

**PLAN DOCUMENT**

**AND**

**SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

**FOR**

**GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO**

**DENTAL AND VISION PLAN**

**GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO EMPLOYEE DENTAL AND VISION BENEFIT PLAN**

**ADOPTION OF THE PLAN DOCUMENT AND SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

It is the intention of the Plan Sponsor, **Gunnison County, Colorado**, to hereby amend and restate the Gunnison County, Colorado Employee Dental and Vision Benefit Plan, a program of benefits constituting a self-funded "Employee Welfare Benefit Plan"

**Effective Date**

The Plan Document is effective as of the date first set forth below, and each amendment is effective as of the date set forth therein (the "Effective Date").

**Adoption of the Plan Document**

The Plan Sponsor, as the settlor of the Plan, hereby adopts this Plan Document as the written description of the Plan. This Plan Document represents both the Plan Document and the Summary Plan Description, This Plan Document amends and replaces any prior statement of the health care coverage contained in the Plan or any predecessor to the Plan.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Plan Sponsor has executed, and the Claims Administrator has acknowledged, this Plan Document as of the Plan effective date shown herein.

Effective Date of the Plan: **September 1, 2017**; Amended and restated effective: **January 1, 2020**

Gunnison County, Colorado:

By:   
Printed Name: JONATHAN HOUCK  
Title: CHAIR - GUNNISON BOCC  
Date: 1/21/2020

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## GENERAL INFORMATION AND PURPOSE

This Plan Document describes the benefits for the Employees of **Gunnison County, Colorado**.

### **Introduction and Purpose**

The Plan Sponsor has established the Plan for the benefit of Eligible Employees, in accordance with the terms and conditions described herein. Plan benefits may be self-funded through a benefit fund or a trust established by the Plan Sponsor and self-funded with contributions from Participants and/or the Plan Sponsor, or may be funded solely from the general assets of the Plan Sponsor. Participants in the Plan may be required to contribute toward their benefits.

The Plan Sponsor's purpose in establishing the Plan is to help offset, for Eligible Employees, the economic effects arising from a Non-occupational Injury or Illness. To accomplish this purpose, the Plan Sponsor must be cognizant of the necessity of containing health care costs through effective plan design, and of abiding by the terms of the Plan Document, to allow the Plan Sponsor to allocate the resources available to help those individuals participating in the Plan to the maximum feasible extent.

The purpose of this Plan Document is to set forth the terms and provisions of the Plan that provide for the payment or reimbursement of all or a portion of certain covered expenses for dental or vision charges. The Plan Document is maintained by **Gunnison County, Colorado** and may be inspected at any time during normal working hours by any Covered Person.

### **Name of Plan**

Gunnison County, Colorado Employee Dental and Vision Benefit Plan

### **Participating Employers**

Gunnison County, Colorado

### **Plan Sponsor**

Gunnison County, Colorado  
200 E. Virginia  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
1-970-641-7623

### **Plan Administrator**

Gunnison County, Colorado  
200 E. Virginia  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
1-970-641-7623

### **Type of Plan**

Self-Funded Employee Welfare Benefit Plan

### **Agent for Service of Legal Process**

**Legal Process may also be served on the Plan Administrator**

Gunnison County, Colorado  
200 E. Virginia  
Gunnison, CO 81230  
1-970-641-7623

**Claims Administrator**

Group & Pension Administrators, Inc. (GPA)  
Park Central 8  
12770 Merit Drive, Suite 200  
Dallas, Texas 75251  
972-238-7900 ♦ 800-827-7223

The Plan Administrator has retained the services of the Claims Administrator to administer Claims under the Plan.

**Plan Year**

The twelve (12) month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each Calendar Year

**Employer Tax ID Number**

84-6000770

**GPA Group Number**

H880141

**Legal Entity; Service of Process**

The Plan is a legal entity. Legal notice may be filed with, and legal process served upon, the Plan Administrator.

## INTRODUCTION

**Gunnison County, Colorado**, hereafter referred to as "Employer," hereby amends and restates the Gunnison County, Colorado Employee Dental and Vision Benefit Plan, a self-funded Employee Welfare Benefit Plan, hereafter referred to as the "Plan." The Plan's benefits and administration expenses are paid directly from the Employer's general assets, and the rights and privileges of which shall pertain to Employees and their Dependents with respect to such Plan. The Plan is not insured. Contributions received from Covered Persons are used to cover Plan costs and are expended immediately. As such, when applicable, Federal law and jurisdiction preempt State law and jurisdiction.

### GENERAL AUTHORITY OF THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

Subject to the Claims administration duties delegated to the Claim Administrator, the Plan Administrator reserves the unilateral right and power to administer and to interpret, construe and construct the terms and provisions of the Plan, including, without limitation, correcting any error or defect, supplying any omission, reconciling any inconsistency and making factual determinations.

The Plan will be interpreted by the Plan Administrator in accordance with the terms of the Plan and their intended meanings. However, the Plan Administrator shall have the discretion to interpret or construe ambiguous, unclear or implied (but omitted) terms in any fashion it deems to be appropriate in its sole judgment. The validity of any such finding of fact, interpretation, construction or decision shall be upheld in any legal action and shall be binding and conclusive on all interested parties unless clearly arbitrary and capricious.

To the extent the Plan Administrator has been granted discretionary authority under the Plan, the prior exercise of such authority by the Plan Administrator shall not obligate it to exercise its authority in a like fashion thereafter.

If due to errors in drafting, any Plan provision does not accurately reflect its intended meaning, as demonstrated by prior interpretations or other evidence of intent, or as determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole and exclusive judgment, the provision shall be considered ambiguous and shall be interpreted by the Plan Administrator in a fashion consistent with its intent, as determined by the Plan Administrator. The Plan may be amended retroactively to cure any such ambiguity, notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary.

The foregoing provisions of this Plan may not be invoked by any person to require the Plan to be interpreted in a manner which is inconsistent with its interpretations by the Plan Administrator. All actions taken and all determinations by the Plan Administrator shall be final and binding upon all persons claiming any interest under the Plan subject only to the Claims appeal procedures of the Plan.

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

The Plan Administrator has full charge of the operation and management of the Plan. The Plan Administrator has retained the services of the Claims Administrator, an independent Claims processor experienced in Claims review.

The Plan Administrator is the named Fiduciary of the Plan except as noted herein. The Plan Administrator maintains discretionary authority to interpret the terms of the Plan, including but not limited to, determination of eligibility for and entitlement to Plan benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan; any interpretation or determination made pursuant to such discretionary authority shall be given full force and effect and shall be binding on all persons, unless it can be shown that the interpretation or determination was arbitrary and capricious.

