

**SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

**For the**

**HMO MEDICAL PLAN**

**Sponsored by**

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**THE SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION – YOUR HEALTH CARE PLAN GUIDE**

Welcome to *your* *employer*-sponsored health care plan (Plan) administered by Humana Health Plan, Inc. (Humana). *Your employer* has provided *you* with this *Summary Plan Description* (*SPD*), which outlines *your* benefits, as well as *your* rights and responsibilities under this Plan.

This *SPD* is *your* guide to the benefits, provisions and programs offered by this Plan. *Services* are subject to all provisions of this Plan, including the limitations and exclusions. Please read this *SPD* carefully, paying special attention to the “Medical Schedule of Benefits,” “Medical Covered Expenses,” and “Limitations and Exclusions” sections to better understand how *your* benefits work. If *you* are unable to find the information *you* need, please contact Humana at the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana Identification (ID) card or visit our website at [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com).

This *SPD* presents an overview of *your* benefits. In the event of any discrepancy between this *SPD* and the official Plan Document, the Plan Document shall govern.

**DEFINED TERMS**

Italicized terms throughout this *SPD* are defined in the “Definitions” section. An italicized word may have a different meaning in the context of this *SPD* than it does in general usage. Referring to the “Definitions” section as *you* read through this document will help *you* have a clearer understanding of this *SPD*.

**PRIVACY**

Humana understands the importance of keeping *your* *protected health information* private. *Protected health information* includes both medical information and individually identifiable information, such as *your* name, address, telephone number or Social Security number. Humana is required by applicable federal law to maintain the privacy of *your* *protected health information*.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Customer Service Telephone Number**:

Please refer to *your* Humana ID card for the applicable toll-free customer service telephone number.

**Website:** *You* can access Humana’s online services at www.humana.com.

**Claims Submittal Address: Claims Appeal Address:**

Humana Claims Office Humana Grievance and Appeals

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**SECTION 1**

**HEALTH RESOURCES AND PREAUTHORIZATION**

Health Resources is a comprehensive set of clinical programs and services available to help *you* better understand *your* health care benefits and how to use them, navigate the health care system when *you* need it, understand treatment options and choices, reduce *your* costs and enhance the quality of *your* life.

Each Health Resources program is tailored to meet different health care needs, from those who want to stay well when they are healthy, to those who are at risk for an illness, to those who are at chronic or acute stages of illness. Health Resources offer a wide range of assistance including online educational tools, interventions, health assessments and personal discussions with registered *nurses*.

All Health Resources programs are subject to change without notice. For additional information or questions regarding any of these programs, visit Humana’s website at [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com) or call the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card.

Humana will provide *preauthorization* as required by this Plan. Visit Humana’s website at [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com)\* or call the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card to obtain a list of *services* that require *preauthorization*. The list of *services* that require *preauthorization* is subject to change. Coverage provided in the past for *services* that did not receive or require *preauthorization*, is not a guarantee of future coverage of the same *services*.

*You* are responsible for informing *your qualified practitioner* of this Plan’s *preauthorization* requirements. *You* or *your* *qualified practitioner* must contact Humana at the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card or in writing to request the appropriate authorization. If any required *preauthorization* of *services* is not obtained, *your* benefits may be reduced or a penalty may apply. *Preauthorization* and *preauthorization* penalties do not apply to *emergency services*.

After *you* or *your qualified practitioner* have contacted Humana and provided *your* diagnosis and treatment plan, Humana will:

* Advise *you* by telephone, electronically, or in writing if the proposed treatment plan is *medically necessary*; and
* Conduct *concurrent review* as necessary.

If *your admission* is *preauthorized*, benefits are subject to all Plan provisions. If it is determined at any time *your* proposed treatment plan, either partially or totally, is not a *covered expense* under the terms and provisions of this Plan, benefits for *services* may be reduced or *services* may not be covered.

\*Please note, even though this Plan is a self-insured plan (also known as an ASO plan), this Plan is utilizing Humana’s standard *preauthorization* and notification list which has the same *preauthorization* requirements as a commercial fully insured plan. All *preauthorization* requirements outlined on the list apply to this Plan, **unless** it specifically states that the requirement does not apply to ASO or is not available for ASO groups.

**PREAUTHORIZATION PENALTY FOR TRANSPLANT SERVICES**

If *preauthorization* is not received, transplant *services* will not be covered.

Penalties do not apply to any applicable Plan *deductibles, out-of-pocket limits or PAR provider Plan maximum out-of-pocket limits*.

**PREAUTHORIZATION PENALTY FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES**

If *preauthorization* is not received, benefits will be reduced to 50% after any applicable *deductibles* or *copayments*.

Penalties do not apply to any applicable Plan *deductibles, out-of-pocket limits or PAR provider Plan maximum out-of-pocket limits.*

**PREDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS**

*You* or *your qualified practitioner* may submit a written request for a *predetermination of benefits*. The written request should contain the treatment plan, specific diagnostic and procedure codes, as well as the expected charges. Humanawill provide a written response advising if the *services* are a *covered* or non-*covered expense* under this Plan, what the applicable Plan benefits are and if the expected charges are within the *maximum allowable fee*. The *predetermination n of benefits* is not a guarantee of benefits. *Services* will be subject to all terms and provisions of this Plan applicable at the time treatment is provided.

If treatment is to commence more than180 days after the date treatment is authorized, Humanawill require *you* to submit another treatment plan.

**SECTION 2**

**MEDICAL BENEFITS**

**PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS**

This Plan has one (1) level of benefits – *participating provider* benefits, payable as shown in the Medical Schedule of Benefits section. *You* are responsible for any applicable *copayments* and/or *deductible* amounts, and any *PAR provider Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit*.

When receiving *services*, *you* should make sure the provider is a *participating provider* for this Plan. Humana may designate limited panels of *participating providers* from which certain kinds of *services* must be obtained. If these *services* are not obtained from the designated *participating providers*, benefits for these *services* may be reduced or denied. Humana reserves the right, at their discretion, to make changes to the list of *participating providers* at any time.

**PARTICIPATING PROVIDER DIRECTORY**

*Your employer* will automatically provide, without charge, information to *you* about how *you* can access a directory of *participating**providers* appropriate to *your* *service area*. An online directory of *participating**providers* is available to *you* and accessiblevia Humana’s website at www.humana.com. This directory is subject to change. Due to the possibility of *participating**providers* changing status, please check the online directory of *participating**providers* prior to obtaining *services*. If *you* do not have access to the online directory, contact Humana at the customer service number on the back of *your* identification (ID) card prior to *services* being rendered or to request a directory.

**PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN**

A *primary care physician* is responsible for providing primary medical care and helping to guide any care *you* receive from other medical care providers, including *specialists*. *You* may select a *primary care physician* who is a *participating**provider*, for *yourself* and for each covered *dependent*. *You* have the right to designate any *primary care physician* who is a *participating provider* and who is available to accept *you* and *your* covered *dependents*. A physician who is a *participating provider* specializing in pediatrics is permitted to be selected as the *primary care physician* for a covered *dependent* child. When *your* *primary care physician* is unavailable, *you* may need to obtain *services* from the back-up *participating**provider* designated by *your* *primary care physician*. Please be sure to discuss these back-up arrangements with *your primary care physician*.

*You* should discuss all of *your* medical needs with *your* *primary care physician*. If *you* and *your primary care physician* determine *you* need to see a *specialist*, *your* *primary care physician* may recommend one. Referrals to a *specialist* are not required under this Plan and *you* may choose *your* *specialist* at the time of care. A female *covered person* is permitted to receive *services* for obstetrical or gynecological care from a *participating provider* specializing in obstetrics or gynecology without a referral from her *primary care physician*. *Services* received from, or ordered by a *participating provider* for obstetrical or gynecological *services*, are considered authorization from the *primary care physician*.

If *you* have a chronic, disabling or life threatening *sickness*, *you* may apply to Humana to utilize a *specialist* who is a *participating**provider* as *your* primary care provider.

For information on how to select a *primary care physician*, and for a list of *participating providers*, call Humana at the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card or visit our website at [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com).

**SEEKING EMERGENCY CARE**

When seeking *emergency* care, *you* should do the following:

* If *your* medical condition permits, proceed to the nearest *emergency* care *participating provider* in this Plan.
* If *your* medical condition does not permit going to a *participating provider*, *you* should go to the nearest *emergency* care medical facility. If *you* are admitted to a *non-participating hospital* for *emergency* care, *you* (or someone acting for *you*) must contact Humana within forty-eight (48) hours of *your admission*, or if this is not possible, as soon as *your* medical condition permits.
* *You* may call 911 or *your* local *emergency* telephone number when *you* need on-site *emergency* assistance or *ambulance* *services*.
* If *you* are admitted to a *non-participating hospital* for *emergency* care, Humana may require *you* be transferred to a *participating hospital* in the *service area* when *your* condition has been stabilized.
* *You* must receive any follow-up *services* from a*participating provider*.

**SEEKING URGENT CARE**

The steps for seeking urgent care are as follows:

* *You* may go to an urgent care center that is a *participating provider* under this Plan.
* If *you* are outside the *service area* and cannot reasonably return to the *service area* for urgent care *services*, *you* may receive the urgent care *services* from a *non-participating provider*. Notify Humana within forty-eight (48) hours after the urgent care *services* were received.
* *You* must receive any follow-up *services* from a *participating provider*.
* *You* must pay the required *copayment*, if any, for urgent care.

**COVERED AND NON-COVERED EXPENSES**

Benefits are payable only if *services* are considered to be a *covered expense* and are subject to the specific conditions, limitations and applicable maximums of this Plan. The benefit payable for *covered expenses* will not exceed the *maximum allowable fee(s)*.

A *covered expense* is deemed to be incurred on the date a covered *service* is received. The bill submitted by the provider, if any, will determine which benefit provision is applicable for payment of *covered expenses*.

If *you* incur non-covered expenses, whether from a *participating provider* or a *non-participating provider*, *you* are responsible for making the full payment to the provider. The fact that a *qualified practitioner* has performed or prescribed a medically appropriate procedure, treatment, or supply, or the fact that it may be the only available treatment for a *bodily injury* or *sickness*, does not mean that the procedure, treatment or supply is covered under this Plan.

Please refer to the "Medical Schedule of Benefits", “Medical Covered Expenses” and the "Limitations and Exclusions" sections of this *Summary Plan Description* for more information about *covered expenses* and non-covered expenses.

**COVERAGE OF OUT-OF-AREA DEPENDENTS**

*Dependents* who reside outside of the *service area* because they are enrolled in an educational institution on a full-time basis may be covered under this Plan. Outside the *service area*, only *emergency* and urgent care medical conditions are covered. Payment of those *services* will be made in accordance with the “Seeking Emergency Care” and “Seeking Urgent Care” sections. Non-emergency *services* will be covered only if rendered by *participating providers*.

When an out-of-area *dependent* enters the *service area* on a temporary basis, coverage will be provided under the same terms and conditions as *covered persons* who reside in the *service area*. If the *dependent* moves into the *service area*, or if the *service area* is changed to include the *dependent’s* residence, the *dependent* will immediately cease to be considered out-of-area.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PLAN BENEFITS**

**Plan benefits and limits (i.e. visit or dollar limits) are applicable per *calendar year*, unless specifically stated otherwise.**

This schedule provides an overview of the medical Plan benefits. For a more detailed description of this Plan’s medical benefits, refer to the “Medical Covered Expenses” section.

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| **MEDICAL DEDUCTIBLES, COINSURANCE, OUT-OF-POCKET LIMITS AND OFFICE VISIT COPAYMENTS** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Single *Deductible* | $2,000 per *covered person* |
| Family *Deductible* | $4,000 per covered family |
| Medical *Coinsurance* | The Plan pays 80 %, *you* pay 20%. |
| Single *Out-of-Pocket Limit* | $4,500 per *covered person* |
| Family *Out-of-Pocket Limit* | $9,000 per covered family |
| *Qualified Practitioner* Primary Care Physician (PCP)Office Visit *Copayment* | $25 |
| *Qualified Practitioner* Specialist Office Visit *Copayment* | $55 |

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| **MEDICAL DEDUCTIBLES, COINSURANCE, OUT-OF-POCKET LIMITS AND OFFICE VISIT COPAYMENTS** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Primary Care Physician (PCP) is defined as a family practice physician, pediatrician, doctor of internal medicine, general practitioner, *nurse* practitioner, physician assistant, registered *nurse*, chiropractor, optometrist, physical therapist, *retail clinic* and occupational therapist. A specialist would be all other *qualified practitioners*. This Plan applies the *copayment* based on the primary specialty of the *qualified practitioner*, for example, if a *qualified practitioner* is a *nurse* practitioner at a cardiologist’s office, the specialist office visit *copayment* may apply.  One *copayment* will be taken per servicing provider, unless otherwise indicated in this Schedule. | |
| *Lifetime Maximum Benefit* | Unlimited |

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| **MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG INTEGRATED PAR PROVIDER PLAN MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET LIMIT** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Single *PAR Provider Plan Maximum* *Out-of-Pocket Limit* | $4,500 per *covered person* |
| Family *PAR Provider Plan Maximum* *Out-of-Pocket Limit* | $9,000 per covered family |

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| **ROUTINE/PREVENTIVE CHILD CARE SERVICES**  **BIRTH TO AGE 18**  **(*Services* Received at a Clinic or Outpatient *Hospital*)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Routine/Preventive Child Care Examination | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Child Care Vision Screening | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Child Care Hearing Screening | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Child Care Laboratory | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Child Care X-ray | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Child Care Immunizations (e.g. HPV Vaccine, Meningitis Vaccine, etc.)  Immunizations are covered based on the recommendations by the Department of Health and Human Services - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm)) | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Child Care Flu/Pneumonia Immunizations | 100% |

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| **ROUTINE/PREVENTIVE ADULT CARE SERVICES**  **AGE 18 AND OVER**  **(*Services* Received at a Clinic or Outpatient *Hospital*)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Examination | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Vision Screening | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Hearing Screening | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Laboratory | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care X-ray | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Immunizations (e.g. Shingles Vaccine, Meningitis Vaccine, HPV Vaccine, etc.)  Immunizations are covered based on the recommendations by the Department of Health and Human Services - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm)) | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Flu/Pneumonia Immunizations | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Mammograms  Routine Mammograms do not apply to child or adult age limits. | 100% |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Pap Smears  Routine Pap Smears do not apply to child or adult age limits. | 100% |

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| **ROUTINE/PREVENTIVE ADULT CARE SERVICES**  **AGE 18 AND OVER**  **(*Services* Received at a Clinic or Outpatient *Hospital*)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Colonoscopy, Proctosigmoidoscopy and Sigmoidoscopy Screenings (including related *services,* i.e. anesthesia) (performed at an outpatient facility, *ambulatory surgical center* or clinic location) | 100% |
| One (1) colonoscopy per calendar year 100% regardless if diagnosis is preventative or diagnostic | |
| Routine/Preventive Adult Care Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Testing | 100% |
| Osteoporosis/Bone Density Testing women age thirty-five (35) years and older | 100% |
| Breast Feeding Counseling | 100% |
| Breast Feeding Support and Supplies | 100% |
| Contraceptive Methods - contraceptive devices (e.g. IUD or diaphragms), injections, implant insertion/removal, emergency contraceptives, tubal ligation and tubal sterilization | 100% |

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| **ROUTINE/PREVENTIVE ADULT CARE SERVICES**  **AGE 18 AND OVER**  **(*Services* Received at a Clinic or Outpatient *Hospital*)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Male Sterilization | Payable the Same as any other sickness |
| Male Contraceptives | Not Covered |
| **Note:** If *services* are not to prevent pregnancy, then they will be payable the same as any other *sickness*.  **Note:** Excludes birth control pills/patches and spermicide - refer to the Pharmacy Benefit for coverage for these and for *prescription* drug coverage for emergency contraceptives.  **Note:** To the extent required by the Affordable Care Act, age limits do not apply to breast feeding counseling, breast feeding support and supplies, contraceptive methods and sterilization. | |

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| **ROUTINE VISION SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Routine Vision Examination | Not covered |
| Routine Vision Refraction | Not covered |
| Eyeglass Frames and Lenses and Contact Lenses | Not covered |

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| **ROUTINE HEARING SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Routine Hearing Examination | Not covered |
| Routine Hearing Testing | Not covered |
| Hearing Aids and Fitting | 80% after *deductible* |
| Routine Hearing Aids and Fitting Limits | Full cost of one hearing aid per impaired ear every 36 months for insured persons under the age of 18 |
| Cochlear Implants | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |

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| **QUALIFIED PRACTITIONER SERVICES**  **(Non-Routine/Non-Preventive Care *Services*)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Diagnostic Office Examination at a Clinic, including Second Surgical Opinion – *Qualified Practitioner* Primary Care Physician | 100% after $25 *copayment* |
| Diagnostic Office Examination at a Clinic, including Second Surgical Opinion - *Qualified Practitioner* Specialist | 100% after $55 *copayment* |
| Telemedicine | 100% after $25 *copayment* |
| *Telehealth* | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |

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| **QUALIFIED PRACTITIONER SERVICES**  **(Non-Routine/Non-Preventive Care *Services*)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| NOTE: Group uses Doc on Demand for *telemedicine* visits. Doc on Demand takes the copayment from the member and then submits the claims through Humana. | |
| Office examination benefit applies only to the office examination. All other *services* will be paid based on the benefits listed below.  If an office examination is billed from an outpatient location, the *services* will be payable the same as an office examination at a clinic. | |
| Diagnostic Laboratory at a Clinic | **Clinic** - 100%  **Place other than clinic** – 80% after *deductible* |
| Diagnostic X-ray at a Clinic (other than *advanced imaging*) | **Clinic** - 100%  **Place other than clinic** – 80% after *deductible* |
| Independent Laboratory | Payable the same as diagnostic laboratory. |
| *Advanced Imaging* at a Clinic | 80% after *deductible* |
| Allergy Testing at a Clinic | 100% |
| Allergy Serum/Vials at a Clinic | 100% |
| Allergy Injections at a Clinic | 100% after $5 *copayment* per visit |
| Injections at a Clinic (other than routine immunizations, flu or pneumonia immunizations, contraceptive injections for birth control reasons and allergy injections) | **Clinic** - 100% after $5 *copayment* per visit  **Place other than clinic** –80% after *deductible* |

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| **QUALIFIED PRACTITIONER SERVICES**  **(Non-Routine/Non-Preventive Care *Services*)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Anesthesia at a Clinic | 80% after *deductible* |
| *Surgery* at a Clinic (including *Qualified Practitioner*, *Assistant Surgeon* and Physician Assistant) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Medical and Surgical Supplies | 80% after *deductible* |
| Eyeglasses or Contact Lenses after Cataract *Surgery* (initial pair only) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Diabetic Nutritional Counseling (*Diabetes Self-Management Training*) (all places of *service*) | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| *Diabetes Supplies* | 80% after *deductible* |

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| **DENTAL/ORAL SURGERIES COVERED UNDER THE**  **MEDICAL PLAN** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Dental/Oral *Surgeries* | 80% after *deductible* |
| **Please refer to the “Medical Covered Expenses” section, Dental/Oral Surgeries Covered Under the Medical Plan, for a list of oral surgeries covered under this benefit.** | |

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| **REVERSAL OF STERILIZATION AND ABORTIONS** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Reversal of Sterilization | Not Covered |
| Life Threatening Abortions | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| Elective Abortions | Not Covered |

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| **MATERNITY**  **(Normal, C-Section and Complications)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Inpatient *Hospital* *Room and Board* and Ancillary Facility *Services* | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| Birthing Center *Room and Board* and Ancillary *Services* | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| *Qualified Practitioner* *Services* (Office visit *copayment* will apply to the initial maternity visit only.) | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| *Dependent* Daughter Maternity | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| Newborn Inpatient *Qualified Practitioner* *Services* | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |

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| **MATERNITY**  **(Normal, C-Section and Complications)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Newborn Inpatient Facility *Services* | Payable the same as any other *sickness*.  The newborn *deductible* and *copayment* will be waived for facility *services*. Then waive only deductible for all services/places of service for the first 31 days of life). |

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| **INPATIENT SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Inpatient *Hospital* *Room and Board* and Ancillary Facility *Services* | 80% after *deductible* |
| *Qualified Practitioner* Inpatient *Hospital* Visit | 80% after *deductible* |
| *Qualified Practitioner* Inpatient *Surgery* and Anesthesia | 80% after *deductible* |
| *Qualified Practitioner* Inpatient Pathology and Radiology | 80% after *deductible* |
| Private Duty Nursing (inpatient *hospital* only) | Not covered |

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| **SKILLED NURSING SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Skilled Nursing *Room and Board* and Ancillary Facility *Services* | 80% after *deductible* |
| Skilled Nursing Facility Yearly Limits | 60 days per *covered person* |
| Skilled Nursing *Qualified Practitioner* Visit | 80% after *deductible* |

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| **OUTPATIENT AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| *Ambulatory Surgical Center* Facility *Services* | 80% after *deductible* |
| *Ambulatory Surgical Center* Ancillary *Services* | 80% after *deductible* |
| Outpatient *Hospital* Facility Surgical *Services* | 80% after *deductible* |
| Outpatient *Hospital* Facility Non-Surgical *Services* (e.g. clinic facility *services*; observation) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Outpatient *Hospital* Surgical and Non-Surgical Ancillary *Services* (e.g. supplies; medication; anesthesia) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Outpatient *Hospital* Facility Diagnostic Laboratory and X-ray (other than *advanced imaging*) | 80% after *deductible* |

