces that tooth (or teeth).
  - A permanent denture is needed, and the temporary denture cannot be used as a permanent denture. Replacement must occur within 12 months from the date that the temporary denture was installed.

**Tooth missing but not replaced rule**
The first installation of complete dentures, removable partial dentures, fixed partial dentures (bridges), and other prosthetic services will be covered if:

- The dentures, bridges or other prosthetic items are needed to replace one or more natural teeth that were removed while you were covered by the plan. (The extraction of a third molar tooth does not qualify.)
- The tooth that was removed was not an abutment to a removable or fixed partial denture installed during the prior 8 years.

Any such appliance or fixed bridge must include the replacement of an extracted tooth or teeth.

**Congenital defects treatment rule**

- For newly born children, dental benefits are provided for medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities to the same extent as other dental conditions. Any waiting periods will apply.
An advance claim review

The purpose of an advance claim review is to provide an estimate, in advance, of what we may pay for proposed services. Knowing ahead of time which services are **eligible dental services** and what your plan may pay helps you and your **dentist** make informed decisions about the care you are considering. The estimate is not a guarantee of coverage and payment.

In estimating the amount of benefits payable, we will look at alternate procedures, services, or courses of treatment for the dental condition in question in order to meet the expected result.

The estimate is voluntary. It is not necessary for emergency treatment or routine care such as cleaning teeth or check-ups or any other service.

When to get an advance claim review

An estimate is recommended whenever a course of dental treatment is likely to cost more than $350. Here are the steps involved with getting an advance claim review:

1. Ask your **dentist** to write down a full description of the treatment you need. They must either use an **Aetna** claim form or an American Dental Association (ADA) approved claim form.
2. Your **dentist** should send the form to us before treating you.
3. We may request supporting images and other diagnostic records.
4. Once all of the information has been gathered, we will review the proposed treatment plan and provide you and your **dentist** with a statement outlining the estimated benefits payable.
5. You and your **dentist** can then decide how to proceed.

What is a course of dental treatment?

A course of dental treatment is a planned program of one or more services or supplies. The services or supplies are provided by one or more **dentists** to treat a dental condition that was diagnosed by the attending **dentist** as a result of an oral examination. A course of treatment starts on the date your **dentist** first renders a service to correct or treat the diagnosed dental condition.
What your plan doesn’t cover – some eligible dental service exceptions and exclusions

We already told you about the many dental care services and supplies that are eligible for coverage under your plan in the What are your eligible dental services section. In that section we also told you that some dental care services and supplies have exceptions and some are not covered at all (exclusions).

In this section we tell you about the exceptions and exclusions that apply to your plan.

And just a reminder, you’ll find benefit and coverage limitations in the schedule of benefits.

Exceptions and exclusions
The following are not eligible dental services under your plan except as described in:
- The Eligible dental services under your plan section of this booklet-certificate or
- A rider or amendment issued to you for use with this booklet-certificate:

Charges for services or supplies
- Provided by a provider in excess of the recognized charge
- Provided for your personal comfort or convenience, or the convenience of any other person, including a dental provider
- Provided in connection with treatment or care that is not covered under the plan
- Cancelled or missed appointment charges or charges to complete claim forms
- Charges for which you have no legal obligation to pay
- Charges that would not be made if you did not have coverage, including:
  - Care in charitable institutions
  - Care for conditions related to current or previous military service
  - Care while in the custody of a governmental authority

Charges in excess of any benefit limits
Any charges in excess of the benefit, dollar, visit, or frequency limits stated in the schedule of benefits.

Cosmetic services and plastic surgery (except to the extent coverage is specifically provided in the Eligible Dental Services section of the schedule of benefits)
- Cosmetic services and supplies including:
  - Plastic surgery
  - Reconstructive surgery
  - Cosmetic surgery
  - Personalization or characterization of dentures or other services and supplies which improve, alter or enhance appearance
  - Augmentation and vestibuloplasty and other services to protect, clean, whiten, bleach, alter the appearance of teeth whether or not for psychological or emotional reasons
- Facings on molar crowns and pontics will always be considered cosmetic

Court-ordered services and supplies
- Includes those court-ordered services and supplies, or those required as a condition of parole, probation, release or as a result of any legal proceeding.
Dental services and supplies

- Acupuncture, acupressure and acupuncture therapy
- Asynchronous dental treatment
- Crown, inlays and onlays, and veneers unless for one of the following:
  - It is treatment for decay or traumatic injury and teeth cannot be restored with a filling material
  - The tooth is an abutment to a covered partial denture or fixed bridge
- Dental implants, false teeth, prosthetic restoration of dental implants, plates, dentures, braces, mouth guards, and other devices to protect, replace or reposition teeth and removal of implants
- Dentures, crowns, inlays, onlays, bridges, or other prosthetic appliances or services used for the purpose of splinting, to alter vertical dimension, to restore occlusion, or correcting attrition, abrasion, or erosion
- First installation of a denture or fixed bridge, and any inlay and crown that serves as an abutment to replace congenitally missing teeth or to replace teeth, all of which were lost while you were not covered
- General anesthesia and intravenous sedation, unless specifically covered and done in connection with another eligible dental service
- Instruction for diet, tobacco counseling and oral hygiene
- Mail order and at-home kits for orthodontic treatment
- Orthodontic treatment except as covered in the Eligible Dental Services section of the schedule of benefits
- Dental services and supplies made with high noble metals (gold or titanium) except as covered in the Eligible Dental Services section of the schedule of benefits
- Services and supplies provided in connection with treatment or care that is not covered under the plan
- Replacement of a device or appliance that is lost, missing or stolen, and for the replacement of appliances that have been damaged due to abuse, misuse or neglect and for an extra set of dentures
- Replacement of teeth beyond the normal complement of 32
- Services and supplies provided where there is no evidence of pathology, dysfunction or disease, other than covered preventive services
- Space maintainers except when needed to preserve space resulting from the premature loss of deciduous teeth
- Surgical removal of impacted wisdom teeth when removed only for orthodontic reasons
- Temporomandibular joint dysfunction/disorder

Dental services and supplies that are covered in whole or in part:

- Under any other part of this plan
- Under any other plan of group benefits provided by the policyholder

Examinations

Any dental examinations needed:

- Because a third party requires the exam. Examples include examinations to get or keep a job, or examinations required under a labor agreement or other contract.
- Because a court order requires it.
- To buy insurance or to get or keep a license.
- To travel.
- To go to a school, camp, or sporting event, or to join in a sport or other recreational activity.

Experimental or investigational

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

Other primary payer
- Payment for a portion of the charge that another party is responsible for as the primary payer

Outpatient prescription drugs, and preventive care drugs and supplements
- Prescribed drugs, pre-medication or analgesia

Personal care, comfort or convenience items
- Any service or supply primarily for your convenience and personal comfort or that of a third party

Providers and other health professionals
- Treatment by other than a dentist. However, the plan will cover some services provided by a licensed dental hygienist under the supervision and guidance of a dentist. These are:
  - Scaling of teeth
  - Cleaning of teeth
  - Topical application of fluoride.
- Charges submitted for services by an unlicensed provider or not within the scope of the provider's license.

Services paid under your medical plan
- Your plan will not pay for amounts that were paid for the same services under a medical plan covering you. When a dental service is covered under both plans, we will figure the amount that would be payable under this plan if you did not have other coverage, then subtract what was paid by your medical plan. If there is any difference, this plan will pay it. If the amount paid by your medical plan is equal to or more than the benefit under this plan, this plan will not pay anything for the service.

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

Work related illness or injuries
- Coverage available to you under workers’ compensation or under a similar program under local, state or federal law for any illness or injury related to employment or self-employment.
- A source of coverage or reimbursement will be considered available to you even if you waived your right to payment from that source. You may also be covered under a workers’ compensation law or similar law.
- If you submit proof that you are not covered for a particular illness or injury under such law, then that illness or injury will be considered “not work related” regardless of cause.
Who provides the care

Just as the starting point for coverage under your plan is whether the services and supplies are eligible dental services, the foundation for getting covered care is the dental provider. This section tells you about dental providers.

Providers
When you need dental care, you can go to any dental provider to provide eligible dental services to you.

You will have to pay for services at the time that they are provided. You will be required to pay the full charges and submit a claim for reimbursement to us. You are responsible for completing and submitting claim forms for reimbursement of eligible dental services that you paid directly to a dental provider.
What the plan pays and what you pay

Who pays for your eligible dental services – this plan, both of us, or just you? That depends. This section gives the general rule and explains these key terms:

- Your deductible
- Your coinsurance
- Your maximums

We also remind you that sometimes you will be responsible for paying the entire bill – for example, if you get care that is not an eligible dental service.

The general rule

When you get eligible dental services:

- You pay your deductible

And then

- Your plan and you share the expense up to any Calendar Year and lifetime maximum. The schedule of benefits lists how much you pay and how much your plan pays. The coinsurance percentage may vary by the type of expense. Your share is called coinsurance percentage.

And then

- You are responsible for any amounts above the maximum.

When we say “expense” in this general rule, we mean the recognized charge. See the Glossary section for what this term means.

Important note – when you pay all

You pay the entire expense for an eligible dental service when you get a dental care service or supply that is not medically necessary. See the Medical necessity requirements section.

In all these cases, the dental provider may require you to pay the entire charge. And any amount you pay will not count towards your deductible or towards your Calendar Year or lifetime maximum.

Special financial responsibility

You are responsible for the entire expense of:

- Cancelled or missed appointments

Neither you nor we are responsible for:

- Charges for which you have no legal obligation to pay
- Charges that would not be made if you did not have coverage

Where your schedule of benefits fits in

This section explains some of the terms you will find in your schedule of benefits.

How your deductible works

Your deductible is the amount you need to pay for eligible dental services per Calendar Year before your plan begins to pay for eligible dental services. Your schedule of benefits shows the deductible amounts for your plan.
How your coinsurance works
Your **coinsurance** is the amount your plan pays for **eligible dental services** after you have paid your **deductible**. Your schedule of benefits shows you which **coinsurance** your plan will pay for specific **eligible dental services**.

How your maximum works
The maximum is the most your plan will pay for **eligible dental services** per **Calendar Year** and lifetime incurred by you or your covered dependent after any applicable **deductible** and **coinsurance**. You are responsible for any amounts above the **maximum**.

**Important note:**
See the schedule of benefits for any **deductibles**, **coinsurance**, maximum and maximum age, visit limits, and other limitations that may apply.
When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures

In the previous section, we explained how you and we share responsibility for paying for your eligible dental services.

When a claim comes in, we review it, make a decision and tell you how you and we will split the expense. We also explain what you can do if you think we got it wrong.

Claim procedures

You or your dental provider are required to send us a claim in writing. You can request a claim form from us. We will review that claim for payment to the provider or to you as appropriate.