## **PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP**

The Plan is not intended to disturb the Physician-Patient relationship. Physicians and other healthcare Providers are not agents or delegates of the Plan Sponsor, Plan Administrator, Employer or Claims Administrator. The delivery of medical and other healthcare services on behalf of any Covered Person remains the sole prerogative and responsibility of the attending Physician or other healthcare Provider.

## **FREE CHOICE OF HOSPITAL AND PHYSICIAN**

Nothing contained in this Plan shall in any way or manner restrict or interfere with the right of any person entitled to benefits hereunder to select a Hospital or to make a free choice of the attending Physician or professional Provider.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Effective Date of the Plan: **September 1, 2017**; Amended and restated effective: **January 1, 2020**

## **CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR**

The Claims Administrator of the Plan is shown in the General Information and Purpose section.

## **NAMED FIDUCIARY**

The named Fiduciary to the Plan is **Gunnison County, Colorado**.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN**

Contributions to the Plan are to be made on the following basis:

The Employer shall from time to time evaluate the costs of the Plan and determine the amount to be contributed by the Employer and the amount to be contributed by each Covered Employee.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Employer's obligation to pay Claims otherwise allowable under the terms of the Plan shall be limited to its obligation to make contributions to the Plan as set forth in the preceding paragraph. Payment of said Claims in accordance with these procedures shall discharge completely the Employer's obligation with respect to such payments.

In the event that the Employer, if applicable, terminates the Plan, then as of the effective date of termination, the Employer and Covered Employees shall have no further obligation to make additional contributions to the Plan and the Plan shall have no obligation to pay Claims incurred after the termination date of the Plan.

## **CLAIMS PROCEDURE**

the Plan Administrator shall provide adequate notice in writing to any covered Plan Participant whose Claim for benefits under this Plan has been denied, setting forth the specific reasons for such denial and written in a manner calculated to be understood by the Plan Participant. Further, the Plan Administrator shall afford a reasonable opportunity to any Plan Participant, whose Claim for benefits has been denied, for a fair review of the decision denying the Claim by the person designated by the Plan Administrator for that purpose. Details of the Claims procedure are found in this Plan Document under the section entitled "Procedures for Claims and Appeals."

## **PROTECTION AGAINST CREDITORS**

No benefit payment under this Plan shall be subject in any way to alienation, sale, transfer, pledge, attachment, garnishment, execution or encumbrance of any kind, and any attempt to accomplish the same

shall be void. If the Plan Administrator shall find that such an attempt has been made with respect to any payment due or to become due to any Plan Participant, the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion may terminate the interest of such Plan Participant or former Plan Participant in such payment. And in such case the Plan Administrator shall apply the amount of such payment to or for the benefit of such Plan Participant or former Plan Participant, his/her spouse, parent, adult Child, guardian of a minor Child, brother or sister, or other relative of a Dependent of such Plan Participant or former Plan Participant, as the Plan Administrator may determine, and any such application shall be a complete discharge of all liability with respect to such benefit payment. However, at the discretion of the Plan Administrator, benefit payments may be assigned to health care Providers.

### **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL REDUCTION (SMR)**

A Material Reduction generally means any modification that would be considered by the average participant to be an important reduction in covered services or benefits. Examples include reductions in benefits or increases in Deductibles or copayments.

The Plan Administrator shall notify all Covered Employees of any Plan Amendment considered a Material Reduction in covered services or benefits provided by the Plan as soon as administratively feasible after its adoption, but no later than sixty (60) days after the date of adoption of the reduction. Covered Employees and beneficiaries must be furnished a summary of such reductions, and any changes so made shall be binding on each Covered Person. The sixty (60) day period for furnishing a summary of Material Reduction does not apply to any Employee covered by the Plan who would reasonably expect to receive a summary through other means within the next ninety (90) days.

Material Reduction disclosure provisions are subject to the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and any related amendments.

### **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS (SMM)**

A Summary of Material Modifications reports changes in the information provided within the Summary Plan Description. Examples include a change to Deductibles, eligibility or the addition or deletion of coverage.

The Plan Administrator shall notify all Covered Employees of any Plan Amendment considered a Summary of Material Modifications by the Plan as soon as administratively feasible after its adoption, but no later than within two hundred ten (210) days after the close of the Plan Year in which the changes became effective.

### **PLAN AMENDMENTS**

This Document contains all the terms of the Plan and may be amended from time to time, if the Plan Sponsor is a corporation, by written resolution of the Plan Sponsor's officers, which shall be acted upon as provided in the Plan Sponsor's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable Federal and State law. In the event that the Plan Sponsor is a different type of entity, this Document may be amended in accordance with applicable Federal and State law and any applicable governing documents. In the event that the Plan Sponsor is a sole proprietorship, then such action shall be taken by the sole proprietor, in his own discretion. Any such Plan Amendment shall become effective as of the date specified in the enabling resolution or applicable governing documents, or by the sole proprietor. A copy of any Plan Amendment shall be furnished to the Plan Administrator and any outside Provider of plan administrative services.

### **TERMINATION OF PLAN**

The Plan Sponsor reserves the right at any time to terminate the Plan or any benefit under the Plan, if the Plan Sponsor is a corporation, by written resolution of the Plan Sponsor's Board of Directors and officers, which shall be acted upon as provided in the Plan Sponsor's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable Federal and State law. In the event that the Plan Sponsor is a different type of entity, the Plan or any benefit under the Plan may be terminated in accordance with applicable Federal and State law and any applicable governing documents. In the event that the Plan Sponsor is a sole proprietorship, then such action shall be taken by the sole proprietor, in his own discretion.

Previous contributions by the Employer and Employees shall continue to be used for the purpose of paying benefits under the provisions of this Plan with respect to Claims arising before such termination.

**PLAN IS NOT A CONTRACT**

This Plan Document constitutes the entire Plan. The Plan will not be deemed to constitute a contract of employment or give any Covered Employee the right to be retained in the service of the Employer or to interfere with the right of the Employer to discharge or otherwise terminate the employment of any Covered Employee.

## FEDERAL LAWS

Certain Federal laws apply to most group health programs. The following is an overview of the laws and their impact. The effect of these laws on the Plan is reflected in the provisions of the Plan. Should there be any conflict between the law and Plan provisions, the law will prevail.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (H.R. 3103, 1996)**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was enacted, among other things, to improve portability and continuity of health care coverage.