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| **OUTPATIENT AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Outpatient *Hospital* Facility *Advanced Imaging* | 80% after *deductible* |
| Outpatient *Hospital* and *Ambulatory Surgical Center* *Qualified Practitioner* Visit | 80% after *deductible* |
| Outpatient *Hospital* and *Ambulatory Surgical Center* *Surgery* (including surgeon; *assistant surgeon*; and physician assistant) and Anesthesia | 80% after *deductible* |
| Outpatient *Hospital* and *Ambulatory Surgical Center* Pathology and Radiology | 80% after *deductible* |

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| **EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Emergency Room Facility and Ancillary *Services* (true *emergency*)  If *you* are admitted to the *hospital*, the *copayment* will be waived. | 100% after $250 *copayment* |
| Emergency Room All Physician *Services* (including Emergency Room Physician, Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist and ancillary *services* billed by an Emergency Room Physician) (true *emergency*) | 100% |

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| **EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Emergency Room Facility and Ancillary *Services* (non-emergency)  If *you* are admitted to the *hospital*, the *copayment* will be waived. | 100% after $250 *copayment* |
| Emergency Room All Physician *Services* (including Emergency Room Physician, Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist and ancillary *services* billed by an Emergency Room Physician) (non-emergency) | 100% |
| Urgent Care Center (facility, ancillary *services* and *qualified practitioner services*)  Only one *copayment* will be taken per day. | 100% after $75 *copayment* |

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| **HOSPICE SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Hospice Inpatient *Room and Board* and Ancillary *Services* | 100% |
| Hospice Outpatient (including hospice home visits) | 100% |
| Hospice *Qualified Practitioner* Visit | 100% |

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| **HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Home Health Care *Services* | 80% after *deductible* |
| Home Health Care Yearly Limits | 100 visits per *covered person* |
| Home therapy benefits will be reimbursed under the home health care benefit.  If therapies are done in the home (such as physical or occupational therapy), these therapy *services* will apply to the home health care limits.  If therapies and home health visits are done on the same day the *services* will track as one visit per day. | |
| Home Health Care Ancillary *Services* (excluding *durable medical equipment*, prosthetics and private duty nursing) | 80% after *deductible* |

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| **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| *Durable Medical Equipment (DME)* | 80% after *deductible* |
| Prosthesis | 80% after *deductible* |
| Wigs for cancer patients with hair loss resulting from chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy | Not covered |

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| **SPECIALTY DRUGS** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| *Specialty Drugs* (*Qualified Practitioner’s* Office Visit, Freestanding Facility and Urgent Care Center) | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| Humana Pharmacy Home Health Care | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| *Specialty Drugs* (Emergency Room, *Ambulance*, Inpatient *Hospital*,Outpatient *Hospital* and Skilled Nursing Facility) | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |

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| **AMBULANCE SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Ground *Ambulance* | 80% after *deductible* |
| Air *Ambulance* | 80% after *deductible* |

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| **MORBID OBESITY SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| The following *services* will be covered under the *morbid obesity* benefit: examinations/*qualified practitioner* visits,laboratory and x-ray *services* and other diagnostic testing, inpatient facility *services*,outpatient facility *services*, *bariatric**surgery*, home health *services*,physical/occupational therapy, nutritional counseling,and*durable medical equipment.* | |
| *Morbid Obesity* | 50% after *deductible* |
| *Morbid Obesity* Limits | Limited to a PAR AND Non-PAR combined lifetime limit of $10,000 per *covered person* |
| Travel and Lodging | Not covered |

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| **OBESITY SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Obesity | Payable the same as any other medical diagnosis. |
| *Morbid Obesity* Nutritional Counseling Limits | 4 visits per *covered person* per *calendar year.* |

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| **TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DYSFUNCTION (TMJ)** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ) (Other than Splint/Appliances) | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ) Splint/Appliances | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |

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| **DENTAL INJURY SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| *Dental Injuries* | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| **Please see the “Medical Covered Expenses” section, Dental Injury, for benefit details.** | |

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| **INFERTILITY SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Infertility Counseling and Treatment | Not covered |
| Sexual Dysfunction/Impotence | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| Sexual Dysfunction/Impotence related to a *Mental* Disorder | Not covered |

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| **THERAPY SERVICES** | |
| Therapy *copayments* apply to therapy *services*, regardless of provider specialty (for example, if a Podiatrist is performing physical therapy, the physical therapy *copayment* will apply). | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Chiropractic Examinations | 100% after $25 *copayment* |
| Chiropractic Laboratory | 100% |
| Chiropractic X-ray | 100% |
| Chiropractic Manipulations | 100% after $25 *copayment* |
| Chiropractic Therapy | 100% after $25 *copayment* |
| Chiropractic Limits | 30visits per *covered person*  The visit limit applies to the following chiropractic benefits:manipulations, adjustments, physical, occupational, cognitive, speech and audiology therapies. |
| Physical therapy when provided by a chiropractor will deplete the physical therapy limits. | |
| Physical Therapy (Clinic and Outpatient) | 100% after $25 *copayment* |
| Occupational Therapy (Clinic and Outpatient) | 100% after $25 *copayment* |
| Speech Therapy (Clinic and Outpatient) | 100% after $55 *copayment* |
| Cognitive Therapy (Clinic and Outpatient) | 100% after $55 *copayment* |

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| **THERAPY SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Audiology Therapy (Clinic and Outpatient) | 100% after $55 *copayment* |
| Therapy Limits | 30 visits per *covered person.* |
| Manipulation, adjustments, physical, occupational, speech, cognitive and audiology therapies are combined and track toward the Therapy Limits. | |
| Acupuncture | 80% after *deductible* |
| Respiratory Therapy and Pulmonary Therapy (Clinic and Outpatient) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Vision Therapy (eye exercises to strengthen the muscles of the eye)  (Clinic and Outpatient) | Not covered |
| Chemotherapy (Clinic and Outpatient) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Radiation Therapy (Clinic and Outpatient) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Cardiac Rehabilitation (Phase II)  Phase I is covered under the inpatient facility benefits.  Phase III, an unsupervised exercise program, is not covered. | 80% after *deductible* |

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| **TRANSPLANT SERVICES** | |
| ***Preauthorization* is required, if *preauthorization* is not received, organ transplant *services* will not be covered.** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **HUMANA NATIONAL TRANSPLANT NETWORK (NTN) FACILITY**  **(Payable at the *PAR Provider* Benefit Level)** |
| Organ Transplant Medical *Services* | 80% after *deductible* |
| Organ Transplant Medical *Services* Limits | None |
| ***Preauthorization* is required, if *preauthorization* is not received, organ transplant *services* will not be covered.** | |
| Non-Medical *Services* - Lodging and Transportation | 100% |
| Non-Medical *Services* - Lodging and Transportation Combined Limits | $10,000 per covered transplant |
| *Covered expenses* for organ transplants performed at a Humana National Transplant Network facility will aggregate toward the Plan *out-of-pocket* *limits*. *Covered expenses* for organ transplants performed at a facility other than a Humana National Transplant Network facility do not aggregate toward the Plan *out-of-pocket limits*. | |

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| **TRANSGENDER COVERAGE** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Gender Conforming *Surgery*/Gender Reassignment (*Surgery* & Facility) | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| Hormone Therapy | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| Behavioral Counseling | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |

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| **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INPATIENT SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Inpatient *Behavioral Health* *Room and Board* and Ancillary *Services* | Payable the same as medical inpatient *hospital* *services*. |
| Inpatient *Behavioral Health* Professional *Services* | Payable the same as medical inpatient *qualified practitioner* *services*. |
| Injections of drugs or medicines other than routine (in a clinic) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Anesthesia (in a clinic) | Refer to reimbursement under medical benefit |

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| **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INPATIENT SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| *Behavioral Health Partial Hospitalization Services* | 80% after *deductible* |
| *Behavioral Health* *Residential Treatment* *Facility* *Services* | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| *Behavioral Health* Half-way House *Services* | Not covered |

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| **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC, OUTPATIENT AND INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| *Behavioral Health* Therapy and Office Visit *Services* (Clinic, Outpatient, *Intensive Outpatient* and *Telemedicine*) | Payable the same as a *qualified practitioner* primary care physician office visit. |
| Office Visit Retail Clinic | Payable the same as a *qualified practitioner* primary care physician office visit. |
| *Behavioral health services* not listed above, such as laboratory and x-ray, are payable the same as the *qualified practitioner* or facility, based on place of *service*.  *Prescription* drug expenses for the treatment of *behavioral health services* are covered under the Prescription Drug Benefit | |
| Autism | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| *Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy* | Payable the same as a *qualified practitioner* primary care physician office visit |

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| **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC, OUTPATIENT AND INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Residential Treatment Outpatient Services | Payable the same as behavioral health diseases |
| Anesthesia (in a place of service other than a clinic) | Refer to reimbursement under medical benefit |
| Telemedicine Outpatient  -Certificate will disclose PCP office visit benefit | 100% |
| Outpatient Facility MRI, MRA, PET, CAT, SPECT Scans | 80% after *deductible* |
| Clinic injections, other than routine immunizations, flu or pneumonia, contraceptive for birth control reasons and allergy injections | 100% |
| Outpatient *Hospital* Services | 80% after *deductible* |
| Outpatient Non-Surgical Facility | Refer to reimbursement under medical benefit |
| Pre-Admission/pre-surgical testing | Refer to reimbursement under medical benefit |

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| **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SKILLED NURSING SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Skilled Nursing Room & Board and Ancillary Facility Services | 80% after *deductible* |
| Skilled Nursing *Qualified Practitioner* visit | Refer to reimbursement under medical benefit |

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| **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Emergency Room MRI, MRA, PET, CAT, SPECT scans | 100% |
| Urgent Care Facility, Ancillary and *Qualified Practitioner* services | 100% |

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| **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOME HEALTH SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Home Health Care | 80% after *deductible* |

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| **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALTY DRUG MEDICAL BENEFIT** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| *Specialty drugs* administered at a *qualified practitioner* office visit, freestanding facility or urgent care facility | Refer to reimbursement under medical benefit |
| Specialty drugs administered for home health care | Refer to reimbursement under medical benefit |
| *Specialty drugs* administered in an emergency room, ambulance, inpatient *hospital*, skilled nursing facility or outpatient *hospital*. | Refer to reimbursement under medical benefit |
| To obtain a list of *our* *specialty drugs*, log onto *our* unsecured website at [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com) and use the “drug list search” tool or on the secured website at [www.myhumana.com](http://www.myhumana.com) to use the “drug pricing” tool and search for *your* drug. | |

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| **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH THERAPY SERVICES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Physical therapy (clinical and outpatient) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Occupational therapy (clinical and outpatient) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Speech therapy (clinical and outpatient | 80% after *deductible* |
| Cognitive therapy (clinical and outpatient) | 80% after *deductible* |
| Therapy - all other. No limits | 100% |

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| **OTHER COVERED EXPENSES** | |
| **MEDICAL SERVICES** | **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER BENEFIT** |
| Other Covered Expenses | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |
| Dental Anesthesia. Mandates coverage for anesthesia and hospital/facility charges for dental procedures for the following: children under 9; any age person with serious mental or physical conditions; any age person with behavioral problems as defined in code | Payable the same as any other *sickness*. |

**HOW BENEFITS PAY**

This Plan may require *you* to satisfy *deductible(s)* before this Plan begins to share the cost of most medical *services*. If a *deductible* is required to be met before benefits are payable under this Plan, when it is satisfied, this Plan will share the cost of *covered expenses* at the *coinsurance* percentage until *you* have reached any applicable *out-of-pocket limit* or *PAR provider* *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit*, whichever comes first. After *you* have met the *out-of-pocket limit*, if any, this Plan will pay *covered expenses* at 100% for the rest of the *calendar year*, subject to the *maximum allowable fee(s)*, any *maximum benefits* and all other terms, provisions, limitations and exclusions of this Plan. Any applicable *deductible*, *coinsurance*, *out-of-pocket limit* amounts, *PAR provider Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit* amounts, medical *services* and medical *service* limits are stated on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**DEDUCTIBLE**

A *deductible* is a specified dollar amount that must be satisfied, either individually or combined as a covered family, per *calendar year* before this Plan pays benefits for certain specified *services*. Only charges which qualify as a *covered expense* may be used to satisfy the *deductible*. *Preauthorization* penalties, *copayments* and *prescription* drugs payable under the Prescription Drug Benefitdo not apply toward the *deductible*. The single and family *deductible* amounts are stated on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**Single Deductible**

The single *deductible* applies to each *covered person* each *calendar year*. Once a *covered person* meets their single *deductible*, this Plan will begin to pay benefits for that *covered person*.

**Family Deductible**

The family deductible is the total deductible applied to all covered persons in one family in a calendar year. Each covered person must first meet their own individual deductible until the total amount of deductible expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family deductible. Once the family deductible is met, this Plan will begin to pay benefits for all covered persons in the family.

**COINSURANCE**

*Coinsurance* means the shared financial responsibility for *covered expenses* between the *covered person* and this Plan.

*Covered expenses* are payable at the applicable *coinsurance* percentage rate shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits after the *deductible*, if any, is satisfied each *calendar year*, subject to any *calendar year*maximums.

**OUT-OF-POCKET LIMIT**

An *out-of-pocket limit* is a specified dollar amount that must be satisfied, either individually or combined as a covered family, per *calendar year* before a benefit percentage will be increased. The singleand family *out-of-pocket limits* are stated on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**Single Out-of-Pocket Limits**

Once a *covered person* satisfies the single *out-of-pocket limits*, this Plan will pay 100% of *covered expenses* for the remainder of the *calendar year* for that *covered person*, unless specifically indicated, subject to any *calendar year* maximums. The single *out-of-pocket limits* include the*deductible*, *coinsurance, PAR provider copayments*,*Non-PAR provider copayments* and Prescription drugs.

**Family Out-of-Pocket Limit**

Once the family *out-of-pocket limit* is met by a combination of *you* and/or *your* covered *dependents*,this Plan will pay 100% of *covered expenses* for the remainder of the *calendar year* for the family, unless specifically indicated, subject to any *calendar year* maximums. The family *out-of-pocket limits* include the*deductible*, *coinsurance*, *PAR provider copayments, Non-PAR provider copayments* and Prescription drugs.

**PAR PROVIDER PLAN MAXIMUM OUT-OF-POCKET LIMIT**

PAR provider *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit* is the maximum amount of any *copayments*, *deductibles* and/or *coinsurance* for PAR provider *covered expenses* which must be paid by *you*, either individually or combined as a covered family, per *calendar year*before a benefit percentage for PAR provider *covered expenses* will be increased. The PAR provider medical *out-of-pocket limit* and the *participating pharmacy* *prescription drug out-of-pocket limit* appliestoward the PAR provider *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit*. Once the PAR provider *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit* is met, any remaining PAR provider medical *out-of-pocket limit* or *participating pharmacy* *prescription drug out-of-pocket limit* will be waived for the remainder of the *year*. The *Non-PAR provider* *medical out-of-pocket limit* and any applicable *preauthorization* penalties do not apply to the *PAR provider* *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit.*

There are single and family PAR provider *Plan maximum* *out-of-pocket limits,* which are outlined in the “Medical Schedule of Benefits” section. After the single PAR provider *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit* has been satisfied in a *calendar year*, the PAR provider benefit percentage for *covered expenses* for that *covered person* will be payable at the rate of 100% for the rest of the*calendar year,* subject to any *maximum benefit* and all other terms, provisions, limitations and exclusions of this Plan. After the family PAR provider *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit* has been satisfied in a *calendar year*, the PAR provider benefit percentage for *covered expenses* will be payable at the rate of 100% for the rest of the *calendar year,* subject to any *maximum benefit* and all other terms, provisions, limitations and exclusions of this Plan.

**ROUTINE/PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

*Covered expenses* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits and include the preventive *services* appropriate for *you* as recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for *your* *plan* *year.*  Preventive *services* include:

* + - Services with an A or B rating in the current recommendations of the U. S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).
    - Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
    - Preventive care for infants, children and adolescents provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
    - Preventive care for women provided in the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA.

For the recommended preventive *services* that apply to *your* *plan* *year*, refer to the [www.healthcare.gov website](http://www.healthcare.gov/) or by calling the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card.

The exclusion for *services* which are not *medically necessary* does not apply to routine/preventive care *services*.

No benefits are payable under this routine/preventive care benefit for a medical examination for a *bodily injury* or *sickness*, a medical examination caused by or resulting from pregnancy, or a dental examination.

**QUALIFIED PRACTITIONER SERVICES**

*Qualified practitioner* *services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**Second Surgical Opinion**

If *you* obtain a second surgical opinion, the *qualified practitioners* providing the surgical opinions MUST NOT be in the same group practice or clinic. If the two opinions disagree, *you* may obtain a third opinion. Benefits for the third opinion are payable the same as for the second opinion. The *qualified practitioner* providing the second or third surgical opinion may confirm the need for *surgery* or present other treatment options. The decision whether or not to have the *surgery* is always *yours*.

**Multiple Surgical Procedures**

If multiple or bilateral surgical procedures are performed during the same day, the *surgeries* will be paid according to the *provider contract* for a *participating provider.* When a *non-participating provider* is utilized, the *surgery* with the highest *maximum allowable fee* monetary amount will be allowed at 100% of the *maximum allowable fee.* For each additional *surgery* for a *non-participating provider* the amount allowed will be: a) 50% of the *maximum allowable fee* for the *surgery* with the second highest *maximum allowable fee* monetary amount; and b) 25% of the *maximum allowable fee* for all the other surgeries.

**Assistant Surgeon**

Services for an *assistant surgeon*. The *assistant surgeon* will be paid according to the provider contract if they are a *network provider*. This Plan will allow the *assistant surgeon* 16%of the *maximum allowable fee* for the *surgery* that would apply if the *assistant surgeon* were the primary surgeon.

**Physician Assistant**

Services for a Physician assistants (P.A.). The P.A. will be paid according to the *provider contract* if they are a *network provider*. This Plan will allow the P.A. 10%of the *maximum allowable fee* for the *surgery* that would apply if the P.A. were the primary surgeon.

**DENTAL/ORAL SURGERIES COVERED UNDER THE MEDICAL PLAN**

Oral surgical operations due to a *bodily injury* or *sickness* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits and include the following procedures:

* Excision of tumors and cysts of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, roof/floor of the mouth in conjunction with a pathological examination;
* Surgical procedures required to correct accidental injuries of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, roof and floor of the mouth;
* Reduction of fractures and dislocations of the jaw;
* External incision and drainage of cellulitis;
* Incision of accessory sinuses, salivary glands or ducts;
* Frenectomy (the cutting of the tissue in the midline of the tongue);

**REVERSAL OF STERILIZATION AND ABORTIONS**

Family planning *services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

The exclusion for *services* which are not *medically necessary* does not apply to family planning *services*, except life-threatening abortions.

**MATERNITY**

Maternity *services*, including normal maternity, c-section and complications, are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any *hospital* length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following an uncomplicated vaginal delivery and 96 hours following an uncomplicated cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother’s or newborn’s attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). An attending provider is defined as an individual who is licensed under applicable state law to provide maternal or pediatric care and who is directly responsible for providing such care to a mother or newborn child. The definition of attending provider does not include a plan, *hospital*, managed care organization or other issuer. In any case, plans may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the Plan or the issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

**Newborns**

*Covered expenses* incurred during a newborn child's initial inpatient *hospital confinement* include *hospital* expenses for nursery *room and board* and miscellaneous *services*, *qualified practitioner's* expenses for circumcision and *qualified practitioner's* expenses for routine examination before release from the *hospital*. *Covered expenses* also include *services* for the treatment of a *bodily injury* or *sickness*, care or treatment for premature birth and medically diagnosed birth defects and abnormalities.

Please refer to the “Eligibility and Effective Date of Coverage” section regarding newborn eligibility and enrollment.

**Birthing Centers**

A birthing center is a free standing facility, licensed by the state, which provides prenatal care, delivery, immediate postpartum care and care of the newborn child. *Services* are payable when incurredwithin 48 hours after *confinement* in a birthing center for *services* and supplies furnished for prenatal care and delivery.

**INPATIENT HOSPITAL**

Inpatient *hospital services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits, and include charges made by a *hospital* for daily semi-private, ward, intensive care or coronary care *room and board* charges for each day of *confinement* and *services* furnished for *your* treatment during *confinement*. Benefits for a private or single-bed room are limited to the *maximum allowable fee* charged for a semi-private room in the *hospital* while *confined*.

**SKILLED NURSING FACILITY**

*Expenses incurred* for daily *room and board* and general nursing *services* for each day of *confinement* in a skilled nursing facility are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits. The daily rate will not exceed the maximum daily rate established for licensed skilled nursing care facilities by the Department of Health and Social Services.

*Covered expenses* for a skilled nursing facility *confinement* are payable when the *confinement*:

* Occurs while *you* or an eligible *dependent* are covered under this Plan;
* Begins after discharge from a *hospital* *confinement* or a prior covered skilled nursing facility *confinement*;
* Is necessary for care or treatment of the same *bodily injury* or *sickness* which caused the prior *confinement*; and
* Occurs while *you* or an eligible *dependent* are under the regular care of a physician.

Skilled nursing facility means only an institution licensed as a skilled nursing facility and lawfully operated in the jurisdiction where located. It must maintain and provide:

* Permanent and full-time bed care facilities for resident patients;
* A physician's *services* available at all times;
* 24-hour-a-day skilled nursing *services* under the full-time supervision of a physician or registered *nurse* (R.N.);
* A daily record for each patient;
* Continuous skilled nursing care for sick or injured persons during their convalescence from *sickness* or *bodily injury*; and
* A utilization review plan.

