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Welcome

At Aetna®, your health goals lead the way, so we're joining you to put them first. We believe that whatever you decide to do for your health, you can do it with the right support. And no matter where you are on this personal journey, it's our job to enable you to feel the joy of achieving your best health.

Welcome to your Employer's self-funded benefit plan for in-network and out-of-network.

Introduction

This is your booklet. It describes your **covered services** – what they are and how to get them. It also describes how we manage the plan, according to our policies, federal laws and regulations. The schedule of benefits tells you how we share expenses for **covered services** and explains any limits. Together, these documents describe the benefits covered by your Employer's self-funded health benefit plan. Each may have amendments attached to them. These change or add to the document. This booklet takes the place of any others sent to you before.

It's really important that you read the entire booklet, your schedule of benefits and any amendments attached. If you need help or more information, see the *Contact us* section below.

How we use words

When we use:

- "You" and "your" we mean you and any covered dependents (if your plan allows dependent coverage)
- "Us," "we," and "our" we mean Aetna Life Insurance Company (Aetna)
- Words that are in bold, we define them in the *Glossary* section

Contact us

For questions about your plan, you can contact us by:

- Calling the toll-free number on your ID card
- Writing us at 1425 Union Meeting Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422
- Visiting <https://www.aetna.com> to access your member website

Your secure member website is available 24/7. With your member website, you can:

- See your coverage, benefits, and costs
- Print an ID card and various forms
- Find a **provider**, research **providers**, care, and treatment options
- View and manage claims
- Find information on health and wellness

Your ID card

Show your ID card each time you get **covered services** from a **provider**. Only members on your plan can use your ID card. We will mail you your ID card. If you haven't received it before you need **covered services**, or if you lose it, you can print a temporary one using your member website.

Wellness and other rewards

You may be eligible to earn rewards for completing certain activities that improve your health, coverage, and experience with us. We may encourage you to access certain health services, or categories of healthcare **providers**, participate in programs, including but not limited to financial wellness programs; utilize tools, improve your health metrics, or continue participation as an Aetna member through incentives. Talk with your **provider** about these and see if they are right for you. We may provide incentives based on your participation and outcomes such as:

- Modifications to **copayment, deductible, or payment percentage** amounts
- Contributions to a health savings account
- Merchandise
- Coupons
- Gift cards or debit cards
- Any combination of the above

Discount arrangements

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

Third-party service **providers** are independent contractors. The third-party service **provider** is responsible for the goods or services they deliver. We are not responsible, but, we have the right to change or end the arrangements at any time.

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

Coverage and exclusions

Providing covered services

Your plan provides **covered services**. These are:

- Described in this section.
- Not listed as an exclusion in this section or the *General plan exclusions* section.
- Not beyond any limits in the schedule of benefits.
- **Medically necessary**. See the *How your plan works – Medical necessity, referral and precertification requirements* section and the *Glossary* for more information.
- Services that are not prohibited by law. See *Services not permitted by law* in the *General plan exclusions* section for more information.

This plan provides insurance coverage for many kinds of **covered services**, such as a doctor's care and **hospital stays**, but some services aren't covered at all or are limited. For other services, the plan pays more of the expense. For example:

- **Physician** care generally is covered but **physician** care for cosmetic **surgery** is never covered. This is an exclusion.
- Home health care is generally covered but may only be **covered** up to a set number of visits per year. This is a limitation.
- Your **provider** may recommend services that are considered **experimental, investigational, or unproven** services. But an **experimental, investigational, or unproven** service is not covered and is also an exclusion, unless it is recognized as part of an approved clinical trial when you have cancer or a **terminal illness**. See *Clinical trials* in the list of services below.
- Preventive services. Usually, the plan pays more and you pay less. Preventive services are designed to help keep you healthy, supporting you in achieving your best health. To find out what these services are, see *Preventive care* in the list of services below. To find out how much you will pay for these services, see *Preventive care* in your schedule of benefits.

Some services require **precertification** from us. For more information see the *How your plan works – Medical necessity, referral and precertification requirements* section.

The **covered services** and exclusions below appear alphabetically to make it easier to find what you're looking for. If a service isn't listed here as a **covered service** or is listed as not covered under a specific service, it still may be covered. If you have questions, ask your **provider** or contact us. You can find out about limitations for **covered services** in the schedule of benefits.

Abortion

Covered services include services provided and supplies used in connection with an abortion.

Acupuncture

Covered services include acupuncture services provided by a **physician**, if the service is provided as a form of anesthesia in connection with a covered **surgical procedure**.

The following are not **covered services**:

- Acupuncture, other than for anesthesia
- Acupressure

Ambulance services

An ambulance is a vehicle staffed by medical personnel and is equipped to transport an ill or injured person by ground, air, or water.

Emergency

Covered services include emergency transportation when your condition is unstable and requires medical supervision and rapid transport. These emergency ambulance services are limited to transportation by a licensed ambulance:

- To the first facility to provide **emergency services**
- From one facility to another if the first can't provide the **emergency services** you need

Covered services also include non-emergency transportation when an ambulance is the only safe way to transport you. These non-emergency ambulance services are limited to transportation by a licensed ambulance:

- To the nearest facility able to treat your condition
- From a facility to your home by ground ambulance

The following are not **covered services**:

- Ambulance services for routine transportation to receive outpatient or inpatient services

Applied behavior analysis

Covered services include certain early intensive behavioral interventions such as applied behavior analysis. Applied behavior analysis is an educational service that is the process of applying interventions that:

- Systematically change behavior
- Are responsible for observable improvements in behavior

Important note:

Applied behavior analysis may require **precertification** by us. See the *How your plan works – Medical necessity, referral and precertification* section.

Autism spectrum disorder

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

Covered services include services and supplies provided by a **physician** or **behavioral health provider** for:

- The diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy associated with the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder

Behavioral health

Mental health disorders treatment

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

- Inpatient **room and board** at the **semi-private room rate** (your plan will cover the extra expense of a private room when appropriate because of your medical condition), and other services and supplies related to your condition that are provided during your **stay** in a **hospital, psychiatric hospital, or residential treatment facility**
- Outpatient treatment received while not confined as an inpatient in a **hospital, psychiatric hospital, or residential treatment facility**, including:
 - Office visits to a **physician** or **behavioral health provider** such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or licensed professional counselor (includes **telemedicine** consultation)
 - Individual, group, and family therapies for the treatment of **mental health disorders**
 - Other outpatient mental health treatment such as:
 - Partial hospitalization treatment provided in a facility or program for mental health treatment provided under the direction of a **physician**
 - Intensive outpatient program provided in a facility or program for mental health treatment provided under the direction of a **physician**
 - Skilled behavioral health services provided in the home, but only when all of the following criteria are met:
 - You are homebound
 - Your **physician** orders them
 - The services take the place of a **stay** in a **hospital** or a **residential treatment facility**, or you are unable to receive the same services outside your home
 - The skilled behavioral health care is appropriate for the active treatment of a condition, illness, or disease
 - Electro-convulsive therapy (ECT)
 - Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)
 - Psychological testing

- Neuropsychological testing
- Observation
- Peer counseling support by a peer support specialist (including **telemedicine** consultation)

Substance related disorders treatment

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

- Inpatient **room and board**, at the **semi-private room rate** (your plan will cover the extra expense when appropriate because of your medical condition), and other services and supplies that are provided during your **stay** in a **hospital, psychiatric hospital, or residential treatment facility**.
- Outpatient treatment received while not confined as an inpatient in a **hospital, psychiatric hospital, or residential treatment facility**, including:
 - Office visits to a **physician or behavioral health provider** such as a psychologist, social worker, or licensed professional counselor (includes **telemedicine** consultation)
 - Individual, group, and family therapies for the treatment of **substance related disorders**
 - Other outpatient **substance related disorders** treatment such as:
 - Partial hospitalization treatment provided in a facility or program for treatment of **substance related disorders** provided under the direction of a **physician**
 - Intensive outpatient program provided in a facility or program for treatment of **substance related disorders** provided under the direction of a **physician**
 - Skilled behavioral health services provided in the home, but only when all of the following criteria are met:
 - You are homebound
 - Your **physician** orders them
 - The services take the place of a **stay** in a **hospital** or a **residential treatment facility**, or you are unable to receive the same services outside your home
 - The skilled behavioral health care is appropriate for the active treatment of a condition, illness, or disease
 - Ambulatory or outpatient **detoxification** which include outpatient services that monitor withdrawal from alcohol or other substances, including administration of medications
 - Observation
 - Peer counseling support by a peer support specialist (including **telemedicine** consultation)

Behavioral health important note:

A peer support specialist serves as a role model, mentor, coach, and advocate. A peer support specialist must be supervised by a **behavioral health provider**.

Clinical trials

Routine patient costs

Covered services include routine patient costs you have from a **provider** in connection with participation in an approved clinical trial as defined in the federal Public Health Service Act, Section 2709.

The following are not **covered services**:

- Services and supplies related to data collection and record-keeping needed only for the clinical trial
- Services and supplies provided by the trial sponsor for free
- The experimental intervention itself (except Category B investigational devices and promising **experimental or investigational** interventions for **terminal illnesses** in certain clinical trials in accordance with our policies)

Experimental or investigational therapies

Covered services include drugs, devices, treatments, or procedures from a **provider** under an “approved clinical trial” only when you have cancer or a **terminal illness**. All of the following conditions must be met:

- Standard therapies have not been effective or are not appropriate
- We determine you may benefit from the treatment

An approved clinical trial is one that meets all of these requirements:

- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the drug, device, treatment, or procedure to be investigated or has granted it investigational new drug (IND) or group c/treatment IND status, when this is required
- The clinical trial has been approved by an institutional review board that will oversee it
- The clinical trial is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) or similar federal organization and:
 - It conforms to standards of the NCI or other applicable federal organization
 - It takes place at an NCI-designated cancer center or at more than one institution
- You are treated in accordance with the procedures of that study

Diabetic services, supplies, equipment, and self-care programs

Covered services include:

- Services
 - Foot care to minimize the risk of infection
- Supplies
 - Injection devices including syringes, needles, and pens
 - Test strips - blood glucose, ketone, and urine
 - Blood glucose calibration liquid

- Lancet devices and kits
 - Alcohol swabs
- Equipment
 - External insulin pumps and pump supplies
 - Blood glucose monitors without special features, unless required due to blindness
- Prescribed self-care programs with a health care **provider** certified in diabetes self-management training

Durable medical equipment (DME)

Covered services are DME and the accessories needed to operate it are:

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

Your plan only covers the same type of DME that Medicare covers, but there are some DME items Medicare covers that your plan does not.

Covered services include the expense of renting or buying DME and accessories you need to operate the item from a DME supplier. If you purchase DME, that purchase is only covered if you need it for long-term use.

Covered services also include:

- One item of DME for the same or similar purpose
- Repairing DME due to normal wear and tear
- A new DME item you need because your physical condition has changed
- Buying a new DME item to replace one that was damaged due to normal wear, if it would be cheaper than repairing it or renting a similar item

The following are not **covered services**:

- Communication aid
- Elevator
- Maintenance and repairs that result from misuse or abuse
- Massage table
- Message device (personal voice recorder)
- Over bed table
- Portable whirlpool pump
- Sauna bath

- Telephone alert system
- Vision aid
- Whirlpool

Emergency services

When you experience an **emergency medical condition**, you should go to the nearest emergency room. You can also dial 911 or your local emergency response service for medical and ambulance help.

Covered services include only outpatient services to evaluate and stabilize an **emergency medical condition** in a **hospital** emergency room. You can get **emergency services** from network or **out-of-network providers**.

Your coverage for **emergency services** will continue until the following conditions are met:

- You are evaluated and your condition is stabilized
- Your attending **physician** determines that you are medically able to travel or be transported, by non-medical or non-emergency transportation, to another **provider** if you need more care

If your **physician** decides you need to stay in the **hospital** (emergency admission) or receive follow-up care, these are not **emergency services**. Different benefits and requirements apply. See the *How your plan works – Medical necessity, referral and precertification requirements* section and the *Coverage and exclusions* section that fits your situation (for example, *Hospital care* or *Physician services*). You can also contact us or your network **physician** or **primary care provider (PCP)**.

Non-emergency services

If you go to an emergency room for what is not an **emergency medical condition**, the plan may not cover your expenses. See the schedule of benefits for more information.

Gender affirming treatment

Covered services include certain services and supplies for gender affirming (sometimes called sex change) treatment.

Important note:

Visit <https://www.aetna.com/health-care-professionals/clinical-policy-bulletins.html> for detailed information about this **covered benefit**, including eligibility and medical necessity requirements. You can also call the toll-free number on your I.D. card.

Habilitation therapy services

Habilitation therapy services are services needed to keep, learn, or improve your skills and functioning for daily living (e.g., therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age). The services must follow a specific treatment plan, ordered by your **physician**. The services have to be performed by a:

- Licensed or certified physical, occupational, or speech therapist
- **Hospital, skilled nursing facility**, or hospice facility
- **Home health care agency**
- **Physician**

Outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapies

Covered services include:

- Physical therapy if it is expected to develop any impaired function
- Occupational therapy if it is expected to develop any impaired function
- Speech therapy if it is expected to develop speech function that resulted from delayed development

(Speech function is the ability to express thoughts, speak words and form sentences.)

The following are not **covered services**:

- Services provided in an educational or training setting or to teach sign language
- Vocational rehabilitation or employment counseling

Home health care

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

- You are homebound
- Your **physician** orders them
- The services take the place of a **stay** in a **hospital** or a **skilled nursing facility**, or you are unable to receive the same services outside your home
- The services are a part of a home health care plan
- The services are **skilled nursing services**, home health aide services or medical social services, or are short-term speech, physical or occupational therapy
- Home health aide services are provided under the supervision of a registered nurse
- Medical social services are provided by or supervised by a **physician** or social worker

Skilled nursing services are services provided by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse within the scope of their license.