The table below explains the claim procedures as follows:

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| Submit a claim                              | • You should notify and request a claim form from us within 20 days of the loss or as soon as reasonably possible  
• We will send you a claim form within 15 days. The claim form will provide instructions on how to complete and where to send the form(s) | • You must send us notice and proof within 90 days  
• If you are unable to complete a claim form, you may send us:  
  – A description of services  
  – Bill of charges  
  – Any dental documentation you received from your dental provider |
| Proof of claim                               | • A completed claim form and any additional information required by us       | • You must send us the proof of loss within 90 days of the loss or as soon as reasonably possible (but in no event later than 1 year except in the absence of legal capacity). |
| Benefit payment                              | • Written proof must be provided for all benefits  
• If any portion of a claim is contested by us, the uncontested portion of the claim will be paid promptly after the receipt of proof of loss. | • Benefits will be paid as soon as the necessary proof to support the claim is received |

If, through no fault of your own, you are not able to meet the deadline for filing a claim, your claim will still be accepted if it is filed as soon as possible. Unless you are legally incapacitated, late claims will not be covered if they are filed more than 24 months after the deadline.
Communicating our claim decisions
The amount of time that we have to tell you about our decision on a claim is shown below.

Post-service claim
A post service claim is a claim that involves dental care services you have already received.

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Adverse benefit determinations
We pay many claims at the recognized charge with a provider, except for your share of the costs. But sometimes we pay only some of the claim. And sometimes we don’t pay at all. Any time we don’t pay even part of the claim that is an “adverse benefit determination” or “adverse decision”. It is also an “adverse benefit determination” if we rescind your coverage entirely.

Rescission means you lose coverage going forward and going backward. If we paid claims for your past coverage, we will want the money back.

If we make an adverse benefit determination, we will tell you in writing.

The difference between a complaint and an appeal
A complaint
You may not be happy about a dental provider or an operational issue, and you may want to complain. You can call or write Member Services. Your complaint should include a description of the issue. You should include copies of any records or documents that you think are important. We will review the information and provide you with a written response within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint. We will let you know if we need more information to make a decision.

An appeal
You can ask us to review an adverse benefit determination. This is called an appeal. You can appeal to us verbally or in writing.
**Appeals of adverse benefit determinations**

You can appeal our adverse benefit determination. We will assign your appeal to someone who was not involved in making the original decision. You must file an appeal within 180 calendar days from the time you receive the notice of an adverse benefit determination.

You can appeal by sending a written appeal to the address on the notice of adverse benefit determination. Or you can call Member Services at 1-877-238-6200. You need to include:

- Your name
- The policyholder’s name
- A copy of the adverse benefit determination
- Your reasons for making the appeal
- Any other information you would like us to consider

Another person may submit an appeal for you, including a **provider**. That person is called an authorized representative. You need to tell us if you choose to have someone else appeal for you (even if it is your **provider**). You should fill out an authorized representative form telling us that you are allowing someone to appeal for you. You can get this form by contacting us. You can use an authorized representative at any level of appeal.

You can appeal two times under this plan. If you appeal a second time you must present your appeal within 60 calendar days from the date you receive the notice of the first appeal decision.

**Timeframes for deciding appeals**

The amount of time that we have to tell you about our decision on an appeal claim depends on the type of claim. The chart below shows a timetable view of the different types of claims and how much time we have to tell you about our decision.

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**Exhaustion of appeals process**

In most situations you must complete the one level of appeal with us before you can take these other actions:

- Contact the Delaware Department of Insurance to request an investigation of a complaint or appeal.
- File a complaint or appeal with the Delaware Department of Insurance.
- Appeal through an external review process.
- Pursue arbitration, litigation or other type of administrative proceeding.
**External review**

External review is a review done by people in an organization outside of Aetna. This is called an external review organization (ERO). Sometimes, this is called an independent review organization (IRO).

You have a right to external review only if:
- Our claim decision involved medical judgment.
- We decided the service or supply is not **medically necessary** or not appropriate.
- We decided the service or supply is **experimental or investigational**.
- You have received an adverse determination.

If our claim decision is one for which you can seek external review, we will say that in the notice of adverse benefit determination or final adverse benefit determination we send you. That notice also will describe the external review process. It will include a copy of the Request for External Review form at the final adverse determination level.

You must submit the Request for External Review form:
- To Aetna
- Within 120 calendar days of the date you received the decision from us
- And you must include a copy of the notice from us and all other important information that supports your request

You will pay for any information that you send and want reviewed by the ERO. We will pay for information we send to the ERO plus the cost of the review.

The state will contact the ERO that will conduct the review of your claim.

The ERO will:
- Assign the appeal to one or more independent clinical reviewers that have the proper expertise to do the review
- Consider appropriate credible information that you sent
- Follow our contractual documents and your plan of benefits
- Send notification of the decision within 45 calendar days of the date we receive your request form and all the necessary information

We will stand by the decision that the ERO makes, unless we can show conflict of interest, bias or fraud.

**How long will it take to get an ERO decision?**

We will tell you of the ERO decision not more than 45 calendar days after we receive your Notice of External Review Form with all the information you need to send in.

**Recordkeeping**

We will keep the records of all complaints and appeals for at least 10 years.

**Fees and expenses**

We do not pay any fees or expenses incurred by you when you submit a complaint or appeal.
Coordination of benefits

Some people have dental coverage under more than one plan. If you do, we will work together with your other plan(s) to decide how much each plan pays. This is called coordination of benefits (COB).

Key terms
Here are some key terms we use in this section. These terms will help you understand this COB section.

Allowable expense means:
- A dental care expense that any of your dental plans cover to any degree. If the dental care service is not covered by any of the plans, it is not an allowable expense. For example, cosmetic surgery generally is not an allowable expense under this plan.

In this section we talk about other “plans” which are those plans where you may have other coverage for dental care expenses, such as:
- Group or non-group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policies issued by insurers, HMOs, or health care service contractors
- Labor-management trustee plans, labor organization plans, employer organization plans, or employee benefit organization plans
- An automobile insurance policy
- Medicare or other governmental benefits
- Any contract that you can obtain or maintain only because of membership in or connection with a particular organization or group

Here’s how COB works
- The primary plan pays first. When this is the primary plan, we will pay your claims first as if the other plan does not exist.
- The secondary plan pays after the primary plan. When this is the secondary plan, we will pay benefits after the primary plan and will reduce the payment based on any amount the primary plan paid.
- We will never pay an amount that, when combined with payments from your other coverage, add up to more than 100% of the allowable expenses.

Determining who pays
Reading from top to bottom the first rule that applies will determine which plan is primary and which is secondary.

A plan that does not contain a COB provision is always the primary plan.
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<th>If you are:</th>
<th>Primary plan</th>
<th>Secondary plan</th>
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| Covered under the plan as an employee, retired employee or dependent | The plan covering you as an employee or retired employee | The plan covering you as a dependent  
You cannot be covered as an employee and dependent |

**COB rules for dependent children**

| Child of: | The “birthday rule” applies | The plan of the parent born later in the year (month and day only)*  
*Same birthdays--the plan that has covered a parent longer is primary |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • Parents who are married or living together | The plan of the parent whose birthday* (month and day only) falls earlier in the Calendar Year  
*Same birthdays--the plan that has covered a parent longer is primary |
| • Parents separated or divorced or not living together | The plan of the parent whom the court said is responsible for dental coverage  
But if that parent has no coverage then the other spouse’s plan |
| • With court-order | The plan of the other parent  
But if that parent has no coverage, then his/her spouse’s plan is primary |

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<th>Child of:</th>
<th>Primary and secondary coverage is based on the birthday rule</th>
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<td>• Parents separated or divorced or not living together – court-order states both parents are responsible for coverage or have joint custody</td>
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| Child of: | The order of benefit payments is:  
• The plan of the custodial parent pays first  
• The plan of the spouse of the custodial parent (if any) pays second  
• The plan of the noncustodial parents pays next  
• The plan of the spouse of the noncustodial parent (if any) pays last |
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<td>• Parents separated or divorced or not living together and there is no court-order</td>
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| • Child covered by: | Treat the person the same as a parent when making the order of benefits determination:  
See Child of content above |
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<td>Individual who is not a parent (i.e. stepparent or grandparent)</td>
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| Active or inactive employee | The plan covering you as an active employee (or as a dependent of an active employee) is primary to a plan covering you as a laid off or retired employee (or as a dependent of a former employee) | A plan that covers the person as a laid off or retired employee (or as a dependent of a former employee) is secondary to a plan that covers the person as an active employee (or as a dependent of an active employee) |
### How are benefits paid?

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<td>Primary plan</td>
<td>The primary plan pays your claims as if there is no other dental plan involved</td>
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<td>Secondary plan</td>
<td>The secondary plan calculates payment as if the primary plan did not exist, and then applies that amount to any allowable expenses under the secondary plan that were not covered by the primary plan. The secondary plan will reduce payments so the total payments do not exceed 100% of the total allowable expense</td>
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### Other dental coverage updates – contact information

You should contact us if you have any changes to your other coverage. We want to be sure our records are accurate so your claims are processed correctly. See the How to contact us for help section for details.

### Right to receive and release needed information

We have the right to release or obtain any information we need for COB purposes. That includes information we need to recover any payments from your other dental plans.

### Right to pay another carrier

Sometimes another plan pays something we would have paid under your plan. When that happens, we will pay your plan benefit to the other plan.

### Right of recovery

If we pay more than we should have under the COB rules, we may recover the excess from:

- Any person we paid or for whom we paid
- Any other plan that is responsible under these COB rules.
When coverage ends

Coverage can end for a number of reasons. This section tells you how and why coverage ends.

When will your coverage end?

Coverage under this plan will end if:

- This plan is discontinued
- You voluntarily stop your coverage
- The group policy ends
- You are no longer eligible for coverage
- Your employment ends
- You do not pay any required premium payment
- We end your coverage
- You become covered under another dental plan offered by your policyholder

Your coverage will end on either the date your employment ends, or the day before the first premium contribution due date that occurs after you stop active work.
### When coverage may continue under the plan

Your coverage under this plan will continue if:

| Your employment ends because of **illness**, injury, sabbatical or other authorized leave as agreed to by the policyholder and us. | If **premium** payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:
- Your coverage may continue, until stopped by the policyholder, but not beyond 30 months from the start of your absence. |

| Your employment ends because of a temporary lay-off, temporary leave of absence, sabbatical, or other authorized leave as agreed to by the policyholder and us. | If **premium** payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:
- Your coverage will stop on the date that your employment ends. |

| Your employment ends because:
- Your job has been eliminated
- You have been placed on severance, or
- This plan allows former employees to continue their coverage. | You may be able to continue coverage. See the *Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends* section. |

| Your employment ends because of a paid or unpaid medical leave of absence | If **premium** payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:
- Your coverage may continue until stopped by the policyholder but not beyond 30 months from the start of the absence. |

| Your employment ends because of a leave of absence that is not a medical leave of absence | If **premium** payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:
- Your coverage may continue until stopped by the policyholder but not beyond 1 month from the start of the absence. |

| Your employment ends because of a military leave of absence. | If **premium** payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:
- Your coverage may continue until stopped by the policyholder but not beyond 24 months from the start of the absence. |

*It is your policyholder’s responsibility to let us know when your employment ends. The limits above may be extended only if we and the policyholder agree in writing to extend them.*
When will coverage end for any dependents?

Coverage for your dependent will end if:

- Your dependent is no longer eligible for coverage
- The group policy ends
- You do not make the required premium contribution toward the cost of dependents’ coverage
- Your coverage ends for any of the reasons listed above

In addition, coverage for your domestic partner or civil union partner will end on the earlier of:

- The date this plan no longer allows coverage for domestic partners or civil unions
- The date the domestic partnership or civil union ends. For domestic partnerships, you should provide the policyholder a completed and signed Declaration of Termination of Domestic Partnership.