HIPAA also requires that Plan Participants and beneficiaries receive a summary of any change that is a "Material Reduction in covered services or benefits under a group health plan" within sixty (60) days after the adoption of the modification or change, unless the Plan Sponsor provides summaries of modifications or changes at regular intervals of ninety (90) days or less.

### **FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF 1993(P.L. 103-3)**

If a Covered Employee ceases active employment due to an Employer-approved Family Medical Leave of Absence in accordance with the requirements of Public Law 103, coverage availability will continue under the same terms and conditions which would have applied had the Employee continued in active employment. Contributions will remain at the same Employer/Employee levels as were in effect on the date immediately prior to the leave (unless contribution levels change for other Employees in the same classification).

### **OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1993 (OBRA 1993: PL 103-66)**

OBRA 1993 requires that an eligible Dependent Child of an Employee will include a Child who is adopted by the Employee or placed with him for adoption prior to age eighteen (18) and a Child for whom the Employee or covered Dependent spouse is required to provide coverage due to a Medical Child Support Order (MCSO) which is determined by the Plan Sponsor to be a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO). A QMCSO will also include a judgment, decree or order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or through an administrative process established under State law and having the force and effect of law under State law and which satisfies the QMCSO requirements.

Participants may obtain a copy of the QMCSO procedures from the Plan Sponsor or Plan Administrator without charge.

### **PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA, and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3507. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3512.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven (7) minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210 or email [ebsa.opr@dol.gov](mailto:ebsa.opr@dol.gov) and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0137.

### **PRIVACY OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI)**

Effective April 14, 2004, the Plan will not use or disclose PHI except as permitted by this section or as otherwise permitted or required by law, including but not limited to the Privacy Standards of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (the "HIPAA Privacy Standards"), as they may be amended from time to time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Plan Sponsor's receipt of "summary health information," as described in the HIPAA Privacy Standards, for certain Plan Sponsor-related purposes, including obtaining premium bids for health insurance, making Plan design and funding decisions, and modifying, amending or terminating the Plan.

### **PLAN SPONSOR'S OBLIGATIONS REGARDING PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI)**

Effective April 14, 2004, the Plan will disclose PHI to the Plan Sponsor only upon receipt of a certification by the Plan Sponsor to the Plan that the Plan has been amended to provide for the Plan Sponsor's receipt of PHI and that the Plan Sponsor agrees to comply with the following provisions:

1. The Plan Sponsor may use or disclose PHI for Plan enrollment purposes, including information as to whether an individual is enrolled in the Plan.
2. The Plan Sponsor may use or disclose PHI for Plan administration functions, including for payment or health care operations purposes (as those terms are defined by the HIPAA Privacy Standards), and including quality assurance, Claims processing, auditing and monitoring of the Plan.
3. The Plan Sponsor may not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the Plan documents or by law.
4. The Plan Sponsor must ensure that any agents, including subcontractors, to whom the Plan Sponsor provides PHI received from the Plan, agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Plan Sponsor with regard to the PHI.
5. The Plan Sponsor may not use or disclose the PHI for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other benefit or other Employee Benefit Plan of the Plan Sponsor.
6. The Plan Sponsor must report to the Plan any use or disclosure of the PHI of which the Plan Sponsor becomes aware that is inconsistent with the uses or disclosures provided for under the terms of the Plan.
7. The Plan Sponsor must make PHI available for access in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Standards regarding an individual's right to access his/her PHI.
8. The Plan Sponsor must make PHI available for amendment and, if required by the HIPAA Privacy Standards, incorporate any amendment made to PHI in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Standards regarding an individual's right to have his PHI amended.
9. The Plan Sponsor must make available information necessary to provide an accounting to an individual in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Standards regarding an individual's right to receive an accounting of disclosures of his/her PHI.
10. The Plan Sponsor must make internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining compliance by the Plan with the HIPAA Privacy Standards.
11. The Plan Sponsor must, if feasible, return or destroy all PHI received from the Plan that the Plan Sponsor still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such information when no longer needed for the purpose for which disclosure was made, except that, if such return or destruction is not feasible, the Plan Sponsor must limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction not feasible.
12. The Plan Sponsor must ensure adequate separation between the Plan and the Plan Sponsor by restricting access to and use of the PHI to only those Employees of the Plan Sponsor with responsibilities related to the administrative functions the Plan Sponsor performs for the Plan, as such Employees may be designated or identified, by name, job title, or classification, from time to time in

various Business Associate Agreements between the Plan and the Plan's Business Associates or in other documents governing the administration of the Plan.

13. The Plan Sponsor must ensure adequate separation between the Plan and the Plan Sponsor by maintaining a procedure for resolving any issues of noncompliance with provisions of the Plan document by persons described in paragraph 12 above through training, sanctions and other disciplinary action, as necessary.
14. The Plan Sponsor shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for any PHI without valid authorization that includes a specification of whether the PHI can be further exchanged for remuneration by the entity receiving PHI of the individual making authorization, except as otherwise allowed under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

#### **SECURITY OF ELECTRONIC PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (ePHI)**

Effective April 20, 2006, the Plan will not use or disclose ePHI except as permitted by this section or as otherwise permitted or required by law, including but not limited to the requirements of 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.314(b)(1) and (2) and its implementing regulations, 45 C.F.R. parts 160, 162, and 164 of the Security Standards of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (the "HIPAA Security Standards"), as they may be amended from time to time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Plan Sponsor's receipt of "summary health information," as described in the HIPAA Security Standards, for certain Plan Sponsor-related purposes, including obtaining premium bids for health insurance, making Plan design and funding decisions, and modifying, amending or terminating the Plan.

#### **PLAN SPONSOR'S OBLIGATIONS REGARDING ELECTRONIC PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (ePHI)**

Effective April 20, 2006, the Plan will disclose ePHI to the Plan Sponsor only upon receipt of an amendment to the Plan that the Plan has been amended to provide for the Plan Sponsor's receipt of ePHI and that the Plan Sponsor agrees to comply with the following provisions:

1. The Plan Sponsor shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the ePHI that the Plan Sponsor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the Plan.
2. The Plan Sponsor shall ensure the adequate separation that is required by 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(f)(2)(iii) of the HIPAA Privacy Rule is supported by reasonable and appropriate security measures.
3. The Plan Sponsor shall ensure any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides ePHI agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect such information.
4. The Plan Sponsor shall report to the Plan any Security Incidents of which it becomes aware as described below:
  - a. The Plan Sponsor shall report to the Plan within a reasonable time after the Plan Sponsor becomes aware, any Security Incident that results in unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of the Plan's ePHI.
  - b. The Plan Sponsor shall report to the Plan any other Security Incident on an aggregate basis semi-annually, or more frequently upon the Plan's request.