If you are discharged from a **hospital** or **skilled nursing facility** after a **stay**, the intermittent requirement may be waived to allow coverage for continuous **skilled nursing services**. See the schedule of benefits for more information on the intermittent requirement.

Short-term physical, speech, and occupational therapy provided in the home are subject to the same conditions and limitations imposed on therapy provided outside the home. See *Rehabilitation services* and *Habilitation therapy services* in this section and the schedule of benefits.

The following are not **covered services**:

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

Hospice care

Covered services include inpatient and outpatient hospice care when given as part of a hospice care program. The types of hospice care services that are eligible for coverage include:

- **Room and board**
- Services and supplies furnished to you on an inpatient or outpatient basis
- Services by a hospice care agency or hospice care provided in a **hospital**
- Psychological and dietary counseling
- Pain management and symptom control
- Bereavement counseling
- Respite care

The following are not **covered services**:

- Funeral arrangements
- Pastoral counseling
- Financial or legal counseling including estate planning and the drafting of a will
- Homemaker services, caretaker services, or any other services not solely related to your care, which may include:
 - Sitter or companion services for you or other family members
 - Transportation
 - Maintenance of the house

Hospital care

Covered services include inpatient and outpatient **hospital** care. This includes:

- Semi-private **room and board** (your plan will cover the extra expense of a private room when appropriate because of your medical condition)
- Services and supplies provided by the outpatient department of a **hospital**, including the facility charge.
- Services of **physicians** employed by the **hospital**.
- Administration of blood and blood products.

The following are not **covered services**:

- All services and supplies provided in:
 - Rest homes
 - Any place considered a person's main residence or providing mainly custodial or rest care
 - Health resorts
 - Spas
 - Schools or camps

Infertility services

Basic infertility

Covered services include seeing a **network provider**:

- To diagnose and evaluate the underlying medical cause of infertility.
- To do **surgery** to treat the underlying medical cause of infertility. Examples are endometriosis **surgery** or, for men, varicocele **surgery**.
- For artificial insemination, which includes intrauterine (IUI)/intracervical (ICI) insemination

The following are not **covered services**:

- All infertility services associated with or in support of an ovulation induction cycle while on injectable medication to stimulate the ovaries. This includes, but is not limited to, imaging, laboratory services, and professional services.
- All infertility services associated with or in support of an Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) cycle. These include, but are not limited to:
 - Imaging, laboratory services, professional services
 - In vitro fertilization (IVF)
 - Zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT)
 - Gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT)
 - Cryopreserved embryo transfers
 - Gestational carrier cycles
 - Any related services, products, or procedures (such as intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) or ovum microsurgery)

- Cryopreservation (freezing), storage or thawing of eggs, embryos, sperm, or reproductive tissue.
- All charges associated with or in support of surrogacy arrangements for you or the surrogate. A surrogate is a female carrying her own genetically related child with the intention of the child being raised by someone else, including the biological father.
- Home ovulation prediction kits or home pregnancy tests.
- The purchase of donor embryos, donor eggs or donor sperm.
- Infertility medication.

Jaw joint disorder treatment

Covered services include the diagnosis and surgical treatment of **jaw joint disorder** by a **provider**, including:

- The jaw joint itself, such as temporomandibular joint dysfunction (TMJ) syndrome
- The relationship between the jaw joint and related muscle and nerves, such as myofascial pain dysfunction (MPD)

The following are not **covered services**:

- Non-surgical medical and dental services, and therapeutic services related to **jaw joint disorder**

Maternity and related newborn care

Covered services include pregnancy (prenatal) care, care after delivery and obstetrical services. After your child is born, **covered services** include:

- No less than 48 hours of inpatient care in a **hospital** after a vaginal delivery
- No less than 96 hours of inpatient care in a **hospital** after a cesarean delivery
- A shorter **stay**, if the attending **physician**, with the consent of the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier

Covered services also include services and supplies needed for circumcision by a **provider**.

The following are not **covered services**:

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

Nutritional support

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

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

The following are not **covered services**:

- Any food item, including:
 - Infant formulas
 - Nutritional supplements
 - Vitamins
 - Medical foods
 - Other nutritional items

Outpatient surgery

Covered services include services provided and supplies used in connection with outpatient **surgery** performed in a **surgery** center or a **hospital's** outpatient department.

Important note:

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

The following are not **covered services**:

- A **stay** in a **hospital** (see *Hospital care* in this section)
- A separate facility charge, for **surgery** performed in a **physician's** office
- Services of another **physician** for the administration of a local anesthetic

Physician services

Covered services include services by your **physician** to treat an illness or injury. You can get services:

- At the **physician's** office
- In your home
- In a **hospital**
- From any other inpatient or outpatient facility
- By way of **telemedicine**

Important note:

For behavioral health services, all in-person, **covered services** with a **behavioral health provider** are also **covered services** if you use **telemedicine** instead.

Telemedicine may have a different cost share from other **physician** services. See the schedule of benefits.

Other services and supplies that your **physician** may provide:

- Allergy testing and allergy injections
- Radiological supplies, services, and tests
- Immunizations that are not covered as preventive care

Physician surgical services

Covered services include the services of:

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

The following are not **covered services**:

- A **stay** in a **hospital** (See *Hospital care* in this section)
- A separate facility charge for **surgery** performed in a **physician's** office
- Services of another **physician** for the administration of a local anesthetic

Preventive care

Preventive **covered services** are designed to help keep you healthy, supporting you in achieving your best health through early detection. If you need further services or testing such as diagnostic testing, you may pay more as these services aren't preventive. If a **covered service** isn't listed here under preventive care, it still may be covered under other **covered services** in this section. For more information, see your schedule of benefits.

The following agencies set forth the preventive care guidelines in this section:

- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
- Health Resources and Services Administration
- American Academy of Pediatrics/Bright Futures/Health Resources and Services Administration guidelines for children and adolescents

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

For frequencies and limits, contact your **physician** or us. This information is also available at <https://www.healthcare.gov/>.

Important note:

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

Breast-feeding support and counseling services

Covered services include assistance and training in breast-feeding and counseling services during pregnancy or after delivery. Your plan will cover this counseling only when you get it from a certified breast-feeding support **provider**.

Breast pump, accessories, and supplies

Covered services include renting or buying equipment you need to pump and store breast milk.

Coverage for the purchase of breast pump equipment is limited to one item of equipment, for the same or similar purpose, and the accessories and supplies needed to operate the item. You are responsible for the entire cost of any additional pieces of the same or similar equipment you purchase or rent for personal convenience or mobility.

Counseling services

Covered services include preventive screening and counseling by your **health professional** for:

- Alcohol or drug misuse
 - Preventive counseling and risk factor reduction intervention
 - Structured assessment
- Genetic risk for breast and ovarian cancer
- Obesity and healthy diet
 - Preventive counseling and risk factor reduction intervention
 - Nutritional counseling
 - Healthy diet counseling provided in connection with hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol) and other known risk factors for cardiovascular and diet-related chronic disease
- Sexually transmitted infection
- Tobacco cessation
 - Preventive counseling to help stop using tobacco products
 - Treatment visits
 - Class visits

Family planning services – female contraceptives

Covered services include family planning services as follows:

- Counseling services provided by a **physician** on contraceptive methods. These will be covered when you get them in either a group or individual setting.
- Contraceptive devices (including any related services or supplies) when they are provided, administered, or removed by a **health professional**. This includes male condoms.
- Voluntary sterilization including charges billed separately by the **provider** for female voluntary sterilization procedures and related services and supplies. This also could include tubal ligation and sterilization implants.

The following are not preventive **covered services**:

- Services provided as a result of complications resulting from a voluntary sterilization procedure and related follow-up care
- Any contraceptive methods that are only “reviewed” by the FDA and not “approved” by the FDA
- Male contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures or devices

Immunizations

Covered services include preventive immunizations for infectious diseases.

The following are not preventive **covered services**:

- Immunizations that are not considered preventive care, such as those required due to your employment or travel

Prenatal care

Covered services include your routine pregnancy physical exams at the **physician, PCP, OB, GYN** or OB/GYN office. The exams include initial and subsequent visits for:

- Anemia screening
- Blood pressure
- Chlamydia infection screening
- Fetal heart rate check
- Fundal height
- Gestational diabetes screening
- Gonorrhea screening
- Hepatitis B screening
- Maternal weight
- Rh incompatibility screening

Preventive care drugs

Contraceptives (birth control)

For females who are able to become pregnant, **covered services** include certain drugs and devices that the FDA has approved to prevent pregnancy. You will need a prescription from your **provider** and must fill it at a network pharmacy. At least one form of each FDA-approved contraception methods is a **covered service**. You can access a list of covered drugs and devices. See the *Contact us* section for how.

We also cover over-the-counter (OTC) and **generic prescription drugs** and devices for each of the methods identified by the FDA at no cost to you. If a **generic prescription drug** or device is not available for a certain method, you may obtain certain **brand-name prescription drugs** or devices for that method at no cost.

The following is not a **covered service**:

Brand-name prescription drug forms of contraception in each of the methods identified by the FDA

Important note:

You may qualify for a medical exception if your **provider** determines that the contraceptives covered as preventive care are not medically appropriate for you. Your **provider** may request a medical exception and submit the exception to us for review. If the exception is approved, the **brand-name prescription drug** contraceptive will be covered at 100%.

Preventive care drugs and supplements

Covered services include preventive care drugs and supplements, including OTC ones, as required by the ACA, when you have a **prescription** and it is filled at a network pharmacy.

Risk reducing breast cancer prescription drugs

Covered services include **prescription** drugs used to treat people who are at an increased risk for breast cancer and a low risk for adverse medication side effects. You will need a **prescription** from your **provider** and have it filled at a network pharmacy.

Tobacco cessation prescription and over-the-counter drugs

Covered services include FDA-approved drugs and OTC aids, drugs to help stop the use of tobacco products, including nicotine replacement therapy. All OTC aids must be prescribed by a **provider**.

Routine cancer screenings

Covered services include the following routine cancer screenings:

- Colonoscopies including pre-procedure **specialist** consultation, removal of polyps during a screening procedure, and a pathology exam on any removed polyp
- Digital rectal exams (DRE)
- Double contrast barium enemas (DCBE)
- Fecal occult blood tests (FOBT)
- Lung cancer screenings
- Mammograms
- Prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests
- Sigmoidoscopies

Routine physical exams

A routine preventive exam is a medical exam given for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified illness or injury and also includes:

- Evidence-based items that have in effect a rating of A or B in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- Services as recommended in the American Academy of Pediatrics/Bright Futures/Health Resources and Services Administration guidelines for children and adolescents.

- Screenings and counseling services as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration. These services may include but are not limited to:
 - Screening and counseling services on topics such as:
 - Interpersonal and domestic violence
 - Sexually transmitted diseases
 - Human immune deficiency virus (HIV) infections
 - High risk human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing for women

Covered services include:

- Office visit to a **physician**
- Hearing screening
- Vision screening
- Radiological services, lab, and other tests
- For covered newborns, an initial **hospital** checkup

Well woman preventive visits

A routine well woman preventive exam is a medical exam given for a reason other than to diagnose or treat a suspected or identified illness or injury and also includes:

- Office visit to a **physician, PCP, OB, GYN or OB/GYN** for services including Pap smears
- Preventive care breast cancer (BRCA) gene blood testing
- Screening for diabetes after pregnancy for women with a history of diabetes during pregnancy
- Screening for urinary incontinence

Prosthetic device

A prosthetic device is a device that temporarily or permanently replaces all or part of an external body part lost or impaired as a result of illness, injury, or congenital defects.

Covered services include the initial provision and subsequent replacement of a prosthetic device that your **physician** orders and administers.

Coverage includes:

- Instruction and other services (such as attachment or insertion) so you can properly use the device
- Repairing or replacing the original device you outgrow or that is no longer appropriate because your physical condition changed
- Replacements required by ordinary wear and tear or damage

If you receive a prosthetic device as part of another **covered service**, it will not be covered under this benefit.

The following are not **covered services**:

- Orthopedic shoes and therapeutic shoes, unless the orthopedic shoe is an integral part of a covered leg brace
- Trusses, corsets, and other support items
- Repair and replacement due to loss, misuse, abuse, or theft

Reconstructive breast surgery and supplies

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

- Your **surgery** reconstructs the breast where a necessary mastectomy was performed, such as an implant and areolar reconstruction. It also includes:
 - **Surgery** on a healthy breast to make it symmetrical with the reconstructed breast
 - Treatment of physical complications of all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedema
 - Prostheses

Reconstructive surgery and supplies

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

- Your **surgery** is to implant or attach a covered prosthetic device.
- Your **surgery** corrects a gross anatomical defect present at birth. The **surgery** will be covered if:
 - The defect results in severe facial disfigurement or major functional impairment of a body part, and
 - The purpose of the **surgery** is to improve function
- Your **surgery** is needed because treatment of your illness resulted in severe facial disfigurement or major functional impairment of a body part, and your **surgery** will improve function.

Accidental injury to natural teeth

Covered services also include the procedures or **surgery** to sound natural teeth, injured due to an accident and performed as soon as medically possible, when:

- The teeth were stable, functional and free from decay or disease at the time of the injury
- The **surgery** or procedure returns the injured teeth to how they functioned before the accident

These accident-related dental related services are limited to:

- The first placement of a permanent crown or cap to repair a broken tooth
- The first placement of dentures or bridgework to replace lost teeth
- Orthodontic therapy to pre-position teeth

Short-term cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services

Cardiac rehabilitation

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

Pulmonary rehabilitation

Covered services include pulmonary rehabilitation services as part of your inpatient **hospital stay** if they are part of a treatment plan ordered by your **physician**. A course of outpatient pulmonary rehabilitation may also be covered if it is performed at a **hospital, skilled nursing facility, or physician's** office, is used to treat reversible pulmonary disease states, and is part of a treatment plan ordered by your **physician**.