A skilled nursing facility is not except by incident, a rest home, a home for care of the aged, or engaged in the care and treatment of *mental health* or *chemical dependency*.

**OUTPATIENT AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER**

Outpatient facility and *ambulatory surgical center* *services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES**

*Emergency* and urgent care *services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**HOSPICE SERVICES**

Hospice *services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits, and must be furnished in a hospice facility or in *your* home. A *qualified practitioner* must certify *you* are terminally ill with a life expectancy of 18 months or less.

For hospice *services* only, *your* immediate family is considered to be *your* parent, spouse, children or step-children.

*Covered expenses* are payable for the following hospice *services*:

* *Room and board* and other *services* and supplies;
* Part-time nursing care by, or supervised by, a registered *nurse* for up to 8 hours in any one day;
* Counseling *services* by a *qualified practitioner* for the hospice patient and the immediate family;
* Medical social *services* provided to *you* or *your* immediate family under the direction of a *qualified practitioner,* which include the following:
* Assessment of social, emotional and medical needs, and the home and family situation; and
* Identification of the community resources available;
* Psychological and dietary counseling;
* Physical therapy;
* Part-time home health aide service for up to 8 hours in any one day;
* Medical supplies, drugs and medicines prescribed by a *qualified practitioner* for *palliative care*.

Hospice care benefits do NOT include:

* A *confinement* not required for pain control or other acute chronic symptom management;
* Bereavement counseling services for *family members* that are not covered under this Plan
* Funeral arrangements;
* Financial or legal counseling, including estate planning or drafting of a will;
* Homemaker or caretaker *services*, including a sitter or companion *services*;
* Housecleaning and household maintenance;
* *Services* of a social worker other than a licensed clinical social worker;
* *Services* by volunteers or persons who do not regularly charge for their *services*; or
* *Services* by a licensed pastoral counselor to a member of his or her congregation when *services* are in the course of the duties to which he or she is called as a pastor or minister.

Hospice care program means a written plan of hospice care, established and reviewed by the *qualified practitioner* attending the patient and the hospice care agency, for providing *palliative care* and supportive care to hospice patients. It offers supportive care to the families of hospice patients, an assessment of the hospice patient's medical and social needs, and a description of the care to meet those needs.

Hospice facility means a licensed facility or part of a facility which principally provides hospice care, keeps medical records of each patient, has an ongoing quality assurance program and has a physician on call at all times. A hospice facility provides 24-hour-a-day nursing *services* under the direction of a R.N. and has a full-time administrator.

Hospice care agency means an agency which has the primary purpose of providing hospice *services* to hospice patients. It must be licensed and operated according to the laws of the state in which it is located and meets all of these requirements: (1) has obtained any required certificate of need; (2) provides 24-hours a day, 7 day-a-week service supervised by a *qualified practitioner*; (3) has a full-time coordinator; (4) keeps written records of*services* provided to each patient; (5) has a *nurse* coordinator who is a R.N., who has four years of full-time clinical experience, of which at least two involved caring for terminally ill patients; and, (6) has a licensed social service coordinator.

A hospice care agency will establish policies for the provision of hospice care, assess the patient's medical and social needs and develop a program to meet those needs. It will provide an ongoing quality assurance program, permit area medical personnel to use its*services* for their patients, and use volunteers trained in care of, and *services* for, non-medical needs.

**HOME HEALTH CARE**

*Expenses incurred* for home health care are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits. The maximum weekly benefit for such coverage may not exceed the maximum allowable weekly cost for care in a skilled nursing facility.

Each visit by a home health care provider for evaluating the need for, developing a plan, or providing *services* under a home health care plan will be considered one home health care visit. Up to 4 consecutive hours of service in a 24-hour period is considered one home health care visit. A visit by a home health care provider of 4 hours or more is considered one visit for every 4 hours or part thereof.

Home health care provider means an agency licensed by the proper authority as a home health agency or *Medicare* approved as a home health agency.

Home health care will not be reimbursed unless this Plan determines:

* Hospitalization or *confinement* in a skilled nursing facility would otherwise be required if home care were not provided;
* Necessary care and treatment are not available from a *family member* or other persons residing with *you*; and
* The home health care *services* will be provided or coordinated by a state-licensed or *Medicare*-certified home health agency or certified rehabilitation agency.

The home health care plan must be reviewed and approved by the *qualified practitioner* under whose care *you* are currently receiving treatment for the *bodily injury* or *sickness* which requires the home health care.

The home health care plan consists of:

* Care provided by *nurse* ;
* Physical, speech, occupational and respiratory therapy; and
* Medical social work and nutrition services; and
* Medical appliances, equipment and laboratory services.

Home health care benefits do not include:

* Charges for mileage or travel time to and from the *covered person's* home;
* Wage or shift differentials for home health care providers;
* Charges for supervision of home health care providers;

**DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)**

*Durable medical equipment (DME)* is payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits and includes *DME* provided within a *covered person’s* home. Rental is allowed up to, but not to exceed, the total purchase price of the *durable medical equipment (DME)*. This Plan, at its option, may authorize the purchase of *DME* in lieu of its rental, if the rental price is projected to exceed the purchase price. Oxygen and rental of equipment for its administration and insulin infusion pumps in the treatment of diabetes are considered *DME*.

Repair or maintenance of purchased *DME* is a *covered expense* if:

* The manufacturer’s warranty is expired; and
* Repair or maintenance is not a result of misuse or abuse; and
* Maintenance is not more frequent than every 6 months; and
* The repair cost is less than the replacement cost.

Replacement of purchased *DME* is a *covered expense* if:

* The manufacturer’s warranty is expired; and
* The replacement cost is less than the repair cost; and
* The replacement is not due to lost or stolen equipment or misuse or abuse of the equipment; or
* Replacement is required due to a change in condition that makes the current equipment non-functional.

Duplicate *DME* is not covered.

**Prosthetics**

Initial prosthetic devices or supplies, including but not limited to, limbs and eyes are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits. Coverage will be provided for prosthetic devices necessary to restore minimal basic function. Replacement is a *covered expense* if due to pathological changes or growth. Repair of the basic prosthetic device, including replacing a part or putting together what is broken, is a *covered expense*

**SPECIALTY DRUG MEDICAL BENEFIT**

*Specialty drugs* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.For more information regarding the specific *specialty drugs* covered under this Plan, please call the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card or visit Humana’s website at [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com).

**AMBULANCE**

Local professional ground or air *ambulance* service to the nearest *hospital* equipped to provide the necessary treatment is covered as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits. *Ambulance* service must not be provided primarily for the convenience of the patient or the *qualified practitioner*.

*Ambulance* services for *emergency care* provided by a *Non* PAR provider will be covered at the PAR provider benefit, as specified in the Ambulance benefit on the "Schedule of Benefits", subject to the *maximum allowable fee*. *Non-network providers* have not agreed to accept discounted or negotiated fees, and may bill *you* for charges in excess of the *maximum allowable fee*. *You* may be required to pay any amount not paid by this Plan.

**MORBID OBESITY**

*Morbid obesity* *services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

*Covered persons* are eligible for *bariatric surgery* if the standard criteria is met as listed on the Humana Coverage Policy. For additional details, go to [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com) or call the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card.

**OBESITY**

Obesity *services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DYSFUNCTION (TMJ)**

*Covered expenses* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits for any jaw joint problem including any temporomandibular joint disorder, craniomaxillary, craniomandibular disorder or other conditions of the joint linking the jaw bone and skull and treatment of the facial muscles used in expression and mastication functions, for symptoms including but not limited to, headaches. These expenses do not include charges for orthodontic *services*.

**DENTAL INJURY**

*Dental injury* *services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits and include charges for initial extraction of a *sound natural tooth* lost due to a *dental injury*.

*Services* for teeth injured as a result of chewing are not covered. Biting or chewing injuries as a result of an act of domestic violence or a medical condition (including both physical and mental health conditions) are a *covered expense*.

*Services* must begin within 90 daysafter the date of the *dental injury*.*Services* must be completed within 12 monthsafter the date of the *dental injury*.

Benefits will be paid only for *expenses incurred* for the least expensive *service* that will produce a professionally adequate result as determined by this Plan.

**THERAPY SERVICES**

Therapy *services* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**Chiropractic Care**

Chiropractic care for the treatment of a *bodily injury* or *sickness* is payable as shown on the Schedule of Medical Benefits.

**Acupuncture**

Acupuncture is payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits only when:

* The treatment is medically necessary and appropriate and is provided within the scope of the acupuncturist's license; and
* *You* are directed to the acupuncturist for treatment by a licensed physician.

**TRANSPLANT SERVICES**

This Plan will pay benefits for the expense of a transplant as defined below for a *covered person* when approved in advance by Humana, subject to those terms, conditions and limitations described below and contained in this Plan. Please call the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card when in need of these *services*.

**Preauthorization**

*Preauthorization* is required. If *preauthorization* is not received, transplant *services* will not be covered.

**Covered Organ Transplant**

Only the *services*, care and treatment received for, or in connection with, the pre-approved transplant of the organs identified hereafter, which are determined by Humana to be *medically necessary* *services* and which are not *experimental, investigational or for research purposes* will be covered by this Plan. The transplant includes: pre-transplant *services*, transplant inclusive of any integral chemotherapy and associated *services*, post-discharge *services* and treatment of complications after transplantation for or in connection with only the following procedures:

* Heart;
* Lung(s);
* Liver;
* Kidney;
* *Bone Marrow*;
* Intestine;
* Pancreas;
* Auto islet cell;
* Any combination of the above listed organs;
* Any organ not listed above required by federal law.

Corneal transplants and porcine heart valve implants, which are tissues rather than organs, are considered part of regular plan benefits and are subject to other applicable provisions of this Plan.

For a transplant to be considered fully approved, prior written approval from Humana is required in advance of the transplant. *You* or *your* *qualified practitioner* must notify Humana in advance of *your* need for an initial transplant evaluation in order for Humana to determine if the transplant will be covered. For approval of the transplant itself, Humana must be given a reasonable opportunity to review the clinical results of the evaluation before rendering a determination.

Once the transplant is approved, Humana will advise the *covered person's* *qualified practitioner*. Benefits are payable only if the pre-transplant *services*, the transplant and post-discharge *services* are approved by Humana.

**Exclusions**

No benefit is payable for, or in connection with, a transplant if:

* It is *experimental, investigational or for research purposes* as defined in the “Definitions” section;
* Humanais not contacted for authorization prior to referral for evaluation of the transplant;
* Humanadoes not approve coverage for the transplant, based on its established criteria;
* Expenses are eligible to be paid under any private or public research fund, government program, except Medicaid, or another funding program, whether or not such funding was applied for or received;
* The expense relates to the transplantation of any non-human organ or tissue, unless otherwise stated in this Plan;
* The expense relates to the donation or acquisition of an organ for a recipient who is not covered by this Plan;
* A denied transplant is performed; this includes the pre-transplant evaluation, pre-transplant *services*, the transplant procedure, post-discharge *services*, immunosuppressive drugs and complications of such transplant;
* The *covered person* for whom a transplant is requested has not met pre-transplant criteria as established by Humana.

**Covered Services**

For approved transplants, and all related complications, this Planwill cover only the following expenses:

* *Hospital* and *qualified practitioner* *services*, payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits. If *services* are rendered at a Humana National Transplant Network (NTN) facility, *covered expenses* are paid in accordance to the NTN contracted rates;
* Organ acquisition and donor costs. Except for *bone* *marrow* transplants, donor costs are not payable under this Plan if they are payable in whole or in part by any other group plan, insurance company, organization or person other than the donor's family or estate. Coverage for *bone* *marrow* transplants procedures will include costs associated with the donor-patient to the same extent and limitations associated with the *covered person;*
* Direct, non-medical costs for the *covered person*, when the transplant is performed at a Humana National Transplant Network facility, will be paid as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits, for: (a) transportation to and from the *hospital* where the transplant is performed; and (b) temporary lodging at a prearranged location when requested by the *hospital* and approved by Humana. These direct, non-medical costs are only available if the *covered person* lives more than 100 miles from the transplant facility;
* Direct, non-medical costs for one support person of the *covered person* (two persons if the patient is under age 18 years), when the transplant is performed at a Humana National Transplant Network facility, will be paid as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits, for: (a) transportation to and from the approved facility where the transplant is performed; and (b) temporary lodging at a prearranged location during the *covered person's* *confinement* in the *hospital*. These direct, non-medical costs are only available if the *covered person's* support person(s) live more than 100 miles from the transplant facility.

Non-medical costs are not covered if a transplant is performed at a facility that is not a Humana National Transplant Network facility.

**TRANSGENDER COVERAGE**

Gender conforming surgery/gender reassignment is covered as listed in the Schedule of Benefits. For additional details, go to [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com) to reference Humana’s Medical Coverage Policy or call the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

*Expense incurred* by *you* during a plan of treatment for *behavioral health* is payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits for:

* Charges made by a *qualified practitioner*;
* Charges made by a *hospital*;
* Charges made by a *qualified treatment facility*;
* Charges for x-ray and laboratory expenses.

**Inpatient Services**

*Covered expenses* while *confined* as a registered bed patient in a *hospital* or *qualified treatment facility* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**Outpatient Services**

*Covered expenses* for outpatient treatment received while not *confined* in a *hospital* or *qualified treatment facility* are payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.

**Limitations**

No benefits are payable under this provision for marriage counseling, treatment of nicotine habit or addiction, or for treatment of being obese or overweight.

Treatment must be provided for the cause for which benefits are payable under this provision of the Plan.

**OTHER COVERED EXPENSES**

The following are other *covered expenses* payable as shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits:

* Blood and blood plasma are payable as long as it is NOT replaced by donation, and administration of blood and blood products including blood extracts or derivatives;
* Casts, trusses, crutches, *orthotics*, splints and braces. *Orthotics* must be custom made or custom fitted, made of rigid or semi-rigid material. Oral or dental splints and appliances must be custom made and for the treatment of documented obstructive sleep apnea. Unless specifically stated otherwise, fabric supports, replacement *orthotics* and braces, oral splints and appliances, dental splints and appliances, and dental braces are not a *covered expense*;
* Reconstructive *surgery* due to *bodily injury*, infection or other disease of the involved part or congenital disease or anomaly of a covered *dependent* child which resulted in a *functional impairment*;
* Reconstructive *services* following a covered mastectomy, including but not limited to:
  + Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
  + *Surgery* and reconstruction of the other breast to achieve symmetrical appearance;
  + Prosthesis; and
  + Treatment of physical complications of all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas;
* Routine costs associated with clinical trials, when approved by this Plan. For additional details, go to [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com) or call the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card
* Cranial banding, when approved by this Plan. For additional details, go to [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com) or call the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card

This Plan does not provide benefits for:

* *Services*:
  + Not furnished by a *qualified practitioner* or *qualified treatment facility*;
  + Not authorized or prescribed by a *qualified practitioner*;
  + Not specifically covered by this Plan whether or not prescribed by a *qualified practitioner*;
  + Which are not provided;
  + For which no charge is made, or for which *you* would not be required to pay if *you* were not covered under this Plan unless charges are received from and reimbursable to the United States Government or any of its agencies as required by law;
  + Furnished by or payable under any plan or law through any government or any political subdivision (this does not include *Medicare* or Medicaid);
  + Furnished for a military service connected *sickness* or *bodily injury* by or under an agreement with a department or agency of the United States Government, including the Department of Veterans Affairs;
  + Performed in association with a *service* that is not covered under this Plan.
* Immunizations required for foreign travel;
* Radial keratotomy, refractive keratoplasty or any other *surgery* to correct myopia, hyperopia or stigmatic error;
* *Cosmetic* *surgery* and cosmetic *services* or devices, unless for reconstructive *surgery*:
  + Resulting from a *bodily injury*, infection or other disease of the involved part, when *functional impairment* is present; or
  + Resulting from a congenital disease or *anomaly* of a covered *dependent* child which resulted in a *functional impairment*.
* *Expense incurred* for reconstructive *surgery* performed due to the presence of a psychological condition is not covered, unless the condition(s) described above are also met;
* Hair prosthesis, hair transplants or hair implants;
* Dental *services* or appliances for the treatment of the teeth, gums, jaws or alveolar processes, including but not limited to, implants and related procedures, routine dental extractions and orthodontic procedures, unless specifically provided under this Plan;
* *Services* which are:
* Rendered in connection with a *mental health* disorder not classified in the International Classification of Diseases of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;
* Extended beyond the period necessary for evaluation and diagnosis of learning and behavioral disabilities or for mental retardation.
* Marriage counseling;
* Education or training, unless otherwise specified in this Plan;
* Educational or vocational therapy, testing, services or schools, including therapeutic boarding schools and other therapeutic environments. Educational or vocational videos, tapes, books and similar materials are also excluded;
* Expenses for *services* that are primarily and customarily used for environmental control or enhancement (whether or not prescribed by a *qualified practitioner*) and certain medical devices including, but not limited to:
  + Common household items including air conditioners, air purifiers, water purifiers, vacuum cleaners, waterbeds, hypoallergenic mattresses or pillows or exercise equipment;
  + Motorized transportation equipment (e.g. scooters), escalators, elevators, ramps or modifications or additions to living/working quarters or transportation vehicles;
  + Personal hygiene equipment including bath/shower chairs and transfer equipment or supplies;
  + Personal comfort items including cervical pillows, gravity lumbar reduction chairs, swimming pools, whirlpools, spas or saunas;
  + Medical equipment including blood pressure monitoring devices, unless prescribed by a *qualified practitioner* for *preventive services* and ambulatory blood pressure monitoring is not available to confirm diagnosis of hypertension, PUVA lights and stethoscopes;
  + Communication system, telephone, television or computer systems and related equipment or similar items or equipment;
  + Communication devices, except after surgical removal of the larynx or a diagnosis of permanent lack of function of the larynx.
* Any medical treatment, procedure, drug, biological product or device which is *experimental, investigational or for research purposes*,unless otherwise specified in this Plan;
* *Services* that are not *medically necessary*, except routine/preventive *services*;
* Charges in excess of the *maximum allowable fee* for the *service*;
* *Services* provided by a person who ordinarily resides in *your* home or who is a *family member*;
* Any *expense incurred* prior to *your* effective date under this Plan or after the date *your* coverage under this Plan terminates, except as specifically described in this Plan;
* *Expenses incurred* for which *you* are entitled to receive benefits under *your* previous dental or medical plan;
* *Services* relating to a *sickness* or *bodily injury* as a result of :
* Engaging in an illegal profession or occupation; or
* Commission of or an attempt to commit a criminal act.
* Any loss caused by or contributed to:
* War or any act of war, whether declared or not;
* Insurrection; or
* Any act of armed conflict, or any conflict involving armed forces of any authority.
* Treatment of nicotine habit or addiction, including, but not limited to hypnosis, smoking cessation products, classes or tapes, unless otherwise determined by this Plan;
* Vitamins, except for *preventive services* with a *prescription* from a *qualified practitioner*, dietary supplements and dietary formulas, except enteral formulas, nutritional supplements or low protein modified food products for the treatment of an inherited metabolic disease, e.g. phenylketonuria (PKU);
* *Prescription* drugs and *self-administered injectable drugs*, unless administered to *you*:
  + While inpatient in a *hospital*, *qualified treatment facility, residential* *treatment* *facility* or skilled nursing facility; or
  + By the following, when deemed appropriate by this Plan: a *qualified practitioner*, during an office visit, while outpatient, or at a *home health care agency* as part of a covered home health care plan approved by this Plan.
  + Any drug prescribed, except:
* FDA approved drugs utilized for FDA approved indications; or
* FDA approved drugs utilized for *off-label drug* *indications* recognized in at least one compendia reference or peer-reviewed medical literature deemed acceptable to this Plan.
* *Off-evidence drug indications*;
* Over-the-counter, non-prescription medications, unless for drugs, medicines or medications on the Women's Healthcare Drug List with a *prescription* from a *qualified practitioner.* See the Prescription Drug Benefit;
* Over-the-counter medical items or supplies that can be provided or prescribed by a *qualified practitioner* but are also available without a written order or *prescription*, except for preventive *services* (with a *prescription* from a *qualified practitioner*);
* Growth hormones, except as otherwise specified in the pharmacy services sections of this *SPD*;
* Therapy and testing for treatment of allergies including, but not limited to, *services* related to clinical ecology, environmental allergy and allergic immune system dysregulation and sublingual antigen(s), extracts, neutralization test and/or treatment UNLESS such therapy or testing is approved by:
  + The American Academy of Allergy and Immunology, or
  + The Department of Health and Human Services or any of its offices or agencies.
  + Professional pathology or radiology charges, including but not limited to, blood counts, multi-channel testing, and other clinical chemistry tests, when:
  + The *services* do not require a professional interpretation, or
  + The *qualified practitioner* did not provide a specific professional interpretation of the test results of the *covered person*.
* *Services* that are billed incorrectly or billed separately, but are an integral part of another billed *service*;
* Expenses for health clubs or health spas, aerobic and strength conditioning, work-hardening programs or weight loss or similar programs, and all related material and product for these programs;
* *Alternative medicine*;
* *Services* rendered in a premenstrual syndrome clinic or holistic medicine clinic;
* *Services* of a midwife, unless provided by a Certified *Nurse* Midwife;
* The following types of care of the feet:
* Shock wave therapy of the feet.
* The treatment of weak, strained, flat, unstable or unbalanced feet.
* Hygienic care and the treatment of superficial lesions of the feet, such as corns, calluses or hyperkeratosis.
* The treatment of tarsalgia, metatarsalgia, or bunion, except surgically.
* The cutting of toenails, except the removal of the nail matrix.
* The provision of heel wedges, lifts or shoe inserts.
* The provision of arch supports or orthopedic shoes. Arch supports and orthopedic shoes are covered if *medically necessary* because of diabetes or hammertoe.
* *Custodial care* and *maintenance care*;
* Weekend non-emergency *hospital* *admissions*, specifically *admissions* to a *hospital* on a Friday or Saturday at the convenience of the *covered person* or his or her *qualified practitioner* when there is no cause for an *emergency* *admission* and the *covered person* receives no *surgery* or therapeutic treatment until the following Monday;
* *Hospital* inpatient *services* when *you* are in *observation status*;
* *Services* rendered by a standby physician, surgical assistant, *assistant surgeon*, physician assistant, registered *nurse* or certified operating room technician unless *medically necessary*;
* *Ambulance* *services* for routine transportation to, from or between medical facilities and/or a *qualified practitioner’s* office;
* *Preadmission testing*/procedural testing duplicated during a *hospital confinement*;
* Lodging accommodations or transportation, unless specifically provided under this Plan;
* Communications or travel time;
* No benefits will be provided for the following, unless otherwise determined by this Plan:
* Immunotherapy for recurrent abortion;
* Chemonucleolysis;
* Biliary lithotripsy;
* Home uterine activity monitoring;
* Sleep therapy;
* Light treatments for Seasonal Affective Disorder (S.A.D.);
* Immunotherapy for food allergy;
* Prolotherapy;
* Hyperhidrosis *surgery*; or
* Sensory integration therapy.
* Any *covered expenses* to the extent of any amount received from others for the *bodily injuries* or losses which necessitate such benefits. Without limitation, "amounts received from others" specifically includes, but is not limited to, liability insurance, workers’ compensation, uninsured motorists, underinsured motorists, "no-fault" and automobile med-pay payments or recovery from any identifiable fund regardless of whether the *beneficiary* was made whole;
* Routine physical examinations and related *services* for occupation, employment, school, sports, camp, travel, purchase of insurance or premarital tests or examinations, unless specifically provided under this Plan;
* Surrogate parenting;
* Any *bodily injury* or *sickness* arising from or sustained in the course of any occupation or employment for compensation, profit or gain for which:
  + Benefits are provided or payable under any Workers' Compensation or Occupational Disease Act or Law, or
  + Coverage was available under any Workers' Compensation or Occupational Disease Act or Law regardless of whether such coverage was actually purchased.
* Routine vision examinations;
* Routine vision refraction;
* The purchase, fitting or repair of eyeglass frames and lenses or contact lenses, unless specifically provided under this Plan;
* Vision therapy;
* Routine hearing examinations;
* Routine hearing testing;
* Elective medical or surgical abortion, unless:
* The pregnancy would endanger the life of the mother; or
* The pregnancy is a result of rape or incest; or
* The fetus has been diagnosed with a lethal or otherwise significant abnormality.
* *Services* for a reversal of sterilization;
  + Contraceptive pills and patches and spermicide (see the Prescription Drug Benefit for coverage);
* Private duty nursing;
* Wigs;
* Obesity *services* other than the covered *services* listed on the Medical Schedule of Benefits.There is no coverage for *bariatric surgery* under this benefit;
* *Morbid obesity* *services* other than the covered *services* listed on the Medical Schedule of Benefits;
* Surgical procedures for the removal of excess skin and/or fat in conjunction with or resulting from weight loss or weight loss *surgery*;
* Dental osteotomies;
* Infertility counseling and treatment *services*;
* Artificial means to achieve pregnancy or ovulation, including, but not limited to, artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, spermatogenesis, gamete intra fallopian transfer (GIFT), zygote intra fallopian transfer (ZIFT), tubal ovum transfer, embryo freezing or transfer and sperm banking;
* *Services* related to the treatment and/or diagnosis of sexual dysfunction/impotence related to a *Mental* Disorder;
* Halfway-house *services*;
* *Services* supporting *gender dysphoria.*