#### **BREACH AND SECURITY INCIDENTS**

Effective September 23, 2009, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) imposes notification in the event of a Breach of unsecured Protected Health Information (PHI).

The Plan Sponsor will report to the Privacy Official of the Plan any use or disclosure of PHI not permitted by HIPAA, along with any Breach of unsecured Protected Health Information. The Plan Sponsor will treat

the Breach as being discovered in accordance with HIPAA's requirements. The Plan Sponsor will make the report to the Privacy Official not more than thirty (30) calendar days after the Plan Sponsor learns of such non-permitted use or disclosure. If a delay is requested by a law enforcement official in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.412, the Plan Sponsor may delay notifying the Privacy Official for the time period specified by such regulation. The Plan Sponsor's report will at least:

1. Identify the nature of the Breach or other non-permitted use or disclosure, which will include a brief description of what happened, including the date of any Breach and the date of the discovery of any Breach;
2. Identify Protected Health Information that was subject to the non-permitted use or disclosure or Breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number or other information was involved) on an individual-by-individual basis;
3. Identify who made the non-permitted use or disclosure and who received the non-permitted disclosure;
4. Identify what corrective or investigational action the Plan Sponsor took or will take to prevent further non-permitted uses or disclosures, to mitigate harmful effects and to protect against any further Breaches;
5. Identify what steps the individuals who were subject to a Breach should take to protect themselves; and
6. Provide such other information, including a written report, as the Privacy Official may reasonably request.

The Plan Sponsor will report to the Privacy Official within thirty (30) calendar days any attempted or successful: a) unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of Electronic Protected Health Information; and b) interference with the Plan Sponsor's system operations in the Plan Sponsor's information systems, of which the Plan Sponsor becomes aware. The Plan Sponsor will make this report upon the Privacy Official's request, except if any such Security Incident resulted in a disclosure or Breach of Protected Health Information or Electronic Protected Health Information not permitted by the HITECH Act, the Plan Sponsor will make the report in accordance with the above.

#### **FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA §18B)**

FLSA §18B, as added by the Affordable Care Act §1512, provides that, beginning October 1, 2013, an applicable Employer must provide each Employee, regardless of plan enrollment status or of part-time or full-time status, at the time of hiring, a written notice:

1. Informing the Employee of the existence of the Marketplace (referred to in the statute as the Exchange) including a description of the services provided by the Marketplace, and the manner in which the Employee may contact the Marketplace to request assistance;
2. If the Employer Plan's share of the total allowed costs of benefits provided under the Plan is less than sixty (60) percent of such costs, that the Employee may be eligible for a premium tax credit under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) if the Employee purchases a qualified health plan through the Marketplace; and
3. If the Employee purchases a qualified health plan through the Marketplace, the Employee may lose the Employer contribution (if any) to any health benefits plan offered by the Employer and that all or a portion of such contribution may be excludable from income for Federal income tax purposes.

For 2014, the Department of Labor will consider a notice to be provided at the time of hiring if the notice is provided within fourteen (14) days of an Employee's start date. With respect to Employees who are current Employees before October 1, 2013, Employers are required to provide the notice not later than October 1, 2013.

The notice must be provided in writing in a manner calculated to be understood by the average employee, free of charge. Alternatively, it may be provided electronically if the requirements of the Department of Labor's electronic disclosure safe harbor at 29 CFR 2520.104b-1(c) are met.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/newsroom/tr13-02.html>.

## SCHEDULE OF DENTAL AND ORTHODONTIC BENEFITS

Dental and Orthodontic Expense Benefits are separate from and in addition to the Medical Expense Benefits of this Plan. These benefits are available only if elected by an Eligible Employee for himself/herself and Eligible Dependents.

### MAXIMUM DENTAL BENEFITS

**Calendar Year Maximum Dental Benefit**  
(Preventive, Basic and Major Services)  
Per Covered Person

### Benefit

\$2,000

**Lifetime Maximum Orthodontic Benefit**  
Per Covered Person

\$2,000

### DENTAL CALENDAR YEAR DEDUCTIBLE

Per Covered Person  
Family Limit\*\*

\$50

\$150

\*\*Applies collectively to all Covered Persons in the same Family.

### BENEFIT PERCENTAGE

**Preventive Dental Services**

100%; Deductible waived

**Basic Dental Services**

80% after Deductible

**Major Dental Services**

50% after Deductible

**Orthodontic Services**

50% after Deductible

There is no age limit for Orthodontic Services.

### CALENDAR YEAR DEDUCTIBLE REQUIREMENT

The Covered Person is responsible for the Deductible amount. The Dental Calendar Year Deductible may be satisfied by either Covered Basic Dental Services, Major Dental Services or Orthodontic Services. Payment of Basic, Major and Orthodontic Dental benefits will begin each Calendar Year after the Deductible amount has been satisfied by Covered Charges. The Plan will not reimburse any charges applied to the Deductible.

There is no Deductible carryover for Covered Dental Expenses incurred and applied to the Deductible during the last three (3) months of a Calendar Year.

### DEDUCTIBLE FAMILY LIMIT

When Covered Family members collectively satisfy the amount shown as the Family Limit in the same Calendar Year, no further Deductibles will be applied for any other Covered Family member for the remainder of that Calendar Year. To satisfy the Deductible Family Limit, each Covered Family member can contribute no more than his/her own individual Deductible.

## **ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT**

This Dental Plan has an “alternative treatment” clause that governs the amount of benefits the Dental Plan will pay for treatments covered under the Dental Plan. If a patient chooses a more expensive treatment than is needed to correct a dental problem according to accepted standards of dental practice, the benefit payment will be based on the cost of the treatment that provides professionally satisfactory results at the most cost-effective level.

For example, if a regular Amalgam filling is sufficient to restore a tooth to health, and the patient and the Dentist decide to use a gold filling, the Plan will base its reimbursement on the Usual and Customary Charge for an Amalgam filling. The patient will be responsible for the difference in cost.

**NOTE:** A temporary Dental Service will be considered an integral part of the final dental service rather than a separate service.