Short-term rehabilitation services

Short-term rehabilitation services are services needed to restore or develop your skills and functioning for daily living. The services must follow a specific treatment plan, ordered by your **physician**. The services have to be performed by a:

- Licensed or certified physical, occupational, or speech therapist
- **Hospital, skilled nursing facility, or hospice facility**
- **Home health care agency**
- **Physician**

Covered services include:

- Spinal manipulation to correct a muscular or skeletal problem. Your **provider** must establish or approve a treatment plan that details the treatment and specifies frequency and duration.
- An initial evaluation for developmental disabilities and, if diagnosed, outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapies for treatment.

Cognitive rehabilitation, physical, occupational, and speech therapy

Covered services include:

- Physical therapy, but only if it is expected to significantly improve or restore physical functions lost as a result of an acute illness, injury, or **surgical procedure**
- Occupational therapy, but only if it is expected to do one of the following:
 - Significantly improve, develop, or restore physical functions you lost as a result of an acute illness, injury, or **surgical procedure**
 - Help you relearn skills so you can significantly improve your ability to perform the activities of daily living on your own

- Speech therapy, but only if it is expected to do one of the following:
 - Significantly improve or restore lost speech function or correct a speech impairment resulting from an acute illness, injury, or **surgical procedure**
 - Improve delays in speech function development caused by a gross anatomical defect present at birth
 (Speech function is the ability to express thoughts, speak words and form sentences. Speech impairment is difficulty with expressing one’s thoughts with spoken words.)
- Cognitive rehabilitation associated with physical rehabilitation, but only when:
 - Your cognitive deficits are caused by neurologic impairment due to trauma, stroke, or encephalopathy
 - The therapy is coordinated with us as part of a treatment plan intended to restore previous cognitive function

Short-term physical, speech and occupational therapy services provided in an outpatient setting are subject to the same conditions and limitations for outpatient short-term rehabilitation services. See the *Short-term rehabilitation services* section in the schedule of benefits.

The following are not **covered services**:

- Services provided in an educational or training setting or to teach sign language
- Vocational rehabilitation or employment counseling

Skilled nursing facility

Covered services include inpatient **skilled nursing facility** care. This includes:

- **Room and board**, up to the **semi-private room rate**
- Services and supplies provided during a **stay** in a **skilled nursing facility**

Telemedicine

Covered services include **telemedicine** consultations when provided by a **physician, specialist, behavioral health provider** or other **telemedicine provider** acting within the scope of their license.

Covered services for **telemedicine** consultations are available from a number of different kinds of **providers** under your plan. Log in to your member website at <https://www.aetna.com/> to review our **telemedicine provider** listing and Contact us to get more information about your options, including specific cost sharing amounts.

The following are not **covered services**:

- Telephone calls
- **Telemedicine** kiosks
- Electronic vital signs monitoring or exchanges (e.g. Tele-ICU, Tele-stroke)

Tests, images, and labs – outpatient

Diagnostic complex imaging services

Covered services include:

- Computed tomography (CT) scans, including for preoperative testing
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) including magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS), magnetic resonance venography (MRV) and magnetic resonance angiogram (MRA)
- Nuclear medicine imaging including positron emission tomography (PET) scans
- Other imaging service where the billed charge exceeds \$500

Complex imaging for preoperative testing is covered under this benefit.

Diagnostic lab work

Covered services include:

- Lab
- Pathology
- Other tests

These are covered only when you get them from a licensed radiology **provider** or lab.

Diagnostic x-ray and other radiological services

Covered services include x-rays, scans, and other services (but not complex imaging) only when you get them from a licensed radiology **provider**. See *Diagnostic complex imaging services* above for more information.

Therapies – chemotherapy, GCIT, infusion, radiation

Chemotherapy

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

Gene-based, cellular, and other innovative therapies (GCIT)

Covered services include GCIT provided by a **physician, hospital, or other provider**.

Key Terms

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

Gene

A gene is a unit of heredity which is transferred from a parent to child and is thought to determine some feature of the child.

Molecular

Molecular means relating to or consisting of molecules. A molecule is a group of atoms bonded together, making the smallest vital unit of a chemical compound that can take part in a chemical reaction.

Therapeutic

Therapeutic means a treatment, therapy, or drug meant to have a good effect on the body or mind; adding to a sense of well-being.

GCIT are defined as any services that are:

- Gene-based
- Cellular and innovative therapeutics

The services have a basis in genetic/molecular medicine and are not covered under the Institutes of Excellence™ (IOE) programs. We call these “GCIT services.”

GCIT **covered services** include:

- Cellular immunotherapies.
- Genetically modified oncolytic viral therapy.
- Other types of cells and tissues from and for use by the same person (autologous) and cells and tissues from one person for use by another person (allogenic) for certain therapeutic conditions.
- All human gene-based therapy that seeks to change the usual function of a gene or alter the biologic properties of living cells for therapeutic use. Examples include therapies using:
 - Luxturna® (Voretigene neparvovec)
 - Zolgensma® (Onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)
 - Spinraza® (Nusinersen)
- Products derived from gene editing technologies, including CRISPR-Cas9.
- Oligonucleotide-based therapies. Examples include:
 - Antisense. An example is Spinraza.
 - siRNA.
 - mRNA.
 - microRNA therapies.

Facilities/provider for gene-based, cellular, and other innovative therapies

We designate facilities to provide GCIT services or procedures. GCIT **physicians, hospitals** and other **providers** are GCIT-designated facilities/**providers** for Aetna and CVS Health.

Important note:

You must get GCIT **covered services** from a GCIT-designated facility/**provider**. If there are no GCIT-designated facilities/**providers** assigned in your network, we will arrange for and coordinate your care at a GCIT-designated facility/**provider**. If you don't get your GCIT services at the facility/**provider** we designate, they will not be **covered services**.

Infusion therapy

Infusion therapy is the intravenous (IV) administration of prescribed medications or solutions. **Covered services** include infusion therapy you receive in an outpatient setting including but not limited to:

- A freestanding outpatient facility
- The outpatient department of a **hospital**
- A **physician's** office
- Your home from a home care **provider**

You can access the list of preferred infusion locations by contacting us.

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

Certain infused medications may be covered under the outpatient **prescription** drug amendment. You can access the list of **specialty prescription drugs** by contacting us.

Radiation therapy

Covered services include the following radiology services provided by a **health professional**:

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

Transplant services

Covered services include transplant services provided by a **physician** and **hospital**.

This includes the following transplant types:

- Solid organ
- Hematopoietic stem cell
- Bone marrow
- CAR-T and T-Cell receptor therapy for FDA-approved treatments
- Thymus tissue for FDA-approved treatments

Network of transplant facilities

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

You must get transplant services from the IOE facility we designate to perform the transplant you need. Transplant services received from an IOE facility are subject to the network **copayment, payment percentage, deductible, maximum out-of-pocket** and limits, unless stated differently in this booklet and schedule of benefits.

Important note:

If there are no IOE facilities assigned to perform your transplant type in your network, it's important that you contact us so we can help you determine if there are other facilities that may meet your needs. If you don't get your transplant services at the facility we designate, they will not be **covered services**.

Many pre and post-transplant medical services, even routine ones, are related to and may affect the success of your transplant. If your transplant care is being coordinated by the National Medical Excellence® (NME) program, all medical services must be managed through NME so that you receive the highest level of benefits at the appropriate facility. This is true even if the **covered service** is not directly related to your transplant.

The following are not **covered services**:

- Services and supplies furnished to a donor when the recipient is not a covered person
- Harvesting and storage of organs, without intending to use them for immediate transplantation for your existing illness
- Harvesting and/or storage of bone marrow, hematopoietic stem cells, or other blood cells without intending to use them for transplantation within 12 months from harvesting, for an existing illness

Urgent care services

Covered services include services and supplies to treat an urgent condition at an urgent care center. An urgent condition is an illness or injury that requires prompt medical attention but is not a life-threatening **emergency medical condition**. An urgent care center is a facility licensed as a freestanding medical facility to treat urgent conditions.

Covered services include services and supplies to treat an urgent condition at an urgent care center as described below:

- Urgent condition within the service area
 - If you need care for an urgent condition, you should first seek care through your **physician, PCP**. If your **physician** is not reasonably available, you may access urgent care from an urgent care center that is in the network.

If you go to an urgent care center for what is not an urgent condition, the plan may not cover your expenses. See the schedule of benefits for more information.

The following are not **covered services**:

- Urgent care obtained from a facility that is out-of-network

Vision care

Adult vision care

Covered services include:

- Routine vision exam provided by an ophthalmologist or optometrist including refraction and glaucoma testing

The following are not **covered services**:

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

Pediatric vision care

Covered services include:

- Routine vision exam provided by an ophthalmologist or optometrist including refraction and glaucoma testing

The following are not **covered services**:

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

Walk-in clinic

Covered services include, but are not limited to, health care services provided through a **walk-in clinic** for:

- Scheduled and unscheduled visits for illnesses and injuries that are not **emergency medical conditions**
- Preventive care immunizations administered within the scope of the clinic's license
- Individual screening and counseling services that will help you:
 - With obesity or healthy diet
 - To stop using tobacco products

General plan exclusions

The following are not **covered services** under your plan:

Acupuncture

Acupressure

Behavioral health treatment

Services for the following based on categories, conditions, diagnoses or equivalent terms as listed in the most recent version of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)* of the American Psychiatric Association:

- School and/or education service, including special education, remedial education, wilderness treatment programs, or any such related or similar programs
- Services provided in conjunction with school, vocation, work, or recreational activities
- Transportation

Blood, blood plasma, synthetic blood, blood derivatives or substitutes

Blood, blood products, and related services which are supplied to your **provider** free of charge

Cosmetic services and plastic surgery

Any treatment, **surgery** (cosmetic or plastic), service or supply to alter, improve or enhance the shape or appearance of the body, except where described in the *Coverage and exclusions* section

Cost share waived

Any cost for a service when any **out-of-network provider** waives all or part of your **copayment, payment percentage, deductible**, or any other amount

Court-ordered services and supplies

This includes court-ordered services and supplies, or those required as a condition of parole, probation, release or because of any legal proceeding, unless they are a **covered service** under your plan

Custodial care

Services and supplies meant to help you with activities of daily living or other personal needs.

Examples of these are:

- Routine patient care such as changing dressings, periodic turning and positioning in bed
- Administering oral medications
- Care of stable tracheostomy (including intermittent suctioning)
- Care of a stable colostomy/ileostomy
- Care of stable gastrostomy/jejunostomy/nasogastric tube (intermittent or continuous) feedings

- Care of a bladder catheter, including emptying or changing containers and clamping tubing
- Watching or protecting you
- Respite care, adult or child day care, or convalescent care
- Institutional care, including **room and board** for rest cures, adult day care and convalescent care
- Help with walking, grooming, bathing, dressing, getting in or out of bed, going to the bathroom, eating, or preparing foods
- Any other services that a person without medical or paramedical training could be trained to perform

Dental services

The following are not **covered services**:

- Services normally covered under a dental plan
- Dental implants except when part of an approved treatment plan for a **covered service** described in the *Coverage and exclusions - Reconstructive surgery and supplies* section

Educational services

Examples of these are:

- Any service or supply for education, training or retraining services or testing. This includes:
 - Special education
 - Remedial education
 - Wilderness treatment programs (whether or not the program is part of a **residential treatment facility** or otherwise licensed institution)
 - Job training
 - Job hardening programs
- Educational services, schooling or any such related or similar program, including therapeutic programs within a school setting.

Examinations

Any health or dental examinations needed:

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

Experimental, investigational, or unproven

Experimental, investigational, or unproven drugs, devices, treatments or procedures unless otherwise covered under clinical trials.

Foot care

Routine services and supplies for the following:

- Routine pedicure services, such as routine cutting of nails, when there is no illness or injury in the nails
- Supplies (including orthopedic shoes), ankle braces, guards, protectors, creams, ointments and other equipment, devices, and supplies
- Treatment of calluses, bunions, toenails, hammertoes or fallen arches
- Treatment of weak feet, chronic foot pain or conditions caused by routine activities, such as walking, running, working, or wearing shoes

Foot orthotic devices

Foot orthotics or other devices to support the feet, such as arch supports and shoe inserts, unless required for the treatment of or to prevent complications of diabetes

Gene-based, cellular and other innovative therapies (GCIT)

The following are not **covered services** unless you receive prior written approval from us:

- GCIT services received at a facility or with a **provider** that is not a GCIT-designated facility/**provider**.
- All associated services when GCIT services are not covered. Examples include:
 - Infusion
 - Lab
 - Radiology
 - Anesthesia
 - Nursing services

See the *How your plan works – Medical necessity referral and precertification requirements* section.

Growth/height care

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

Hearing aids

- Any tests, appliances, and devices to:
 - Improve your hearing
 - Enhance other forms of communication to make up for hearing loss or devices that simulate speech

Hearing exams

Hearing exams performed for the evaluation and treatment of illness, injury or hearing loss.

Maintenance care

Care made up of services and supplies that maintain, rather than improve, a level of physical or mental function, except for habilitation therapy services

Medical supplies – outpatient disposable

- Any outpatient disposable supply or device. Examples of these include:
 - Sheaths
 - Bags
 - Elastic garments
 - Support hose
 - Bandages
 - Bedpans
 - Home test kits not related to diabetic testing
 - Splints
 - Neck braces
 - Compresses
 - Other devices not intended for reuse by another patient

Missed appointments

Any cost resulting from a canceled or missed appointment

Obesity surgery and services

Weight management treatment or drugs intended to decrease or increase body weight, control weight or treat obesity, including morbid obesity except as described in the *Coverage and exclusions* section, including preventive services for obesity screening and weight management interventions. This is regardless of the existence of other medical conditions. Examples of these are:

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

Other non-covered services

- Services you have no legal obligation to pay
- Services that would not otherwise be charged if you did not have the coverage under the plan

Other primary payer

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

Personal care, comfort, or convenience items

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

Prescription or non-prescription drugs and medicines - outpatient

- Outpatient **prescription** or non-**prescription** drugs and medicines provided by the contract holder or through a third-party vendor contract with the contract holder
- **Specialty prescription drugs** except as stated in the *Coverage and exclusions* section.