Your dependents' coverage will end on the earlier of the date the group policy terminates or as defined by the policyholder.

What happens to your insured dependents if you die?

Coverage for dependents may continue for some time after your death. See the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section for more information.

Why would we end you and your dependent’s coverage?

We will give you 30 days advance written notice before we end your coverage because you commit fraud or intentionally misrepresent yourself when you applied for or obtained coverage. You can refer to the General provisions – other things you should know section for more information on rescissions.

On the date your coverage ends, we will refund to the policyholder any prepayments for periods after the date your coverage ended.
Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends

This section explains options you may have after your coverage ends under this plan. Your individual situation will determine what options you will have.

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) Rights

What are your COBRA rights?
COBRA gives some people the right to keep their dental coverage for 18, 29 or 36 months after a “qualifying event”. COBRA usually applies to policyholders of group sizes of 20 or more.

Here are the qualifying events that trigger COBRA continuation, who is eligible for continuation and how long coverage can be continued.

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<th>Covered persons eligible for continued coverage</th>
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<td>Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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<td>Your working hours are reduced</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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<td>You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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<tr>
<td>Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependent under the plan</td>
<td>Your dependent children</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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<tr>
<td>You die</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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<td>You are a retiree eligible for retiree dental coverage and your former policyholder files for bankruptcy</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
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When do I receive COBRA information?
The chart below lists who is responsible for giving the notice, the type of notice they are required to give and the timing.

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<td>Notify you and your dependents of COBRA rights</td>
<td>Within 90 days after active employee coverage begins</td>
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<td>Notice of qualifying event – policyholder</td>
<td>• Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct</td>
<td>Within 30 days of the qualifying event or the loss of coverage, whichever occurs later</td>
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<td>Election notice – policyholder or Aetna</td>
<td>Notify you and your dependents of COBRA rights</td>
<td>Within 14 days after notice of the qualifying event</td>
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<td>Notice of unavailability of COBRA – policyholder or Aetna</td>
<td>Notify you and your dependents if you are not entitled to COBRA coverage.</td>
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<td>Termination notice – policyholder or Aetna</td>
<td>Notify you and your dependents when COBRA coverage ends before the end of the maximum coverage period</td>
<td>As soon as practical following the decision that continuation coverage will end</td>
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### You/your dependents notification requirements

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<td>• Respond within the 60 days</td>
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<td>• And send back your application</td>
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### How can you extend the length of your COBRA coverage?

The chart below shows qualifying events after the start of COBRA (second qualifying events):

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<td>Disabled within the first 60 days of COBRA coverage (as determined by the Social Security Administration)</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>29 months (18 months plus an additional 11 months)</td>
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- You die
- You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage
- Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependent under the plan

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<td>Up to 36 months</td>
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How do you enroll in COBRA?
You enroll by sending in an application and paying the premium. Your policyholder has 30 days to send you a COBRA election notice. It will tell you how to enroll and how much it will cost. You can take 60 days from the qualifying event to decide if you want to enroll. You need to send your application and pay the premium. If this is completed on time, you have enrolled in COBRA.

When is your first premium payment due?
Your first premium payment must be made within 45 days after the date of the COBRA election.

How much will COBRA coverage cost?
For most COBRA qualifying events you and your dependents will pay 102% of the total plan costs. This additional 2% covers administrative fees. If you apply for COBRA because of a disability, the total due will be 150% of the plan costs.

Can you add a dependent to your COBRA coverage?
You may add a new dependent during a period of COBRA coverage. They can be added for the rest of the COBRA coverage period if:
- They meet the definition of an eligible dependent.
- You notified the policyholder within 31 days of their eligibility.
- You pay the additional required premiums.

When does COBRA coverage end?
COBRA coverage ends if:
- Coverage has continued for the maximum period.
- The plan ends. If the plan is replaced, you may be continued under the new plan.
- You and your dependents fail to make the necessary payments on time.
- You or a covered dependent become covered under another group dental plan.
- You or your dependents are continuing coverage during the 19th to 29th months of a disability, and the disability ends.

Continuation of coverage for other reasons

What exceptions are there for dental work when coverage ends?
Your dental coverage may end while you or your covered dependent are in the middle of treatment. The plan does not cover dental services that are given after your coverage terminates. There is an exception. The plan will cover the following services if they are ordered while you were covered by the plan, and installed within 30 days after your coverage ends:
- Inlays
- Onlays
- Crowns
- Removable bridges
- Cast or processed restorations
- Dentures
- Fixed partial dentures (bridges)
- Root canals
Ordered means:
- For a denture: The impressions from which the denture will be made were taken
- For a root canal: The pulp chamber was opened
- For any other item: The teeth which will serve as retainers or supports, or the teeth which are being restored:
  - Must have been fully prepared to receive the item
  - Impressions have been taken from which the item will be prepared

**How can you extend dental coverage for your disabled child beyond the plan age limits?**
You have the right to extend dental coverage for your dependent child beyond the plan age limits. If your disabled child:
- Is not able to be self-supporting because of mental or physical disability, and
- Depends mainly (more than 50% of income) on you for support

The right to coverage will continue only as long as a **physician** certifies that your child still is disabled.

We may ask you to send us proof of the disability within 31 days of the date coverage would have ended. Before we extend coverage, we may ask that your child get a physical exam. We will pay for that exam.

We may ask you to send proof that your child is disabled after coverage is extended. We won’t ask for this proof more than once a year. You must send it to us within 31 days of our request. If you don’t, we can terminate coverage for your dependent child.

Your disabled child’s coverage will end:
- On the date the child is no longer disabled and dependent upon you for support or
- As explained in the **When will coverage end for any dependents** section

**How can you extend coverage for a child in college on medical leave?**
You have the right to extend coverage for your dependent college student who takes a **medically necessary** leave of absence from school. The right to coverage will be extended until the earlier of:
- One year after the leave of absence begins, or
- The date coverage would otherwise end

To extend coverage the leave of absence must:
- Begin while the dependent child is suffering from a serious **illness** or **injury**, or
- Cause the dependent child to lose status as a full-time student under the plan
- Be certified by the treating **physician** as **medically necessary** due to a serious **illness** or **injury**

We must receive documentation or certification of the **medical necessity** for a leave of absence:
- At least 30 days prior to the absence, if the medical reason for the absence and the absence are foreseeable, or
- 30 days after the start date of the medical leave of absence from school

The **physician** treating your child will be asked to keep us informed of any changes.
General provisions – other things you should know

Administrative provisions

How you and we will interpret this booklet-certificate
We prepared this booklet-certificate according to ERISA, and according to other federal and state laws that apply. You and we will interpret it according to these laws. Also, you are bound by our interpretation of this booklet-certificate when we administer your coverage, so long as we use reasonable discretion.

How we administer this plan
We apply policies and procedures we’ve developed to administer this plan.

Who’s responsible to you
We are responsible to you for what our employees and other agents do.

We are not responsible for what is done by your providers. They are not our employees or agents.

Coverage and services

Your coverage can change
Your coverage is defined by the group policy. This document may have amendments too. Under certain circumstances, we or the policyholder or the law may change your plan. Only Aetna may waive a requirement of your plan. No other person – including the policyholder or provider – can do this.

If a service cannot be provided to you
Sometimes things happen that are outside of our control. These are things such as natural disasters, epidemics, fire and riots.

We will try hard to get you access to the services you need even if these things happen. But if we can’t, we may refund you or your policyholder any unearned premium.

Financial sanctions exclusions:
If coverage provided under this booklet-certificate violates or will violate any economic or trade sanctions, the coverage will be invalid immediately. For example, we cannot pay for eligible dental services if it violates a financial sanction regulation. This includes sanctions related to a person or a country under sanction by the United States, unless it is allowed under a written license from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). You can find out more by visiting http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Pages/default.aspx.

Legal action
We encourage you to complete the appeal process before you take any legal action against us for any expense or bill. You cannot take any action until 90 days after we receive written submission of claim. See the When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures section.

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

Physical examinations and evaluations
At our expense, we have the right to have a provider of our choice examine you. This will be done at all reasonable times while a claim for benefits is pending or under review.
Records of expenses
You should keep complete records of your expenses. They may be needed for a claim.

Things that would be important to keep are:
- Names of dental providers, dentists and others providers who provide services
- Dates expenses are incurred
- Copies of all bills and receipts

Honest mistakes and intentional deception
Honest mistakes
You or your policyholder may make an honest mistake when you share facts with us. When we learn of the mistake, we may make a fair change in premium contribution or in your coverage. If we do, we will tell you what the mistake was. We won’t make a change if the mistake happened more than 2 years before we learned of it.

Intentional deception
If we learn that you defrauded us or you intentionally misrepresented material facts, we can take actions that can have serious consequences for your coverage. These serious consequences include, but are not limited to:
- Loss of coverage, starting at some time in the past. This is called rescission.
- Loss of coverage going forward.
- Denial of benefits.
- Recovery of amounts we already paid.

We also may report fraud to criminal authorities.

Rescission means you lose coverage both going forward and going backward. If we paid claims for your past coverage, we will want the money back.

You have special rights if we rescind your coverage.
- We will give you 30 days advanced written notice of any rescission of coverage.
- You have the right to an Aetna appeal.
- You have the right to a third party review conducted by an independent external review organization.

Some other money issues
Assignment of benefits
When you see a provider they will usually bill us directly. We may choose to pay you or to pay the provider directly. To the extent allowed by law, we will not accept an assignment to a provider.

Recovery of overpayments
We sometimes pay too much for eligible dental services or pay for something that this plan doesn’t cover. If we do, we can require the person we paid – you or your provider – to return what we paid. If we don’t do that we have the right to reduce any future benefit payments by the amount we paid by mistake.

Premium contribution
This plan requires the policyholder to make premium contribution payments. If payments are made through a payroll deduction with the policyholder, the policyholder will forward your payment to us. We will not pay benefits under this booklet-certificate if premium contributions are not made. Any benefit payment denial is subject to our appeals procedure. See the When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures section.
**Payment of premiums**
The first premium payment for this policy is due on or before your effective date of coverage. Your next premium payment will be due the 1st of each month ("premium due date"). Each premium payment is to be paid to us on or before the premium due date.

**Your dental information**
We will protect your dental information. We will use it and share it with others to help us process your providers’ claims and manage your plan.

You can get a free copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices. Just call Member Services at 1-877-238-6200. When you accept coverage under this plan, you agree to let your providers share your information with us. We will need information about your physical and mental condition and care.

**Effect of benefits under other plans**

**Effect of a Health Maintenance Organization plan (an HMO plan) on coverage**
If you are eligible and have chosen dental coverage under an HMO plan offered by the policyholder, you will be excluded from dental coverage under this plan on the date of your coverage under the HMO plan.

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<th>Change of coverage:</th>
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<td>Live in an HMO plan enrollment area</td>
<td>During an open enrollment period</td>
<td>Group policy anniversary date after the open enrollment period</td>
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<td>Live in an HMO plan enrollment area</td>
<td>Not during an open enrollment period</td>
<td>Only if and when we give our written consent</td>
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<td>Move from an HMO plan enrollment area or the HMO discontinues</td>
<td>Within 31 days</td>
<td>On the date you elect such coverage</td>
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<td>After 31 days</td>
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No benefits will be paid for any charges for services rendered or supplies received under an HMO plan.