## **PREVENTIVE DENTAL SERVICES**

### **PREVENTIVE**

1. Dental Prophylaxis (cleaning and Scaling of teeth)
2. Fluoride Treatment (covered to age 19) – Not more than two (2) treatments per Covered Person each Calendar Year
3. Sealants (covered to age 19) - Not more than one (1) sealant per tooth per Lifetime
4. Space Maintainers (covered to age 19):
  - a. Fixed - unilateral and bilateral types
  - b. Removable - unilateral and bilateral types
  - c. Recementation of space maintainer

### **DIAGNOSTIC**

Routine Oral Examination/Dental Consultation – Not more than two (2) combined examinations per Covered Person each Calendar Year

### **X-RAYS**

1. Bitewings
2. Intraoral periapical - films
3. Intraoral - occlusal films
4. Extraoral - films
5. Posterior/anterior or lateral skull and facial bone survey film
6. Panoramic or Complete Series (full mouth)

### **TESTS AND LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS**

1. Caries susceptibility tests
2. Pulp vitality tests
3. Bacteriological studies
4. Screening for oral cancer using ViziLite or other light-based detection systems

### **EMERGENCY PALLIATIVE TREATMENT**

Palliative treatment of dental pain, minor procedures

## **BASIC DENTAL SERVICES**

### **RESTORATIONS**

1. Amalgam fillings (including polishing) - Pin Retention is exclusive of Amalgam
2. Silicate Cement per filling
3. Acrylic or Composite fillings:
  - a. Acrylic
  - b. Composite resin
  - c. Pin retention - exclusive of Composite resin
  - d. Composite resin (involving incisal angle)

### **ENDODONTICS**

1. Root Canal Therapy (includes Treatment Plan, clinical procedures, and follow-up care; excluding final Restoration)
2. Pulp Capping (excluding final Restoration)
3. Vital Pulpotomy (excluding final Restoration)
4. Apicoectomy - performed as separate Surgical Procedure (per root)

### **PERIODONTICS**

1. Periodontal Prophylaxis/Periodontal Maintenance - Not more than four (4) cleanings per quadrant per Calendar Year
2. Surgical Services (including usual postoperative services):
  - a. Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - per quadrant
  - b. Gingival curettage
  - c. Gingival flap procedure - per quadrant
  - d. Osseous Surgery (including flap entry and closure) - per quadrant
  - e. Osseous graft - single site and multiple sites (including flap entry, closure, and donor site)
  - f. Free soft tissue grafts (including donor site)
3. Adjunctive Periodontal Services:
  - a. Periodontal Scaling and root planing
  - b. Full mouth debridement

### **PROSTHODONTICS, REMOVABLE - ADJUSTMENTS, REPAIRS, REBASING AND RELINING**

1. Adjustments to Dentures:
  - a. Complete Denture
  - b. Partial Denture – upper and/or lower
2. Repairs to Dentures (Complete and partials)

### **MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES/APPLIANCE(S)**

1. Problem Focused Exam
2. Occlusal adjustments
3. Occlusal Guard – to minimize the effects of bruxism (grinding the teeth)

4. Antibiotic injections by the attending Dentist
5. Additional X-rays and pathology that are not covered under Preventive and Diagnostic or Orthodontic Services

#### **ORAL SURGERY**

1. Extractions - includes local Anesthesia and routine postoperative care
2. Surgical Extractions - includes local Anesthesia and routine postoperative care:
  - a. Extraction of tooth
  - b. Root recovery (surgical removal of residual root)
3. Other Surgical Procedures:
  - a. Surgical exposure of impacted or unerupted tooth to aid eruption
  - b. Biopsy of oral tissue (hard or soft)
  - c. Incision and drainage
4. Alveoloplasty (surgical preparation of ridge for Dentures):
  - a. Per quadrant - in conjunction with extractions
  - b. Per quadrant - not in conjunction with extractions

#### **ANESTHESIA**

1. Local anesthetic
2. General Anesthesia (only when Medically Necessary and when administered in conjunction with oral or Dental Surgery)
3. IV sedation

## MAJOR DENTAL SERVICES

### RESTORATIONS

1. Inlay - Porcelain
2. Crowns:
  - a. Plastic
  - b. Porcelain
  - c. Gold (full cast or 3/4 cast)
  - d. Semi-precious metal (full cast)
  - e. Non-precious metal (full cast)
  - f. Crown buildups - pin retained
  - g. Cast post and core in addition to Crown
  - h. Dowel pin-metal per tooth (in addition to Abutment Crown)
  - i. Crown lengthening
  - j. Recement Inlays/Onlays
  - k. Recement Crowns
  - l. Stainless steel Crowns/resin Crowns

### PROSTHODONTICS – REMOVABLE – FIXED

1. Complete Dentures - including six (6) months post-delivery care:
  - a. Complete upper and/or lower
  - b. Immediate upper and/or lower
2. Partial Dentures - including six (6) months post-delivery care:
  - a. Upper or lower - without clasps, Acrylic base
  - b. Upper or lower - with two (2) gold clasps with rests, Acrylic base
  - c. Upper or lower - with gold palatal bar or gold lingual bar and two (2) clasps, Acrylic base
  - d. Upper or lower - with gold palatal bar or gold lingual bar and two (2) clasps, cast base
  - e. Removable unilateral Partial Denture one (1) piece gold casting, clasp attachments, per unit including Pontics
  - f. Full cast partial - with two (2) gold clasps (upper and lower)
3. Additional Units for Partial Dentures:
  - a. Each additional clasp with rest
  - b. Each tooth (applies only to full cast partial)
4. Fixed Bridges (each Abutment and each Pontic constitute a unit in a Bridge)
5. Bridge Pontics:
  - a. Casts
  - b. Slotted facing or Pontic
  - c. Porcelain fused to gold or non-precious metal
  - d. Plastic processed to gold or non-precious metal
6. Retainers:
  - a. Gold Inlay – two (2), three (3) or more surfaces
  - b. Gold Inlay (onlaying cusps)

7. Dental Implants:
  - a. Insertion of Implants (upper and lower)
  - b. Surgical removal of Implants (upper and lower) and related treatment

#### **PROSTHODONTICS, REMOVABLE-ADJUSTMENTS, REPAIRS, REBASING AND RELINING**

1. Denture Rebasing/Relining:
  - a. Rebasing/Relining upper or lower complete or Partial Denture (office Reline)
  - b. Relining upper or lower complete or Partial Denture (laboratory)
2. Tissue Conditioning

#### **PROSTHODONTICS, FIXED – REPAIRS AND OTHER SERVICES**

1. Repairs to Bridges
2. Recement Bridges and Dentures

#### **REDUCTION OF DISLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT (TMJ) DISORDER/ORTHOGNATHIC CONDITIONS**

1. Occlusal Orthotic Device/appliances provided for treatment of Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Dysfunction and/or orthognathic conditions.