Routine exams and preventive services and supplies

Routine physical exams, routine eye exams, routine dental exams, routine hearing exams and other preventive services and supplies, except as specifically provided in the *Coverage and exclusions* section

Services not permitted under applicable state or local laws

Some state or local laws restrict the scope of health care services that a **provider** may render. In such cases, the plan will not cover such health care services.

Services provided by a family member

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

Services, supplies and drugs received outside of the United States

Non-emergency medical services, outpatient **prescription** drugs or supplies received outside of the United States. They are not covered even if they are covered in the United States under this booklet.

Sexual dysfunction and enhancement

Any treatment, **prescription** drug, or supply to treat sexual dysfunction, enhance sexual performance or increase sexual desire, including:

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

Strength and performance

Services, devices, and supplies such as drugs or preparations designed primarily to enhance your strength, physical condition, endurance, or physical performance

Telemedicine

Consultations or services provided by a **physician, specialist, or behavioral health provider or telemedicine provider** by means of electronic communication.

Therapies and tests

- Full body CT scans
- Hair analysis
- Hypnosis and hypnotherapy
- Massage therapy, except when used for physical therapy treatment
- Sensory or hearing and sound integration therapy

Treatment in a federal, state, or governmental entity

Any care in a **hospital** or other facility owned or operated by any federal, state, or other governmental entity unless coverage is required by applicable laws

Voluntary sterilization

- Reversal of voluntary sterilization procedures, including related follow-up care

Wilderness treatment programs

See *Educational services* in this section

Work related illness or injuries

Coverage available to you under workers' compensation or a similar program under local, state, or federal law for any illness or injury related to employment or self-employment

Important note:

A source of coverage or reimbursement is considered available to you even if you waived your right to payment from that source. You may also be covered under a workers' compensation law or similar law. If you submit proof that you are not covered for a particular illness or injury under such law, then that illness or injury will be considered "non-occupational" regardless of cause.

How your plan works

How your medical plan works while you are covered in-network

Your in-network coverage helps you get and pay for a lot of, but not all, health care services.

Providers

Our **provider** network is there to give you the care you need. The easiest way to find **network providers** and see important information about them is by logging in to your member website. There you'll find our online **provider** directory. See the *Contact us* section for more information.

You choose a **PCP** to oversee your care. Your **PCP** will provide routine care and send you to other **providers** when you need specialized care. Your plan often will pay a bigger share for **covered services** you get through your **PCP**, so choose a **PCP** as soon as you can.

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

Service area

Your plan generally pays for **covered services** only within a specific geographic area, called a service area. There are some exceptions, such as for **emergency services**, urgent care, and transplants. See the *Who provides the care* section below.

How your plan works while you are covered out-of-network

With your out-of-network coverage:

- You can get care from **providers** who are not part of the Aetna network and from **network providers** without a **PCP referral**
- You may have to pay the full cost for your care, and then submit a claim to be reimbursed
- You are responsible to get any required **precertification**
- Your cost share will be higher

Who provides the care

Network providers

We have contracted with **providers** in the service area to provide **covered services** to you. These **providers** make up the network for your plan.

To get network benefits, you must use **network providers**. There are some exceptions:

- **Emergency services** – see the description of **emergency services** in the *Coverage and exclusions* section.
- Urgent care – see the description of urgent care in the *Coverage and exclusions* section.

- **Network provider** not reasonably available – You can get services from an **out-of-network provider** if an appropriate **network provider** is not reasonably available. You must request approval from us before you get the care. Contact us for assistance.
- Transplants – see the description of transplant services in the *Coverage and exclusions* section.

You may select a **network provider** from the online directory through your member website.

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

Your PCP

You must get **covered services** through your **PCP**.

How you choose your PCP

You can choose a **PCP** from the list of **PCPs** in our directory.

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

What your PCP will do for you

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

Your **PCP** will give you a written or electronic **referral** to see other **network providers**.

Changing your PCP

You may change your **PCP** at any time by contacting us.

If you do not select a PCP

Because having a **PCP** is so important, we may choose one for you. You will get an ID card in the mail. We will tell you the name, address and telephone number of your **PCP**. If you wish, you can change the **PCP** by following the directions above for *Changing your PCP*.

Until a **PCP** is selected, benefits will be limited to care provided by direct access **network providers**, **emergency services** and urgent care services.

Keeping a provider you go to now (continuity of care)

You may have to find a new **provider** when:

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

However, in some cases, you may be able to keep going to your current **provider** or **facility** to complete a treatment or to have treatment that was already scheduled at the in-network cost sharing levels for up to 90 days of the **provider** or facility ceasing to be in our network. This is called continuity of care. If we know you are under an active treatment plan, we will notify you of the **provider's** or facility's contract termination and how you can submit a request to keep going to your current **provider** or **facility**. *Contact us* for additional information.

Important note:

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

You will not be responsible for an amount that exceeds the cost share that would have applied had your **provider** remained in the network.

Medical necessity, referral and precertification requirements

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

- The service is **medically necessary**
- You get your care from:
 - Your **PCP**
 - Another **network provider** after you get a **referral** from your **PCP**
- You or your **provider** **precertifies** the service when required

Medically necessary, medical necessity

The **medical necessity** requirements are in the *Glossary* section, where we define “**medically necessary, medical necessity.**” That is where we also explain what our medical directors or a **physician** they assign consider when determining if a service is **medically necessary**.

Important note:

We cover **medically necessary, sex-specific covered services** regardless of identified gender.

Referrals

You need a **referral** from your **PCP** for most **covered services**. If you do not have a **referral** when required, you will have to pay for services yourself. You do not need a **referral** for **covered services** in a **network walk-in clinic**.

Precertification

You need pre-approval from us for some **covered services**. Pre-approval is also called **precertification**.

In-network

Your network **physician** or **PCP** is responsible for obtaining any necessary **precertification** before you get the care. **Network providers** cannot bill you if they fail to ask us for **precertification**. But if your **physician** or **PCP** requests **precertification** and we deny it, and you still choose to get the care, you will have to pay for it yourself.

When you go to an **out-of-network provider**, you are responsible to get any required **precertification** from us. If you don't **precertify**:

- Your benefits may be reduced, or the plan may not pay. See your schedule of benefits for details.
- You will be responsible for the unpaid bills.
- Your additional out-of-pocket expenses will not count toward your **deductible** or **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, if you have any.

Timeframes for **precertification** are listed below. For **emergency services**, **precertification** is not required, but you should notify us as shown.

To obtain **precertification**, contact us. You, your **physician**, or the facility must call us within these timelines:

Type of care	Timeframe
Non-emergency admission	Call at least 14 days before the date you are scheduled to be admitted.
Emergency admission	Call within 48 hours or as soon as reasonably possible after you have been admitted.
Urgent admission	Call before you are scheduled to be admitted.
Outpatient non-emergency medical services	Call at least 14 days before the care is provided, or the treatment or procedure is scheduled.

An urgent admission is a **hospital** admission by a **physician** due to the onset of or change in an illness, the diagnosis of an illness, or injury.

We will tell you and your **physician** in writing of the **precertification** decision, where required by state law. An approval is valid for 180 days as long as you remain enrolled in the plan.

For an inpatient **stay** in a facility, we will tell you, your **physician**, and the facility about your precertified length of **stay**. If your **physician** recommends that you stay longer, the extra days will need to be precertified. You, your **physician**, or the facility will need to call us as soon as reasonably possible, but no

later than the final authorized day. We will tell you and your **physician** in writing of an approval or denial of the extra days.

If you or your **provider** request **precertification** and we don't approve coverage, we will tell you why and explain how you or your **provider** may request review of our decision. See the *Complaints, claim decisions and appeal procedures* section.

Types of services that require precertification

Precertification is required for inpatient **stays** and certain outpatient services and supplies.

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

Inpatient –

- Gender affirming treatment
- Gene-based, cellular and other innovative therapies (GCIT)
- Obesity (bariatric) **surgery**
- **Stays** in a **hospice** facility
- **Stays** in a **hospital**
- **Stays** in a **rehabilitation facility**
- **Stays** in a **residential treatment facility** for treatment of **mental health disorders** and **substance related disorders**
- **Stays** in a **skilled nursing facility**

Outpatient –

- Applied behavior analysis
- Complex imaging
- Cosmetic and reconstructive **surgery**
- Gender affirming treatment
- Gene-based, cellular and other innovative therapies (GCIT)
- Injectables, (immunoglobulins, growth hormones, multiple sclerosis medications, osteoporosis medications, Botox, hepatitis C medications)
- Kidney dialysis
- Knee **surgery**
- Non-emergency transportation by airplane
- Outpatient back **surgery** not performed in a **physician's** office
- Partial hospitalization treatment – **mental health disorders** and **substance related disorders** treatment
- Private duty nursing services
- Sleep studies
- Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)
- Wrist **surgery**

Contact us to get a list of the services that require **precertification**. The list may change from time to time.

Sometimes you or your **provider** may want us to review a service that doesn't require **precertification** before you get care. This is called a predetermination, and it is different from **precertification**.

Predetermination means that you or your **provider** requests the pre-service clinical review of a service that does not require **precertification**.

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

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

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

Contact us or go online to get the most up-to-date **precertification** requirements.

Requesting a medical exception

Sometimes you or your **provider** may ask for a medical exception for drugs that are not covered or for which coverage was denied. You, someone who represents you or your **provider** can contact us. You will need to provide us with clinical documentation. Any exception granted is based upon an individual and is a case-by-case decision that will not apply to other members. For directions on how you can submit a request for a review:

- Call the toll-free number on your ID card
- Log in to the Aetna website at <https://www.aetna.com/>
- Submit the request in writing to CVS Health ATTN: Aetna PA, 1300 E Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75081

You, someone who represents you or your **provider** may seek a quicker medical exception when the situation is urgent. It's an urgent situation when you have a health condition that may seriously affect your life, health, or ability to get back maximum function. It can also be when you are going through a current course of treatment using a non-covered drug.

What the plan pays and what you pay

Who pays for your **covered services** – this plan, both of us, or just you? That depends.

The general rule

The schedule of benefits lists what you pay for each type of **covered service**. In general, this is how your benefit works:

- You pay the **deductible** when it applies.
- Then the plan and you share the expense. Your share is called a **copayment** or **payment percentage**.
- Then the plan pays the entire expense after you reach your **maximum out-of-pocket limit**.

When we say “expense” in this general rule, we mean the **negotiated charge** for a **network provider**, and **recognized charge** for an **out-of-network provider**.

Negotiated charge

For health coverage:

This is the amount a **network provider** has agreed to accept or that we have agreed to pay them or a third-party vendor (including any administrative fee in the amount paid).

For surprise bills, calculations will be made based on the median contracted rate.

We may enter into arrangements with **network providers** or others related to:

- The coordination of care for members
- Improving clinical outcomes and efficiencies

Some of these arrangements are called:

- Value-based contracting
- Risk sharing
- Accountable care arrangements

These arrangements will not change the **negotiated charge** under this plan.

Surprise bill

There may be times when you unknowingly receive services or don't consent to receive services from an **out-of-network provider**, even when you try to stay in the network for your **covered services**. You may get a bill at the out-of-network rate that you didn't expect. This is called a surprise bill.

An **out-of-network provider** can't balance bill or attempt to collect costs from you that exceed your in-network cost-sharing requirement, such as **deductibles**, **copayments** and **coinsurance** for the following services:

- **Emergency services** provided by an **out-of-network provider** and ancillary services initiated from your **emergency services**
- Non-emergency surgical services provided by an **out-of-network provider** at an in-network facility, except when the **out-of-network provider** has given you the following:
 - The out-of-network notice for your signature
 - The estimated charges for the items and services
 - Notice that the **provider** is an **out-of-network provider**
- Out-of-network air ambulance services

The **out-of-network provider** must get your consent to be treated and balance billed by them.

Ancillary services mean any professional services including:

- Items and services related to emergency medicine
- Anesthesiology
- Hospitalist services
- Laboratory services
- Neonatology
- Pathology
- Radiology
- Services provided by an **out-of-network provider** because there was no **network provider** available to perform the service

A facility in this instance means an institution providing health care related services, or a health care setting. This includes the following:

- **Hospitals** and other licensed inpatient centers
- Ambulatory surgical or treatment centers
- **Skilled nursing facilities**
- **Residential treatment facilities**
- Diagnostic, laboratory and imaging centers
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Other therapeutic settings

A surprise bill claim is paid based on the median contracted rate for all plans offered by us in the same insurance market for the same or similar item or service that is all of the following:

- Provided by a **provider** in the same or similar specialty or facility of the same or similar facility type
- Provided in the geographic region in which the item or service is furnished

The median contracted rate is subject to additional adjustments as specified in federal regulations.

Any cost share paid with respect to the items and services will apply toward your in-network **deductible** and **maximum out-of-pocket limit** if you have one.

It is not a surprise bill when you knowingly choose to go out-of-network and have signed a consent notice for these services. In this case, you are responsible for all charges.

You may request external review if you want to know if the federal surprise bill law applies to your situation.

If you receive a surprise bill or have any questions about what a surprise bill is, contact us.

Paying for covered services – the general requirements

There are several general requirements for the plan to pay any part of the expense for a **covered service**. They are:

- The service is **medically necessary**
- You get your care from a **network provider**
- You get your care from:
 - Your **PCP**
 - Another **network provider** after you get a **referral** from your **PCP**
- You or your **provider** precertifies the service when required

Generally, your plan and you share the cost for **covered services** when you meet the general requirements. But sometimes your plan will pay the entire expense, and sometimes you will. For details, see your schedule of benefits and the information below.

You pay the entire expense when:

- You get services or supplies that are not **medically necessary**.
- Your plan requires **precertification**, your **physician** requests it, we deny it and you get the services without **precertification**.
- You get care without a **referral** and your plan requires one.
- You get care from someone who is not a **network provider**, except for emergency, urgent care and transplant services. See *Who provides the care* in this section for details

In all these cases, the **provider** may require you to pay the entire charge. Any amount you pay will not count towards your **deductible** or your **maximum out-of-pocket limit**.