**Effect of prior coverage - transferred business**
Prior coverage means:
- Any plan of group coverage that has been replaced by coverage under part or all of this plan.
- The plan must have been sponsored by the policyholder (e.g., transferred business).
- If you are eligible, the replacement can be complete, or in part for your eligible class. Any such plan is prior coverage if provided by another group contract or any benefit section of this plan.

If your coverage under any part of this plan replaces any prior coverage any benefits provided under such prior coverage may reduce benefits payable under this plan. See the General coverage provisions section of the schedule of benefits.

Dental coverage under this plan will continue uninterrupted for your dependent college student who takes a medically necessary leave of absence from school. See the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends – How can you extend dental coverage for a child in college on medical leave? section.
Glossary

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

Calendar year
A period of 12 month beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

Calendar year maximum
This is the most this plan will pay for eligible dental services incurred by you during the calendar year.

Coinsurance
The specific percentage we have to pay for eligible dental services.

Cosmetic
Services, drugs or supplies that are primarily intended to alter, improve or enhance your appearance.

Covered benefits
Eligible dental services that meet the requirements for coverage under the terms of this plan.

Deductible
The amount you pay for eligible dental services per calendar year before your plan starts to pay.

Dental provider
Any individual legally qualified to provide dental services or supplies.

Dentist
A legally qualified dentist licensed to do the dental work he or she performs.

Effective date of coverage
The date you and your dependent’s coverage begins under this booklet-certificate as noted in our records.

Eligible dental services
The dental care services and supplies listed in the schedule of benefits and not listed or limited in the What rules and limits apply to dental care and Exceptions sections of this plan.
Experimental or investigational
A drug, device, procedure, or treatment that we find is experimental or investigational because:
- There is not enough outcome data available from controlled clinical trials published in the peer-reviewed literature to validate its safety and effectiveness for the illness or injury involved.
- The needed approval by the FDA has not been given for marketing.
- A national medical or dental society or regulatory agency has stated in writing that it is experimental or investigational or suitable mainly for research purposes.
- It is the subject of a Phase I, Phase II or the experimental or research arm of a Phase III clinical trial. These terms have the meanings given by regulations and other official actions and publications of the FDA and Department of Health and Human Services.
- Written protocols or a written consent form used by a facility provider state that it is experimental or investigational.
- It is provided or performed in a special setting for research purposes.

Group policy
The group policy consists of several documents taken together. These documents are:
- The group application
- The group policy
- The booklet-certificate(s)
- The schedule of benefits
- Any amendments to the group policy, the booklet-certificate, and the schedule of benefits

Health professional
A person who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by law to provide dental care services to the public. For example, providers and dental assistants.

Illness
Poor health resulting from disease of the teeth or gums.

Injury or injuries
Physical damage done to the teeth or gums.

Lifetime maximum
This is the most this plan will pay for eligible dental services incurred by a covered person during their lifetime.

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

Dental care services that we determine a **provider** using sensible clinical judgment would provide to a patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an **illness**, **injury**, disease or its symptoms, and that we determine are:

- In accordance with generally accepted standards of dental practice
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient’s **illness**, **injury** or disease
- Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, **dentist**, or other health care **provider**
- Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce the same benefit or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient’s **illness**, **injury** or disease

Generally accepted standards of dental practice means standards based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed dental literature and is:

- Generally recognized by the relevant dental community
- Consistent with the standards set forth in policy issues involving clinical judgment
Orthodontic treatment
This is any:
- Medical service or supply
- Dental service or supply

furnished to prevent or to diagnose or to correct a misalignment:
- Of the teeth
- Of the bite
- Of the jaws or jaw joint relationship

whether or not for the purpose of relieving pain.

The following are not considered orthodontic treatment:
- The installation of a space maintainer
- A surgical procedure to correct malocclusion

Orthodontic treatment lifetime maximum
The most the plan will pay for eligible dental services for orthodontic treatment that you incur during your lifetime is called the orthodontic treatment lifetime maximum.

Physician
A skilled health care professional trained and licensed to practice medicine under the laws of the state where they practice; specifically, doctors of medicine or osteopathy.

Premium
The amount you or the policyholder are required to pay to Aetna to continue coverage.

Provider
A dentist, or other entity or person licensed, or certified under applicable state and federal law to provide dental care services to you.

Recognized charge
Your plan’s recognized charge applies to eligible dental services. In all cases, the recognized charge is based on the geographic area where you receive the service or supply.

Except as otherwise specified below, the recognized charge for each service or supply is the lesser of what the provider bills and 80% of the prevailing charge rate

The recognized charge for providers in the dental savings program is the lesser of what the provider bills and the charge for providers with whom we have a contract through any third party that is not an affiliate of Aetna.

Your cost sharing applies when you get care from dental savings program providers.
Special terms used:

Geographic area
The geographic area made up of the first three digits of the U.S. Postal Service zip codes. If we determine we need more data for a particular service or supply, we may base rates on a wider geographic area such as an entire state.

Prevailing charge rate:
The 80th percentile value reported in a database prepared by FAIR Health, a nonprofit company. FAIR Health changes these rates periodically. We update our systems with these changes within 180 days after receiving them from FAIR Health. If the FAIR Health database becomes unavailable, we have the right to substitute an alternative database that we believe is comparable.

Additional information:
Get the most value out of your benefits. Use the “Estimate the Cost of Care” tool to help decide whether to get care. Aetna’s secure website at www.aetna.com may contain additional information which may help you determine the cost of a service or supply. Log on to access the “Estimate the Cost of Care” feature. Within this feature, view our “Dental Cost of Care” tool.

Temporomandibular joint dysfunction/disorder
This is:
- A temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction/disorder or any similar disorder of the jaw joint
- A myofascial pain dysfunction (MPD) of the jaw
- Any similar disorder in the relationship between the jaw joint and the related muscles and nerves
Discount programs

Discount arrangements
We can offer you discounts on health care related goods or services. Sometimes, other companies provide these discounted goods and services. These companies are called “third party service providers”. These third party service providers may pay us so that they can offer you their services.

Third party service providers are independent contractors. The third party service provider is responsible for the goods or services they deliver. We have the right to change or end the arrangements at any time.

These discount arrangements are not insurance. We don’t pay the third party service providers for the services they offer. You are responsible for paying for the discounted goods or services.

Wellness and other incentives
We may encourage and incent you to access certain dental services, to use online tools that enhance your coverage and services and to continue participation as an Aetna member. You and your provider can talk about these dental services and decide if they are right for you. We may also encourage and incent you to participate in a wellness or health improvement program. Incentives may include but are not limited to:

- Modification to deductible or coinsurance amounts
- Premium discounts or rebates
- Contributions to a health savings account
- Fitness center membership reimbursement
- Merchandise
- Coupons
- Gift cards
- Debit cards
- Any combination of the above

The award of any such incentive shall not depend upon the result of a wellness or health improvement activity or upon a member's health status.
Aetna Life Insurance Company

Amendment

Amendment effective date: January 1, 2020

Your group policy has been changed. The following describes the changes. These changes are effective on the date shown above.

1. Your group policy has been amended to provide all covered persons covered with coverage outside the United States. All covered benefits in the Eligible dental services section of the schedule of benefits are covered.

Any exclusion or limitation in the booklet-certificate that specifically limits or excludes coverage outside the United States for covered benefits that are covered in the United States is hereby deleted in its entirety.

The amount the plan will pay will be the same we would pay for eligible dental services obtained from providers in the United States for eligible dental services obtained outside the United States.

This Comprehensive Dental Expense Insurance Plan provides coverage for a wide range of dental expenses for the treatment of illness, injury or injuries. It does not provide benefits for all dental care. The plan also provides coverage for certain preventive care and wellness benefits. You can directly access any physician, hospital or other health professional (in the United States or Outside the United States) for eligible dental services under the plan.

You are not required to obtain precertification or an advanced review of your claim for services obtained outside the United States.

2. The following provision has been added to the What the plan pays and what you pay section of your booklet-certificate:

Reimbursement for providers outside of the United States
If, acting reasonably, we determine that any central bank or relevant government or governmental authority imposes an artificial exchange rate (including without limitation an exchange rate which is inconsistent with the free market exchange rate) in relation to a relevant currency for any reason, we may, in our sole discretion, reimburse you for your valid claims pursuant to this agreement for treatment in such country in any manner we may reasonably decide.

In making such determination, we shall seek to ensure that, in keeping with the fundamental basis of any contract of insurance, we indemnify you for your loss (subject to the terms and conditions of your group policy) but do not unjustly enrich you as may have been the case had we applied such artificial exchange rate to pay you in another currency.
In the United States: The manner of reimbursement may consist of payment in:

- The applicable local currency subject to the principle of indemnity we mention above (if feasible, at the sole discretion of Aetna)
- In the currency in which the group policy premium was paid (if you do not have a bank account in such local currency), in an amount equal to the applicable recognized charge

Contacting Aetna

If you have questions, comments or concerns about your benefits or coverage, or if you are required to submit information to us, you can contact us by:

- Calling Aetna Member Services at the toll-free number on your ID card
- Writing us at Aetna Life Insurance Company, Attn: Aetna International, 151 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06156
- Visiting our website at www.aetnainternational.com

All other terms and conditions of the group policy shall remain in full force and effect except as amended herein.

F. A. Lynch

Aetna Life Insurance Company
(A Stock Company)

Issue Date: January 23, 2020
Additional Information Provided by
Adobe Systems Incorporated

The following information is provided to you in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). It is not a part of your booklet-certificate. Your Plan Administrator has determined that this information together with the information contained in your booklet-certificate is the Summary Plan Description required by ERISA.

In furnishing this information, Aetna is acting on behalf of your Plan Administrator who remains responsible for complying with the ERISA reporting rules and regulations on a timely and accurate basis.

Name of Plan:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Employer Identification Number:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Plan Number:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Type of Plan:
Welfare

Type of Administration:
Group Insurance Policy with:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

Plan Administrator:
Adobe Systems Incorporated
Attention: Susan Burke - Mgr, Vendor Partner Office
345 Park Avenue W07-431
San Jose, CA 95110
Telephone Number: (408) 536-4433

Agent For Service of Legal Process:
Adobe Systems Incorporated
Attention: Susan Burke - Mgr, Vendor Partner Office
345 Park Avenue W07-431
San Jose, CA 95110

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

End of Plan Year:
December 31
Source of Contributions:
Employer and Employee

Procedure for Amending the Plan:
The Employer may amend the Plan from time to time by a written instrument signed by the person designated by the Plan Administrator.

ERISA Rights
As a participant in the group insurance plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits
Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator’s office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) that is filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and an updated Summary Plan Description. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan’s annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

Receive a copy of the procedures used by the Plan for determining a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO).

Continue Group Health Plan Coverage
Continue health care coverage for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this summary plan description and the documents governing the Plan for the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries
In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called “fiduciaries” of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in your interest and that of other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

Enforce Your Rights
If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay up to $ 110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.
If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan’s decision or lack thereof concerning the status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in a federal court.

If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan’s money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

**Assistance with Your Questions**
If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.

If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact:

- the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory; or

You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
Confidentiality Notice

Aetna considers personal information to be confidential and has policies and procedures in place to protect it against unlawful use and disclosure. By "personal information," we mean information that relates to a member's physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to the member, or payment for the provision of health care or disability or life benefits to the member. Personal information does not include publicly available information or information that is available or reported in a summarized or aggregate fashion but does not identify the member.