**NOTE:** These limitations and exclusions apply even if a *qualified practitioner* has performed or prescribed a *medically necessary* procedure, treatment or supply. This does not prevent *your* *qualified practitioner* from providing or performing the procedure, treatment or supply, however, the procedure, treatment or supply will not be a *covered expense*.

**Benefits Subject to this Provision**

Benefits described in this Plan are coordinated with benefits provided by other plans under which *you* are also covered. This is to prevent duplication of coverage and a resulting increase in the cost of medical or dentalcoverage.*Prescription* drug coverage under the *prescription* drug benefit, if applicable, is not subject to these coordination provisions and will therefore only be coordinated with other *prescription* drug coverage.

For this purpose, a plan is one which covers medical or dental expenses and provides benefits or *services* by group, franchise or blanket insurance coverage. This includes group-type contracts not available to the general public, obtained and maintained only because of the*covered person's* membership in, or connection with, a particular organization or group, whether or not designated as franchise, blanket, or in some other fashion. Plan also includes any coverage provided through the following:

* Employer, trustee, union, employee benefit, or other association; or
* Governmental programs, programs mandated by state statute, or sponsored or provided by an educational institution.

This Coordination of Benefits provision does not apply to any individual policies or Blanket Student Accident Insurance provided by, or through, an educational institution. Allowable expense means any eligible expense, a portion of which is covered under one of the plans covering the person for whom claim is made. Each plan will determine what is an allowable expense according to the provisions of the respective plan. When a plan provides benefits in the form of*services* rather than cash payments, the reasonable cash value of each *service* rendered will be deemed to be both an allowable expense and a benefit paid.

**Effect on Benefits**

One of the plans involved will pay benefits first. This is called the primary plan. All other plans are called secondary plans.

When this Plan is the secondary plan, the sum of the benefit payable will not exceed 100% of the total allowable expenses incurred under this Plan and any other plans included under this provision.

**Order of Benefit Determination**

In order to pay claims, it must be determined which plan is primary and which plan(s) are secondary. A plan will pay benefits first if it meets one of the following conditions:

* The plan has no coordination of benefits provision;
* The plan covers the person as an *employee*;
* For a child who is covered under both parents' plans, the plan covering the parent whose birthday (month and day) occurs first in the *calendar year* pays before the plan covering the other parent. If the birthdates of both parents are the same, the plan which has covered the person for the longer period of time will be determined the primary plan;

If a plan other than this Plan does not include bullet 3, then the gender rule will be followed to determine which plan is primary.

* In the case of *dependent* children covered under the plans of divorced or separated parents, the following rules apply:
* The plan of a parent who has custody will pay the benefits first;
* The plan of a step-parent who has custody will pay benefits next;
* The plan of a parent who does not have custody will pay benefits next;
* The plan of a step-parent who does not have custody will pay benefits next.

There may be a court decree which gives one parent financial responsibility for the medical or dental expenses of the *dependent* children. If there is a court decree, the rules stated above will not apply if they conflict with the court decree. Instead, the plan of the parent with financial responsibility will pay benefits first.

* If a person is laid off or is retired or is a *dependent* of such person, that plan covers after the plan covering such person as an active *employee* or *dependent* of such *employee*. If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule will be ignored.

If the above rules do not apply or cannot be determined, then the plan that covered the person for the longest period of time will pay first.

**General coordination of benefits with Medicare**

If you are covered under both *Medicare* and this Plan, federal law mandates that *Medicare* is the secondary plan in most situations. When permitted by law, this plan is the secondary plan. In all cases, coordination of benefits with *Medicare* will conform to federal statutes and regulations. If you are enrolled in Medicare, your benefits under this Plan will be coordinated to the extent benefits are payable under Medicare, as allowed by federal statutes and regulations.

**Right of Recovery**

This Plan reserves the right to recover benefit payments made for an allowable expense under this Plan in the amount which exceeds the maximum amount this Plan is required to pay under these provisions. This right of recovery applies to this Plan against:

* Any person(s) to, for or with respect to whom, such payments were made; or
* Any other insurance companies, or organizations which according to these provisions, owe benefits due for the same allowable expense under any other plan.

This Plan alone will determine against whom this right of recovery will be exercised.

**SUBMITTING A CLAIM**

This section describes what a *covered person* (or his or her authorized representative) must do to file a claim for Plan benefits.

* + A claim must be filed with Humana in writing and delivered to Humana by mail, postage prepaid. However, a submission to obtain preauthorization may also be filed with Humana by telephone;
  + Claims must be submitted to Humana at the address indicated in the documents describing this Plan or *claimant’s* Humana ID card. Claims will not be deemed submitted for purposes of these procedures unless and until received at the correct address;
  + Also, claims submissions must be in a format acceptable to Humana and compliant with any applicable legal requirements. Claims that are not submitted in accordance with the requirements of applicable federal law respecting privacy of *protected health information* and/or electronic claims standards will not be accepted by this Plan;
  + Claims submissions must be timely. Claims must be filed as soon as reasonably possible after they are incurred, and in no event later than 15 months after the date the claim was incurred for *Non-*PAR provider claims, except if *you* were legally incapacitated.  Claims should be submitted by a PAR provider in accordance with the timely filing period outlined in that *provider’s contract* with Humana (typically 180 days for physicians and 90 days for facilities and ancillary providers, however, a provider’s contractual timely filing period may vary).  Plan benefits are only available for claims that are incurred by a *covered person* during the period that he or she is covered under this Plan;
  + Claims submissions must be complete. They must contain, at a minimum:
  + The name of the *covered person* who incurred the *covered expense*;
  + The name and address of the health care provider;
  + The diagnosis of the condition;
  + The procedure or nature of the treatment;
  + The date of and place where the procedure or treatment has been or will be provided;
  + The amount billed and the amount of the *covered expense* not paid through coverage other than Plan coverage, as appropriate;
  + Evidence that substantiates the nature, amount, and timeliness of each *covered expense* in a format that is acceptable according to industry standards and in compliance with applicable law.

Presentation of a *prescription* to a *pharmacy* does not constitute a claim. If a *covered person* is required to pay the cost of a covered *prescription* drug, however, he or she may submit a claim based on that amount to Humana.

A general request for an interpretation of Plan provisions will not be considered to be a claim. Requests of this type, such as a request for an interpretation of the eligibility provisions of this Plan, should be directed to the *Plan Administrator*.

Mail medical claims and correspondence to:

* Humana Claims Office
* P.O. Box 14601
* Lexington, KY 40512-4601.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL CHARGES**

If *you* accumulate bills for medical items *you* purchase or rent *yourself*, send them to Humanaat least once every three months during the year (quarterly). The receipts must include the patient name, name of the item, date item was purchased or rented and name of the provider of *service*.

**Claims processing edits**

Payment of *covered* *expenses* for *services* rendered by a *qualified practitioner* is subject to this Plan’s claims processing edits, as determined by this Plan. The amount determined to be payable after this Plan applies claims processing edits dependson the existence and interaction of several factors. Because the mix of these factors may be different for every claim, the amount paid for a *covered* *expense* may vary depending on the circumstances. Accordingly, it is not feasible to provide an exhaustive description of the claims processing edits that will be used to determine the amount payable for a *covered* *expense*, but examples of the most commonly used factors are:

* The intensity and complexity of a *service*;
* Whether a *service* is one of multiple *services* performed at the same *service* session such that the cost of the *service* to the *qualified practitioner* is less than if the *service* had been provided in a separate *service* session. For example:
  + Two or more *surgeries* during the same *service* session; or
  + Two or more radiologic imaging views performed during the same session;
* Whether an *assistant surgeon*, physician assistant, registered *nurse*, certified operating room technician or any other *qualified practitioner*,who is billing independently is involved;
* When a charge includes more than one claim line, whether any *service* is part of or incidental to the primary *service* that was provided, or if these *services* cannot be performed together;
* If the *service* is reasonably expected to be provided for the diagnosis reported;
* Whether a *service* was performed specifically for *you*; or
* Whether *services* can be billed as a complete set of *services* under one billing code.

This Plan develops claims processing edits in this Plan’s sole discretion based on review of one or more of the following sources, including but not limited to:

* *Medicare* laws, regulations, manuals and other related guidance;
* Appropriate billing practices;
* National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC);
* American Medical Association (AMA)/Current Procedural Terminology (CPT);
* Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)/Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS);
* UB-04 Data Specifications Manual, and any successor manuals;
* International Classification of Diseases of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;
* Medical and surgical specialty societies and associations;
* This Plan’s medical and pharmacy coverage policies; or
* Generally accepted standards of medical, behavioral health and dental practice based on credible scientific evidence recognized in published peer reviewed medical or dental literature.

Changes to any one of the sources may or may not lead this Plan to modify current or adopt new claims processing edits.

Subject to applicable law, *qualified practitioners* who are *non-participating providers* may bill *you* for any amount this Plan does not pay even if such amount exceeds the allowed amount after these claims processing edits. Any such amount paid by *you* will not apply to *your deductible*, *out-of-pocket limit* or PAR provider *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit*, if applicable. *You* will also be responsible for any applicable *deductible*, *copayment*, or *coinsurance*.

*Your* *qualified practitioner* may access this Plan’s claims processing edits and medical and pharmacy coverage policies at the "For Providers" link at [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com). *You* or *your* *qualified practitioner* may also call the toll-free customer service number listed on *your* ID card to obtain a copy of a policy. *You* should discuss these policies and their availability with any *qualified practitioners*,who are *non-participating providers*, prior to receiving any *services*.

**Procedural Defects**

If a *pre-service claim* submission is not made in accordance with this Plan’s procedural requirements, Humana will notify the *claimant* of the procedural deficiency and how it may be cured no later than within five (5) days (or within 24 hours, in the case of an *urgent care claim*) following the failure. A *post-service claim* that is not submitted in accordance with these claims procedures will be returned to the submitter.

**Assignments And Representatives**

A *covered person* may assign his or her right to receive Plan benefits to a health care provider only with the consent of Humana, in its sole discretion, except as may be required by applicable law. Assignments must be in writing. If a document is not sufficient to constitute an assignment, as determined by Humana, then this Plan will not consider an assignment to have been made. An assignment is not binding on this Plan until Humana receives and acknowledges in writing the original or copy of the assignment before payment of the benefit.

If benefits are assigned in accordance with the foregoing paragraph and a health care provider submits claims on behalf of a *covered person*, benefits will be paid to that health care provider.

In addition, a *covered person* may designate an authorized representative to act on his or her behalf in pursuing a benefit claim or *appeal*. The designation must be made by the *covered person* on Humana’s Appointment of Representative (AOR) Form or on a form approved in advance by Humana*.*  An assignment of benefits does not constitute designation of an authorized representative.

* Humana’s AOR Form must be submitted to Humana at the time or prior to the datean authorized representative commences a course of action on behalf of a *claimant*.  At the same time, the authorized representative should also provide notice of commencement of the action on behalf of the *claimant* to the *claimant*, which Humana may verify with the *claimant* prior to recognizing the authorized representative status.
* In any event, a health care provider with knowledge of a *claimant’s* medical condition acting in connection with an *urgent care claim* will be recognized by this Plan as the *claimant’s* authorized representative.

*Covered persons* should carefully consider whether to designate an authorized representative. An authorized representative may make decisions independent of the *covered person*, such as whether and how to *appeal* a claim denial.

**CLAIMS DECISIONS**

After submission of a claim by a *claimant*, Humana will notify the *claimant* within a reasonable time, as follows:

**Pre-Service Claims**

Humana will notify the *claimant* of a favorable or *adverse benefit determination*within a reasonable time appropriate to the medical circumstances, but no later than 15 days after receipt of the claim by this Plan.

However, this period may be extended by an additional 15 days, if Humana determines that the extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of this Plan. Humana will notify the affected *claimant* of the extension before the end of the initial 15-day period, the circumstances requiring the extension, and the date by which this Plan expects to make a decision.

If the reason for the extension is because of the *claimant’s* failure to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the notice of extension will describe the required information. The *claimant* will have at least 45 days from the date the notice is received to provide the specified information.

**Urgent Care Claims**

Humana will determine whether a claim is an *urgent care claim*. This determination will be made on the basis of information furnished by or on behalf of a *claimant*. In making this determination, Humana will exercise its judgment, with deference to the judgment of a physician with knowledge of the *claimant’s* condition. Accordingly, Humana may require a *claimant* to clarify the medical urgency and circumstances that support the *urgent care claim* for expedited decision-making.

Humana will notify the *claimant* of a favorable or *adverse benefit determination*as soon as possible, taking into account the medical urgency particular to the *claimant’s* situation, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of the *urgent care claim* by this Plan.

However, if a claim is submitted that does not provide sufficient information to determine whether, or to what extent, expenses are covered or payable under this Plan, notice will be provided by Humana as soon as possible, but not more than 24 hours after receipt of the *urgent care claim* by this Plan. The notice will describe the specific information necessary to complete the claim.

* The *claimant* will have a reasonable amount of time, taking into account his or her circumstances, to provide the necessary information but not less than 48 hours.
* Humana will notify the *claimant* of this Plan’s *urgent care claim* determination as soon as possible, but in no event more than 48 hours after the earlier of:
* This Plan's receipt of the specified information; or
* The end of the period afforded the *claimant* to provide the specified additional information.

**Concurrent Care Decisions**

Humana will notify a *claimant* of a *concurrent care decision* that involves a reduction in or termination of benefits that have been pre-authorized. Humana will provide the notice sufficiently in advance of the reduction or termination to allow the *claimant* to *appeal* and obtain a determination on review of the *adverse benefit determination*before the benefit is reduced or terminated.

A request by a *claimant* to extend a course of treatment beyond the period of time or number of treatments that is a claim involving urgent care will be decided by Humana as soon as possible, taking into account the medical urgency. Humana will notify a *claimant* of the benefit determination, whether adverse or not within 24 hours after receipt of the claim by this Plan, provided that the claim is submitted to this Plan at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the prescribed period of time or number of treatments.

**Post-Service Claims**

Humana will notify the *claimant* of a favorable or *adverse benefit determination*within a reasonable time, but not later than 30 days after receipt of the claim by this Plan.

However, this period may be extended by an additional 15 days if Humana determines that the extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of this Plan. Humana will notify the affected *claimant* of the extension before the end of the initial 30-day period, the circumstances requiring the extension, and the date by which this Plan expects to make a decision.

If the reason for the extension is because of the *claimant’s* failure to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the notice of extension will describe the required information. The *claimant* will have at least 45 days from the date the notice is received to provide the specified information. Humana will make a decision no later than 15 days after the earlier of the date on which the information provided by the *claimant* is received by this Plan or the expiration of the time allowed for submission of the additional information.

**Times For Decisions**

The periods of time for claims decisions presented above begin when a claim is received by this Plan, in accordance with these claims procedures.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Many health care providers will request an assignment of benefits as a matter of convenience to both provider and patient. Also as a matter of convenience, Humana will, in its sole discretion, assume that an assignment of benefits has been made to certain *participating providers*. In those instances, Humanawill make direct payment to the *hospital*, clinic or physician's office, unless Humanais advised in writing that *you* have already paid the bill. If *you* have paid the bill, please indicate on the original statement, "paid by *employee,*" and send it directly to Humana. *You* will receive a written explanation of an *adverse benefit determination*. Humanareserves the right to request any information required to determine benefits or process a claim. *You* or the provider of *services* will be contacted if additional information is needed to process *your* claim.

When an *employee's* child is subject to a medical child support order, Humanawill make reimbursement of eligible expenses paid by *you*, the child, the child's non-employee custodial parent, or legal guardian, to that child or the child's custodial parent, or legal guardian, or as provided in themedical child support order.

Payment of benefits under this Plan will be made in accordance with an assignment of rights for *you* and *your dependents* as required under state Medicaid law.

Benefits payable on behalf of *you* or *your* covered *dependent* after death will be paid, at this Plan's option, to any *family member(s)* or *your* estate.

Humanawill rely upon an affidavit to determine benefit payment, unless it receives written notice of valid claim before payment is made. The affidavit will release this Plan from further liability.

Any payment made by Humanain good faith will fully discharge it to the extent of such payment.

Payments due under this Plan will be paid upon receipt of written proof of loss.

**NOTICES – GENERAL INFORMATION**

A notice of an *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination* will include information that sufficiently identifies the claim involved, including:

* The date of service;
* The health care provider;
* The claim amount, if applicable;
* The reason(s) for the *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination* to include the denial code (e.g. CARC) and its corresponding meaning as well as a description of this Plan’s standard (if any) that was used in denying the claim. For a *final internal adverse benefit determination*, this description must include a discussion of the decision;
* A description of available *internal appeals* and *external review* processes, including information on how to initiate an *appeal*; and
* Disclosure of the availability of, and contact information for, any applicable office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman to assist individuals with internal claims and *appeals*, and *external review* processes.

The *claimant* may request the diagnosis code(s) (e.g. ICD-9) and/or the treatment code(s) (e.g. CPT) that apply to the claim involved with the *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination* notice. A request for this information, in itself, will not be considered a request for an *appeal* or *external review.*

**INITIAL DENIAL NOTICES**

Notice of a claim denial (including a partial denial) will be provided to *claimants* by mail, postage prepaid, within the time frames noted above.

However, notices of adverse decisions involving *urgent care claims* may be provided to a *claimant* orally within the time frames noted above for expedited *urgent care claim* decisions. If oral notice is given, written notification will be provided to the *claimant* no later than 3 days after the oral notification.