## **ORTHODONTIC SERVICES**

### **ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT**

"Orthodontic treatment" means the movement of teeth through bone by means of active Appliances when required to correct a Malocclusion for either:

1. Overbite or overjet (vertical or horizontal overlap of upper teeth over lower teeth);
2. Maxillary and mandibular arches in either protrusive or retrusive relation;
3. Crossbite; or
4. Arch length discrepancy.

### **COVERED ORTHODONTIC SERVICES**

1. Cephalometric x-rays - limited to one (1) time in any two (2) year period
2. Orthodontic Treatment - limited to Malocclusions including:
  - a. Necessary services related to an active course of Orthodontic treatment
  - b. Surgical exposure of impacted or unerupted teeth for Orthodontic reasons including wire attachment when indicated
  - c. The initial and subsequent, if any, installation of Orthodontic Appliances for an active course of Orthodontic treatment, including retainers and cervical traction Appliances
  - d. Adjustment of active Orthodontic Appliances
3. Study Models/Diagnostic casts - limited to one (1) Study Model per Covered Person
4. Diagnostic photos
5. Frenectomy.

### **DATE INCURRED**

A Covered Orthodontic Expense will be deemed incurred:

1. For cephalometric x-rays or study models - on the date the service was rendered
2. For all other expenses - on the date of insertion of bands or Appliance or when bands or Appliance are in place at the time the Covered Person becomes effective under this Plan - on the date of monthly adjustment

### **ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT PLAN**

The Orthodontic Treatment Plan is the Dentist's report of recommended Orthodontic treatment on a form satisfactory to the Claims Administrator which:

1. Itemizes the Orthodontic procedures and charges required for correction of a Malocclusion
2. Lists the Usual and Customary Charges for each procedure
3. Is accompanied by supporting x-rays and any other appropriate diagnostic materials as required

### **WHEN COVERAGE BEGINS**

Benefits are payable for Covered Orthodontic Services incurred only after the Covered Person becomes effective under the terms of the Plan. There is no age limit for Orthodontic Benefits.

Orthodontic benefits are payable monthly over the Course of Treatment and cease upon termination of coverage.

## DENTAL PLAN LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

No payment will be made under the Dental Plan for the following:

**Accidental Injury.** Charges for treatment of injuries incurred as the result of an Accidental Injury which occurred prior to the effective date of coverage under this Plan.

**Appliances.** Charges for services to a Covered Person which involve an Appliance or modification of an Appliance for which the Impression was made before the individual became covered hereunder, or a Crown, Bridge or gold Restoration for which a tooth was prepared before the individual became covered hereunder, or Root Canal Therapy for which the pulp chamber was opened before the individual became covered hereunder.

**Broken Appointments.** Charges for dental appointments which are not kept.

**Broken or Worn Appliances.** Charges for replacement of broken or worn Appliances or Dentures or Bridgework, unless the Dentist certifies such equipment unserviceable and such equipment has been installed for a period of five (5) years.

**Claim Received After Filing Deadline.** Claims received after twelve (12) months from the date of rendered service.

**Close Relative.** Charges for professional dental treatment, surgical services and supplies provided by a Close Relative of the Covered Person, as defined in this Plan.

**Cosmetic Dentistry.** Charges for or in connection with Cosmetic Dentistry to include care, treatment or operations which are performed for cosmetic, elective or non-functional purposes, unless such expenses are incurred as a result of an Accidental Injury. See Accidental Injury exclusion.

**Dental Implant.** Charges for any service or procedure associated with the placement, prosthodontic Restoration or maintenance of a Dental Implant.

**Employer Dental Department Services.** Charges for services and material received from a dental or medical department maintained by an Employer, a mutual benefit association, a labor union or a health and welfare fund.

**Employment.** Charges in connection with an Illness or Injury arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit.

**Excess of Usual and Customary.** Charges made which are in excess of Usual and Customary fees or charges for unnecessary care or treatment.

**Fees.** Records fee, chart fee and insurance filing fee.

**Furnished by Government.** Charges for services or supplies furnished at the direction of the United States Government or any State, province or other political subdivision, unless the covered individuals would be required to pay such charges in the absence of this coverage.

**Gold Inlays.** Charges for gold inlay/onlay.

**Government Hospital.** Charges incurred in a Hospital owned or operated by the United States Government.

**Harmful Habit Appliances.** Charges for removable/fixed Appliances for harmful habits such as tongue thrust and thumbsucking.

**Hospital Service.** Charges for Hospital services when procedures are performed by a licensed Dentist or surgeon. Hospital, Anesthesia and related charges, when Medically Necessary for a dental service, are covered by the Medical Plan.

**Illegal Acts.** Charges for Injury or Illness incurred as a result of illegal acts involving violence or threat of violence to another person, or in which the Covered Person illegally used a firearm, explosive or other weapon likely to cause physical harm or death, whether or not the Covered Person was charged, convicted or received any type of fine, penalty, imprisonment or other sentence or punishment, unless such Injury is the result of a medical condition (either physical or mental) or is the result of the Covered Person being the victim of an act of domestic violence.

**Lost or Stolen.** Charges for replacement of lost or missing or stolen Appliances or Dentures or Bridgework.

**Not Furnished by a Dentist.** Charges for any service or material not furnished by a Dentist, except a service performed by a licensed Dental Hygienist under the direction of a Dentist or any x-ray ordered by the Dentist.

**Not Legally Required to Pay.** Charges which you are not legally required to pay or for charges which would not have been made if no coverage existed.

**Personalization.** Charges for personalization or characterization of teeth or prosthetics.

**Prescription Medication.** Charges for prescription medication. However, certain prescriptions written by a Dentist may be covered under the Prescription Drug Plan.

**Prohibited by Law.** Charges where prohibited by law.

**Rebasing/Relining.** Charges for Rebasing/Relining of partial or full removable Dentures for which like service was rendered within the two (2) years immediately preceding such Rebasing/Relining.

**Replacement of Denture/Bridgework/Crown.** Charges for partial or full removable Dentures or fixed Bridgework or for the addition of one (1) or more teeth thereto, or for a Crown or gold Restoration if involving a replacement or modification of a Denture, Bridgework, Crown or gold Restoration which was installed during the five (5) years immediately preceding such replacement or modification.

**Replacement of Missing Teeth.** Charges for partial or full removable Dentures or fixed Bridgework involving replacement of one (1) or more natural teeth missing prior to the individual becoming covered under this Plan, unless the Denture or fixed Bridgework also includes replacement of a natural tooth which was lost or extracted while the individual is covered under this Plan. This exclusion is waived after the Covered Person completes twelve (12) months of coverage under this Plan.