When necessary or appropriate for your care or treatment, the operation of our health, disability or life insurance plans, or other related activities, we use personal information internally, share it with our affiliates, and disclose it to health care providers (doctors, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and other caregivers), payors (health care provider organizations, employers who sponsor self-funded health plans or who share responsibility for the payment of benefits, and others who may be financially responsible for payment for the services or benefits you receive under your plan), other insurers, third party administrators, vendors, consultants, government authorities, and their respective agents. These parties are required to keep personal information confidential as provided by applicable law. In our health plans, participating network providers are also required to give you access to your medical records within a reasonable amount of time after you make a request.

Some of the ways in which personal information is used include claim payment; utilization review and management; medical necessity reviews; coordination of care and benefits; preventive health, early detection, vocational rehabilitation and disease and case management; quality assessment and improvement activities; auditing and anti-fraud activities; performance measurement and outcomes assessment; health, disability and life claims analysis and reporting; health services, disability and life research; data and information systems management; compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; formulary management; litigation proceedings; transfer of policies or contracts to and from other insurers, HMOs and third party administrators; underwriting activities; and due diligence activities in connection with the purchase or sale of some or all of our business. We consider these activities key for the operation of our health, disability and life plans. To the extent permitted by law, we use and disclose personal information as provided above without member consent. However, we recognize that many members do not want to receive unsolicited marketing materials unrelated to their health, disability and life benefits. We do not disclose personal information for these marketing purposes unless the member consents. We also have policies addressing circumstances in which members are unable to give consent.

To obtain a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, which describes in greater detail our practices concerning use and disclosure of personal information, please call the toll-free Member Services number on your ID card or visit our Internet site at www.aetna.com.
Continuation of Coverage During an Approved Leave of Absence Granted to Comply With Federal Law

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

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

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

If Health Expense Benefits has reduction rules applicable by reason of age or retirement, Health Expense Benefits will be subject to such rules while you are on FMLA leave.

Coverage will not be continued beyond the first to occur of:

- The date you are required to make any contribution and you fail to do so.
- The date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated.
- The date the coverage involved discontinues as to your eligible class. However, coverage for health expenses may be available to you under another plan sponsored by your Employer.

Any coverage being continued for a dependent will not be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate.

If Health Expense Benefits terminate because your approved FMLA leave is deemed terminated by your Employer, you may, on the date of such termination, be eligible for Continuation Under Federal Law on the same terms as though your employment terminated, other than for gross misconduct, on such date. If the group contract provides any other continuation of coverage (for example, upon termination of employment, death, divorce or ceasing to be a defined dependent), you (or your eligible dependents) may be eligible for such continuation on the date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated or the date of the event for which the continuation is available.

If you acquire a new dependent while your coverage is continued during an approved FMLA leave, the dependent will be eligible for the continued coverage on the same terms as would be applicable if you were actively at work, not on an approved FMLA leave.

If you return to work for your Employer following the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, your coverage under the group contract will be in force as though you had continued in active employment rather than going on an approved FMLA leave provided you make request for such coverage within 31 days of the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave to be terminated. If you do not make such request within 31 days, coverage will again be effective under the group contract only if and when Aetna gives its written consent.

If any coverage being continued terminates because your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, any Conversion Privilege will be available on the same terms as though your employment had terminated on the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated.
Your Aetna International health and wellness programs

Being away from home often means being away from your friends and family support network. As your 24/7 partner in health, we help make sure you have the support you need to thrive. Whether it’s our In Touch Care program to manage chronic conditions or our Employee Assistance Program to help balance your work and personal needs, we’re here for you with the all the tools, resources and programs you need – no matter where you are in the world.
24-Hour Nurse Line

Our 24-Hour Nurse Line gives members ready access to registered nurses who can answer their questions on a variety of health topics. The nurses give members the information they need and help them make smarter health care decisions. They can also help improve members’ relationships with their doctors, and:

- Empower members with health information to help them use health care services appropriately
- Encourage members to give a clear medical history and ask relevant questions
- Promote healthy lifestyle habits
- Provide members with health information to help them improve and better manage chronic conditions

Nurse Access

Nurses are available through a toll-free telephone number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We offer foreign language translation for our non-English speaking members.

Our nurses also have access to the Healthwise® Knowledgebase video library and can relay video links to callers upon request or to provide further education/support of the health topic they discussed. It is a user-friendly decision-support tool that promotes informed health decision-making and helps members learn about their treatment options.

NOTE: Neither Aetna International® nor 24-Hour Nurse Line is a healthcare provider and neither shall be responsible for the availability, quantity, quality, or result of any medical treatment a member may receive, or for a member’s failure to pursue or obtain medical treatment.
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Life is full of challenges. Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) helps you balance the demands of work, life and personal issues. Whether it’s finding balance between work and life, dealing with the loss of a loved one, managing anxiety or depression, or parenting advice, EAP offers you free, confidential support delivered by qualified counselors.

- Up to five free counselling sessions per concern, per year
- Multilingual, 24/7, worldwide support
- Telephone support from behavioral health experts
- Referral to legal and financial resources

Easy access
To reach out for EAP assistance, call our Member Service Center using the phone number located on the back of your Member ID card.

When outside the United States, you can access your international EAP through the iConnectYou app on your portable device or mobile phone. The app gives you secure, confidential access to clinical counselors and work-life experts by phone, instant message, text (SMS) or video chat.

NOTE: Aetna does not render health care services and/or treatments and, therefore, cannot guarantee any results or outcomes. All participating providers are independent contractors and are neither agents nor employees of Aetna. The availability of any provider cannot be guaranteed, and the provider network composition is subject to change.
Global Crisis Management Program, powered by WorldAware

We’re more than just health insurance. We help protect our members by providing security advice and assistance to keep them safe from political unrest and natural disasters. To do this, we partner with global crisis management experts WorldAware to make sure members have help — should their safety ever be threatened.

Our Global Crisis Management Program offers valuable resources and support such as:

- 24/7 access to personalized safety advice from multilingual representatives
- Reliable information on more than 285 countries and more than 160 cities
- Travel safety briefings and security alerts tailored to your trip or assignment
- Email and text alerts providing up-to-the minute information on civil unrest, natural hazards and travel disruptions
- On-the-ground support for emergency travel and situations affecting personal safety, loss of belongings or theft of documents
- Specialized evacuation services to get away from threatening situations

To register, go to https://my.worldaware.com/aetnaus and enter the letters “US” followed by your Aetna policy number (i.e., US123456), then create your log in user name and password. Or if you prefer, you can call WorldAware’s crisis management experts at +1-646-513-4232 to sign up.
BENEFIT PLAN

Prepared Exclusively For Adobe Systems Incorporated

Basic Vision Plan

Aetna Life Insurance Company
Booklet-Certificate

What Your Plan Covers and How Benefits are Paid

This Booklet-Certificate is part of the Group Insurance Policy between Aetna Life Insurance Company and the Policyholder
Vision Plan

Booklet-Certificate

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Underwritten by Aetna Life Insurance Company in the state of Delaware
Welcome

Thank you for choosing Aetna.

This is your booklet-certificate. It is one of three documents that together describe the benefits covered by your Aetna plan.

This booklet-certificate will tell you about your covered benefits – what they are and how you get them. If you become covered, this booklet-certificate becomes your certificate of coverage under the group policy, and it replaces all certificates describing similar coverage that we sent to you before. The second document is the schedule of benefits. It tells you how we share expenses for eligible vision services and tells you about limits – like when your plan covers only a certain number of visits.

The third document is the group policy between Aetna Life Insurance Company (Aetna) and your policyholder. Ask the policyholder if you have any questions about the group policy.

Sometimes, these documents have amendments, inserts or riders which we will send you. These change or add to the documents they’re part of. When you receive these, they are considered part of your Aetna plan for coverage.

Where to next? Try the Let’s get started! section. Let’s get started! gives you a summary of how your plan works. The more you understand, the more you can get out of your plan.

Welcome to your Aetna plan.
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Schedule of benefits Issued with your booklet-certificate
Let’s get started!

Here are some basics. First things first – some notes on how we use words. Then we explain how your plan works so you can get the most out of your coverage. But for all the details – and this is very important – you need to read this entire booklet-certificate and the schedule of benefits. And if you need help or more information, we tell you how to reach us.

Some notes on how we use words

- When we say “you” and “your”, we mean both you and any covered dependents.
- When we say “us”, “we”, and “our”, we mean Aetna.
- Some words appear in bold type. We define them in the Glossary section.

Sometimes we use technical vision language that is familiar to vision providers.

What your plan does – providing covered benefits

Your plan provides covered benefits. These are eligible vision services. Your plan has an obligation to pay for eligible vision services.

How your plan works – starting and stopping coverage

Your coverage under the plan has a start and an end. You start coverage after you complete the eligibility and enrollment process. To learn more see the Who the plan covers section.

Your coverage typically ends when you leave your job. Family members can lose coverage for many reasons, such as growing up and leaving home. To learn more see the When coverage ends section.

Ending coverage under the plan doesn’t necessarily mean you lose coverage with us. See the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section.
How your plan works while you are covered

Your plan provides **covered benefits**. These are **eligible vision services**. Your plan has an obligation to pay for **eligible vision services**.

1. **Eligible vision services**
   So what are **eligible vision services**? They are vision care services that meet these three requirements:
   - They appear in the **Eligible vision services under your plan** section.
   - They are not listed in the **What your plan doesn’t cover – eligible vision service exclusions** section.
   - They are not beyond any limits in the schedule of benefits.

2. **Providers**
   You may choose any **vision provider** for the care you need.

   For more information about the role of your **vision provider**, see the **Who provides the care** section.

3. **Paying for eligible vision services—sharing the expense**
   Generally your plan and you will share the expense of your **eligible vision services** when you meet the general requirements for paying.

   But sometimes your plan will pay the entire expense; and sometimes you will. For more information see the **What the plan pays and what you pay** section and see the schedule of benefits.

How to contact us for help

We are here to answer your questions. You can contact us by:

- Logging onto your secure member website at [www.aetnainternational.com](http://www.aetnainternational.com).
- Register for our secure Internet access to reliable vision information, tools and resources

Online tools will make it easier for you to make informed decisions about your vision care, view claims, research care and treatment options, and access information.

You can also contact us by:

- Calling Aetna Member Services
- Writing us at **Aetna Life Insurance Company**, 151 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06156
Who the plan covers

You will find information in this section about:
- Who is eligible
- When you can join the plan
- Who can be on your plan (who can be your dependent)
- Adding new dependents
- Special times you and your dependents can join the plan

Who is eligible

Your policyholder decides and tells us who is eligible for vision care coverage.

When you can join the plan

As an employee you can enroll yourself and your dependents:
- At any time
- Once each Calendar Year during the annual enrollment period
- At other special times during the year (see the Special times you and your dependents can join the plan section below)

If you do not enroll yourself and your dependents when you first qualify for vision benefits, you may have to wait until the next annual enrollment period to join.

Who can be on your plan (who can be your dependent)

You can enroll the following family members:
- Your legal spouse
- Your domestic partner who meets any policyholder rules and requirements under state law
- Your dependent children – yours or your spouse’s or partner’s
  - Dependent children must be:
    - Under 26 years of age
  - Dependent children include:
    - Natural children
    - Stepchildren
    - Adopted children including those placed with you for adoption
    - Foster children
    - Children you are responsible for under a qualified medical support order or court-order
    - Grandchildren in your legal custody

Important note:

You may continue coverage for a disabled child past the age limit shown above. See the Continuation of coverage for other reasons in the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section for more information.