Where your schedule of benefits fits in

The schedule of benefits shows any out-of-pocket costs you are responsible for when you receive **covered services** and any benefit limitations that apply to your plan. It also shows any **maximum out-of-pocket limits** that apply.

Limitations include things like maximum age, visits, days, hours and admissions. Out-of-pocket costs include things like **deductibles, copayments** and **coinsurance**. Keep in mind that you are responsible for paying your part of the cost sharing. You are also responsible for costs not covered under this plan.

Coordination of benefits

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

Key Terms

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

Allowable expense means a health care expense that any of your health plans cover.

In this section when we talk about “plan” through which you may have other coverage for health care expenses we mean:

- Group or non-group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policies issued by insurers, HMOs, or health care service contractors
- Labor-management trustee plans, labor organization plans, employer organization plans, or employee benefit organization plans
- An automobile insurance policy
- Medicare or other government benefits
- Any contract that you can obtain or maintain only because of membership in or connection with a particular organization or group

How COB works

- When this is your primary plan, we pay your medical claims first as if there is no other coverage.
- When this is your secondary plan:
 - We pay benefits after the primary plan and reduce our payment based on any amount the primary plan paid.
 - Total payments from this plan and your other coverage will never add up to more than 100% of the allowable expenses.

Determining who pays

The basic rules are listed below. Reading from top to bottom the first rule that applies will determine which plan is primary and which is secondary. Contact us if you have questions or want more information. A plan that does not contain a COB provision is always the primary plan.

COB rule	Primary Plan	Secondary plan
Non-dependent or dependent	Plan covering you as an employee, retired employee, or subscriber (not as a dependent)	Plan covering you as a dependent
Child – parents married or living together	Plan of parent whose birthday (month and day) is earlier in the year (Birthday rule)	Plan of parent whose birthday is later in the year
Child – parents separated, divorced, or not living together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan of parent responsible for health coverage in court order • Birthday rule applies if both parents are responsible or have joint custody in court order • Custodial parent’s plan if there is no court order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan of other parent • Birthday rule applies (later in the year) • Non-custodial parent’s plan
Child – covered by individuals who are not parents (i.e. stepparent or grandparent)	Same rule as parent	Same rule as parent
Active or inactive employee	Plan covering you as an active employee (or dependent of an active employee)	Plan covering you as a laid off or retired employee (or dependent of a former employee)
Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) or state continuation	Plan covering you as an employee or retiree (or dependent of an employee or retiree)	COBRA or state continuation coverage
Longer or shorter length of coverage	Plan that has covered you longer	Plan that has covered you for a shorter period of time
Other rules do not apply	Plans share expenses equally	Plans share expenses equally

How COB works with Medicare

If your other coverage is under Medicare, federal laws explain whether Medicare will pay first or second. COB with Medicare will always follow federal requirements. Contact us if you have any questions about this.

When you are eligible for Medicare, we coordinate the benefits we pay with the benefits that Medicare pays. If you are eligible but not covered, and Medicare would be your primary payer, we may still pay as if you are covered by Medicare and coordinate with the benefits Medicare would have paid. Sometimes, this plan pays benefits before Medicare pays. Sometimes, this plan pays benefits after Medicare or after an amount that Medicare would have paid if you had been covered.

You are eligible for Medicare if you are covered under it. You are also eligible for Medicare even if you are not covered if you refused it, dropped it, or didn't make a request for it.

Other health coverage updates – contact information

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

Our rights

We have the right to:

- Release or obtain any information we need for COB purposes, including information we need to recover any payments from your other health plans
- Reimburse another health plan that paid a benefit we should have paid
- Recover any excess payment from a person or another health plan, if we paid more than we should have paid

Benefit payments and claims

A claim is a request for payment that you or your health care **provider** submits to us when you want or get **covered services**. There are different types of claims. You or your **provider** may contact us at various times, to make a claim, to request approval, or payment, for your benefits. This can be before you receive your benefit, while you are receiving benefits and after you have received the benefit.

It is important that you carefully read the previous sections within *How your plan works*. When a claim comes in, we review it, make a decision, and tell you how you and we will split the expense. The amount of time we have to tell you about our decision on a claim depends on the type of claim.

Claim type and timeframes

Urgent care claim

An urgent claim is one for which the doctor treating you decides a delay in getting medical care could put your life or health at risk. Or a delay might put your ability to regain maximum function at risk. It could also be a situation in which you need care to avoid severe pain. We will make a decision within 24-72 hours.

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

Pre-service claim

A pre-service claim is a claim that involves services you have not yet received and which we will pay for only if we **precertify** them. We will make a decision within 15 days.

Post-service claim

A post-service claim is a claim that involves health care services you have already received. We will make a decision within 30 days.

Concurrent care claim extension

A concurrent care claim extension occurs when you need us to approve more services than we already have approved. Examples are extending a **hospital stay** or adding a number of visits to a **provider**. You must let us know you need this extension 24 hours before the original approval ends. We will have a decision within 24 hours for an urgent request. You may receive the decision for a non-urgent request within 15 days.

Concurrent care claim reduction or termination

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

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

Filing a claim

When you see a **network provider**, that office will usually send us a detailed bill for your services. If you see an **out-of-network provider**, you may receive the bill (proof of loss) directly. This bill forms the basis of your post-service claim. If you receive the bill directly, you or your **provider** must send us the bill within 12 months of the date you received services, unless you are legally unable to notify us. You must send it to us with a claim form that you can either get online or contact us to provide. You should always keep your own record of the date, **providers**, and cost of your services.

The benefit payment determination is made based on many things, such as your **deductible** or **payment percentage**, the necessity of the service you received, when or where you receive the services, or even what other insurance you may have. We may need to ask you or your **provider** for some more information to make a final decision. You can always contact us directly to see how much you can expect to pay for any service.

We will pay the claim within 30 days from when we receive all the information necessary. Sometimes we may pay only some of the claim. Sometimes we may deny payment entirely. We may even rescind your coverage entirely. Rescission means you lose coverage going forward and going backward. If we paid claims for your past coverage, we will want the money back.

We will give you our decision in writing. You may not agree with our decision. There are several ways to have us review the decisions. Please see the *Complaints, claim decisions, and appeal procedures* section for that information.

Complaints, claim decisions and appeals procedures

The difference between a complaint and an appeal

A Complaint

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

An Appeal

You can ask us to re-review an adverse benefit determination. This is called an appeal. You can appeal to us verbally or in writing.

Claim decisions and appeal procedures

Your **provider** may contact us at various times to make a claim, or to request approval for payment based on your benefits. This can be before you receive your benefit, while you are receiving benefits and after you have received the benefit. You may not agree with our decision. As we said in *Benefit payments and claims* in the *How your plan works* section, we pay many claims at the full rate, except for your share of the costs. But sometimes we pay only some of the claim. Sometimes we deny payment entirely.

Any time we deny even part of the claim, it is an “adverse benefit determination” or “adverse decision.” For any adverse decision, you will receive an explanation of benefits in writing. You can ask us to review an adverse benefit determination. This is the internal appeal process. If you still don’t agree, you can also appeal that decision. There are times you may skip the two levels of internal appeal. But in most situations, you must complete both levels before you can take any other actions, such as an external review.

Appeals of adverse benefit determinations

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

You can appeal by sending a written appeal to Member Services at the address on the notice of adverse benefit determination. Or you can call Member Services at the number on your ID card. You need to include:

- Your name
- The employer’s name

- A copy of the adverse benefit determination
- Your reasons for making the appeal
- Any other information you would like us to consider

Another person may submit an appeal for you, including a **provider**. That person is called an authorized representative. You need to tell us if you choose to have someone else appeal for you (even if it is your **provider**). You should fill out an authorized representative form telling us that you are allowing someone to appeal for you. You can get this form by contacting us. You can use an authorized representative at any level of appeal.

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

Urgent care or pre-service claim appeals

If your claim is an urgent claim or a pre-service claim, your **provider** may appeal for you without having you fill out an authorized representative form telling us that you are allowing the provider to appeal for you.

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

Timeframes for deciding appeals

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

Type of notice	Urgent care claim	Pre-service claim	Post-service claim	Concurrent care claim
Appeal determinations at each level (us)	36 hours	15 days	30 days	As appropriate to type of claim
Extensions	None	None	None	

Exhaustion of appeals process

In most situations you must complete the two levels of appeal with us before you can take these other actions:

- Appeal through an external review process.
- Pursue arbitration, litigation or other type of administrative proceeding.

But sometimes you do not have to complete the two levels of appeals process before you may take other actions. These situations are:

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

External review

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

You have a right to external review only if:

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

You may also request external review if you want to know if the federal surprise bill law applies to your situation.

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

You must submit the Request for External Review Form:

- To **Aetna**
- Within 123 calendar days (four months) of the date you received the decision from us
- And you must include a copy of the notice from us and all other important information that supports your request

Aetna will:

- Contact the ERO that will conduct the review of your claim.
- Assign the appeal to one or more independent clinical reviewers that have the proper expertise to do the review.
- Consider appropriate credible information that you sent.

- Follow our contractual documents and your plan of benefits.
- Send notification of the decision within 45 calendar days of the date we receive your request form and all the necessary information.

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

When an appeal is not eligible for ERO or when the appeal is upheld at the ERO level, Aetna will inform the member of their right to appeal to the plan sponsor for voluntary level of review.

How long will it take to get an ERO decision?

We will tell you of the ERO decision not more than 45 calendar days after we receive your Notice of External Review Form with all the information you need to send in.

But sometimes you can get a faster external review decision. Your **provider** must call us or send us a Request for External Review Form.

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

For initial adverse determinations

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

- Jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function, or
- Be much less effective if not started right away (in the case of **experimental, investigational, or unproven** treatment)

For final adverse determinations

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

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

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

Recordkeeping

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

Fees and expenses

We do not pay any fees or expenses incurred by you in pursuing a complaint or appeal.

Eligibility, starting and stopping coverage

Eligibility

Who is eligible

The contract holder decides and tells us who is eligible for health coverage.

When you can join the plan

You must live or work in the service area to enroll in this plan.

You can enroll:

- At the end of any waiting period the contract holder requires
- Once each year during the annual enrollment period
- At other special times during the year (see the *Special times you can join the plan* section below)

You can enroll eligible family members (these are your “dependents”) at this time too.

If you don’t enroll when you first qualify for benefits, you may have to wait until the next annual enrollment period to join.

Who can be a dependent on this plan

You can enroll the following family members:

- Your legal spouse
- Your domestic partner who meets contract holder rules and requirements under state law
- Dependent children – yours or your spouse’s or partner’s
 - Dependent children must be:
 - Under 26 years of age
 - Dependent children include:
 - Natural children
 - Stepchildren
 - Adopted children including those placed with you for adoption
 - Foster children
 - Children you are responsible for under a qualified medical support order or court order
 - Grandchildren in your legal custody
 - A grandchild whose parent is already covered as a dependent on this plan

Adding new dependents

You can add new dependents during the year. These include any dependents described in the *Who can be a dependent on this plan* section above.

Coverage begins on the date of the event for new dependents that join your plan for the following reasons:

- Birth
- Adoption or placement for adoption
- Marriage
- Legal guardianship
- Court or administrative order

We must receive a completed enrollment form not more than 31 days after the event date.

Special times you can join the plan

You can enroll in these situations:

- You didn't enroll before because you had other coverage and that coverage has ended
- Your COBRA coverage has ended
- A court orders that you cover a dependent on your health plan

We must receive the completed enrollment information within 31 days of the date when coverage ends.

You can also enroll in these situations:

- You or your dependent lose your eligibility for enrollment in Medicaid or a CHIP plan
- You are now eligible for state premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP which will pay your premium contribution under this plan

We must receive the completed enrollment information within 60 days of the date when coverage ends.

Notification of change in status

Tell us of any changes that may affect your benefits. Please contact us as soon as possible when you have a:

- Change of address
- Dependent status change
- Dependent who enrolls in Medicare or any other health plan

Starting coverage

Your coverage under this plan has a start and an end. You must start coverage after you complete the eligibility and enrollment process. You can ask your contract holder to confirm your effective date.

Stopping coverage

Your coverage typically ends when you leave your job; but it can happen for other reasons. Ending coverage doesn't always mean you lose coverage with us. There will be circumstances that will still allow you to continue coverage. See the *Special coverage options after your coverage ends* section.

We will send you notice if your coverage is ending. This notice will tell you the date that your coverage ends.

When will your coverage end

Your coverage under this plan will end if:

- This plan is no longer available
- You ask to end coverage
- The contract holder asks to end coverage
- You are no longer eligible for coverage, including when you move out of the service area
- Your work ends
- You stop making required contributions, if any, apply
- We end your coverage
- You start coverage under another medical plan offered by your employer

When dependent coverage ends

Dependent coverage will end if:

- A dependent is no longer eligible for coverage
- You stop making premium contributions, if any, apply
- Your coverage ends for any of the reasons listed above except:
 - Exhaustion of your overall maximum benefit.
 - You enroll under a group Medicare plan we offer. However, dependent coverage will end if your coverage ends under the Medicare plan.
- Your dependent has exhausted the maximum benefit under your medical plan
- The date this plan no longer allows coverage for domestic partners or civil unions
- The date the domestic partnership or civil union ends
 - You will need to complete a Declaration of Termination of Domestic Partnership

What happens to your dependents if you die?

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

Why would we end your coverage?

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

On the date your coverage ends, we will refund to your employer any prepayment for periods after the date your coverage ended.

Special coverage options after your coverage ends

When coverage may continue under the plan

This section explains options you may have after your coverage ends under this plan. Your individual situation will determine what options you will have. Contact the contract holder to see what options apply to you.

In some cases, premium payment is required for coverage to continue. Your coverage will continue under the plan as long as the contract holder and we have agreed to do so. It is the contract holder's responsibility to let us know when your work ends. If the contract holder and we agree in writing, we will extend the limits.