**Sealants and Oral Hygiene Instructions.** Charges for Sealants (age nineteen (19) and over), oral hygiene instructions, dietary instructions, or a plaque control program, prescription Fluoride, mouthwashes or Topical oral solutions.

**Self-inflicted.** Charges incurred as a result of any attempt at suicide or self-inflicted Injury or Illness, unless the Injury or Illness is a result of a medical condition (either physical or mental) or is the result of the Covered Person being the victim of an act of domestic violence.

**Splinting.** Charges for Appliances, Inlays, cast Restorations, Crowns or other laboratory prepared Restorations used primarily for the purpose of Splinting, unrelated to Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Dysfunction.

**Therapeutic Drug Injections.** Charges for therapeutic Drug injections and/or other Drugs and medicines.

**Travel.** Charges incurred as the result of travel outside the United States or its territories specifically to receive dental treatment.

**Vertical Dimension/Occlusion.** Charges for Restorations and special equipment used to increase Vertical Dimension or reconstruct Occlusion.

**War.** Charges for services or treatment of Illness or Injury incurred as a result of any act of war, whether declared or undeclared or caused during service in the armed forces of any country or resulting from or sustained as a result of participation in a riot or civil insurrection.

**Workers' Compensation.** Charges in connection with an Illness or Injury for which the covered individual is entitled to benefits under any Workers' Compensation or similar Local, State or Federal Statute, or to the extent the covered individual is entitled to benefits or payments under Automobile Personal Injury Protection Insurance issued pursuant to any No-Fault type automobile reparations ordinance or statute.

In the event that more than one (1) Dentist furnishes services or materials for one (1) dental procedure, the Plan shall be liable for not more than its liability had only one (1) Dentist furnished the services or materials.

## DENTAL DEFINITIONS

**Abutment:** A tooth or root that retains or supports a fixed Bridge or a removable prosthesis.

**Acid Etch:** The etching of a tooth with a mild acid to aid in the retention of Composite filling material.

**Acrylic:** Plastic materials used in the fabrication of Dentures and Crowns and, occasionally, as a restorative filling material.

**Amalgam:** A metal alloy usually consisting of silver, tin, zinc and copper, combined with liquid pure mercury and used as restorative material in operative dentistry.

**Anesthesia:** Local - the condition produced by the administration of specific agents to achieve the loss of pain sensation in a specific location or area of the body; General - the condition produced by the administration of specific agents to render the patient completely unconscious and without pain sensation.

**Appliance:** A device used to provide function, therapeutic (healing) effect or space maintenance, or as an application of force to teeth to provide movement or growth changes, as in Orthodontia: Fixed - one that is attached to the teeth by cement or by adhesive materials and cannot be removed by the patient; Removable - one that can be taken in and out of the mouth by the patient; Prosthetic – one that is used to provide replacement for missing teeth.

**Bitewing:** A type of dental x-ray film that has a central tab or wing upon which the teeth close to hold the film in position. They are commonly called decay detecting x-rays because they show decay better than other x-rays.

**Bridge or Prosthetic Appliance:** Fixed - Pontics or replacement teeth retained with Crowns or Inlays cemented to natural teeth and used as Abutments; Fixed removable - one the Dentist can remove but the patient cannot; Removable - a Partial Denture, retained by attachments which permit removal of the Denture, normally held by clasps.

**Caries:** A Disease of progressive destruction of the teeth from bacterially produced acids on tooth surfaces.

**Composite:** Tooth colored filling material primarily used in the anterior teeth.

**Cosmetic Dentistry:** Dentally unnecessary procedures performed solely for the improvement of a person's appearance.

**Course of Treatment:** A planned program of one (1) or more services or supplies, whether rendered by one (1) or more Dentists for the treatment of a dental condition diagnosed by the attending Dentist. A Course of Treatment begins on the date a Dentist first renders a service to correct or treat the diagnosed dental condition.

**Crown:** Natural Crown - the portion of a tooth covered by enamel; artificial Crown (cap) - restores the anatomy, function and aesthetics of the natural Crown.

**Dental Hygienist:** A person who has been trained and licensed to clean teeth and provide additional services and information on the prevention of oral Disease and who works under the direct supervision of a Dentist.

**Dentist:** A Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or a Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DMD) who holds a lawful license authorizing the practice of dentistry in the locale where service is rendered.

**Denture:** A device replacing missing teeth. The term usually refers to full or Partial Dentures, but it actually means any substitute for missing natural teeth.

**Emergency Palliative Treatment:** Any dental procedures necessary to alleviate (but not cure) acute pain or to temporarily alleviate (but not cure) conditions requiring the immediate attention of a Dentist to prevent irreparable harm to the Covered Person.

**Endodontic Therapy:** Treatment of Diseases of the dental pulp and their canals: Root Canal Therapy and pulp canal therapy.

**Fluoride:** A solution of fluorine which is applied to the teeth for the purpose of preventing dental decay.

**Frenectomy:** Surgical cutting of any Frenum, usually of the tongue.

**Frenum:** Muscle fibers covered by a mucous membrane that attaches the cheek, lips and/or tongue to associated dental mucosa.

**Implant:** A device surgically inserted into or onto the jaw bone that may support Crown(s), a Partial Denture or complete Denture, or be used as an Abutment for a fixed Bridge.

**Impression:** A negative reproduction of a given area. It is made in order to produce a positive form or cast of the recorded teeth and/or soft tissues of the mouth.

**Incurred Date:**

1. For an Appliance or modification of an Appliance, the date the Impression is taken;
2. For a Crown, Bridge or gold Restoration, the date the tooth is prepared;
3. For Root Canal Therapy, the date the pulp chamber is opened; and
4. For all other services, the date the service is provided.

**Inlay:** A Restoration, usually of cast metals, made to fit a prepared tooth cavity and then cemented into place.

**Malocclusion:** An abnormal contact and/or position of the opposing teeth when brought together.

**Occlusion:** The contact relationship of the upper and lower teeth when brought together.

**Onlay:** A cast Restoration that covers the entire chewing surface of the tooth.

**Orthodontia:** The branch of dentistry primarily concerned with the detection, prevention and correction of abnormalities in the positioning of the teeth in their relationship to the jaws.

**Palliative:** An alleviating measure used to relieve but not cure.

**Partial Denture:** A prosthesis replacing one or more, but less than all, of the natural teeth and associated structures. It may be removable or fixed and on one or both sides of the mouth.