You can’t have coverage as an employee and a dependent and you can’t be covered as a dependent of more than one employee on the plan.
Adding new dependents

You can add the following new dependents any time during the year:

- **A spouse** - If you marry, you can put your spouse on your plan.
  - We must receive your completed enrollment information not more than 31 days after the date of your marriage.
  - Ask your **policyholder** when benefits for your spouse will begin:
    - If we receive your completed enrollment information by the 15th of the month, coverage will be effective no later than the first day of the following month
    - If we received your completed enrollment information between the 16th and the last day of the month, coverage will be effective no later than the first day of the second month

- **A domestic partner** - If you enter a domestic partnership, you can enroll your domestic partner on your plan. See **Who can be on your plan (Who can be a dependent)** section for more information.
  - We must receive your completed enrollment information not more than 31 days after the date you file a Declaration of Domestic Partnership, or not later than 31 days after you provide documentation required by your **policyholder**.
  - Ask your **policyholder** when benefits for your domestic partner will begin. It will be on the date your Declaration of Domestic Partnership is filed or the first day of the month following the qualifying event date.

- **A newborn child or grandchild** - Your newborn child or grandchild is covered on your vision plan for the first 31 days after birth.
  - To keep your newborn covered, we must receive your completed enrollment information within 60 days of birth.
  - You must still enroll the child within 60 days of birth even when coverage does not require payment of an additional **premium** contribution for the covered dependent.
  - If you miss this deadline, your newborn will not have vision benefits after the first 31 days.

- **An adopted child** - See **Who can be on your plan (who can be a dependent)** section for more information. An adopted child is covered on your plan for the first 31 days after the adoption is complete or the date the child is placed for adoption. “Placed for adoption” means the assumption and retention of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a child in anticipation of adoption of the child.
  - To keep your adopted child covered, we must receive your completed enrollment information within 60 days after the adoption or the date the child was placed for adoption.
  - If you miss this deadline, your adopted child will not have vision benefits after the first 31 days.

- **A foster child** - A foster child is covered on your plan for the first 31 days after obtaining legal responsibility as a foster parent. A foster child is a child whose care, comfort, education and upbringing is left to persons other than the natural parents.
  - To keep your foster child covered, we must receive your completed enrollment information within 60 days after the date the child is placed with you.
  - If you miss this deadline, your foster child will not have vision benefits after the first 31 days.

- **A step child** - You may put a child of your spouse or domestic partner on your plan.
  - You must complete your enrollment information and send it to us within 31 days after the date of your marriage or Declaration of Domestic Partnership with your stepchild’s parent.
  - Ask your **policyholder** when benefits for your stepchild will begin. It is the date of your marriage, Declaration of Domestic Partnership or the first day of the month following the qualifying event date.
Inform us of any changes
It is important that you notify us of any changes in your benefit status. This will help us effectively deliver your benefits. Please contact us as soon as possible with changes such as:

- Change of address or phone number
- Change in marital status
- Change of covered dependent status
- A covered dependent who enrolls in any other group vision plan

Special times you and your dependents can join the plan
You can enroll in these situations when:

- You have added a dependent because of marriage, birth, adoption or foster care. See the Adding new dependents section for more information.
- You become a citizen, national or lawfully present in the United States.
- You did not enroll in this plan before because:
  - You were covered by another group vision plan, and now that other coverage has ended
  - You had COBRA, and now that coverage has ended
- A court orders you cover a current spouse, domestic partner or a child on your vision plan.

We must receive your completed enrollment information from you within 31 days of the event or the date on which you no longer have the other coverage mentioned above.

Effective date of coverage
Your coverage will be in effect on the first date of the month based on when we receive your completed enrollment application.
Eligible vision services under your plan

Eligible vision services include services provided by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

You may get vision services and supplies from any vision providers. Refer to your schedule of benefits for more information.

You may use vision providers of your choice for eligible vision services and supplies under this plan.

Vision care services and supplies
Eligible vision services and supplies include those prescribed for the first time and those required because of a change in prescription. These include:
- Eyeglass frames, prescription lenses or prescription contact lenses that are identified by a vision provider
- Aphakic lenses prescribed after cataract surgery
- Contact lenses required to correct visual acuity to 20/40 or better in the better eye if such correction cannot be made with conventional lenses

What your plan doesn’t cover – eligible vision service exclusions

We already told you about the many vision care services and supplies that are eligible for coverage under your plan in the Eligible vision services under your plan section. In that section we also told you that some vision care services and supplies have exclusions. For example, cosmetic surgery is never covered. This is an exclusion.

In this section we tell you about the exclusions that apply to your plan.

And just a reminder, you'll find benefit and coverage limitations in the schedule of benefits.

Exclusions
The following are not eligible vision services under your plan except as described in the Eligible vision services under your plan section of this booklet-certificate, or by a rider or amendment included with this certificate:

Cornea transplants
- Cornea (corneal graft with amniotic membrane)

Cosmetic services and plastic surgery
- Any treatment, surgery (cosmetic or plastic), service or supply to alter, improve or enhance the shape or appearance of the body. Whether or not for psychological or emotional reasons.

Court-ordered services and supplies
- Includes those court-ordered services and supplies, or those required as a condition of parole, probation, release or as a result of any legal proceeding
Examinations
Any vision examinations needed:
- During your stay in a hospital or other facility for medical care
- For the purpose of the fitting of contact lenses
- Because a third party requires the exam. Examples are, examinations to get or keep a job, or examinations required under a labor agreement or other contract
- Because a law requires it
- To buy insurance or to get or keep a license
- To travel
- To go to a school, camp, or sporting event, or to join in a sport or other recreational activity

Laser in-situ keratomileusis (LASIK)
- Including related procedures designed to surgically correct refractive errors

Orthoptics (a technique of eye exercises designed to correct the visual axes of eyes not properly coordinated for binocular vision)

Other primary payer
- Payment for a portion of the charge that Medicare or another party is responsible for as the primary payer

Personal care, comfort or convenience items
- Any service or supply primarily for your convenience and personal comfort or that of a third party

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

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

Vision care services and supplies
- Orthoptic or vision training, subnormal vision aids, and any associated supplemental testing
- Aniseikonic lenses
- Medical and/or surgical treatment of the eye, eyes, or supporting structures
- Any vision examination, or any corrective eyewear required by a policyholder as a condition of employment, and safety eyewear
- Services provided as a result of any workers’ compensation law, or similar legislation, or required by any governmental agency or program whether federal, state or subdivisions thereof
- Plano (non-prescription) lenses
- Non-prescription sunglasses
- Services rendered after the date a member ceases to be covered under the policy, except when vision materials ordered before coverage ended are delivered, and the services rendered to the insured member are within 31 days from the date of such order
- Services or materials provided by any other group benefit plan providing vision care
Who provides the care

Just as the starting point for coverage under your plan is whether the services and supplies are eligible vision services. This section tells you about vision providers.

Vision providers
When you need vision supplies, you can go to any vision provider to provide eligible vision services and supplies to you.

You may have to pay for services at the time that they are provided. You may be required to pay the full charges and submit a claim for reimbursement to us. You are responsible for completing and submitting claim forms for reimbursement of eligible vision services that you paid directly to a vision provider.

We will tell you what we have paid for eligible vision services and supplies. It will tell you if you owe any amounts or if any services or supplies are not covered. You can receive this from us by e-mail or through the mail.

What the plan pays and what you pay

Who pays for your eligible vision services – this plan, both of us, or just you? That depends. This section gives the general rule and explains your vision supply maximums listed in your schedule of benefits.

We also remind you that sometimes you will be responsible for paying the entire bill – for example, if you get care that is not an eligible vision service.

Special financial responsibility
You are responsible for the entire expense of cancelled or missed appointments.

Neither you nor we are responsible for:

- Charges for which you have no legal obligation to pay
- Charges that would not be made if you did not have coverage
- Charges, expenses, or costs in excess of any maximum

Where your schedule of benefits fits in

How your vision supply maximum works
The maximum is the most your plan will pay for eligible vision services incurred by a covered person per 24 consecutive month period. You are responsible for any amounts above the maximum.

Important note:
See the schedule of benefits for maximums that apply.
When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures

In the previous section, we explained how you and we share responsibility for paying for your eligible vision services.

When a claim comes in, we review it, make a decision and tell you how you and we will split the expense. We also explain what you can do if you think we got it wrong.

Claim procedures
You or your vision provider are required to send us a claim in writing. You can request a claim form from us. We will review that claim for payment to the vision provider or to you as appropriate.

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If, through no fault of your own, you are not able to meet the deadline for filing a claim, your claim will still be accepted if it is filed as soon as possible. Unless you are legally incapacitated, late claims will not be covered if they are filed more than 2 years after the deadline.
Communicating our claim decisions
The amount of time that we have to tell you about our decision on a claim is shown below.

Post-service claim
A post service claim is a claim that involves vision care services you have already received.

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Adverse benefit determinations
Sometimes we pay only some of your claim. And sometimes we deny payment entirely. Any time we deny even part of the claim, that is an “adverse benefit determination” or “adverse decision”. It is also an “adverse benefit determination” if we rescind your coverage entirely.

If we make an adverse benefit determination, we will tell you in writing.

The difference between a complaint and an appeal

A complaint
You may not be happy about a provider or an operational issue, and you may want to complain. You can call or write Member Services. Your complaint should include a description of the issue. You should include copies of any records or documents that you think are important. We will review the information and provide you with a written response within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint. We will let you know if we need more information to make a decision.

An appeal
You can ask us to review an adverse benefit determination. This is called an appeal. You can appeal to us verbally or in writing.
Appeals of adverse benefit determinations

You can appeal our adverse benefit determination. We will assign your appeal to someone who was not involved in making the original decision. You must file an appeal within 180 calendar days from the time you receive the notice of an adverse benefit determination.

You can appeal by sending a written appeal to the address on the notice of adverse benefit determination. Or you can call Member Services. You need to include:

- Your name
- The policyholder’s name
- A copy of the adverse benefit determination
- Your reasons for making the appeal
- Any other information you would like us to consider

Another person may submit an appeal for you, including a vision provider. That person is called an authorized representative. You need to tell us if you choose to have someone else appeal for you (even if it is your vision provider). You should fill out an authorized representative form telling us that you are allowing someone to appeal for you. You can get this form by contacting us. You can use an authorized representative at any level of appeal.

You can appeal two times under this plan. If you appeal a second time you must present your appeal within 60 calendar days from the date you receive the notice of the first appeal decision.

Timeframes for deciding appeals

The chart below shows a timetable view of the type of notice and how much time we have to tell you about our decision.

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<tr>
<th>Type of notice</th>
<th>Post-service appeal</th>
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<td>Initial decision by us</td>
<td>30 days</td>
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<td>Extensions</td>
<td>15 days</td>
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<td>If we request more information</td>
<td>30 days</td>
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<td>Time you have to send us additional information</td>
<td>45 days</td>
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Exhaustion of appeals process

In most situations you must complete the one level of appeal with us before you can take these other actions:

- Contact the Delaware Department of Insurance to request an investigation of a complaint or appeal.
- File a complaint or appeal with the Delaware Department of Insurance.
- Pursue arbitration, litigation or other type of administrative proceeding.