A claims denial notice will state the specific reason or reasons for the *adverse benefit determination*, the specific Plan provisions on which the determination is based, and a description of this Plan’s review procedures and associated timeline. The notice will also include a description of any additional material or information necessary for the *claimant* to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary.

The notice will describe this Plan’s review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures.

The notice will also disclose any internal Plan rule, protocol or similar criterion that was relied on to deny the claim. A copy of the rule, protocol or similar criterion relied upon will be provided to a *claimant* free of charge upon request.

If the *adverse benefit determination*is based on *medical necessity, experimental, investigational or for research purposes,* or similar exclusion or limit, the notice will provide either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of this Plan to the *claimant's* medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

In the case of an adverse decision of an *urgent care claim*, the notice will provide a description of this Plan’s expedited review procedures applicable to such claims.

**APPEALS OF ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATIONS**

A *claimant* must *appeal* an *adverse benefit determination*within 180 days after receiving written notice of the denial (or partial denial). With the exception of *urgent care claims* and *concurrent care decisions*, this Plan uses a two level *appeals* process for all *adverse benefit determinations*. Humanawill make the determination on the first level of *appeal*. If the *claimant* is dissatisfied with the decision on this first level of *appeal*, or if Humanafails to make a decision within the time frame indicated below, the *claimant* may *appeal* again to Humana. *Urgent care claims* and *concurrent care decisions* (expedited internal *appeals*) are subject to a single level *appeal* process only, with Humanamaking the determination.

A first level and second level *appeal* must be made by a *claimant* by means of written application, in person, or by mail (postage prepaid), addressed to:

Humana Grievance and Appeals

P.O. Box 14546

Lexington, KY 40512-4546

*Appeals* of denied claims will be conducted promptly, will not defer to the initial determination, and will not be made by the person who made the initial adverse claim determination or a subordinate of that person. The determination will take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted by the *claimant* relating to the claim.

A *claimant* may review relevant documents and may submit issues and comments in writing. A *claimant* on *appeal* may, upon request, discover the identity of medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of this Plan in connection with the *adverse benefit determination*being appealed, as permitted under applicable law.

If the claims denial being appealed is based in whole, or in part, upon a medical judgment, including determinations with regard to whether a particular treatment, drug, or other item is *experimental, investigational, or for research purposes*, or not *medically necessary* or appropriate, the person deciding the *appeal* will consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment. The consulting health care professional will not be the same person who decided the initial *appeal* or a subordinate of that person.

**Time Periods for Decisions on Appeal -- First Level**

*Appeals* of claims denials will be decided and notice of the decision provided as follows:

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| *Urgent Care Claims* | As soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after Humanareceives the *appeal* request. If oral notification is given, written notification will follow in hard copy or electronic format within the next 3 days. |
| *Pre-Service Claims* | Within a reasonable period, but not later than 15 days after Humanareceives the *appeal* request. |
| *Post-Service Claims* | Within a reasonable period, but no later than 30 days after Humanareceives the *appeal* request. |
| *Concurrent Care Decisions* | Within the time periods specified above, depending upon the type of claim involved. |

**Time Periods for Decisions on Appeal -- Second Level**

*Appeals* of claims denials will be decided and notice of the decision provided as follows:

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| *Pre-Service Claims* | Within a reasonable period, but not later than 15 days after Humanareceives the *appeal* request. |
| *Post-Service Claims* | Within a reasonable period, but no later than 30 days after Humanareceives the *appeal* request. |

**APPEAL DENIAL NOTICES**

Notice of a benefit determination on *appeal* will be provided to *claimants* by mail, postage prepaid, within the time frames noted above.

A notice that a claim *appeal* has been denied will convey the specific reason or reasons for the *adverse benefit determination*and the specific Plan provisions on which the determination is based.

The notice will also disclose any internal Plan rule, protocol or similar criterion that was relied on to deny the claim. A copy of the rule, protocol or similar criterion relied upon will be provided to a *claimant* free of charge upon request.

If the *adverse benefit determination*is based on *medical necessity*, *experimental, investigational, or for research purposes* or similar exclusion or limit, the notice will provide either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of this Plan to the *claimant's* medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

In the event of a denial of an appealed claim, the *claimant* on *appeal* will be entitled to receive, upon request and without charge, reasonable access to and copies of any document, record or other information:

* Relied on in making the determination;
* Submitted, considered or generated in the course of making the benefit determination;
* That demonstrates compliance with the administrative processes and safeguards required with respect to such determinations;
* That constitutes a statement of policy or guidance with respect to this Plan concerning the denied treatment, without regard to whether the statement was relied on.

**FULL AND FAIR REVIEW**

As part of providing an opportunity for a full and fair review, this Plan shall provide the *claimant*, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by this Plan (or at the direction of this Plan) in connection with the claim.  Such evidence shall be provided as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notice of *final internal* *adverse benefit determination* is required to be provided to give the *claimant* a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date.

Before a *final internal* *adverse benefit determination* is made based on a new or additional rationale, this Plan shall provide the *claimant*, free of charge, with the rationale.  The rationale shall be provided as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notice of *final internal* *adverse benefit determination* is required to be provided to give the *claimant* a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date.

**RIGHT TO REQUIRE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

This Plan has the right to require that a medical examination be performed on any *claimant* for whom a claim is pending as often as may be reasonably required. If this Plan requires a medical examination, it will be performed at this Plan’s expense. This Plan also has a right to request an autopsy in the case of death, if state law so allow.

**EXHAUSTION**

Upon completion of the *appeals* process under this section, a *claimant* will have exhausted his or her administrative remedies under this Plan. If Humana fails to complete a claim determination or *appeal* within the time limits set forth above, the *claimant* may treat the claim or *appeal* as having been denied, and the *claimant* may proceed to the next level in the review process. After exhaustion, a *claimant* may pursue any other legal remedies available to him or her which may include bringing a civil action. Additional information may be available from a local U.S. Department of Labor Office.

A *claimant* may seek immediate *external review* of an *adverse benefit determination* if Humana fails to strictly adhere to the requirements for internal claims and *appeals* processes set forth by the federal regulations, unless the violation was: a) Minor; b) Non-prejudicial; c) Attributable to good cause or matters beyond the Plan’s control; d) In the context of an ongoing good-faith exchange of information; and e) Not reflective of a pattern or practice of non-compliance. The *claimant* is entitled, upon written request, to an explanation of the Plan’s basis for asserting that it meets the standard, so the *claimant* can make an informed judgment about whether to seek immediate *external review*. If the external reviewer or the court rejects the *claimant’s* request for immediate review on the basis that the Plan met this standard, the *claimant* has the right to resubmit and pursue the internal *appeal* of the claim.

**LEGAL ACTIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

No action at law or inequity may be brought with respect to Plan benefits until all remedies under this Plan have been exhausted and then prior to the expiration of the applicable limitations period under applicable law.

**STANDARD EXTERNAL REVIEW**

**Request for an External Review**

A *claimant* may file a request for an *external review* with Humana at the address listed below, within 4 months after the date the *claimant* received an *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination* notice that involves a medical judgment (excluding those that involve only contractual or legal interpretation without any use of medical judgment, as determined by the external reviewer) or a rescission of coverage. If there is no corresponding date 4 months after the notice date, the request must be filed by the first day of the 5th month following receipt of the notice. If the last filing date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday, the last filing date is extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday.

A request for an *external review* must be made by a *claimant* by means of written application, by mail (postage prepaid), addressed to:

Humana Grievance and Appeals

P.O. Box 14546

Lexington, KY 40512-4546.

**Preliminary Review**

Within 5 business days following receipt of a request for *external review*, Humanamust complete a preliminary review of the request to determine the following:

* + If the *claimant* is, or was, covered under this Plan at the time the health care item or *service* was requested or provided;
  + If the *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination* relates to the *claimant’s* failure to meet this Plan’s eligibility requirements;
  + If the *claimant* has exhausted this Plan’s *internal* *appeals* process, when required; and
  + If the *claimant* has provided all the information and forms required to process an *external review*.

Within 1 business day after completion of the preliminary review, Humana must provide written notification to the *claimant* of the following:

* If the request is complete but not eligible for *external review*. The notice must include the reason(s) for its ineligibility and contact information for theDepartment of Health and Human Services Health Insurance Assistance Team (HIAT), including this number: 1-888-393-2789.
* If the request is not complete. The notice must describe the information or materials needed to make it complete, and Humana must allow the *claimant* to perfect the *external review* request within whichever of the following two options is later:
* The initial 4-month filing period; or
* The 48-hour period following receipt of the notification.

**Referral to an Independent Review Organization (IRO)**

Humana must assign an independent *IRO* that is accredited by URAC, or another nationally-recognized accreditation organization to conduct the *external review*. Humana must attempt to prevent bias by contracting with at least 3 *IROs* for assignments and rotate claims assignments among them, or incorporate some other independent method for *IRO* selection (such as random selection). The *IRO* may not be eligible for financial incentives based on the likelihood that the *IRO* will support the denial of benefits.

The contract between Humana and the *IRO* must provide for the following:

* The assigned *IRO* will use legal experts where appropriate to make coverage determinations.
* The assigned *IRO* will timely provide the *claimant* with written notification of the request's eligibility and acceptance of the request for *external review*. This written notice must inform the *claimant* that he/she may submit, in writing, additional information that the *IRO* must consider when conducting the *external review* to the *IRO* within 10 business days following the date the notice is received by the *claimant*. The *IRO* may accept and consider additional information submitted after 10 business days.
* Humana must provide the *IRO* the documents and any information considered in making the *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination* within 5 business days after assigning the *IRO*. Failure to timely provide this information must not delay the conduct of the *external review* - the assigned *IRO* may terminate the *external review* and make a decision to reverse the *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination* if this Plan fails to timely provide this information. The *IRO* must notify the *claimant* and Humana within 1 business day of making the decision.
* If the *IRO* receives any information from the *claimant*, the *IRO* must forward it to Humana within 1 business day. After receiving this information, Humana may reconsider its *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination*. If Humana reverses or changes its original determination, Humana must notify the *claimant* and the *IRO*, in writing, within 1 business day. The assigned *IRO* will then terminate the *external review*.
* The *IRO* will review all information and documents timely received. In reaching a decision, the *IRO* will not be bound by any decisions or conclusions reached during Humana’sinternal claims and *appeals* process. The *IRO*, to the extent the information or documents are available and the *IRO* considers them appropriate, will consider the following when reaching a determination:
* The *claimant's* medical records;
* The attending health care professional's recommendation;
* Reports from the appropriate health care professional(s) and other documents submitted by Humana, *claimant*, or *claimant's* treating provider;
* The terms of the *claimant's* plan to ensure the *IRO's* decision is not contrary, unless the terms are inconsistent with applicable law;
* Appropriate practice guidelines, including applicable evidence-based standards that may include practice guidelines developed by the federal government, national or professional medical societies, boards, and associations;
* Any applicable clinical review criteria developed and used by this Plan, unless inconsistent with the terms of this Plan or with applicable law; and
* The opinion of the *IRO's* clinical reviewer(s) after considering the information described above to the extent the information or documents are available and the reviewer(s) consider them appropriate.
* The assigned *IRO* must provide written notice of the *final external review decision* within 45 days after receiving the *external review* request to the *claimant* and Humana. The decision notice must contain the following:
* A general description of the reason an *external review* was requested, including information sufficient to identify the claim including:
  + - The date(s) of service;
    - The health care provider;
    - The claim amount (if applicable); and
    - The reason for the previous denial.
* The date the *IRO* received assignment to conduct the *external review* and the date of the *IRO* decision;
* References to the evidence or documentation considered in reaching the decision, including the specific coverage provisions and evidence-based standards;
* A discussion of the principal reason(s) for its decision, including the rationale and any evidence-based standards relied on in making the decision;
* A statement that the determination is binding except to the extent that other remedies may be available under state or federal law to either Humanaor the *claimant*;
* A statement that judicial review may be available to the *claimant*; and
* Current contact information, including telephone number, for any applicable office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman established under PPACA (*section 2793 of PHSA, as amended*).
* After a *final external review decision*, the *IRO* must maintain records of all claims and notices associated with the *external review* process for 6 years. An *IRO* must make such records available for examination by the *claimant*, Humana, or state/federal oversight agency upon request, except where such disclosure would violate state or federal privacy laws.

**Reversal of this Plan's Decision**

IfHumana receives notice of a *final external review decision* that reverses the *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination*, it must immediately provide coverage or payment for the affected claim(s). This includes authorizing or paying benefits.

**EXPEDITED EXTERNAL REVIEW**

**Request for an Expedited External Review**

Expedited *external reviews* are subject to a single level *appeal* process only.

Humana must allow a *claimant* to make a request for an expedited *external review* at the time the *claimant* receives:

* An *adverse benefit determination* involving a medical condition of the *claimant* for which the time frame for completion of an expedited *internal appeal* under the interim final regulations would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the *claimant*, or would jeopardize the *claimant's* ability to regain maximum function and the *claimant* has filed a request for an expedited *external review*; or
* A *final internal adverse benefit determination* involving a medical condition where:
* The time frame for completion of a standard *external review* would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the *claimant*, or would jeopardize the *claimant's* ability to regain maximum function; or
* The *final internal adverse benefit determination* concerns an *admission*, availability of care, continued stay, or health care item or *service* for which the *claimant* received *emergency services*, but has not be discharged from the facility.

A request for an expedited *external review* must be made by a *claimant* by means of written application, by mail (postage prepaid), addressed to:

Humana Grievance and Appeals

P.O. Box 14546

Lexington, KY 40512-4546

**Preliminary Review**

Humanamust determine whether the request meets the reviewability requirements for a standard *external review* immediately upon receiving the request for an expedited *external review*. Humana must immediately send a notice of its eligibility determination regarding the *external review* request that meets the requirements under the “Standard External Review, Preliminary Review” section.

**Referral to an Independent Review Organization (IRO)**

If Humana determines that the request is eligible for external review, Humana will assign an IRO as required under the “Standard External Review, Referral to an Independent Review Organization (IRO)” section. Humanamust provide or transmit all necessary documents and information considered when making the *adverse benefit determination* or *final internal adverse benefit determination* to the assigned *IRO* electronically, by telephone/fax, or any other expeditious method.

The assigned *IRO*, to the extent the information is available and the *IRO* considers it appropriate, must consider the information or documents as outlined for the procedures for standard *external review* described in the “Standard External Review, Referral to an Independent Review Organization (IRO)” section. The assigned *IRO* is not bound by any decisions or conclusions reached during this Plan's internal claims and *appeals* process when reaching its decision.

**Notice of Final External Review Decision**

The *IRO* must provide notice of the *final external review decision* as expeditiously as the *claimant's* medical condition or circumstances require, but no more than 72 hours after the *IRO* receives the request for an expedited *external review*, following the notice requirements outlined in the “Standard External Review, Referral to an Independent Review Organization (IRO)” section. If the notice is not in writing, written confirmation of the decision must be provided within 48 hours to the *claimant* and Humana.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON INTERNAL CLAIMS AND APPEALS AND EXTERNAL REVIEW RIGHTS**

For more information on *your* internal claims and *appeals* and *external review* rights, *you* can contact theDepartment of Health and Human Services Health Insurance Assistance Team (HIAT) at 1-888-393-2789.

**STATE CONSUMER ASSISTANCE OR OMBUDSMAN TO ASSIST YOU WITH INTERNAL CLAIMS AND APPEALS AND EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESSES**

A state office of consumer assistance or ombudsman is available to assist *you* with internal claims and *appeals* and *external review* processes. The contact information is as follows:

Kentucky Department of Insurance, Consumer Protection Division   
P.O. Box 517  
Frankfort, KY 40602

(800) 595-6053  
http://insurance.ky.gov (website)

consumerservices@ky.gov (email)

**SECTION 3**

**ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT/DUAL CHOICE**

Once annually *you* will have a choice of enrolling *yourself* and *your* eligible *dependents* in this Plan or another plan offered by *your employer. You* will be notified in advance when the Open Enrollment Period is to begin and how long it will last. If *you* decline coverage for *yourself* or *your* *dependents* at the time *you* are initially eligible for coverage, *you* will be able to enroll *yourself* and/or eligible *dependents* during the Open Enrollment Period.

**EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY**

*You* are eligible for coverage if the following conditions are met:

* + - * *You* are an *employee* who meets the eligibility requirements of the *employer*; and
      * *You* are performing on a regular, full-time or part-time basis all customary occupational duties for 37.5 hours per week for full-time *employees* and 20 hours per week for part-time *employees*, at the *employer's* business locations or when required to travel for the *employer's* business purposes. An *employee* shall be deemed at work on each day of a regular paid vacation or a regular non-working holiday; and
      * *You* satisfy an eligibility period of 30calendar daysof full-time employment.

*Your eligibility date* is the first of the month following *your* completion of the eligibility period.

**EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE**

*You* must enroll in a manner acceptable to *your employer* and *your employer* and Humana.

* If *your* completed enrollment is received by Humanabefore *your eligibility date* or within 31days after *your eligibility date*, *your* coverage is effective on *your eligibility date;*
* If *your* completed enrollment is received by Humanamore than 31days after *your eligibility date*, *you* are a *late applicant. You* will not be eligible for coverage under this Plan until the next annual Open Enrollment Period.

**DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY**

Each *dependent* is eligible for coverage on:

* The date the *employee* is eligible for coverage, if he or she has *dependents* who may be covered on that date; or
* The date of the *employee's* marriage for any *dependent* acquired on that date; or
* The date of birth of the *employee's* natural-born child; or
  + The date a child is placed for adoption under the *employee's* legal guardianship, or the date which the *employee* incurs a legal obligation for total or partial support in anticipation of adoption; or
  + The date a covered *employee's* child is determined to be eligible as an alternate recipient under the terms of a medical child support order.

Late enrollment will result in denial of *dependent* coverage until the next annual Open Enrollment Period.

No person may be simultaneously covered as both an *employee* and a *dependent*. If both parents are eligible for coverage, only one may enroll for *dependent* coverage.

**DEPENDENT EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE**

If the *employee* wishes to add a *dependent* to this Plan, enrollment must be completed and submitted to Humana.

The *dependent’s* effective date of coverage is determined as follows:

* If the completed enrollment is received by Humana before the *dependent’s eligibility date* or within 31days after the *dependent’s eligibility date*, that *dependent* is covered on the date he or she is eligible.
* If the completed enrollment is received by Humanamore than 31 days after the *dependent’s eligibility date,* the *dependent* is a *late applicant*. The *dependent* will not be eligible for coverage under this Plan until the next annual Open Enrollment Period.

No *dependent's* effective date will be prior to the covered *employee's* effective date of coverage. If *your dependent* child becomes an eligible *employee* of the *employer*, he or she cannot be covered both as *your dependent* and as an eligible *employee*.

**MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS**

An individual who is a child of a covered *employee* shall be enrolled for coverage under this Plan in accordance with the direction of a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) or a National Medical Support Notice (NMSN).

A QMCSO is a state court order or judgment, including approval of a settlement agreement that: (a) provides for support of a covered *employee’s* child; (b) provides for health care coverage for that child; (c) is made under state domestic relations law (including a community property law); (d) relates to benefits under this Plan; and (e) is “qualified” in that it meets the technical requirements of applicable law. QMCSO also means a state court order or judgment that enforces a state Medicaid law regarding medical child support required by Social Security Act §1908 (as added by Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993).

An NMSN is a notice issued by an appropriate agency of a state or local government that is similar to a QMCSO that requires coverage under this Plan for the *dependent* child of a non-custodial parent who is (or will become) a *covered person* by a domestic relations order that provides for health care coverage.

Procedures for determining the qualified status of medical child support orders are available at no cost upon request from the *Plan Administrator*.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

If *your employer* continues to pay required contributions and does not terminate the Plan, *your* coverage will remain in force for:

* The group will determine during a period of a layoff;
* No longer than end of the monthduring an approved medical leave of absence (other than FMLA);
* The group will determine during a period of *total disability*.
* No longer than end of the monthduring an approved non-medical leave of absence;
* No longer than end of the monthduring an approved military leave of absence (other than USERRA);
* No longer than end of the month during part-time status (less than the required full-time hours per week)

**REINSTATEMENT OF COVERAGE**

If *your* coverage under this Plan was terminated after a period of layoffapproved medical leave of absence(other than FMLA), *total disability*,approved non-medical leave of absence,approved military leave of absence (other than USERRA)or during part-time status (now working required full-time hours), and *you* are now returning to work, *your* coverage is effective immediately on the day *you* return to work.

The eligibility period requirement with respect to the reinstatement of *your* coverage will be waived.

If *your* coverage under the Plan was terminated due to a period of service in the uniformed services covered under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, *your* coverage is effective immediately on the day *you* return to work. Eligibility waiting periods will be imposed only to the extent they were applicable prior to the period of service in the uniformed services.

**FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)**

If *you* are granted a leave of absence (Leave) by the *employer* as required by the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, *you* may continue to be covered under this Plan for the duration of the Leave under the same conditions as other *employees* covered by this Plan. If *you* choose to terminate coverage during the Leave, or if coverage terminates as a result of nonpayment of any required contribution, coverage may be reinstated on the date immediately following the end of the Leave. Charges incurred after the date of reinstatement will be paid as if *you* had been continuously covered.