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA)

The federal COBRA law usually applies to employers of group sizes of 20 or more and gives employees and most of their covered dependents the right to keep their health coverage for 18, 29 or 36 months after a qualifying event. The qualifying event is something that happens that results in you losing your coverage. The qualifying events are:

- Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct
- Your working hours are reduced
- You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage
- You become entitled to benefits under Medicare
- Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependents under the plan
- You die
- You are a retiree eligible for retiree health coverage and your former employer files for bankruptcy

Talk with your employer if you have questions about COBRA or to enroll.

Continuation of coverage for other reasons

To request an extension of coverage, just contact us.

How you can extend coverage if you are totally disabled when coverage ends

Your coverage may be extended if you are totally disabled when coverage ends.

Only the medical condition which caused the total disability is covered during your extension.

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

You may extend coverage only for services and supplies related to the disabling condition until the earliest of:

- When you or your dependents are no longer totally disabled
- When you become covered by another health benefits plan
- 12 months of coverage

How you can extend coverage for your disabled child beyond the plan age limits

You have the right to extend coverage for your dependent child beyond plan age limits, if the child is not able to be self-supporting because of mental or physical disability and depends mainly (more than 50% of their income) on you for support.

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

We may ask you to send us proof of the disability within 31 days of the date coverage would have ended. Before we extend coverage, we may ask that your child get a physical exam. We will pay for that exam.

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

How you can extend coverage when getting inpatient care when coverage ends

Your coverage may be extended if you are getting inpatient care in a **hospital** or **skilled nursing facility** when coverage ends.

Benefits are extended for the condition that caused the **hospital** or **skilled nursing facility stay** or for complications from the condition. Benefits aren't extended for other medical conditions.

You can continue to get care for this condition until the earliest of:

- When you are discharged
- When you no longer need inpatient care
- When you become covered by another health benefits plan
- 12 months of coverage

General provisions – other things you should know

Administrative provisions

Aetna's authority as claim administrator

Aetna has been designated as claims administrator for benefits under the Plan with full discretion and authority to make claim and appeal determinations. The claims administrator is the appropriate named fiduciary of the plan for purposes of reviewing denied claims for benefits. In exercising this fiduciary responsibility, Aetna has full discretionary authority to make factual determinations, to determine eligibility for benefits, to determine the amount of benefits for each claim received, and to construe terms of the Plan with respect to benefits. Aetna's decisions are final and binding upon you and any person making a claim on your behalf. Your employer retains sole and complete authority to determine eligibility of persons to participate in the Plan.

How you and we will interpret this booklet

We prepared this booklet according to federal and state laws that apply. You and we will interpret it according to these laws. Also, you are bound by our interpretation of this booklet when we administer your coverage.

How we administer this plan

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

Who's responsible to you

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

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

Coverage and services

Your coverage can change

Sometimes things happen outside of our control. These are things such as natural disasters, epidemics, fire, and riots. We will try hard to get you access to the services you need even if these things happen. Your coverage is defined by the group contract. This document may have amendments and amendments too. Under certain circumstances, we, the contract holder, or the law may change your plan. When an emergency or epidemic is declared, we may modify or waive **precertification**, **prescription** quantity limits or your cost share if you are affected. Only we may waive a requirement of your plan. No other person, including the contract holder or **provider**, can do this.

Physical examination and evaluations

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

Records of expenses

You should keep complete records of your expenses. They may be needed for a claim. Important things to keep are:

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

Honest mistakes and intentional deception

Honest mistakes

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

Intentional deception

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

- Rescission of coverage
- Denial of benefits
- Recovery of amounts we already paid

We also may report fraud to criminal authorities. See the *Benefit payments and claims, Filing a claim* section for information about rescission.

You have special rights if we rescind your coverage:

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

Some other money issues

Legal action

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

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

Assignment of benefits

When you see a **network provider**, they will usually bill us directly. When you see an **out-of-network provider**, we may choose to pay you or to pay the **provider** directly. To the extent allowed by law, we will not accept an assignment to an **out-of-network provider**.

Financial sanctions exclusions

If coverage provided under this booklet violates or will violate any economic or trade sanctions, the coverage will be invalid immediately. For example, we cannot pay for **covered services** if it violates a financial sanction regulation. This includes sanctions related to a person or a country under sanction by the United States unless it is allowed under a written license from the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC). You can find out more by visiting <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Pages/default.aspx>.

Recovery of overpayments

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

SUBROGATION AND RIGHT OF RECOVERY

The provisions of this section apply to all current or former plan participants and also to the parents, guardian, or other representative of a dependent child who incurs claims and is or has been covered by the plan. The plan's right to recover (whether by subrogation or reimbursement) shall apply to the personal representative of your estate, your decedents, minors, and incompetent or disabled persons. "You" or "your" includes anyone on whose behalf the plan pays benefits. No adult Covered Person hereunder may assign any rights that it may have to recover medical expenses from any tortfeasor or other person or entity to any minor child or children of said adult covered person without the prior express written consent of the Plan.

The plan's right of subrogation or reimbursement, as set forth below, extend to all insurance coverage available to you due to an injury, illness or condition for which the plan has paid medical claims (including, but not limited to, liability coverage, uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, personal umbrella coverage, medical payments coverage, workers compensation coverage, no fault automobile coverage or any first party insurance coverage).

Your health plan is always secondary to automobile no-fault coverage, personal injury protection coverage, or medical payments coverage.

No disbursement of any settlement proceeds or other recovery funds from any insurance coverage or other source will be made until the health plan's subrogation and reimbursement interest are fully satisfied.

Subrogation

The right of subrogation means the plan is entitled to pursue any claims that you may have in order to recover the benefits paid by the plan. Immediately upon paying or providing any benefit under the plan, the plan shall be subrogated to (stand in the place of) all of your rights of recovery with respect to any claim or potential claim against any party, due to an injury, illness or condition to the full extent of benefits provided or to be provided by the Plan. The Plan may assert a claim or file suit in your name and take appropriate action to assert its subrogation claim, with or without your consent. The plan is not required to pay you part of any recovery it may obtain, even if it files suit in your name.

Reimbursement

If you receive any payment as a result of an injury, illness or condition, you agree to reimburse the plan first from such payment for all amounts the plan has paid and will pay as a result of that injury, illness or condition, up to and including the full amount of your recovery.

Constructive Trust

By accepting benefits (whether the payment of such benefits is made to you or made on your behalf to any **provider**) you agree that if you receive any payment as a result of an injury, illness or condition, you will serve as a constructive trustee over those funds. Failure to hold such funds in trust will be deemed a breach of your fiduciary duty to the plan. No disbursement of any settlement proceeds or other recovery funds from any insurance coverage or other source will be made until the health plan's subrogation and reimbursement interest are fully satisfied.

Lien Rights

Further, the plan will automatically have a lien to the extent of benefits paid by the plan for the treatment of the illness, injury or condition upon any recovery whether by settlement, judgment or otherwise, related to treatment for any illness, injury or condition for which the plan paid benefits. The lien may be enforced against any party who possesses funds or proceeds representing the amount of benefits paid by the plan including, but not limited to, you, your representative or agent, and/or any other source that possessed or will possess funds representing the amount of benefits paid by the plan.

Assignment

In order to secure the plan's recovery rights, you agree to assign to the plan any benefits or claims or rights of recovery you have under any automobile policy or other coverage, to the full extent of the plan's subrogation and reimbursement claims. This assignment allows the plan to pursue any claim you may have, whether or not you choose to pursue the claim.

First-Priority Claim

By accepting benefits from the plan, you acknowledge that the plan's recovery rights are a first priority claim and are to be repaid to the plan before you receive any recovery for your damages. The plan shall be entitled to full reimbursement on a first-dollar basis from any payments, even if such payment to the plan will result in a recovery which is insufficient to make you whole or to compensate you in part or in

whole for the damages sustained. The plan is not required to participate in or pay your court costs or attorney fees to any attorney you hire to pursue your damage claim.

Applicability to All Settlements and Judgments

The terms of this entire subrogation and right of recovery provision shall apply and the plan is entitled to full recovery regardless of whether any liability for payment is admitted and regardless of whether the settlement or judgment identifies the medical benefits the plan provided or purports to allocate any portion of such settlement or judgment to payment of expenses other than medical expenses. The plan is entitled to recover from *any and all* settlements or judgments, even those designated as pain and suffering, non-economic damages and/or general damages only. The plan's claim will not be reduced due to your own negligence.

Cooperation

You agree to cooperate fully with the plan's efforts to recover benefits paid. It is your duty to notify the plan within 30 days of the date when any notice is given to any party, including an insurance company or attorney, of your intention to pursue or investigate a claim to recover damages or obtain compensation due to your injury, illness or condition. You and your agents agree to provide the plan or its representatives notice of any recovery you or your agents obtain prior to receipt of such recovery funds or within 5 days if no notice was given prior to receipt. Further, you and your agents agree to provide notice prior to any disbursement of settlement or any other recovery funds obtained. You and your agents shall provide all information requested by the plan, the Claims Administrator or its representative including, but not limited to, completing and submitting any applications or other forms or statements as the plan may reasonably request and all documents related to or filed in personal injury litigation. Failure to provide this information, failure to assist the plan in pursuit of its subrogation rights or failure to reimburse the plan from any settlement or recovery you receive may result in the denial of any future benefit payments or claim until the plan is reimbursed in full, termination of your health benefits or the institution of court proceedings against you.

You shall do nothing to prejudice the plan's subrogation or recovery interest or prejudice the plan's ability to enforce the terms of this plan provision. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from making any settlement or recovery that attempts to reduce or exclude the full cost of all benefits provided by the plan or disbursement of any settlement proceeds or other recovery prior to fully satisfying the health plan's subrogation and reimbursement interest.

You acknowledge that the plan has the right to conduct an investigation regarding the injury, illness or condition to identify potential sources of recovery. The plan reserves the right to notify all parties and his/her agents of its lien. Agents include, but are not limited to, insurance companies and attorneys.

You acknowledge that the plan has notified you that it has the right pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 1301 *et seq*, to share your personal health information in exercising its subrogation and reimbursement rights.

Interpretation

In the event that any claim is made that any part of this subrogation and right of recovery provision is ambiguous or questions arise concerning the meaning or intent of any of its terms, the Claims Administrator for the plan shall have the sole authority and discretion to resolve all disputes regarding the interpretation of this provision.

Jurisdiction

By accepting benefits from the Plan, you agree that any court proceeding with respect to this provision may be brought in any court of competent jurisdiction as the plan may elect. By accepting such benefits, you hereby submit to each such jurisdiction, waiving whatever rights may correspond by reason of your present or future domicile. By accepting such benefits, you also agree to pay all attorneys' fees the plan incurs in successful attempts to recover amounts the plan is entitled to under this section.

Your health information

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

You can get a free copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices. Just contact us.

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

Glossary

Behavioral health provider

A **health professional** who is licensed or certified to provide **covered services** for mental health and **substance related disorders** in the state where the person practices.

Brand-name prescription drug

An FDA-approved drug marketed with a specific name or trademark name by the company that manufactures it; often the same company that developed and patents it.

Copay, copayment

This is the dollar amount you pay for **covered services**. In most plans, you pay this after you meet your **deductible** limit. In **prescription** drug plans, it is the amount you pay for covered drugs.

Covered service

The benefits, subject to varying cost shares, covered under the plan. These are:

- Described in the *Providing covered services* section.
- Not listed as an exclusion in the *Coverage and exclusions – Providing covered services* section or the *General plan exclusions* section.
- Not beyond any limits in the schedule of benefits.
- **Medically necessary**. See the *How your plan works – Medical necessity, referral and precertification requirements* section and the *Glossary* for more information.

Deductible

A **deductible** is the amount you pay out-of-pocket for **covered services** per year before we start to pay.

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Deductible

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Detoxification

The process of getting alcohol or other drugs out of an addicted person's system and getting them physically stable.

Emergency medical condition

An acute, severe medical condition that:

- Comes on suddenly
- Needs immediate medical care
- Leads a person with average knowledge of health and medicine to believe that, without immediate medical care, it could result in:
 - Danger to life or health
 - Loss of a bodily function
 - Loss of function to a body part or organ
 - Danger to the health of an unborn baby

Emergency services

Treatment given in a **hospital's** emergency room or an independent freestanding emergency department. This includes evaluation of and treatment to stabilize the **emergency medical condition**. An "independent freestanding emergency department" means a health care facility that is geographically separate, distinct and licensed separately from a hospital and provides emergency services.

Experimental, investigational, or unproven

A drug, device, procedure, supply, treatment, test, or technology is considered by us to be **experimental, investigational, or unproven** if any of the following apply:

- It hasn't been shown through well-conducted clinical trials or cohort studies published in peer-reviewed, evidence-based scientific literature to be safe and effective for treating or diagnosing the condition or illness for which it's meant.
 - A well-conducted clinical trial means a randomized, controlled trial where the experimental intervention is compared to a control group receiving care according to best practice and study participants are randomly assigned to the experimental or control group.
 - A well-conducted cohort study means a prospective cohort study from more than one institution where the experimental intervention is compared to a group of subjects receiving care according to best practice and where the comparison group is well matched to the experimental intervention group.
- There isn't FDA approval or clearance to market it for the proposed use.

- A national medical society, dental society, or regulatory agency has written that it's **experimental, investigational, or unproven**, or mainly for research purposes.
- It's the subject of a Phase I, Phase II, or the experimental or research arm of a Phase III clinical trial. The FDA and Department of Health and Human Services define these.
- Written procedures or consent form used by a facility **provider** says it's **experimental, investigational, or unproven**.

Generic prescription drug

An FDA-approved drug with the same intended use as the brand-name product, that is considered to be as effective as the brand-name product. It offers the same:

- Dosage
- Safety
- Strength
- Quality
- Performance

Health professional

A person who is authorized by law to provide health care services to the public, for example, **physicians**, nurses, and physical therapists.

Home health care agency

An agency authorized by law to provide home health services, such as skilled nursing and other therapeutic services.