Recordkeeping

We will keep the records of all complaints and appeals for at least 10 years.

Fees and expenses

We do not pay any fees or expenses incurred by you when you submit a complaint or appeal.
When coverage ends

Coverage can end for a number of reasons. This section tells you how and why coverage ends. And when you may still be able to continue coverage.

When will your coverage end?
Your coverage under this plan will end if:

- This plan is discontinued
- The group policy ends
- You voluntarily stop your coverage
- You are no longer eligible for coverage
- Your employment ends
- You do not make any required premium payment
- We end your coverage
- You become covered under another vision plan offered by your policyholder

When coverage may continue under the plan
Your coverage under this plan will continue if:

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<th>Employment End Reason</th>
<th>Coverage Continuation Options</th>
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<td>Your employment ends because of illness, injury, sabbatical or other authorized leave</td>
<td>If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:</td>
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<td>as agreed to by the policyholder and us.</td>
<td>• Your coverage may continue, until stopped by the policyholder, but not beyond 30 months from the start of your absence.</td>
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<td>Your employment ends because of a temporary lay-off, temporary leave of absence</td>
<td>If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:</td>
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<td>sabbatical, or other authorized leave as agreed to by the policyholder and us.</td>
<td>• Your coverage will not continue after the month in which your absence started.</td>
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<td>Your employment ends because:</td>
<td>You may be able to continue coverage. See the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section.</td>
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<td>• Your job has been eliminated</td>
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<td>• You have been placed on severance, or</td>
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<td>• This plan allows former employees to continue their coverage.</td>
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<td>Your employment ends because of a paid or unpaid medical leave of absence</td>
<td>If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue coverage under the plan as long as your policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:</td>
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<td>• Your coverage may continue until stopped by your policyholder but not beyond 30 months from the start of the absence.</td>
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Your employment ends because of a leave of absence that is not a medical leave of absence

If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue coverage under the plan as long as your policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:

- Your coverage will not continue after the month in which your absence started.

Your employment ends because of a military leave of absence.

If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the policyholder and we agree to do so and as described below:

- Your coverage may continue until stopped by the policyholder but not beyond 18 months from the start of the absence.

It is your policyholder’s responsibility to let us know when your employment ends. The limits above may be extended only if we and your policyholder agree in writing to extend them.

**When will coverage end for any dependents?**
Coverage for your dependent will end if:

- Your dependent is no longer eligible for coverage.
- The group policy ends
- You do not make the required premium contribution toward the cost of dependents’ coverage.
- Your coverage ends for any of the reasons listed above

In addition, coverage for your domestic partner will end on the earlier of:

- The date this plan no longer allows coverage for domestic partners.
- The date the domestic partnership ends.

**What happens to your dependents if you die?**
Coverage for dependents may continue for some time after your death. See the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section for more information.

**Why would we end you and your dependents coverage?**
We will give you 31 days advance written notice before we end your coverage because you commit fraud or intentionally misrepresent yourself when you applied for or obtained coverage. You can refer to the General provisions – other things you should know section for more information on rescissions.

On the date your coverage ends, we will refund to the policyholder any prepayments for periods after the date your coverage ended.
Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends

This section explains options you may have after your coverage ends under this plan. Your individual situation will determine what options you will have.

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) Rights

What are your COBRA rights?
COBRA gives some people the right to keep their vision coverage for 18, 29 or 36 months after a “qualifying event”. COBRA usually applies to policyholders of group sizes of 20 or more.

Here are the qualifying events that trigger COBRA continuation, who is eligible for continuation and how long coverage can be continued.

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<th>Qualifying event causing loss of coverage</th>
<th>Covered persons eligible for continued coverage</th>
<th>Length of continued coverage (starts from the day you lose current coverage)</th>
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<td>Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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<td>Your working hours are reduced</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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<td>You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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<tr>
<td>You become entitled to benefits under Medicare</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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<tr>
<td>Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependent under the plan</td>
<td>Your dependent children</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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<td>You die</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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<td>You are a retiree eligible for retiree vision coverage and your former policyholder files for bankruptcy</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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When do I receive COBRA information?
The chart below lists who is responsible for giving the notice, the type of notice they are required to give and when.

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<th>Policyholder/Group vision plan notification requirements</th>
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<td>General notice – policyholder or Aetna</td>
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<td>Notice of qualifying event – policyholder</td>
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<td>Election notice – policyholder or Aetna</td>
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<td>Notice of unavailability of COBRA – policyholder or Aetna</td>
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<td>Termination notice – policyholder or Aetna</td>
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<td>Conversion notice (If you elect COBRA, you are only eligible for conversion if you complete the full COBRA continuation period) – policyholder or Aetna</td>
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**You/your dependents notification requirements**

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<th>Notice of qualifying event – qualified beneficiary</th>
<th>Notify the <strong>policyholder</strong> if:</th>
<th>Within 60 days of the qualifying event or the loss of coverage, whichever occurs later</th>
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<td>• You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage</td>
<td>• Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as a dependent under the plan</td>
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<td>Disability notice</td>
<td>Notify the <strong>policyholder</strong> if:</td>
<td>Within 60 days of the decision of disability by the Social Security Administration, and before the 18 month coverage period ends</td>
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<td>• The Social Security Administration determines that you or a covered dependent qualify for disability status</td>
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<td>Notice of qualified beneficiary’s status change to non-disabled</td>
<td>Notify the <strong>policyholder</strong> if:</td>
<td>Within 30 days of the Social Security Administration’s decision</td>
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<td>• The Social Security Administration decides that the beneficiary is no longer disabled</td>
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<td>Enrollment in COBRA</td>
<td>Notify the <strong>policyholder</strong> if:</td>
<td>60 days from the qualifying event. You will lose your right to elect, if you do not:</td>
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<td>• You are electing COBRA</td>
<td>• Respond within the 60 days</td>
<td>• And send back your application</td>
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How can you extend the length of your COBRA coverage?
The chart below shows qualifying events after the start of COBRA (second qualifying events):

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<th>Qualifying event</th>
<th>Person affected (qualifying beneficiary)</th>
<th>Total length of continued coverage</th>
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<td>Disabled within the first 60 days of COBRA coverage (as determined by the Social Security Administration)</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>29 months (18 months plus an additional 11 months)</td>
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<td>• You die</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>Up to 36 months</td>
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<td>• You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
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<td>• You become entitled to benefits under Medicare</td>
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<td>• Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependent under the plan</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
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How do you enroll in COBRA?
You enroll by sending in an application and paying the **premium**. The **policyholder** has 30 days to send you a COBRA election notice. It will tell you how to enroll and how much it will cost. You can take 60 days from the qualifying event to decide if you want to enroll. You need to send your application and pay the **premium**. If this is completed on time, you have enrolled in COBRA.

When is your first premium payment due?
Your first **premium** payment must be made within 45 days after the date of the COBRA election.

How much will COBRA coverage cost?
For most COBRA qualifying events you and your dependents will pay 102% of the total plan costs. This additional 2% is added to cover administrative fees. If you apply for COBRA because of a disability, the total due will be 150% of the plan costs.

Can you add a dependent to your COBRA coverage?
You may add a new dependent during a period of COBRA coverage. They can be added for the rest of the COBRA coverage period if:

- They meet the definition of an eligible dependent.
- You notified the **policyholder** within 31 days of their eligibility.
- You pay the additional required **premiums**.
When does COBRA coverage end?
COBRA coverage ends if:
- Coverage has continued for the maximum period.
- The plan ends. If the plan is replaced, you may be continued under the new plan.
- You and your dependents fail to make the necessary payments on time.
- You or a covered dependent become entitled to benefits under Medicare.
- You or your dependents are continuing coverage during the 19th to 29th months of a disability, and the disability ends.

Continuation of coverage for other reasons
To request an extension of coverage, just call the toll-free Member Services.

How can you extend coverage for vision care services and supplies when coverage ends?
If your coverage ends while you are not totally disabled, your plan will cover vision services and supplies for eyeglasses and contact lenses within 30 days after your coverage ends if:
- A complete vision exam was performed in the 30 days before your coverage ended, and the exam included refraction.
- The exam resulted in contact or frame lenses being prescribed for the first time, or new contact or frame lenses ordered due to a change in prescription.

How can you extend coverage for your disabled child beyond the plan age limits?
You have the right to extend coverage for your dependent child beyond the plan age limits. If your disabled child:
- Is not able to be self-supporting because of mental or physical disability and
- Depends mainly (more than 50% of income) on you for support.

The right to coverage will continue only as long as a physician certifies that your child still is disabled.

We may ask you to send us proof of the disability within 90 days of the date coverage would have ended. Before we extend coverage, we may ask that your child get a physical exam. We will pay for that exam.

We may ask you to send proof that your child is disabled after coverage is extended. We won’t ask for this proof more than once a year. You must send it to us within 31 days of our request. If you don’t, we can terminate coverage for your dependent child.
General provisions – other things you should know

Administrative provisions

How you and we will interpret this booklet-certificate
We prepared this booklet-certificate according to ERISA, and according to other federal laws and state laws that apply. You and we will interpret it according to these laws. Also, you are bound by our interpretation of this booklet-certificate when we administer your coverage, so long as we use reasonable authority.

How we administer this plan
We apply policies and procedures we’ve developed to administer this plan.

Who’s responsible to you
We are responsible to you for what our employees and other agents do.

We are not responsible for what is done by your vision providers. They are not our employees or agents.
Coverage and services

Your coverage can change
Your coverage is defined by the group policy. This document may have amendments or riders too. Under certain circumstances, we or your policyholder or the law may change your plan. Only we may waive a requirement of your plan. No other person – including your policyholder or vision provider – can do this.

If a service cannot be provided to you
Sometimes things happen that are outside of our control. These are things such as natural disasters, epidemics, fire and riots.

We will try hard to get you access to the services you need even if these things happen. But if we can’t, we may refund you or your policyholder any unearned premium.

Financial sanctions exclusions:
If coverage provided under this booklet-certificate violates or will violate any economic or trade sanctions, the coverage will be invalid immediately. For example, we cannot pay for eligible vision services if it violates a financial sanction regulation. This includes sanctions related to a person or a country under sanction by the United States, unless it is allowed under a written license from the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC). You can find out more by visiting http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Pages/default.aspx.

Legal action
You are encouraged to complete the appeal process before you take any legal action against us for any expense or bill until you complete the appeal process. You cannot take any action until 60 days after we receive written submission of claim.

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

Records of expenses
You should keep complete records of your expenses. They may be needed for a claim.

Things that would be important to keep are:
- Names of physicians and vision providers who provide services
- Dates expenses are incurred
- Copies of all bills and receipts

Honest mistakes and intentional deception

Honest mistakes
You or your policyholder may make an honest mistake when you share facts with us. When we learn of the mistake, we may make a fair change in premium contribution or in your coverage. If we do, we will tell you what the mistake was. We won’t make a change if the mistake happened more than 2 years before we learned of it.

Intentional deception
If we learn that you defrauded us or you intentionally misrepresented material facts, we can take actions that can have serious effects on your coverage. These include, but are not limited to:
- Loss of coverage, starting at some time in the past.
- Loss of coverage going forward.
- Denial of benefits.
- Recovery of amounts we already paid.