**EXTENDED BENEFITS**

If, on the date *your* coverage terminates under this Plan, *you* or *your* covered *dependents* are *totally disabled* as a result of a covered *bodily injury* or *sickness*, this Plan will continue to provide medical benefits until the earliest of the following as determined by the group

The Extended Benefits provision applies only to *covered expenses* for the disabling condition which existed on the date *your* coverage terminated. This Plan must remain in effect.

**RETIREE COVERAGE FOR FACULTY MEMBERS ONLY**

If *you* are a retiree at least 45 years old with 10years or more of continuous service, *you* may continue coverage under this Plan*you* turn to Medicare age eligibility, provided such coverage was effective at the time of *your* retirement. *Dependents* acquired through marriage after *your* retirement are not eligible for coverage. Please see *your employer* for more details.

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT

If *you* previously declined coverage under this Plan for *yourself* or any eligible *dependents*, due to the existence of other health coverage (including COBRA), and that coverage is now lost, this Plan permits *you*, *your dependent* spouse, and any eligible *dependents* to be enrolled for medical benefits under this Plan due to any of the following qualifying events:

* Loss of eligibility for the coverage due to any of the following:
* Legal separation;
* Divorce;
* Cessation of *dependent* status (such as attaining the limiting age);
* Death;
* Termination of employment;
* Reduction in the number of hours of employment;
* Plan no longer offering benefits to a class of similarly situated individuals, which includes the *employee*;
* Any loss of eligibility after a period that is measured by reference to any of the foregoing.

However, loss of eligibility does not include a loss due to failure of the individual or the participant to pay premiums on a timely basis or termination of coverage for cause (such as making a fraudulent claim or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact in connection with the plan).

* Employer contributions towards the other coverage have been terminated. Employer contributions include contributions by any current or former employer (of the individual or another person) that was contributing to coverage for the individual.
* COBRA coverage under the other plan has since been exhausted.

The previously listed qualifying events apply only if *you* stated in writing at the previous enrollment the other health coverage was the reason for declining enrollment, but only if *your employer* requires a written waiver of coverage which includes a warning of the penalties imposed on late enrollees.

If *you* are a covered *employee* or an otherwise eligible *employee*, who either did not enroll or did not enroll *dependents* when eligible, *you* now have the opportunity to enroll *yourself* and/or any previously eligible *dependents* or any newly acquired *dependents* when due to any of the following family status changes:

1. Marriage;
2. Birth;
3. Adoption or placement for adoption;
4. Loss of eligibility due to termination of Medicaid or State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) coverage; or
5. Eligibility for premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid or SCHIP.

*You* may elect coverage under this Plan and will be considered a *timely applicant* provided completed enrollment is received within 31daysfrom the qualifying event or 60 days from such event as identified in #4 and #5 above. *You* MUST provide proof that the qualifying event has occurred due to one of the reasons listed before coverage under this Plan will be effective. Coverage under this Plan will be effective the date immediately following the qualifying event, unless otherwise specified in this section.

In the case of a *dependent's* birth, enrollment is effective on the date of such birth.

In the case of a *dependent's* adoption or placement for adoption, enrollment is effective on the date of such adoption or placement for adoption.

If *you* apply more than 31 daysafter a qualifying event or 60 days from such event as identified in #4 and #5 above, *you* are considered a *late applicant*. *You* will not be eligible for coverage under this Plan until the next annual Open Enrollment Period.

Please see *your employer* for more details.

Coverage terminates on the earliest of the following:

* + - * The date this Plan terminates;
      * The end of the period for which any required contribution was due and not paid;
      * For all *employees, dependent* spousesor domestic partners as determined by *your employer* when theyenter full-time military, naval or air service, except coverage may continue during an approved military leave of absence for an *employee* as indicated in the Special Provisions ;
      * The date determined by *your employer*, when *you* fail to be in an eligible class of persons according to the eligibility requirements of the *employer*;
      * For all *employees*, as determined by *your employer*, following termination of employment with the *employer*;
      * For all *employees*, as determined by *your employer*, following *your* retirement, unless *you* are eligible for retiree coverage under this Plan;
      * As determined by *your employer* when *you* request termination of coverage to be effective for *yourself*;
      * For any benefit, the date the benefit is removed from this Plan;
      * For *your dependents*, the date *your* coverage terminates;
      * For a *dependent* spouse or domestic partner as determined by *your employer*, when such *covered person* no longer meets the definition of *dependent*.
* For a *dependent* child, the end of the birth monththey meet the limiting age as indicted in the *dependent* definition.

If *you* or any of *your* covered *dependents* no longer meet the eligibility requirements, *you* and *your employer* are responsible for notifying Humana of the change in status. Coverage will not continue beyond the last date of eligibility even if notice has not been given to Humana.

**SECTION 4**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS AND REIMBURSEMENT/ SUBROGATION**

The following provisions are to protect *your* legal rights and the legal rights of this Plan.

**PLAN ADMINISTRATION**

The *Plan Sponsor* has established and continues to maintain this Plan for the benefit of its *employees* and their eligible *dependents* as provided in this document.

Benefits under this Plan are provided on a self-insured basis, which means that payment for benefits is ultimately the sole financial responsibility of the *Plan Sponsor*. Certain administrative services with respect to this Plan, such as claims processing, are provided under a services agreement. Humanais not responsible, nor will it assume responsibility, for benefits payable under this Plan.

Any changes to this Plan, as presented in this *Summary Plan Description* must be properly adopted by the *Plan Sponsor*, and material modifications must be timely disclosed in writing and included in or attached to this document. A verbal modification of this Plan or promise having the same effect made by any person will not be binding with respect to this Plan.

**RESCISSION**

This Plan will rescind coverage only due to fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact. Rescission is a cancellation or discontinuance of coverage that has a retroactive effect. A cancellation or discontinuance is not a rescission if the cancellation or discontinuance of coverage has only a prospective effect, or the cancellation or discontinuance of coverage is effective retroactively, to the extent it is attributable to a failure to timely pay premium or costs of coverage.

**Contestability**

This Plan has the right to contest the validity of *your* coverage under the Plan at any time.

**Right to Request Overpayments**

This Plan reserves the right to recover any payments made by this Plan (or any other Plan that Humana administers) that were:

* Made in error; or
* Made to *you* or any party on *your* behalf where this Plan determines aggregate the payment to *you* or any party is greater than the amount payable under this Plan.

This Plan has the right to recover against *you* if this Plan (or any other Plan that Humana administers) has paid *you* or any other party on *your* behalf.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION NOT AFFECTED**

This Plan is not issued in lieu of, nor does it affect any requirement for coverage by any Workers' Compensation or Occupational Disease Act or Law.

**Workers' Compensation**

If benefits are paid by this Plan and this Plan determines *you* received Workers' Compensation for the same incident, this Plan has the right to recover as described under the Reimbursement/Subrogation provision. This Plan will exercise its right to recover against *you* even though:

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

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

**Medicaid**

This Plan will not take into account the fact that an *employee* or *dependent* is eligible for medical assistance or Medicaid under state law with respect to enrollment, determining eligibility for benefits, or paying claims.

If payment for Medicaid benefits has been made under a state Medicaid plan for which payment would otherwise be due under this Plan, payment of benefits under this Plan will be made in accordance with a state law which provides that the state has acquired the rights with respect to a covered *employee* to the benefits payment.

**CONSTRUCTION OF PLAN TERMS**

The *Plan Manager* has the sole right to construe and prescribe the meaning, scope and application of each and all of the terms of this Plan, including, without limitation, the benefits provided thereunder, the obligations of the *beneficiary* and the recovery rights of this Plan; such construction and prescription by the *Plan Manager* shall be final and uncontestable.

The *beneficiary* agrees that by accepting and in return for the payment of *covered expenses* by this Plan in accordance with the terms of this Plan:

* This Plan shall be repaid the full amount of the *covered expenses* it pays from any amount received from others for the *bodily injuries* or losses which necessitated such *covered expenses*. Without limitation, "amounts received from others" specifically includes, but is not limited to, liability insurance, worker's compensation, uninsured motorists, underinsured motorists, "no-fault" and automobile med-pay payments or recovery from any identifiable fund regardless of whether the *beneficiary* was made whole.
* This Plan's right to repayment is, and shall be, prior and superior to the right of any other person or entity, including the *beneficiary*.
* The right to recover amounts from others for the injuries or losses which necessitate *covered expenses* is jointly owned by this Plan and the *beneficiary*. This Plan is subrogated to the *beneficiary's* rights to that extent. Regardless of who pursues those rights, the funds recovered shall be used to reimburse this Plan as prescribed above; this Plan has no obligation to pursue the rights for an amount greater than the amount that it has paid, or may pay in the future. The rights to which this Plan is subrogated are, and shall be, prior and superior to the rights of any other person or entity, including the *beneficiary*.
* The *beneficiary* will cooperate with this Plan in any effort to recover from others for the *bodily injuries* and losses which necessitate *covered expense* payments by this Plan. The *beneficiary* will notify this Plan immediately of any claim asserted and any settlement entered into, and will do nothing at any time to prejudice the rights and interests of this Plan. Neither this Plan nor the *beneficiary* shall be entitled to costs or attorney fees from the other for the prosecution of the claim.

**RIGHT TO COLLECT NEEDED INFORMATION**

*You* must cooperate with Humana and when asked, assist Humana by:

* Authorizing the release of medical information including the names of all providers from whom *you* received medical attention;
* Obtaining medical information and/or records from any provider as requested by Humana;
* Providing information regarding the circumstances of *your* *sickness* or *bodily injury*;
* Providing information about other insurance coverage and benefits, including information related to any *bodily injury* or *sickness* for which another party may be liable to pay compensation or benefits; and
* Providing information Humana requests to administer this Plan.

Failure to provide the necessary information will result in denial of any pending or subsequent claims, pertaining to a *bodily injury* or *sickness* for which the information is sought, until the necessary information is satisfactorily provided.

**DUTY TO COOPERATE IN GOOD FAITH**

*You* are obliged to cooperate with Humana in order to protect this Plan’s recovery rights. Cooperation includes promptly notifying Humana that *you* may have a claim, providing Humana relevant information, and signing and delivering such documents as Humana reasonably request to secure this Plan’s recovery rights. *You* agree to obtain this Plan’s consent before releasing any party from liability for payment of medical expenses. *You* agree to provide Humana with a copy of any summons, complaint or any other process serviced in any lawsuit in which *you* seek to recover compensation for *your* *bodily injury* or *sickness* and its treatment.

*You* will do whatever is necessary to enable Humana to enforce this Plan’s recovery rights and will do nothing after loss to prejudice this Plan’s recovery rights.

*You* agree that *you* will not attempt to avoid this Plan’s recovery rights by designating all (or any disproportionate part) of any recovery as exclusively for pain and suffering.

Failure of the *covered person* to provide Humanasuch notice or cooperation, or any action by the *covered person* resulting in prejudice to this Plan’s rights will be a material breach of this Plan and will result in the *covered person* being personally responsible to make repayment. In such an event, this Plan may deduct from any pending or subsequent claim made under this Plan any amounts the *covered person* owes this Plan until such time as cooperation is provided and the prejudice ceases.

**SECTION 5**

**NOTICES**

Federal law may affect *your* coverage under this Plan. The *Medicare* as Secondary Payer rules were enacted by an amendment to the Social Security Act. Also, additional rules which specifically affect how a large group health plan provides coverage to employees (or their spouses) over age 65 were added to the Social Security Act and to the Internal Revenue Code.

Generally, the health care plan of an employer that has at least 20 employees must operate in compliance with these rules in providing plan coverage to plan participants who have "current employment status" and are *Medicare* beneficiaries, age 65 and over.

Persons who have "current employment status" with an employer are generally employees who are actively working and also persons who are NOT actively working as follows:

* Individuals receiving disability benefits from an employer for up to 6 months; or
* Individuals who retain employment rights and have not been terminated by the employer and for whom the employer continues to provide coverage under this Plan. (For example, employees who are on an approved leave of absence).

If *you* are a person with "current employment status" who is age 65 and over (or the dependent spouse age 65 and over of an *employee* of any age), *your* coverage under this Plan will be provided on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to *employees* (or dependent spouses) who are under the age of 65. *Your* rights under this Plan do not change because *you* (or *your* dependent spouse) are eligible for *Medicare* coverage on the basis of age, as long as *you* have "current employment status" with *your employer*.

*You* have the option to reject plan coverage offered by *your employer*, as does any eligible *employee*. If *you* reject coverage under *your employer's* Plan, coverage is terminated and *your employer* is not permitted to offer *you* coverage that supplements *Medicare* covered services.

If *you* (or *your* dependent spouse) obtain *Medicare* coverage on the basis of age, and not due to disability or end-stage renal disease, this Plan will consider its coverage to be primary to *Medicare* when *you* have elected coverage under this Plan and have "current employment status".

If *you* have any questions about how coverage under this Plan relates to *Medicare* coverage, please contact *your employer*.

This Plan is required by law to maintain the privacy of *your* *protected health information* in all forms including written, oral and electronically maintained, stored and transmitted information and to provide individuals with notice of this Plan’s legal duties and privacy practices with respect to *protected health information*.

This Plan has policies and procedures specifically designed to protect *your* health information when it is in electronic format. This includes administrative, physical and technical safeguards to ensure that *your* health information cannot be inappropriately accessed while it is stored and transmitted to Humana and others that support this Plan.

In order for this Plan to operate, it may be necessary from time to time for health care professionals, the *Plan Administrator*, individuals who perform Plan-related functions under the auspices of the *Plan Administrator*, Humana and other service providers that have been engaged to assist this Plan in discharging its obligations with respect to delivery of benefits, to have access to what is referred to as *protected health information*.

A *covered person* will be deemed to have consented to use of *protected health information* about him or her for the sole purpose of health care operations by virtue of enrollment in this Plan. This Plan must obtain authorization from a *covered person* to use *protected health information* for any other purpose.

Individually identifiable health information will only be used or disclosed for purposes of Plan operation or benefits delivery. In that regard, only the minimum necessary disclosure will be allowed. The *Plan Administrator*, Humana, and other entities given access to *protected health information*, as permitted by applicable law, will safeguard *protected health information* to ensure that the information is not improperly disclosed.

Disclosure of *protected health information* is improper if it is not allowed by law or if it is made for any purpose other than Plan operation or benefits delivery without authorization. Disclosure for Plan purposes to persons authorized to receive *protected health information* may be proper, so long as the disclosure is allowed by law and appropriate under the circumstances. Improper disclosure includes disclosure to the *employer* for employment purposes, *employee* representatives, consultants, attorneys, relatives, etc. who have not executed appropriate agreements effective to authorize such disclosure.

Humana will afford access to *protected health information* in its possession only as necessary to discharge its obligations as a service provider, within the restrictions noted above. Information received by Humana is information received on behalf of this Plan.

Humana will afford access to *protected health information* as reasonably directed in writing by the *Plan Administrator*, which shall only be made with due regard for confidentiality. In that regard, Humana has been directed that disclosure of *protected health information* may be made to the person(s) identified by the *Plan Administrator*.

Individuals who have access to *protected health information* in connection with their performance of Plan-related functions under the auspices of the *Plan Administrator* will be trained in these privacy policies and relevant procedures prior to being granted any access to *protected health information*. Humana and other Plan service providers will be required to safeguard *protected health information* against improper disclosure through contractual arrangements.

In addition, *you* should know that the *employer*/*Plan Sponsor* may legally have access, on an as-needed basis, to limited health information for the purpose of determining Plan costs, contributions, Plan design, and whether Plan modifications are warranted. In addition, federal regulators such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor may legally require access to *protected health information* to police federal legal requirements about privacy.

*Covered persons* may have access to *protected health information* about them that is in the possession of this Plan, and they may make changes to correct errors. *Covered persons* are also entitled to an accounting of all disclosures that may be made by any person who acquires access to *protected health information* concerning them and uses it other than for Plan operation or benefits delivery. In this regard, please contact the *Plan Administrator*.

*Covered persons* are urged to contact the originating health care professional with respect to medical information that may have been acquired from them, as those items of information are relevant to medical care and treatment. And finally, *covered persons* may consent to disclosure of *protected health information*, as they please.

**The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (COBRA)**

**Continuation of Benefits**

On April 7, 1986, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) was signed into law. This federal law applies to employerswith 20 or more employees. The law requires that employersoffer employeesand/or their dependentscontinuation of medical coverage at group rates in certain instances where there is a loss of group insurance coverage.

**Eligibility**

A qualified beneficiary under COBRA law means an *employee*, *employee's* spouse or *dependent* child covered by this Plan on the day before a qualifying event. A qualified beneficiary under COBRA law also includes a child born to the *employee* during the coverage period or a child placed for adoption with the *employee* during the coverage period.

**Employee:**  An *employee* covered by the *employer's* Plan has the right to elect continuation coverage if coverage is lost due to one of the following qualifying events:

* Termination (for reasons other than gross misconduct, as defined by *your employer*) of the *employee's* employment or reduction in the hours of *employee's* employment; or
* Termination of retiree coverage when the former *employer* discontinues retiree coverage within one year before or one year after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

**Spouse:** A spouse covered by the *employer's* Plan has the right to elect continuation coverage if the group coverage is lost due to one of the following qualifying events:

* The death of the *employee*;
* Termination of the *employee's* employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct, as defined by *your employer*) or reduction of the *employee's* hours of employment with the *employer*;
* Divorce or legal separation from the *employee*;
* The *employee* becomes entitled to *Medicare* benefits; or
* Termination of a retiree spouse's coverage when the former *employer* discontinues retiree coverage within one year before or one year after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

**Dependent Child:** A *dependent* child covered by the *employer's* Plan has the right to continuation coverage if group coverage is lost due to one of the following qualifying events:

* The death of the *employee* parent;
* The termination of the *employee* parent's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct, as defined by *your employer*) or reduction in the *employee* parent's hours of employment with the *employer*;
* The *employee* parent's divorce or legal separation;
* Ceasing to be a "*dependent* child" under this Plan;
* The *employee* parent becomes entitled to *Medicare* benefits; or
* Termination of the retiree parent's coverage when the former *employer* discontinues retiree coverage within one year before or one year after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

**LOSS OF COVERAGE**

Coverage is lost in connection with the foregoing qualified events, when a covered *employee*, spouse or *dependent* child ceases to be covered under the same Plan terms and conditions as in effect immediately before the qualifying event (such as an increase in the premium or contribution that must be paid for *employee*, spouse or *dependent* child coverage).

If coverage is reduced or eliminated in anticipation of an event (for example, an *employer* eliminating an *employee's* coverage in anticipation of the termination of the *employee's* employment, or an *employee* eliminating the coverage of the *employee's* spouse in anticipation of a divorce or legal separation), the reduction or elimination is disregarded in determining whether the event causes a loss of coverage.

A loss of coverage need not occur immediately after the event, so long as it occurs before the end of the Maximum Coverage Period.

**Notices and Election**

This Plan provides that coverage terminates for a spouse due to legal separation or divorce or for a child when that child loses *dependent* status. Under the law, the *employee* or qualified beneficiary has the responsibility to inform the *Plan Administrator* (see Plan Description Information) if one of the above events has occurred. The qualified beneficiary must give this notice within 60 days after the event occurs. (For example, an ex-spouse should make sure that the *Plan Administrator* is notified of his or her divorce, whether or not his or her coverage was reduced or eliminated in anticipation of the event). When the *Plan Administrator* is notified that one of these events has happened, it is the *Plan Administrator's* responsibility to notify the *COBRA Service Provider*, who will in turn notify the qualified beneficiary of the right to elect continuation coverage.

For a qualified beneficiarywho is determined under the Social Security Act to be disabled at any time during the first 60 days of COBRA coverage, the continuation coverage period may be extended 11 additional months. The disability that extends the 18-month coverage period must be determined under Title II (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) or Title XVI (Supplemental Security Income) of the Social Security Act. To be entitled to the extended coverage period, the disabled qualified beneficiary must provide notice to the *COBRA Service Provider* and *Plan Administrator* within the initial 18 month coverage period and within 60 days after the date of the determination of disability under the Social Security Act. Failure to provide this notice will result in the loss of the right to extend the COBRA continuation period.

For termination of employment, reduction in work hours, the death of the *employee*, the *employee* becoming covered by *Medicare* or loss of retiree benefits due to bankruptcy, it is the *Plan Administrator's* responsibility to notify the *COBRA Service Provider*, who will in turn notify the qualified beneficiary of the right to elect continuation coverage.

Under the law, continuation coverage must be elected within 60 days after Plan coverage ends, or if later, 60 days after the date of the notice of the right to elect continuation coverage. If continuation coverage is not elected within the 60 day period, the right to elect coverage under this Plan will end.

A covered *employee* or the spouse of the covered *employee* may elect continuation coverage for all covered *dependents*, even if the covered *employee* or spouse of the covered *employee* or all covered *dependents* are covered under another group health plan (as an employeeor otherwise) prior to the election. The covered *employee*, his or her spouse and *dependent* child, however, each have an independent right to elect continuation coverage. Thus a spouse or *dependent* child may elect continuation coverage even if the covered *employee* does not elect it.

Coverage will not be provided during the election period. However, if the individual makes a timely election, coverage will be provided from the date that coverage would otherwise have been lost. If coverage is waived before the end of the 60 day election period and the waiver revoked before the end of the 60 day election period, coverage will be effective on the date the election of coverage is sent to the *COBRA Service Provider* or *Plan Administrator*.