Hospital

An institution licensed as a **hospital** by applicable law and accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC). This is a place that offers medical care. Patients can stay overnight for care. Or they can be treated and leave the same day. All **hospitals** must meet set standards of care. They can offer general or acute care. They can also offer service in one area, like rehabilitation.

Jaw joint disorder

This is:

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

Maximum out-of-pocket limit

The **maximum out-of-pocket limit** is the most a covered person will pay per year in **copayments**, **payment percentage** and **deductible**, if any, for **covered services**.

Medically necessary, medical necessity

Health care services or supplies that prevent, evaluate, diagnose, or treat an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms, and that are all of the following, as determined by us within our discretion:

- In accordance with “generally accepted standards of medical practice”
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for your illness, injury or disease
- Not primarily for your convenience, the convenience of your **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 your illness, injury or disease.

Generally accepted standards of medical practice means:

- Standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, and
- Following the standards set forth in our clinical policies and applying clinical judgment.

Important note:

We develop and maintain clinical policy bulletins that describe the generally accepted standards of medical practice, credible scientific evidence, and prevailing clinical guidelines that support our decisions regarding specific services. We use these bulletins and other resources to help guide individualized coverage decisions under our plans and to determine whether an intervention is **medically necessary, experimental, investigational, or unproven**. They are subject to change. You can find these bulletins and other information at <https://www.aetna.com/health-care-professionals/clinical-policy-bulletins.html>. You can also contact us. See the *Contact us* section for how.

Mental health disorder

A **mental health disorder** is, in general, a set of symptoms or behavior associated with distress and interference with personal function. A complete definition of **mental health disorder** is in the most recent edition of *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) of the American Psychiatric Association*.

Negotiated charge

See *How your plan works – What the plan pays and what you pay*.

Network provider

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

Out-of-network provider

A **provider** who is not a **network provider**, or a **network provider** that is seen without a **referral**.

Physician

A **health professional** trained and licensed to practice and prescribe medicine under the laws of the state where they practice; specifically, doctors of medicine or osteopathy. Under some plans, a **physician** can also be a **primary care provider (PCP)**.

Precertification, precertify

Pre-approval that you or your **provider** receives from us before you receive certain **covered services**. This may include a determination by us as to whether the service is **medically necessary** and eligible for coverage.

Prescription

This is an instruction written by a **physician** or other **provider** that authorizes a patient to receive a service, supply, medicine or treatment.

Primary care provider (PCP)

A **provider** who:

- The directory lists as a **PCP**
- Is selected by a you from the list of **PCPs** in the directory
- Supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to you
- Initiates **referrals** for **specialist** care, if required by the plan, and maintains continuity of patient care
- Shows in our records as your **PCP**

A **PCP** can be any of the following **providers**:

- General practitioner
- Family **physician**
- Internist
- Nurse practitioner
- Physician assistant
- Pediatrician
- OB, GYN, and OB/GYN
- Medical group primary care office, or another **provider** allowed by the plan

Provider

A **physician**, pharmacist, **health professional**, person, or facility, licensed or certified by law to provide health care services to you. If state law does not specifically provide for licensure or certification, they must meet all Medicare approval standards even if they don't participate in Medicare.

Psychiatric hospital

An institution licensed or certified as a **psychiatric hospital** by applicable laws to provide a program for the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of alcoholism, drug abuse or **mental health disorders** (including **substance related disorders**).

Referral

This is a written or electronic authorization made by your **PCP** to direct you to a **network provider** for **medically necessary** services and supplies.

Residential treatment facility

A facility that provides **mental health disorder** services or **substance related disorder** services and meets the following requirements:

- Is licensed and operated in accordance with applicable state and federal law
- Provides treatment under the direction of an appropriately licensed **physician** for the level of care provided
- Maintains a written treatment plan prepared by a licensed **behavioral health provider** (RN or master's level) requiring full-time residence and participation
- Has a licensed **behavioral health provider**, (RN or master's level) on-site 24 hours per day 7 days per week, and is:
 - Credentialed by us, or
 - Certified by Medicare, or
 - Accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC); The Committee on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF); The American Osteopathic Association's Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP); or The Council on Accreditation (COA)

Room and board

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

Semi-private room rate

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

Skilled nursing facility

A facility that provides skilled nursing care and meets the following requirements:

- Is licensed and operated in accordance with applicable state and federal law
- Provides treatment under the direction of an appropriately licensed **physician** for the level of care provided
- Maintains a written treatment plan prepared by a licensed **provider** (RN or master's level) requiring full-time residence and participation
- Has a licensed **provider** (RN or master's level) on-site 24 hours per day 7 days per week, and is:
 - Credentialed by us, or
 - Certified by Medicare, or
 - Accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC) or The Committee on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
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Skilled nursing facilities also include rehabilitation **hospitals**, and portions of a rehabilitation **hospital** and a **hospital** designated for skilled or rehabilitation services.

Skilled nursing facility does not include institutions that provide only:

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

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

Skilled nursing services

Services provided by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse within the scope of their license.

Specialist

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

Specialty prescription drug

An FDA-approved **prescription** drug that typically has a higher cost and requires special handling, special storage or monitoring. These drugs may be administered:

- Orally (mouth)
- Topically (skin)
- By inhalation (mouth or nose)
- By injection (needle)

Stay

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

Substance related disorder

A **substance related disorder**, addictive disorder, or both, as defined in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM) published by the American Psychiatric Association.

Surgery, surgical procedure

The diagnosis and treatment of injury, deformity, and disease by manual and instrumental means, such as:

- Cutting
- Abrading
- Suturing
- Destruction
- Ablation
- Removal
- Lasering
- Introduction of a catheter (e.g., heart or bladder catheterization) or scope (e.g., colonoscopy or other types of endoscopy)
- Correction of fracture
- Reduction of dislocation
- Application of plaster casts
- Injection into a joint
- Injection of sclerosing solution
- Otherwise physically changing body tissues and organs

Telemedicine

A consultation between you and a **physician, specialist, or behavioral health provider or telemedicine provider** who is performing a clinical medical or behavioral health service by means of electronic communication.

Terminal illness

A medical prognosis that you are not likely to live more than 6-24 months.

Walk-in clinic

A health care facility that provides limited medical care on a scheduled and unscheduled basis. A **walk-in clinic** may be located in, near or within a:

- Drug store
- Pharmacy
- Retail store
- Supermarket

The following are not considered a **walk-in clinic**:

- Ambulatory surgical center
- Emergency room
- **Hospital**
- Outpatient department of a **hospital**
- **Physician's** office
- Urgent care facility

Schedule of benefits

This schedule of benefits (schedule) lists the **deductibles, copayments, or payment percentage**, if any apply to the **covered services** you receive under the plan. You should review this schedule to become aware of these and any limits that apply to these services.

How your cost share works

- The **deductibles** and **copayments**, if any, listed in the schedule below are the amounts that you pay for **covered services**.
- For the **covered services** under your medical plan, you will be responsible for the dollar amount
- For pharmacy benefits where a percentage cost share acts like a **copayment**, you will be responsible for the percentage amount
- **Coinsurance** amounts, if any, listed in the schedule below are what the plan will pay for **covered services**.
- Sometimes your cost share shows a combination of your dollar amount **copayment** that you will be responsible for and the **coinsurance** percentage that your plan will pay.

You are responsible to pay any **deductibles, copayments** and remaining **coinsurance** if they apply

- Combined limits between in-network and **out-of-network providers**
- Separate limits for in-network and **out-of-network providers**

See the schedule for more information about limits.

- Your cost share may vary if the **covered service** is preventive or not. Ask your **physician** or contact us if you have a question about what your cost share will be.

For examples of how cost share and **deductible** work, go to the *Using your Aetna benefits* section under Individuals & Families at <https://www.aetna.com/>.

Important note:

Covered services are subject to the calendar year **deductible, maximum out-of-pocket**, limits, **copayment** or **payment percentage** unless otherwise stated in this schedule of benefits. The *Surprise bill* section in the booklet explains your protections from a surprise bill.

Under this plan, you will:

1. Pay your **copayment**
2. Then pay any remaining **deductible**
3. Then pay your **payment percentage**

Your **copayment** does not apply to any **deductible**.

How your PCP or physician office visit cost share works

You will pay the **PCP** cost share when you receive **covered services** from any **PCP**.

How your maximum out-of-pocket works

This schedule of benefits shows the **maximum out-of-pocket limits** that apply to your plan. Once you reach your **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, your plan will pay for **covered services** for the remainder of that year.

Contact us

We are here to answer questions. See the *Contact us* section in your booklet.

Maximum out-of-pocket limit

Excludes the **deductible**

Maximum out-of-pocket type	In-network
Individual	\$2,650 per calendar year
Family	\$5,950 per calendar year

General coverage provisions

This section explains the **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, and limitations listed in this schedule.

Deductible credit

If you paid part or all of your **deductible** under other coverage for the year that this plan went into effect, we will deduct the amount paid under the other coverage from the **deductible** on this plan for the same year. If we ask, you must submit a detailed explanation of benefits (EOB) showing the dates and amount of the **deductible** met from the other coverage in order to receive the credit.

Copayment

This is the dollar amount you pay for **covered services**. In most plans, you pay this after you meet your **deductible** limit.

Payment percentage

This is the percentage of **covered services** you pay after you meet your **deductible**.

Maximum out-of-pocket limit

The **maximum out-of-pocket limit** is the most you will pay per year in **copayments, payment percentage** and **deductible**, if any, for **covered services**.

Covered services apply to the in-network **maximum out-of-pocket limit**.

Individual maximum out-of-pocket limit

- This plan may have an individual and family **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. As to the individual **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, each of you must meet your **maximum out-of-pocket limit** separately.
- After you or your covered dependents meet the individual **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, this plan will pay 100% of the eligible charge for **covered services** that would apply toward the limit for the rest of the year for that person.

Family maximum out-of-pocket limit

After you or your covered dependents meet the family **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, this plan will pay 100% of the eligible charge for **covered services** that would apply toward the limit for the remainder of the year for all covered family members. The family **maximum out-of-pocket limit** is a cumulative **maximum out-of-pocket limit** for all family members.

To satisfy this **maximum out-of-pocket limit** for the rest of the year, the following must happen:

- The family **maximum out-of-pocket limit** is met by a combination of family members
- No one person within a family will contribute more than the individual **maximum out-of-pocket limit** amount in a year

Certain costs that you have do not apply toward the **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. These include:

- All costs for non-**covered services** which are identified in the booklet and the schedule
- Charges, expenses, or costs in excess of the **recognized charge**

Limit provisions

Covered services applied to the in-network limit apply only to the in-network limit. **Covered services** applied to the out-of-network limit apply only to the out-of-network limit.

Your financial responsibility and decisions regarding benefits

We base your financial responsibility for the cost of services on when the service or supply is provided, not when payment is made. Benefits will be pro-rated to account for treatment or portions of **stays** that occur in more than one year. Decisions regarding when benefits are covered are subject to the terms and conditions of the group contract.

Covered services

Abortion

Description	In-network
Abortion	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Acupuncture

Description	In-network
Acupuncture	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Ambulance services

Description	In-network
Emergency services	0% per trip, no deductible applies
Non-emergency services for ground, air, or water ambulance	0% per trip, no deductible applies

Applied behavior analysis

Description	In-network
Applied behavior analysis	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Autism spectrum disorder

Description	In-network
Diagnosis and testing	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
Treatment	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
Occupational (OT), physical (PT) and speech (ST) therapy for autism spectrum disorder	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Behavioral health

Mental health treatment

Coverage provided is the same as for any other illness

Description	In-network
Inpatient services- room and board including residential treatment facility	0% per admission, no deductible applies
Other inpatient services and supplies other residential treatment facility services and supplies	No charge
Outpatient office visit to a physician or behavioral health provider	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Physician or behavioral health provider telemedicine consultation	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Outpatient mental health disorders telemedicine cognitive therapy consultations by a physician or behavioral health provider	\$0 per visit, no deductible applies
Other outpatient services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral health services in the home • Partial hospitalization treatment • Intensive outpatient program <p>The cost share doesn't apply to in-network peer counseling support services</p>	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Telemedicine provider mental health disorders consultation	Covered based on type of service and provider from which it is received
Telemedicine cognitive therapy mental health disorders consultation by a telemedicine provider	Covered based on type of service and provider from which it is received

Substance related disorders treatment

Includes **detoxification**, rehabilitation, and **residential treatment facility**

Coverage provided is the same as for any other illness

Description	In-network
Inpatient services – room and board during a hospital stay	0% per admission, no deductible applies
Other inpatient services and supplies Other residential treatment facility services and supplies	No charge
Outpatient office visit to a physician or behavioral health provider	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Physician or behavioral health provider telemedicine consultation	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Outpatient telemedicine cognitive therapy consultations by a physician or behavioral health provider	\$0 per visit, no deductible applies
Other outpatient services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral health services in the home • Partial hospitalization treatment • Intensive outpatient program <p>The cost share doesn't apply to in-network peer counseling support services</p>	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Telemedicine provider substance related disorders consultation	Covered based on type of service and provider from which it is received
Telemedicine cognitive therapy substance related disorders consultation by a telemedicine provider	Covered based on type of service and provider from which it is received

Clinical trials

Description	In-network
Experimental or investigational therapies	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
Routine patient costs	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Diabetic services, supplies, equipment, and self-care programs

Description	In-network
Diabetic services	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
Diabetic supplies	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
Diabetic equipment	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
Diabetic self-care programs	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Durable medical equipment (DME)

Description	In-network
DME	0% per item, no deductible applies

Emergency services

Description	In-network
Emergency room	\$15 per visit, no deductible applies
Non-emergency care in a hospital emergency room	\$15 per visit, no deductible applies

Emergency services important note:

Out-of-network providers do not have a contract with us. The **provider** may not accept payment of your cost share as payment in full. You may receive a bill for the difference between the amount billed by the **provider** and the amount paid by the plan. If the **provider** bills you for an amount above your cost share, you are not responsible for payment of that amount. You should send the bill to the address on your ID card, and we will resolve any payment issue with the **provider**. Make sure the member ID is on the bill. In the case of a surprise bill from an **out-of-network provider**, where you had no control of their participation in your **covered services**, you will pay the same cost share you would have if the **covered services** were received from a **network provider**. The cost share will be based on the median contracted rate. Contact us immediately if you receive such a bill. If you are admitted to the **hospital** for an inpatient **stay** right after you visit the emergency room, you will not pay your emergency room cost share if you have one. You will pay the inpatient **hospital** cost share, if any.