We also may report fraud to criminal authorities.
Rescission means you lose coverage both going forward and going backward. If we paid claims for your past coverage, we will want the money back.

You have special rights if we rescind your coverage.

- We will give you 30 days advanced written notice of any rescission of coverage.
- You have the right to an Aetna appeal.

Some other money issues

Assignment of benefits
When you see a vision provider they will usually bill us directly. We may choose to pay you or to pay the vision provider directly.

Recovery of overpayments
We sometimes pay too much for eligible vision services or pay for something that this plan doesn’t cover. If we do, we can require the person we paid – you or your vision provider – to return what we paid. If we don’t do that we have the right to reduce any future benefit payments by the amount we paid by mistake.

Premium contribution
This plan requires the policyholder to make premium contribution payments. If payments are made through a payroll deduction with the policyholder, the policyholder will forward your payment to us. We will not pay benefits under this booklet-certificate if premium contribution payments are not made. Any benefit payment denial is subject to our appeals procedure. See the When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures section.

Payment of premiums
The first premium payment for this policy is due on or before your effective date of coverage. Your next premium payment will be due the 1st of each month ("premium due date"). Each premium payment is to be paid to us on or before the premium due date.

Your vision information
We will protect your vision information. We use and share it to help us process your claims and manage your policy. You can get a free copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices. Just call Member Services. When you accept coverage under this policy, you agree to let your vision providers share your information with us. We will need information about your physical and mental condition and care.
Glossary

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

Calendar Year
A period of 12 months that begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

Cosmetic
Services, drugs or supplies that are primarily intended to alter, improve or enhance your appearance.

Covered benefits
Eligible vision services that meet the requirements for coverage under the terms of this plan.

Effective date of coverage
The date you and your dependent’s coverage begin under this booklet-certificate as noted in our records.

Eligible vision services
The vision care services and supplies listed in the Eligible vision services under your plan section and not listed or limited in the What your plan doesn’t cover — eligible vision service exclusions section or in the schedule of benefits.

Group policy
The group policy consists of several documents taken together. These documents are:

- The group application
- The group policy
- The booklet-certificate(s)
- The schedule of benefits
- Any amendments to the group policy, the booklet-certificate, and the schedule of benefits

Physician
A skilled health care professional trained and licensed to practice medicine under the laws of the state where they practice; specifically, doctors of medicine or osteopathy.

Policyholder
An employer or organization who agrees to remit the premiums for coverage under the group policy payable to Aetna. The policyholder shall act only as an agent of Aetna members in the employer group, and shall not be the agent of Aetna for any purpose.

Premium
The amount you or your policyholder are required to pay to Aetna for your coverage.

Prescription
A written order for the dispensing of prescription lenses or prescription contact lenses by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

Vision provider
Any individual legally licensed to provide vision services or supplies.
Additional Information Provided by

Adobe Systems Incorporated

The following information is provided to you in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). It is not a part of your booklet-certificate. Your Plan Administrator has determined that this information together with the information contained in your booklet-certificate is the Summary Plan Description required by ERISA.

In furnishing this information, Aetna is acting on behalf of your Plan Administrator who remains responsible for complying with the ERISA reporting rules and regulations on a timely and accurate basis.

Name of Plan:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Employer Identification Number:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Plan Number:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Type of Plan:
Welfare

Type of Administration:
Group Insurance Policy with:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

Plan Administrator:
Adobe Systems Incorporated
Attention: Susan Burke - Mgr, Vendor Partner Office
345 Park Avenue W07-431
San Jose, CA 95110
Telephone Number: (408) 536-4433

Agent For Service of Legal Process:
Adobe Systems Incorporated
Attention: Susan Burke - Mgr, Vendor Partner Office
345 Park Avenue W07-431
San Jose, CA 95110

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

End of Plan Year:
December 31
Source of Contributions:
Employer and Employee

Procedure for Amending the Plan:
The Employer may amend the Plan from time to time by a written instrument signed by the person designated by the Plan Administrator.

ERISA Rights
As a participant in the group insurance plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits
Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator’s office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) that is filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and an updated Summary Plan Description. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan’s annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

Receive a copy of the procedures used by the Plan for determining a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO).

Continue Group Health Plan Coverage
Continue health care coverage for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this summary plan description and the documents governing the Plan for the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries
In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called “fiduciaries” of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in your interest and that of other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.
Enforce Your Rights
If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay up to $110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan’s decision or lack thereof concerning the status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in a federal court.

If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan’s money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Your Questions
If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.

If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact:

- the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory; or

You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
Confidentiality Notice
Aetna considers personal information to be confidential and has policies and procedures in place to protect it against unlawful use and disclosure. By "personal information," we mean information that relates to a member's physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to the member, or payment for the provision of health care or disability or life benefits to the member. Personal information does not include publicly available information or information that is available or reported in a summarized or aggregate fashion but does not identify the member.

When necessary or appropriate for your care or treatment, the operation of our health, disability or life insurance plans, or other related activities, we use personal information internally, share it with our affiliates, and disclose it to health care providers (doctors, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and other caregivers), payors (health care provider organizations, employers who sponsor self-funded health plans or who share responsibility for the payment of benefits, and others who may be financially responsible for payment for the services or benefits you receive under your plan), other insurers, third party administrators, vendors, consultants, government authorities, and their respective agents. These parties are required to keep personal information confidential as provided by applicable law. In our health plans, participating network providers are also required to give you access to your medical records within a reasonable amount of time after you make a request.

Some of the ways in which personal information is used include claim payment; utilization review and management; medical necessity reviews; coordination of care and benefits; preventive health, early detection, vocational rehabilitation and disease and case management; quality assessment and improvement activities; auditing and anti-fraud activities; performance measurement and outcomes assessment; health, disability and life claims analysis and reporting; health services, disability and life research; data and information systems management; compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; formulary management; litigation proceedings; transfer of policies or contracts to and from other insurers, HMOs and third party administrators; underwriting activities; and due diligence activities in connection with the purchase or sale of some or all of our business. We consider these activities key for the operation of our health, disability and life plans. To the extent permitted by law, we use and disclose personal information as provided above without member consent. However, we recognize that many members do not want to receive unsolicited marketing materials unrelated to their health, disability and life benefits. We do not disclose personal information for these marketing purposes unless the member consents. We also have policies addressing circumstances in which members are unable to give consent.

To obtain a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, which describes in greater detail our practices concerning use and disclosure of personal information, please call the toll-free Member Services number or visit our Internet site at www.aetna.com.
Continuation of Coverage During an Approved Leave of Absence Granted to Comply With Federal Law

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

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

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

If Health Expense Benefits has reduction rules applicable by reason of age or retirement, Health Expense Benefits will be subject to such rules while you are on FMLA leave.

Coverage will not be continued beyond the first to occur of:

- The date you are required to make any contribution and you fail to do so.
- The date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated.
- The date the coverage involved discontinues as to your eligible class. However, coverage for health expenses may be available to you under another plan sponsored by your Employer.

Any coverage being continued for a dependent will not be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate.

If Health Expense Benefits terminate because your approved FMLA leave is deemed terminated by your Employer, you may, on the date of such termination, be eligible for Continuation Under Federal Law on the same terms as though your employment terminated, other than for gross misconduct, on such date. If the group contract provides any other continuation of coverage (for example, upon termination of employment, death, divorce or ceasing to be a defined dependent), you (or your eligible dependents) may be eligible for such continuation on the date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated or the date of the event for which the continuation is available.

If you acquire a new dependent while your coverage is continued during an approved FMLA leave, the dependent will be eligible for the continued coverage on the same terms as would be applicable if you were actively at work, not on an approved FMLA leave.

If you return to work for your Employer following the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, your coverage under the group contract will be in force as though you had continued in active employment rather than going on an approved FMLA leave provided you make request for such coverage within 31 days of the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave to be terminated. If you do not make such request within 31 days, coverage will again be effective under the group contract only if and when Aetna gives its written consent.

If any coverage being continued terminates because your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, any Conversion Privilege will be available on the same terms as though your employment had terminated on the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated.
Your Aetna International health and wellness programs

Being away from home often means being away from your friends and family support network. As your 24/7 partner in health, we help make sure you have the support you need to thrive. Whether it’s our In Touch Care program to manage chronic conditions or our Employee Assistance Program to help balance your work and personal needs, we’re here for you with all the tools, resources and programs you need – no matter where you are in the world.
24-Hour Nurse Line

Our 24-Hour Nurse Line gives members ready access to registered nurses who can answer their questions on a variety of health topics. The nurses give members the information they need and help them make smarter health care decisions. They can also help improve members’ relationships with their doctors, and:

- Empower members with health information to help them use health care services appropriately
- Encourage members to give a clear medical history and ask relevant questions
- Promote healthy lifestyle habits
- Provide members with health information to help them improve and better manage chronic conditions

Nurse Access
Nurses are available through a toll-free telephone number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We offer foreign language translation for our non-English speaking members.

Our nurses also have access to the Healthwise® Knowledgebase video library and can relay video links to callers upon request or to provide further education/support of the health topic they discussed. It is a user-friendly decision-support tool that promotes informed health decision-making and helps members learn about their treatment options.

NOTE: Neither Aetna International ® nor 24-Hour Nurse Line is a healthcare provider and neither shall be responsible for the availability, quantity, quality, or result of any medical treatment a member may receive, or for a member’s failure to pursue or obtain medical treatment.
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Life is full of challenges. Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) helps you balance the demands of work, life and personal issues. Whether it’s finding balance between work and life, dealing with the loss of a loved one, managing anxiety or depression, or parenting advice, EAP offers you free, confidential support delivered by qualified counselors.

- Up to five free counselling sessions per concern, per year
- Multilingual, 24/7, worldwide support
- Telephone support from behavioral health experts
- Referral to legal and financial resources

Easy access
To reach out for EAP assistance, call our Member Service Center using the phone number located on the back of your Member ID card.

When outside the United States, you can access your international EAP through the iConnectYou app on your portable device or mobile phone. The app gives you secure, confidential access to clinical counselors and work-life experts by phone, instant message, text (SMS) or video chat.

NOTE: Aetna does not render health care services and/or treatments and, therefore, cannot guarantee any results or outcomes. All participating providers are independent contractors and are neither agents nor employees of Aetna. The availability of any provider cannot be guaranteed, and the provider network composition is subject to change.
Global Crisis Management Program, powered by WorldAware

We’re more than just health insurance. We help protect our members by providing security advice and assistance to keep them safe from political unrest and natural disasters. To do this, we partner with global crisis management experts WorldAware to make sure members have help — should their safety ever be threatened.

Our Global Crisis Management Program offers valuable resources and support such as:

- 24/7 access to personalized safety advice from multilingual representatives
- Reliable information on more than 285 countries and more than 160 cities
- Travel safety briefings and security alerts tailored to your trip or assignment
- Email and text alerts providing up-to-the minute information on civil unrest, natural hazards and travel disruptions
- On-the-ground support for emergency travel and situations affecting personal safety, loss of belongings or theft of documents
- Specialized evacuation services to get away from threatening situations

To register, go to https://my.worldaware.com/aetnaus and enter the letters “US” followed by your Aetna policy number (i.e., US123456), then create your log in user name and password. Or if you prefer, you can call WorldAware’s crisis management experts at +1-646-513-4232 to sign up.