On August 6, 2002, The Trade Act of 2002 (TAA), was signed in to law. Workers whose employment is adversely affected by international trade (increased import or shift in production to another country) may become eligible to receive TAA. TAA provides a second 60-day COBRA election period for those who become eligible for assistance under TAA. Pursuant to the Trade Act of 1974, an individual who is either an eligible TAA recipient or an eligible alternative TAA recipient and who did not elect continuation coverage during the 60-day COBRA election period that was a direct consequence of the TAA-related loss of coverage, may elect continuation coverage during a 60-day period that begins on the first day of the month in which he or she is determined to be TAA-eligible individual, provided such election is made not later than 6 months after the date of the TAA-related loss of coverage. Any continuation coverage elected during the second election period will begin with the first day of the second election period and not on the date on which coverage originally lapsed.

TAA created a new tax credit for certain individuals who became eligible for trade adjustment assistance (eligible individuals). Under the new tax provisions, eligible individuals can either take a tax credit or get advance payment of 65% of premiums paid for qualified health insurance, including continuation coverage. If *you* have questions about these new tax provisions, *you* may call the Health Care Tax Credit Customer Contact Center toll-free at 1-866-628-4282. TTD/TTY callers may call toll-free at 1-866-626-4282.

The *Plan Administrator* shall require documentation evidencing eligibility of TAA benefits. The Plan need not require every available document to establish evidence of TAA. The burden for evidencing TAA eligibility is that of the individual applying for coverage under this Plan.

**Maximum Coverage Period**

Coverage may continue up to:

* 18 months for an *employee* and/or *dependent* whose group coverage ended due to termination of the *employee's* employment or reduction in hours of employment;
* 36 months for a spouse whose coverage ended due to the death of the *employee* or retiree, divorce, or the *employee* becoming entitled to *Medicare* at the time of the initial qualifying event;
* 36 months for a *dependent* child whose coverage ended due to the divorce of the *employee* parent, the *employee* becoming entitled to *Medicare* at the time of the initial qualifying event, the death of the *employee*, or the child ceasing to be a *dependent* under this Plan;
* For the retiree, until the date of death of the retiree who is on continuation due to loss of coverage within one year before or one year after the *employer* filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

**DISABILITY**

An 11-month extension of coverage may be available if any of the qualified beneficiaries are determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be disabled. The disability has to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of continuation coverage. The qualified beneficiary must provide notice of such determination prior to the end of the initial 18-month continuation period to be entitled to the additional 11 months of coverage. Each qualified beneficiary who has elected continuation coverage will be entitled to the 11-month disability extension if one of them qualifies. If a qualified beneficiary is determined by SSA to no longer be disabled, *you* must notify this Plan of that fact within 30 days after SSA’s determination.

**SECOND QUALIFYING EVENT**

An 18-month extension of coverage will be available to spouses and *dependent* children who elect continuation coverage if a second qualifying event occurs during the first 18 months of continuation coverage. The maximum amount of continuation coverage available when a second qualifying event occurs is 36 months. Such second qualifying event may include the death of a covered *employee*, divorce or separation from the covered *employee*, the covered *employee’s* becoming entitled to *Medicare* benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), or a *dependent* child’s ceasing to be eligible for coverage as a *dependent* under this Plan. These events can be a second qualifying event only if they would have caused the qualified beneficiary to lose coverage under this Plan if the first qualifying event had not occurred. *You* must notify this Plan within 60 days after the second qualifying event occurs if *you* want to extend *your* continuation coverage.

**Termination Before the End of Maximum Coverage Period**

Continuation coverage will terminate before the end of the maximum coverage period for any of the following reasons:

* The *employer* no longer provides group health coverage to any of its *employees*;
* The premium for continuation is not paid timely;
* The individual on continuation becomes covered under another group health plan (as an *employee* or otherwise);
* The individual on continuation becomes entitled to *Medicare* benefits;
* If there is a final determination under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act that an individual is no longer disabled; however, continuation coverage will not end until the month that begins more than 30 days after the determination;
* The occurrence of any event (e.g. submission of a fraudulent claim) permitting termination of coverage for cause under this Plan.

**Type of Coverage; Premium Payment**

If continuation coverage is elected, the coverage must be identical to the coverage provided under the *employer's* Plan to similarly situated non-COBRA beneficiaries. This means that if the coverage for similarly situated non-COBRA beneficiaries is modified, coverage for the individual on continuation will be modified.

The initial premium payment for continuation coverage is due by the 45th day after coverage is elected. The initial premium includes charges back to the date the continuation coverage began. All other premiums are due on the first of the month for which the premium is paid, subject to a 31 day grace period. The *employer* or *COBRA Service Provider* must provide the individual with a quote of the total monthly premium.

Premium for continuation coverage may be increased, however, the premium may not be increased more than once in any determination period. The determination period is a 12 month period which is established by this Plan.

The monthly premium payment to this Plan for continuing coverage must be submitted directly to the *employer* or *COBRA Service Provider*. This monthly premium may include the *employee's* share and any portion previously paid by the *employer*. The monthly premium must be a reasonable estimate of the cost of providing coverage under this Plan for similarly situated non-COBRA beneficiaries. The premium for COBRA continuation coverage may include a 2% administration charge. However, for qualified beneficiaries who are receiving up to 11 months additional coverage (beyond the first 18 months) due to disability extension (and not a second qualifying event), the premium for COBRA continuation coverage may be up to 150% of the applicable premium for the additional months. Qualified beneficiaries who do not take the additional 11 months of special coverage will pay up to 102% of the premium cost.

**Other Information**

Additional information regarding rights and obligations under this Plan and under federal law may be obtained by contacting the *Plan Administrator* or the *COBRA Service Provider*.

It is important for the *covered person* or qualified beneficiary to keep the *COBRA Service Provider*, *Plan Administrator* and Humana informed of any changes in marital status, or a change of address.

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**Continuation of Benefits**

Effective October 13, 1994 federal law requires that health plans must offer to continue coverage for *employees* who are absent due to service in the uniformed services and/or their *dependents*. Coverage may continue for up to twenty-four (24) months after the date the *employee* is first absent due to uniformed service.

**Eligibility**

An *employee* is eligible for continuation under USERRA if absent from employment because of voluntary or involuntary performance of duty in the Armed Forces, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service or any other category of persons designated by the President of the United States of America in a time of war or national emergency. Duty includes absence for active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty and for the purpose of an examination to determine fitness for duty.

An *employee's dependent* who has coverage under this Plan immediately prior to the date of the *employee's* covered absence are eligible to elect continuation under USERRA.

**Premium Payment**

If continuation of Plan coverage is elected under USERRA, the *employee* or *dependent* is responsible for payment of the applicable cost of coverage. If the *employee* is absent for 30 days or less, the cost will be the amount the *employee* would otherwise pay for coverage. For absences exceeding 30 days, the cost may be up to 102% of the cost of coverage under this Plan. This includes the *employee's* share and any portion previously paid by the *employer*.

**Duration of Coverage**

Elected continuation coverage under USERRA will continue until the earlier of:

* 24 months beginning the first day of absence from employment due to service in the uniformed services; or
* The day after the *employee* fails to apply for, or return to employment, as required by USERRA, after completion of a period of service.

Under federal law, the period of coverage available under USERRA shall run concurrently with the COBRA period available to an *employee* and/or eligible *dependents*.

**Other Information**

*Employees* should contact their *employer* with any questions regarding coverage normally available during a military leave of absence or continuation coverage and notify the *employer* of any changes in marital status, or a change of address.

**THE WOMEN’S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT OF 1998 (WHCRA)**

If *you* have had or are going to have a mastectomy, *you* may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

* All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the covered mastectomy was performed;
* *Surgery* and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
* Prostheses; and
* Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

Contact *your employer* if *you* would like more information on WHCRA benefits.

**THE NEWBORNS’ AND MOTHERS’ HEALTH PROTECTION ACT OF 1996**

The Newborns’ and Mothers’ Health Protection Act of 1996 provides that group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, 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 cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother’s or newborn’s attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). An attending provider is defined as an individual who is licensed under applicable state law to provide maternal or pediatric care and who is directly responsible for providing such care to a mother or newborn child. The definition of attending provider does not include a plan, *hospital*, managed care organization or other issuer. In any case, plans may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

Contact *your employer* if *you* would like more information on The Newborns’ and Mothers’ Health Protection Act.

Proper Name of Plan: Northern Kentucky University Health Plan

* *Plan Sponsor*: Director of Benefits

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* *Employer* Identification Number: 61-1010545
* This Plan provides medical and *prescription* drugbenefits for participating *employees* and their enrolled *dependents*.
* Plan benefits described in this booklet are effective January 1, 2021.
* The *Plan year* is January 1through December 31of each year.
* The fiscal year is January 1 through December 31 of each year.
* Service of legal process may be served upon the *Plan Administrator* as shown above or the following agent for service of legal process:

Lori Southwood/Chief Human Resources Officer

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* The *Plan Manager* is responsible for performing certain delegated administrative duties, including the processing of claims. The *Plan Manager* and Claim Fiduciary is:

Humana Health Plan, Inc.

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* This is a self-insured and self-administered health benefit plan. The cost of this Plan is paid with contributions shared by the *employer* and *employee*. Benefits under this Plan are provided from the general assets of the *employer*and are used to fund payment of covered claims under this Plan plus administrative expenses. Please see *your employer* for the method of calculating contributions and the funding mechanism used for the accumulation of assets through which benefits are provided under this Plan.
* Each *employee* of the *employer* who participates in this Plan receives a *Summary Plan Description*, which is this booklet. This bookletwill be provided to *employees* by the *employer*. It contains information regarding eligibility requirements, termination provisions, a description of the benefits provided and other Plan information.
* This Plan’s benefits and/or contributions may be modified or amended from time to time, or may be terminated at any time by the *Plan Sponsor*. Significant changes to this Plan, including termination, will be communicated to participants as required by applicable law.
* Upon termination of this Plan, the rights of the participants to benefits are limited to claims incurred and payable by this Plan up to the date of termination. Plan assets, if any, will be allocated and disposed of for the exclusive benefit of the participating *employees* and their *dependents* covered by this Plan, except that any taxes and administration expenses may be made from this Plan’s assets.
* This Plan does not constitute a contract between the *employer* and any *covered person* and will not be considered as an inducement or condition of the employment of any *employee*. Nothing in this Plan will give any *employee* the right to be retained in the service of the *employer*, or for the *employer* to discharge any *employee* at any time.
* This Plan is not in lieu of and does not affect any requirement for coverage by workers' compensation insurance.

**SECTION 6**

**DEFINITIONS**

Italicized terms throughout this *SPD* have the meaning indicated below. Defined terms are italicized wherever found in this *SPD*.

**A**

***Accident*** means a sudden event that results in a *bodily injury* or *dental injury* and is exact as to time and place of occurrence.

***Admission*** means entry into a facility as a registered bed patient according to the rules and regulations of that facility. An *admission* ends when *you* are discharged, or released, from the facility and *you* are no longer registered as a bed patient.

***Advanced imaging***, for the purpose of this definition, means Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA), Positron Emission Tomography (PET), Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) and Computed Tomography (CT) imaging.

***Adverse benefit determination*** means a denial, reduction, or termination, or failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit, including:

* A determination based on a *covered person’s* eligibility to participate in this Plan;
* A determination that a benefit is not a covered benefit;
* The imposition of a source-of-injury exclusion, network exclusion, or other limitation on otherwise covered benefits; or
* A determination resulting from the application of any utilization review, such as the failure to cover an item or *service* because it is determined to be experimental/investigational or not *medically necessary*.

An *adverse benefit determination* includes any rescission of coverage (whether or not, in connection with the rescission, there is an adverse effect on any particular benefit at that time). Rescission is a cancellation or discontinuance of coverage that has retroactive effect. A cancellation or discontinuance is not a rescission if:

* + - * The cancellation or discontinuance of coverage has only a prospective effect; or
      * The cancellation or discontinuance of coverage is effective retroactively to the extent it is attributable to a failure to timely pay premium or costs of coverage.

***Alternative medicine,*** for purposes of this definition, includes, but is not limited to: acupressure, aromatherapy, ayurveda, biofeedback, faith healing, guided mental imagery, herbal supplements and medicine, holistic medicine, homeopathy, hypnosis, macrobiotics, massage therapy, naturopathy, ozone therapy, reflexotherapy, relaxation response, rolfing, shiatsu, yoga and chelation therapy.

***Ambulance*** means a professionally operated vehicle, provided by a licensed *ambulance* service, equipped for the transportation of a sick or injured person to or from the nearest medical facility qualified to treat the person’s *sickness* or *bodily injury*. Use of the *ambulance* must be *medically necessary* and/or ordered by a *qualified practitioner*.

***Ambulatory surgical center*** means an institution which meets all of the following requirements:

* It must be staffed by physicians and a medical staff which includes registered nurses;
* It must have permanent facilities and equipment for the primary purpose of performing *surgery*;
* It must provide continuous physicians’ *services* on an outpatient basis;
* It must admit and discharge patients from the facility within a 24-hour period;
* It must be licensed in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction where it is located. It must be operated as an *ambulatory surgical center* as defined by those laws;
* It must not be used for the primary purpose of terminating pregnancies, or as an office or clinic for the private practice of any physician or dentist.

***Appeal*** (or ***internal appeal***) means review by this Plan of an *adverse benefit determination*.

***Applied behavioral analysis (ABA) therapy*** is an intensive behavioral treatment program that attempts to improve cognitive and social functioning.

***Assistant surgeon*** means a *qualified practitioner* who assists at *surgery* and is a Doctor of Medicine (MD), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM or where state law requires a specific qualified practitioner be treated and reimbursed the same as an MD, DO or DPM).

**B**

***Bariatric surgery*** means gastrointestinal *surgery* to promote weight loss for the treatment of *morbid obesity*.

***Behavioral health*** means *mental health services* and *chemical dependency services*.

***Beneficiary***means *you* and *your* covered *dependent(s)*, or legal representative of either, and anyone to whom the rights of *you* or *your* covered *dependent(s)* may pass.

***Bodily injury***means bodily damage other than a *sickness*, including all related conditions and recurrent symptoms. However, bodily damage resulting from infection or muscle strain due to athletic or physical activity is considered a *sickness* and not a *bodily injury*.

***Bone marrow*** means the transplant of human blood precursor cells. Such cells may be derived from *bone* *marrow*, circulating blood, or a combination of *bone* *marrow* and circulating blood obtained from the patient in an autologous transplant, from a matched related or unrelated donor, or cord blood. The term *bone marrow* includes the harvesting, the transplantation and the integral chemotherapy components.

**C**

***Calendar year*** means a period of time beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31.

***Chemical dependency*** means the abuse of, or psychological or physical dependence on, or addiction to alcohol or a controlled substance.

***Claimant*** means a *covered person* (or authorized representative) who files a claim.

***COBRA Service Provider*** means a provider of COBRA administrative services retained by Humana or the *employer* to provide specific COBRA administrative services.

***Coinsurance*** means amount expressed as a percentage of the *covered expense* that *you* must pay. The percentage of the *covered expense* this Plan pays is expressed in the “Schedule of Benefits” sections.

***Complications of pregnancy***means:

* Conditions whose diagnoses are distinct from pregnancy but adversely affected by pregnancy or caused by pregnancy. Such conditions include: acute nephritis, nephrosis, cardiac decompensation, hyperemesis gravidarum, puerperal infection, toxemia, eclampsia and missed abortion;
* A non-elective cesarean section surgical procedure;
* Terminated ectopic pregnancy; or
* Spontaneous termination of pregnancy which occurs during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible.

*Complications of pregnancy* do not mean:

* False labor;
* Occasional spotting;
* Prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy;
* Conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy but which do not constitute distinct *complications of pregnancy*; or
* An elective cesarean section.

***Concurrent care decision*** means a decision by this Plan to reduce or terminate benefits otherwise payable for a course of treatment that has been approved by this Plan (other than by Plan amendment or termination) or a decision with respect to a request by a *claimant* to extend a course of treatment beyond the period of time or number of treatments that has been approved by this Plan.

***Concurrent review*** means the process of assessing the continuing *medical necessity*, appropriateness, or utility of additional days of *hospital confinement*, outpatient care, and other health care *services*.

***Confinement*** or ***confined***means *you* are a registered bed patient as the result of a *qualified practitioner’s* recommendation. It does not mean detainment in *observation status*.

***Copayment*** means the specified dollar amount that *you* must pay to a provider for *covered expenses,* regardless of any amounts that may be paid by this Plan, as shown in the “Medical Schedule of Benefits” section.

***Copayment limit***, if applicable, means the amount of *copayments* that must be paid by a *covered person*, either individually or combined as a covered family, per year before *copayments* are no longer required for the remainder of that year.

***Cosmetic surgery***means *surgery* performed to reshape structures of the body in order to improve to change*your* appearance or self-esteem.

***Covered expense***means *medically necessary* *services* incurred by *you* or *your* covered *dependents* for which benefits may be available under this Plan, subject to any *maximum benefit* and all other terms, provisions, limitations and exclusions of this Plan.

***Covered person***means the *employee* or any of the *employee's* covered *dependents* enrolled for benefits provided under this Plan.

***Custodial care*** means services given to *you* if:

* + - *You* need services including, but not limited to, assistance with dressing, bathing, preparation and feeding of special diets, walking, supervision of medication which is ordinarily self-administered, getting in and out of bed, and maintaining continence;
    - The services *you* require are primarily to maintain, and not likely to improve, *your* condition; or
    - The services involve the use of skills which can be taught to a layperson and do not require the technical skills of a *nurse*.

Services may still be considered *custodial* *care* by this Plan even if:

* *You* are under the care of a *qualified practitioner*;
* The *qualified practitioner* prescribed services are to support or maintain *your* condition; or
* Services are being provided by a *nurse*.

**D**

***Deductible*** means a specified dollar amount that must be satisfied, either individually or combined as a covered family, per *calendar year* before this Plan pays benefits for certain specified *services*.

***Dental injury***means an injury to a *sound natural tooth* caused by a sudden, and external force that could not be predicted in advance and could not be avoided. It does not include biting or chewing injuries, unless the biting or chewing injury is a result of an act of domestic violence or a medical condition (including both physical and mental health conditions).

***Dependent***means a covered *employee's*:

* Legally recognized spouse;
* Domestic partner; domestic partners are individuals of the same or opposite gender, who live together in a long-term relationship of indefinite duration, with an exclusive mutual commitment in which the partners agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and share financial obligations. The partners may not be related by blood to a degree of closeness which would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they legally reside;
* Natural blood related child,step-child,legally adopted child or child placed with the *employee* for adoption,extended family dependentor child for which the *employee* has legal guardianship whose age is less than the limiting age.

The limiting age for each *dependent* child is the end of the birth month he or she attains the age of 26years. *Your* child is covered to the limiting age regardless if the child is:

* + Married;
  + A tax dependent;
  + A student;
  + Employed;
  + Residing or working outside of the network area
  + Residing with or receives financial support from *you*; or
  + Eligible for other coverage through employment.
* A covered *employee's* child whose age is less than the limiting age and is entitled to coverage under the provisions of this Plan because of a medical child support order.

*You* must furnish satisfactory proof, upon request, to Humanathat the above conditions continuously exist. If satisfactory proof is not submitted to Humana, the child's coverage will not continue beyond the last date of eligibility.

A covered *dependent* child who attains the limiting age while covered under this Plan will remain eligible for benefits if all of the following exist at the same time:

* Permanently mentally disabled or permanently physically handicapped;
* Incapable of self-sustaining employment;
* The child meets all of the qualifications of a *dependent* as determined by the United States Internal Revenue Service;
* Declared on and legally qualify as a *dependent* on the *employee's* federal personal income tax return filed for each year of coverage; and
* Unmarried.

*You* must furnish satisfactory proof to Humanathat the above conditions continuously exist on and after the date the limiting age is reached. Humanamay not request such proof more often than annually after two years from the date the first proof was furnished. If satisfactory proof is not submitted to Humana, the child's coverage will not continue beyond the last date of eligibility.

***Diabetes equipment*** means blood glucose monitors, including monitors designed to be used by blind individuals, insulin pumps and associated accessories, insulin infusion devices and podiatric appliances for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes.

***Diabetes self-management training*** means the training provided to a *covered person* after the initial diagnosis of diabetes for care and management of the condition including nutritional counseling and use of *diabetes equipment* and supplies. It also includes training when changes are required to the self-management regime and when new techniques and treatments are developed.

***Diabetes supplies*** means test strips for blood glucose monitors, visual reading and urine test strips, lancets and lancet devices, insulin and insulin analogs, injection aids, syringes, prescriptive agents for controlling blood sugar levels, prescriptive non-insulin agents for controlling blood sugar levels, glucagon emergency kits and alcohol swabs.

***Distant site*** means the location of a *qualified practitioner* at the time a *telehealth* or *telemedicine* service is provided

***Drug list*** means a list of *prescription* drugs, medicines, medications and supplies specified by Humana. The *drug* *list* identifies categories of drugs, medicines or medications and supplies by applicable levels, if any,and indicates applicable *dispensing limits* and/or any *prior authorization* or *step therapy* requirements. There is also a Women's Healthcare Drug List. Visit Humana’s Website at [www.humana.com](http://www.humana.com/) or call Humana at the toll-free customer service telephone number listed on *your* Humana ID card to obtain the *drug lists*. The *drug lists* are subject to change without notice.