Habilitation therapy services

Physical (PT), occupational (OT) therapies

Description	In-network
PT, OT therapies	0% per visit, no deductible applies

Speech therapy

Description	In-network
ST	0% per visit, no deductible applies

Home health care

A visit is a period of 4 hours or less

Description	In-network
Home health care	0% per visit, no deductible applies

Home health care important note:

Intermittent visits are periodic and recurring visits that skilled nurses make to ensure your proper care. The intermittent requirement may be waived to allow for coverage for up to 12 hours with a daily maximum of 3 visits. Services must be provided within 10 days of discharge.

Hospice care

Description	In-network
Inpatient services - room and board	0% per admission, no deductible applies
Other inpatient services and supplies	0% per admission, no deductible applies
Outpatient services	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Limit per lifetime	unlimited

Hospice important note:

This includes part-time or infrequent nursing care by an R.N. or L.P.N. to care for you up to 8-12 hours a day. It also includes part-time or infrequent home health aide services to care for you up to 8-12 hours a day.

Hospital care

Description	In-network
Inpatient services – room and board	0% per admission, no deductible applies
Other inpatient services	No charge
Outpatient services	0% per visit, no deductible applies

Infertility services

Description	In-network
Treatment of basic infertility	Covered based on type of service and where it is received.

Jaw joint disorder

Includes TMJ

Description	In-network
Jaw joint disorder treatment	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Maternity and related newborn care

Includes complications

Description	In-network
Inpatient services – room and board	0% per admission, no deductible applies
Services performed in physician or specialist office or a facility	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Other services and supplies	Covered based on type of service and where it is received.

Maternity and related newborn care important note:

Any cost share collected applies only to the delivery and postpartum care services provided by an OB, GYN or OB/GYN. Review the *Maternity* section of the booklet. It will give you more information about coverage for maternity care under this plan.

Nutritional support

Description	In-network
Nutritional support	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Outpatient surgery

Description	In-network
At hospital outpatient department	0% per visit, no deductible applies
At facility that is not a hospital	0% per visit, no deductible applies
At the physician office	Covered based on type of service and where it is received.

Physician and specialist services

Including surgical services

Description	In-network
Physician office hours (not surgical, not preventive)	\$2 per visit, no deductible applies
Immunizations that are not considered preventive care	Covered based on type of service and where it is received.
Physician visit during inpatient stay	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Physician home visit (not preventive)	\$5 per visit, no deductible applies
Physician surgical services	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Physician telemedicine consultation	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Telemedicine provider consultation	Covered based on type of service and provider from which it is received
Basic medical services	

Specialist

Description	In- network
Specialist office hours (not surgical, not preventive)	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Specialist home visit (not preventive)	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Specialist surgical services	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Specialist telemedicine consultation	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Telemedicine provider consultation	Covered based on type of service and provider from which it is received
Specialist services	

Preventive care

Description	In-network
Preventive care services	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Breast feeding counseling and support	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Breast feeding counseling and support limit	6 visits in a group or individual setting Visits that exceed the limit are covered under the physician services office visit
Breast pump, accessories and supplies	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Breast pump, accessories, and supplies limit	Electric pump: 1 every 12 months Manual pump: 1 per pregnancy Pump supplies and accessories: 1 purchase per pregnancy if not eligible to purchase a new pump
Breast pump waiting period	Electric pump: 12 months to replace an existing electric pump

Description	In-network
Counseling for alcohol or drug misuse	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Counseling for alcohol or drug misuse visit limit	5 visits per year
Counseling for obesity, healthy diet	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Counseling for obesity, healthy diet visit limit	Age 0-22: unlimited visits Age 22 and older: 26 visits per year, of which up to 10 visits may be used for healthy diet counseling.
Counseling for sexually transmitted infection	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Counseling for sexually transmitted infection visit limit	2 visits per year
Counseling for tobacco cessation visit limit per day	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Counseling for tobacco cessation visit limit	8 visits per year
Family planning services (female contraception and counseling)	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Family planning services (female contraception and counseling) limit	Contraceptive counseling limited to 2 visits per year in a group or individual setting
Immunizations	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Immunizations limit	Covered persons age 0-99 Subject to any age limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention For details, contact your physician
Generic preventive care contraceptives (birth control) 30-101 day supply	0%
Preventive care drugs and supplements	0%
Preventive care drugs and supplements limit	Subject to any sex, age, medical condition, family history and frequency guidelines in the recommendations of the USPSTF For a current list of covered preventive care drugs and supplements or more information, see the <i>Contact us</i> section

Description	In-network
Preventive care risk reducing breast cancer prescription drugs	0%
Preventive care risk reducing breast cancer prescription drugs limit	<p>Subject to any sex, age, medical condition, family history and frequency guidelines in the recommendations of the USPSTF</p> <p>For a current list of covered risk reducing breast cancer drugs or more information, see the <i>Contact us</i> section</p>
Preventive care tobacco cessation prescription and OTC drugs	0%
Preventive care tobacco cessation prescription and OTC drugs limit	<p>Two, 90 day treatments only</p> <p>Additional treatments have a different cost share</p> <p>Subject to any sex, age, medical condition, family history and frequency guidelines in the recommendations of the USPSTF</p> <p>For a current list of covered tobacco cessation drugs or more information, see the <i>Contact us</i> section</p>
Routine cancer screening	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Routine cancer screening limits	<p>Subject to any age, family history and frequency guidelines as set forth in the most current:</p> <p>Evidence-based items that have a rating of A or B in the current recommendations of the USPSTF</p> <p>The comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration</p> <p>For more information contact your physician or see the <i>Contact us</i> section of your booklet</p>
Routine lung cancer screening limit	<p>1 screening per year</p> <p>Screenings that exceed this limit covered as outpatient diagnostic testing</p>

Description	In-network
Routine physical exam	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Routine physical exam limits	<p>Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics/Bright Futures/Health Resources and Services Administration for children and adolescents</p> <p>Limited to</p> <p>7 exams from age 0-1 year</p> <p>3 exams every 12 months age 1-2</p> <p>3 exams every 12 months age 2-3 and 1 exam every 12 months after that age, up to age 22</p> <p>1 exam per year after age 22 1 exam per year</p> <p>High risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing for woman age 30 and older limited to 1 every 36 months</p>
Well woman GYN exam	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Well woman routine GYN exam limit	Subject to any age and visit limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration

Prosthetic devices

Includes medical wigs

Description	In-network
Prosthetic devices	0% per item, no deductible applies

Reconstructive surgery and supplies

Including breast surgery

Description	In-network
Surgery and supplies	Covered based on type of service and where it is received.

Short-term rehabilitation services

Cardiac rehabilitation

Description	In-network
Cardiac rehabilitation	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Pulmonary rehabilitation

Description	In-network
Pulmonary rehabilitation	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Cognitive rehabilitation

Description	In-network
Cognitive rehabilitation	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Physical, occupational, and speech therapies

Description	In-network
PT, OT, and ST	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Visit limit per day	1
Visit limit per year	60

Spinal manipulation

Description	In-network
Spinal manipulation	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Visit limit per day	1
Visit limit per year	100

Rehabilitation services important note:

A visit is equal to no more than 1 hour of therapy.

Skilled nursing facility

Description	In-network
Inpatient services – room and board	0% per admission, no deductible applies
Inpatient room and board day limit per year	180
Other inpatient services and supplies	No charge

Tests, images, and labs - outpatient

Diagnostic complex imaging services

Description	In-network
At facility that is not a hospital	0% per visit, no deductible applies
At hospital outpatient department	0% per visit, no deductible applies

Diagnostic lab work

Description	In-network
At facility that is not a hospital	0% per visit, no deductible applies
At hospital outpatient department	0% per visit, no deductible applies

Diagnostic x-ray and other radiological services

Description	In-network
At facility that is not a hospital	0% per visit, no deductible applies
At hospital outpatient department	0% per visit, no deductible applies

Therapies

Chemotherapy

Description	In-network
Chemotherapy services	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Gene-based, cellular, and other innovative therapies (GCIT)

Description	In-network (GCIT-designated facility/provider)
Services and supplies	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Infusion therapy

Outpatient services

Description	In-network
In physician office	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
At an infusion location	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
In the home	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
At hospital outpatient department	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
At facility that is not a hospital	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Radiation therapy

Description	In-network
Radiation therapy	Covered based on type of service and where it is received

Transplant services

Description	Network (IOE facility) (Including providers who are otherwise part of Aetna's network but are non-IOE providers)
Inpatient services and supplies	0% per transplant, no deductible applies
Physician services	Covered based on type of service and where it is received
Limit per lifetime	unlimited

Transplant important note:

See the *Transplant services* benefit in the *Coverage and exclusions* section of the booklet for more information. The limit applies to all transplant services received while you are a member of an Aetna plan or one associated with Aetna. The plan lifetime maximum, if any, will not apply to transplant services. The transplant limit will apply.

Urgent care services

At a freestanding facility or **provider** that is not a **hospital**

A separate urgent care cost share will apply for each visit to an urgent care facility or **provider**

Description	In-network
Urgent care facility	\$10 per visit, no deductible applies

Vision care

Performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist and includes refraction

Adult vision care

Description	In-network
Adult vision exam	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Visit limit	1 every 24 months

Walk-in clinic

Not all preventive care services are available at a **walk-in clinic**. All services are available from a network **physician**.

Description	In-network
Non-emergency services	\$2 per visit, no deductible applies
Preventive immunizations	\$0 per visit, no deductible applies
Immunization limits	Subject to any age and frequency limits provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For details, contact your physician
Screening and counseling services	\$0 per visit, no deductible applies
Screening and counseling limits	See the <i>Preventive care services</i> section of the SOB

Aetna Health, Inc. Amendment

Obesity surgery

Amendment effective date: 07/01/25

This obesity surgery amendment is added to your booklet. It describes your obesity **surgery** benefit. Obesity **surgery** is also known as bariatric and weight loss **surgery**. This amendment is subject to all other requirements described in your booklet, including general exclusions and defined terms.

What you need to know about obesity surgery benefit

Read this amendment carefully so you will know:

- How to find an obesity **surgical** facility
- Coverage and exclusions
- What **precertification** requirements apply
- Where your schedule of benefits fits in
- How to read your schedule of benefits

How to find an obesity surgical facility

You may go to any network facility that performs obesity **surgery**. Contact us to find a network facility.

Coverage and exclusions

Covered services

Obesity **surgery** is a type of procedure performed on people who are morbidly obese for the purpose of losing weight. Your **physician** will determine whether you qualify for obesity **surgery**.

Covered services include:

- An initial medical history and physical exam
- Diagnostic tests given or ordered during the first exam
- Outpatient **prescription** drugs included under the **prescription** drug amendment when **prescription** drugs are covered under the plan
- One obesity **surgical** procedure
- A multi-stage procedure when planned and approved by us
- Adjustments after an approved lap band procedure, including approved adjustments in an office or outpatient setting

Exclusions

The following are not **covered services**:

- Weight management treatment
- Drugs intended to decrease or increase body weight, control weight, or treat obesity except as described in the booklet or this amendment
- Preventive care services for obesity screening and weight management interventions, regardless of whether there are other related conditions. This includes:
 - Drugs, stimulants, preparations, foods or diet supplements, dietary regimens and supplements, food supplements, appetite suppressants and other medications
 - Hypnosis, or other forms of therapy
 - Exercise programs, exercise equipment, membership to health or fitness clubs, recreational therapy or other forms of activity or activity enhancement

What precertification requirements apply

Your **provider** will request approval from us before your obesity **surgery**. See the *Medical necessity, referral and precertification* section of the booklet for more information.

Where your schedule of benefits fits in

How you share in the cost

This schedule of benefits lists the **deductibles**, limits and **copayments** or **payment percentage**, if any apply to the **covered services** you receive under this amendment. This amendment is subject to the requirements described in your plan schedule of benefits unless otherwise noted below.

How your cost share works

- The **deductibles** and **copayments**, if any, listed in the schedule below are the amounts that you pay for **covered services**.
- For the **covered services** under your medical plan, you will be responsible for the dollar amount
- For pharmacy benefits where a percentage cost share acts like a **copayment**, you will be responsible for the percentage amount
- **Coinsurance** amounts, if any, listed in the schedule below are what the plan will pay for **covered services**.
- Sometimes your cost share shows a combination of your dollar amount **copayment** that you will be responsible for and the **coinsurance** percentage that your plan will pay.

You are responsible to pay any **deductibles**, **copayments** and remaining **coinsurance** if they apply

Important note:

Covered services are subject to the calendar year **deductible**, **maximum out-of-pocket**, limits, **copayment** or **payment percentage** described in the medical plan schedule of benefits unless otherwise noted below.

Covered services

Obesity surgery

Description	In-network
Inpatient services – room and board	0% per admission, no deductible applies
Other inpatient services and supplies	0% per admission, no deductible applies

Outpatient obesity surgery services

Description	In-network
At specialist office	0% per visit, no deductible applies
At hospital outpatient department	0% per visit, no deductible applies
At facility that is not a hospital	0% per visit, no deductible applies
Limit per lifetime	1

Obesity surgery important note:

The cost shares that apply to obesity **surgery** do not apply to the annual **maximum out-of-pocket limit**. For the purposes of this benefit, 'lifetime' means **covered services** paid under this plan or another plan underwritten or administered by Aetna or an affiliate for this contract holder.