***Durable medical equipment*** means equipment that meets all of the following criteria:

* It is prescribed by a *qualified practitioner*;
* It can withstand repeated use;
* It is primarily and customarily used for a medical purpose, rather than being primarily for comfort or convenience;
* It is generally not useful to *you* in the absence of *sickness* or *bodily* *injury*;
* It is appropriate for home use or use at other locations as necessary for daily living;
* It is related to and meets the basic functional needs of *your* physical disorder;
* It is not typically furnished by a *hospital* or *skilled nursing facility*; and
* It is provided in the most cost effective manner required by *your* condition, including, at this Plan’s discretion, rental or purchase.

**E**

***Eligibility date*** means the date the *employee* or *dependent* is eligible to participate in this plan

***Emergency*****(true)** means an acute, sudden onset of a *sickness* or *bodily injury* which is life threatening or will significantly worsen without immediate medical or surgical treatment.

***Employee***means *you*, as an *employee*, when *you* are permanently employed and paid a salary or earnings at *your* *employer's* place of business, or *you* as a former *employee*, who is now a *retiree* as determined by *your employer*, except with regards to eligibility.

***Employer*** means the sponsor of this Group Plan or any subsidiary(s).

***Expense incurred***means the fee charged for *services* provided to *you*. The date a *service* is provided is the *expense incurred* date.

***Experimental, investigational or for research purposes*** means a drug, biological product, device, treatment or procedure that meets any one of the following criteria, as determined by this Plan:

* Cannot be lawfully marketed without the final approval of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and which lacks such final FDA approval for the use or proposed use, unless:
* (a) found to be accepted for that use in the most recently published edition of the United States Pharmacopeia-Drug Information for Healthcare Professional (USP-DI) or in the most recently published edition of the American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS) Drug Information; (b) identified as safe, widely used and generally accepted as effective for that use as reported in nationally recognized peer reviewed medical literature published in the English language as of the date of service; or (c) is mandated by state law;
* Is a device required to receive Premarket Approval (PMA) or 510K approval by the FDA but has not received a PMA or 510K approval;
* Is not identified as safe, widely used and generally accepted as effective for the proposed use as reported in nationally recognized peer reviewed medical literature published in the English language as of the date of service;
* Is the subject of a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Phase I, II or III trial or a treatment protocol comparable to a NCI Phase I, II or III trial, or any trial not recognized by NCI regardless of phase, or:
* Is identified as not covered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Coverage Issues Manual, a CMS Operational Policy Letter or a CMS National Coverage Decision, except as required by state or federal law.

***External review*** means a review of an *adverse benefit determination* (including a *final internal adverse benefit determination*) conducted pursuant to the federal *external review* process or an applicable state *external review* process.

**F**

***Family member***means *you* or *your* spouse, or *you* or *your* spouse's child, brother, sister, parent, grandchild or grandparent.

***Free-standing facility*** means any licensed public or private establishment other than a *hospital*, which has permanent facilities equipped and operated to provide laboratory and diagnostic laboratory, outpatient radiology, *advanced imaging*, chemotherapy, inhalation therapy, radiation therapy, lithotripsy, physical, cardiac, speech and occupational therapy, or renal dialysis services. An appropriately licensed birthing center is also considered a *free-standing facility*.

***Final external review decision*** means a determination by an *independent review organization* at the conclusion of an *external review*.

***Final internal adverse benefit determination*** means an *adverse benefit determination* that has been upheld by this Plan at the completion of the *internal appeals* process (or an *adverse benefit determination* with respect to which the internal *appeals* process has been exhausted under the deemed exhaustion rules).

***Functional impairment*** means a direct and measurable reduction in physical performance of an organ or body part.

**G**

***Gender dysphoria*** refers to discomfort or distress that is caused by a discrepancy between a person’s gender identity and that person’s sex assigned at birth (and the associated gender role and/or primary and secondary sex characteristics). For a person to be diagnosed with *gender dysphoria*, there must be a marked difference between the individual’s expressed/experienced gender and the gender others would assign him or her and it must continue for at least six months. This condition may cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of functioning.

**H**

***Home health care agency*** means a *home health care agency* or *hospital*, which meets all of the following requirements:

* It must primarily provide skilled nursing services and other therapeutic services under the supervision of physicians or registered *nurses*;
* It must be operated according to established processes and procedures by a group of medical professional, including *qualified practitioner* and *nurses*;
* It must maintain clinical records on all patients; and
* It must be licensed by the jurisdiction where it is located, if licensure is required. It must be operated according to the laws of that jurisdiction, which pertains to agencies providing home health care.

***Hospital*** means an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

* It must provide, for a fee, medical care and treatment of sick or injured patients on an inpatient basis;
* It must provide or operate, either on its premises or in facilities available to the *hospital* on a pre-arranged basis, medical, diagnostic and surgical facilities;
* Care and treatment must be given by and supervised by physicians. Nursing services must be provided on a 24-hour basis and must be given by or supervised by registered nurses;
* It must be licensed by the laws of the jurisdiction where it is located. It must be operated as a *hospital* as defined by those laws; and
* It must not be primarily a:
  + Convalescent, rest or nursing home; or
  + Facility providing custodial, educational or rehabilitative care.

The *hospital* must be accredited by one of the following:

* The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals;
* The American Osteopathic Hospital Association; or
* The Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities.

**I**

***Independent review organization (or IRO)***means an entity that conducts independent *external reviews* of *adverse benefit determinations* and *final internal adverse benefit determinations*.

***Intensive outpatient*** means outpatient *services* providing:

* Group therapeutic sessions greater than one hour a day, three days a week;
* *Behavioral health* therapeutic focus;
* Group sessions centered on cognitive behavioral constructs, social/occupational/educational skills development and family interaction;
* Additional emphasis on recovery strategies, monitoring of participation in 12-step programs and random drug screenings for the treatment of *chemical dependency*; and
* *Qualified practitioner* availability for medical and medication management.

*Intensive outpatient program* does not include services that are for:

* *Custodial care*; or
* Day care.

**L**

***Late applicant***means an *employee* and/or an *employee's* eligible *dependent* who applies for medical coverage more than 31days after the *eligibility date.*

***Lifetime maximum benefit*** means the maximum amount of benefits available while *you* are covered under this Plan.

**M**

***Maintenance care*** means services and supplies furnished mainly to:

* Maintain, rather than improve, a level of physical or mental function; or
* Provide a protected environment free from exposure that can worsen the *covered* *person's* physical or mental condition.

***Maximum allowable fee*** for a *covered expense,* other than *emergency care* *services* provided by *Non-PAR providers* in a *hospital's* emergency department, is the lesser of:

* + The fee charged by the provider for the *services*;
  + The fee that has been negotiated with the provider whether directly or through one or more intermediaries or shared savings contracts for the *services*;
  + The fee established by this Plan by comparing rates from one or more regional or national databases or schedules for the same or similar *services* from a geographical area determined by this Plan;
  + The fee based upon rates negotiated by this Plan or other payors with one or more *participating providers* in a geographic area determined by this Plan for the same or similar *services*;
  + The fee based upon the provider’s cost for providing the same or similar *services* as reported by such provider in its most recent publicly available *Medicare* cost report submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) annually; or
  + The fee based on a percentage determined by this Plan of the fee *Medicare* allows for the same or similar *services* provided in the same geographic area.

Unless this Plan utilizes a higher paying shared savings network or pays the *Non-PAR provider* full billed rate, *maximum allowable fee* for a *covered expense* for *emergency care* services provided by *Non-PAR providers* in a *hospital's* emergency department is an amount equal to the greatest of:

* The fee negotiated with PAR providers;
* The fee calculated using the same method to determine payments for *Non-PAR provider* services; or
* The fee paid by *Medicare* for the same services.

**Note**: The bill *you* receive for *services* from *non*-*participating* *providers* may be significantly higher than the *maximum allowable fee*. In addition to *deductibles, copayments* and *coinsurance*, *you* are responsible for the difference between the *maximum allowable fee* and the amount the provider bills *you* for the *services*. Any amount *you* pay to the provider in excess of the *maximum allowable fee* will not apply to *your* *out-of-pocket limit, PAR Provider Plan Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit* or *deductible*.

***Maximum benefit*** means the maximum amount that may be payable for each *covered person*, for *expense incurred*. The applicable *maximum benefit* is shown in the “Medical Schedule of Benefits” section. No further benefits are payable once the *maximum benefit* is reached.

***Medically necessary*** ***or medical necessity*** means health care *services* that a *qualified practitioner* exercising prudent clinical judgment would provide to his or her patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating a *sickness* or *bodily injury* or its symptoms. Such health care *service* must be:

* In accordance with nationally recognized standards of medical practice;
* Clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient's *sickness* or *bodily injury*;
* 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 the patient's *sickness* or *bodily injury*; and
* Performed in the least costly site.

For the purpose of *medically necessary*, 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, Physician Specialty Society recommendations, the views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

***Medicare***means a program of medical insurance for the aged and disabled, as established under Title 18 of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended.

***Mental health***means a mental, nervous, or emotional condition of any type as classified in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, regardless of the cause or causes of the disease or disorder.

***Mental health services*** mean those diagnoses and treatments related to the care of a *covered person* who exhibits mental, nervous or emotional conditions classified in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

***Morbid obesity*** (clinically severe obesity) means a body mass index (BMI) as determined by a *qualified practitioner* as of the date of *service* of:

* 40 kilograms or greater per meter squared (kg/m2); or
* 35 kilograms or greater per meter squared (kg/m2) with an associated comorbid condition such as hypertension, type II diabetes, life-threatening cardiopulmonary conditions; or joint disease that is treatable, if not for the obesity.

**N**

***Non-participating (Non-PAR) provider*** means a *hospital*, *qualified treatment facility*, *qualified practitioner* or any other health *services* provider who has not entered into an agreement with the *Plan Manager* to provide *participating provider services* or has not been designated by the *Plan Manager* as a *participating provider.*

***Nurse*** means a registered *nurse* (R.N.), a licensed practical *nurse* (L.P.N.), or a licensed vocational *nurse* (L.V.N.).

**O**

***Observation status*** means *hospital* outpatient *services* provided to *you* to help the *qualified practitioner* decide if *you* need to be admitted as an *inpatient.*

***Off-evidence drug indications*** mean indications for which there is a lack of sufficient evidence for safety and/or efficacy for a particular medication.

***Off-label drug* *indications*** mean prescribing of an FDA-approved medication for a use or at a dose that is not included in the product indications or labeling. This term specifically refers to drugs or dosages used for diagnoses that are not approved by the FDA and may or may not have adequate medical evidence supporting safety and efficacy. Off-label prescribing of traditional drugs is a common clinical practice and many off-label uses are effective, well documented in peer reviewed literature and widely employed as standard of care treatments.

***Orthotic*** means a custom-fitted or custom-made braces, splints, casts, supports and other devices used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body when prescribed by a *qualified practitioner*.

***Out-of-pocket limit*** means the amount of any *copayments*, *deductibles* and *coinsurance* for *covered expenses*, which *you* must pay, either individually or combined as a covered family, per *calendar year*before a benefit percentage will be increased. Any amount *you* pay exceeding the *maximum allowable fee* is not applied to the *out-of-pocket limits.*

***Originating site*** means the location of a *covered person* at the time a *telehealth* or *telemedicine* service is being furnished.

**P**

***Palliative care*** means care given to a *covered* *person* to relieve, ease, or alleviate, but not to cure, a *bodily* *injury* or *sickness.*

***PAR Provider*** ***Plan Maximum Out-of-Pocket Limit*** means the maximum amount of any *PAR provider* *covered expenses*, including medical *deductibles*, *coinsurance* amounts and *copayments* and *prescription* drug *copayments*,that must be paid by *you*, either individually or combined as a covered family, per *calendar year*before a benefit percentage for *PAR provider* *covered expenses* will be increased. The *PAR* *provider* *out-of-pocket limit* and the *PAR provider* *prescription drug out-of-pocket limit* applies toward the *PAR provider* *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit*. Once the *PAR provider* *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit* is met, any remaining *PAR provider* medical *out-of-pocket limit* or *prescription drug out-of-pocket limit* will be waived for the remainder of the *year*. Any applicable *preauthorization* penalties do not apply to the *PAR* *provider* *Plan maximum out-of-pocket limit*.

***Partial hospitalization*** means *services* provided by a *hospital* or *qualified treatment facility* in which patients do not reside for a full 24-hour period:

* Has a comprehensive and intensive interdisciplinary psychiatric treatment for minimum of 5 hours a day, 5 days per week under the supervision of a psychiatrist for *mental health services* or a psychiatrist or addictionologist for *chemical dependency*, and patients are seen by a psychiatrist or addictionologist, as applicable, at least once a week,
* Provides for social, psychological and rehabilitative training programs with a focus on reintegration back into the community and admits children and adolescents who must have a treatment program designed to meet the special needs of that age range; and
* Has physicians and appropriately licensed *behavioral* *health* and *substance abuse* practitioners readily available for the emergent and urgent care *behavioral* needs of the patients.

The *partial hospitalization* program must be accredited by the Joint Commission of the Accreditation of Hospitals or in compliance with an equivalent standard.

Licensed drug abuse rehabilitation programs and alcohol rehabilitation programs accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or approved by the appropriate state agency are also considered *partial hospitalization services*.

*Partial hospitalization* does not include *services* that are for *custodial care* or day care.

***Participating (PAR) provider*** means a *hospital*, *qualified treatment facility*, *qualified practitioner* or any other health *services* provider who has entered into an agreement with, or has been designated by, Humana to provide specified *services* to all *covered persons. Participating (PAR) provider* designation by Humana may be limited to specified *services.*

***Pharmacist*** means a person who is licensed to prepare, compound and dispense medication and who is practicing within the scope of his or her license.

***Pharmacy*** means a licensed establishment where *prescription* drugs, medicines or medications are dispensed by a *pharmacist*.

***Plan Administrator*** means Northern Kentucky University.

***Plan Manager*** means Humana Health Plan, Inc. (HHP). The *Plan Manager* provides services to the *Plan Administrator*, as defined under the Plan ManagementAgreement. The*Plan Manager* is not the *Plan Administrator* or the *Plan Sponsor*.

***Plan Sponsor*** means Northern Kentucky University.

***Plan year***means a period of time beginning on the Plan anniversary date of any year and ending on the day before the same date of the succeeding year.

***Post-service claim*** means any claim for a benefit under a group health plan that is not a *pre-service claim*.

***Preadmission testing*** means only those outpatient x-ray and laboratory tests made within seven days before *admission* as a registered bed patient in a *hospital*. The tests must be for the same *bodily injury* or *sickness* causing the patient to be *hospital confined*. The tests must be accepted by the *hospital* in lieu of like tests made during *confinement*. *Preadmission testing* does not mean tests for a routine physical check-up.

***Preauthorization*** means approval of a *service* prior to it being provided. Certain *services* require medical review in order to determine eligibility for coverage.

***Predetermination of benefits***means a review by Humanaof a *qualified practitioner's* treatment plan, specific diagnostic and procedure codes and expected charges prior to the rendering of *services*.

***Prescription*** means a direct order for the preparation and use of a drug, medicine or medication. The *prescription* must be written by a *qualified* *practitioner* and provided to a *pharmacist* for *your* benefit and used for the treatment of a *sickness* or *bodily injury* which is covered under this plan or for drugs, medicines or medications on the Women's Healthcare Drug List. The drug, medicine or medication must be obtainable only by *prescription* or must be obtained by *prescription* for drugs, medicines or medications on the Women's Healthcare Drug List**.** The *prescription* may be given to a *pharmacist* verbally, electronicallyor in writing by a *qualified practitioner*. The *prescription* must include at least:

* *Your* name;
* The type and quantity of the drug, medicine or medication prescribed, and the directions for its use;
* The date the *prescription* was prescribed; and
* The name and address of the prescribing *qualified practitioner*.

***Pre-service claim*** means a claim with respect to which the terms of the Plan condition receipt of a Plan benefit, in whole or in part, on approval of the benefit by Humana in advance of obtaining medical care.

***Protected health information*** means individually identifiable health information about a *covered person*, including: (a) patient records, which includes but is not limited to all health records, physician and provider notes and bills and claims with respect to a *covered person*; (b) patient information, which includes patient records and all written and oral information received about a *covered person*; and (c) any other individually identifiable health information about *covered persons*.

***Provider contract*** means a legally binding agreement between Humana and a *participating provider* that includes a provider payment arrangement.

**Q**

***Qualified practitioner***means a practitioner,

That is licensed by the appropriate state agency to:

- Diagnose or treat a *bodily injury* or *sickness*; or

-Provide preventive *services;*

* That provides *services* within the scope of their license; and
* Whose primary purpose is to provide health care *services*.

***Qualified treatment facility***means only a facility, institution or clinic duly licensed by the appropriate state agency, and is primarily established and operating within the scope of its license.

**R**

***Residential treatment facility*** means an institution which:

* Is licensed as a 24-hour residential facility for *behavioral health* treatment, although not licensed as a *hospital*;
* Provides a multidisciplinary treatment plan in a controlled environment, under the supervision of a physician who is able to provide treatment on a daily basis;
* Provides supervision and treatment by a Ph.D. psychologist, licensed therapist, psychiatric nursing staff or registered nurse;
* Provides programs such as social, psychological, family counseling and rehabilitative training, age appropriate for the special needs of the age group of patients, with focus on reintegration back into the community; and
* Provides structured activities throughout the day and evening, for a minimum of 6 hours a day.

Residential treatment is utilized to provide structure, support and reinforcement of the treatment required to reverse the course of behavioral deterioration.

***Retail Clinic*** means a *qualified treatment facility*, located in a retail store, that is often staffed by *nurse* practitioners and physician assistants who provide minor medical services on a “walk-in” basis (no appointment required).

***Retiree*** means*you* as a former *employee*, who meets the requirements for retirement as determined by *your employer*.

***Room and board*** means all charges made by a *hospital* or other *health care treatment facility* on its own behalf for room and meals and all general services and activities needed for the care of registered bed patients.

**S**

***Services***mean procedures, surgeries, examinations, consultations, advice, diagnosis, referrals, treatment, tests, supplies, drugs, devices or technologies.

***Sickness***means a disturbance in function or structure of *the* body which causes physical signs or physical symptoms and which, if left untreated, will result in a deterioration of the health state of the structure or system(s) of *the* body. The term also includes: (a) pregnancy; (b) any medical complications of pregnancy; and (c) *behavioral health.*

***Sound natural tooth***means a tooth that:

* Is organic and formed by the natural development of the body (not manufactured, capped, crowned or bonded);
* Has not been extensively restored;
* Has not become extensively decayed or involved in periodontal disease; and
* Is not more susceptible to injury than a whole natural tooth (for example a tooth that has not been previously broken, chipped, filled, cracked or fractured).

***Specialty drug*** means a drug, medicine or medication, or biological used as a specialized therapy developed for chronic, complex *sicknesses* or *bodily injuries*. *Specialty drugs* may:

* Be injected, infused or require close monitoring by a *health care practitioner* or clinically trained individual
* Require nursing services or special programs to support patient compliance;
* Require disease-specific treatment programs;
* Have limited distribution requirements; or
* Have special handling, storage or shipping requirements.

***Summary Plan Description (SPD)*** means this document which outlines the benefits, provisions and limitations of this Plan.

***Surgery*** means procedures categorized as Surgery in either the:

* Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manuals published by the American Medical Association; or
* Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II manual published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The term *surgery* includes, but is not limited to:

* Excision or incision of the skin or mucosal tissues;
* Insertion for exploratory purposes into a natural body opening;
* Insertion of instruments into any body opening, natural or otherwise, done for diagnostic or other therapeutic purposes;
* Treatment of fractures;
* Procedures to repair, remove or replace any body part or foreign object in or on the body; and
* Endoscopic procedures.

**T**

***Telehealth*** means services, other than *telemedicine*, provided via telephonic or electronic communications. *Telehealth* services must comply with the following, as applicable

* Federal and state licensure requirements;
* Accreditation standards; and

Guidelines of the American Telemedicine Association or other qualified medical professional societies to ensure quality of care.

***Telemedicine*** means audio and video real-time interactive communication between a *covered person* at an *originating site* and a *qualified practitioner* at a *distant site*. *Telemedicine* services must comply with the following, as applicable:

* Federal and state licensure requirements;
* Accreditation standards; and

Guidelines of the American Telemedicine Association or other qualified medical professional societies to ensure quality of care.

***Timely applicant*** means an *employee* and/or an *employee's* eligible *dependent* who applies for medical coverage within 31 days of the *eligibility date.*

***Total disability*** *or* ***totally disabled***means *your* continuing inability, as a result of a *bodily* *injury* or *sickness*, to perform the material and substantial duties of any job for which *you* are or become qualified by reason of education, training or experience.

The term also means a *dependent's* inability to engage in the normal activities of a person of like age. If the *dependent* is employed, the *dependent* must be unable to perform his or her job.

**U**

***Urgent care center*** means any licensed public or private non-*hospital free-standing facility* which has permanent facilities equipped to provide *urgent care* *services* on an outpatient basis.

***Urgent care claim*** means any claim for medical care or treatment when the time periods for making non-urgent care determinations:

* + - Could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the *claimant* or the ability of the *claimant* to regain maximum function; or
* In the opinion of the physician with knowledge of the *claimant’s* medical condition, would subject the *claimant* to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment recommended.

***Urgent care*** ***services*** means those health care services that are appropriately provided for an unforeseen condition of a kind that usually requires attention without delay but that does not pose a threat to life, limb or permanent health of the *covered person*.

**V**

***Virtual visit*** means *telehealth* or *telemedicine* services.

**Y**

***You and your*** means any *covered person.*

**SECTION 7**

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT**

**Pharmacy is carved out to Express Scripts**

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