**Pedodontics:** The specialty of Children's dentistry.

**Periodontics:** The examination, diagnosis and treatment of Diseases affecting the tissue surrounding and supporting the teeth.

**Pontic:** The part of a fixed Bridge which is suspended between the Abutments and which replaces a missing tooth or teeth.

**Prophylaxis:** The removal of tartar and stains from the teeth or the cleaning of the teeth by a Dentist or Dental Hygienist.

**Prosthodontics:** Dental specialty providing artificial replacement of one (1) or more natural teeth and/or the associated structure.

**Rebase:** A process of refitting a Denture by the replacement of the entire Denture-base material without changing the occlusal relations of the teeth.

**Reline:** To resurface the tissue-borne areas of a Denture with new material.

**Restoration:** A broad term applied to any Inlay, Crown, Bridge, Partial Denture or complete Denture that restores or replaces loss of tooth structure, teeth or oral tissue. The term applies to the end result of repairing and restoring or reforming the shape, form and function of part or all of a tooth or teeth.

**Root Canal Therapy:** Complete removal of the pulp tissues of a tooth, sterilization of the pulp chamber and root canals and filling the spaces with a sealing material.

**Scaling:** Removal of calculus (tartar) and stains from teeth with a special instrument.

**Sealant:** A resinous agent applied to the grooves and pits of teeth to reduce decay.

**Silicate:** A relatively hard and translucent restorative material used primarily on the anterior teeth.

**Splinting:** Stabilizing or immobilizing teeth to gain strength and/or facilitate healing.

**Splints:** Device used to support, protect or immobilize oral structures that have been loosened, replanted, fractured or traumatized.

**Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Disorders:** Abnormal functioning of the Temporomandibular Joint; also refers to symptoms arising in other areas secondary to the dysfunction.

**Topical:** Painting the surface of teeth, as in Fluoride treatment, or application of an anesthetic formula to the surface of the gum.

**Treatment Plan:** A Dentist's report on a form satisfactory to the Claims Administrator which:

1. Itemizes the dental services recommended by the Dentist for the necessary dental care of a person;
2. Shows the Dentist's charge for each dental service; and
3. Is accompanied by supporting pre-operative x-ray(s) or other diagnostic records where required or requested by the Claims Administrator.

**Usual and Customary:**

1. The Usual fee - the fee most frequently charged or accepted for covered dental care or supplies by a Dentist, Physician or Hospital; and
2. The Customary fee - the fee charged or accepted for covered dental care or supplies by those of similar professional standing in the same geographic area; "area" means a region large enough to determine a cross section of Providers of dental care or supplies.

**Vertical Dimension:** The degree of jaw separation when the teeth are in contact.

## VISION CARE PLAN

**Vision Care Benefits are separate from and in addition to the Medical Expense Benefits of this Plan. These benefits are available only if elected by an Eligible Employee for himself/herself and his/her eligible Dependents.**

	<u>Benefit</u>
<b>Annual Routine Vision Exam</b> (Including eye refractions and fitting of contact lenses)	one (1) exam every 12 months up to a maximum benefit of \$50
<b>Eyeglass Frames</b>	one (1) set of frames every 24 months up to a maximum benefit of \$100
<b>Eyeglass Lens</b>	one (1) set (2 lenses) every 12 months and limited to:
Single Vision	up to a maximum benefit of \$50
Bifocal	up to a maximum benefit of \$75
Trifocals	up to a maximum benefit of \$100
Lenticular	up to a maximum benefit of \$150
Contact Lenses	up to a maximum benefit of \$150

**Note:** The benefit maximum will depend on the choice of glasses or contacts. The benefit covers:

- A routine eye exam every 12 months, and a set of frames every 24 months and one pair of lenses every 12 months; or
- A routine eye exam every 12 months and contact lenses up to \$150.

### LIST OF COVERED VISION CARE SERVICES

The following is a complete list of vision care services for which benefits are payable under the Plan. No benefits are payable for a service which is not listed.

1. Vision examination
2. Eye refractions
3. Single vision lenses
4. Bifocal lenses
5. Trifocal lenses
6. Lenticular lenses
7. Frames
8. Tint allowance
9. Contact lenses
10. Fitting of contact lenses

### LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Covered Expenses will not include and no benefits will be payable for expenses incurred for:

1. Vision examination more than once in a twelve (12) month period.
2. Lenses more than once in a twelve (12) month period.
3. Frames more than once in a twenty-four (24) month period.
4. Replacement of contact lenses (excluding same prescription disposable contact lenses) more than once in a twelve (12) month period.
5. Orthoptics or vision training and any associated testing.
6. Two (2) pairs of glasses in lieu of bifocals.

7. Lenses and frames which are lost or broken, except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available.
8. Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
9. Any eye examination, or any corrective eyewear, required by the Employer as a condition of Employment.
10. The following materials, over and above the Covered Expenses for the basic material. These materials are cosmetic and the Covered Person will be responsible for the cost of these materials.
  - a. Blended lenses
  - b. Oversize lenses
  - c. Progressive multifocal lenses
  - d. The coating of the lens or lenses
  - e. The laminating of the lens or lenses

## VISION PLAN LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

No payment will be made under the Vision Plan for the following:

**Broken Appointments.** Charges for vision appointments which are not kept.

**Claim Received After Filing Deadline.** Claims received after twelve (12) months from the date of rendered service.

**Close Relative.** Charges for treatment, services or supplies provided by a Close Relative of the Covered Person, as defined in this Plan.

**Employer Vision Department Services.** Charges for services and material received from a vision or medical department maintained by an Employer, a mutual benefit association, a labor union or a health and welfare fund.

**Employment.** Charges in connection with an Illness or Injury arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit, and charges for any eye examination or corrective eyewear required by the Employer as a condition of employment.

**Excess of Usual and Customary.** Charges made which are in excess of Usual and Customary fees or charges for unnecessary care or treatment.

**Excluded.** Charges excluded or limited by the Plan design as stated in this Plan Document.

**Experimental.** Charges for experimental or non-conventional treatment or device.

**Fees.** Records fee, chart fee and insurance filing fee.

**Furnished by Government.** Charges for services or supplies furnished at the direction of the United States Government or any State, province or other political subdivision, unless the covered individuals would be required to pay such charges in the absence of this coverage.

**Illegal Acts.** Charges for Injury or Illness incurred as a result of illegal acts involving violence or threat of violence to another person, or in which the Covered Person illegally used a firearm, explosive or other weapon likely to cause physical harm or death, whether or not the Covered Person was charged, convicted or received any type of fine, penalty, imprisonment or other sentence or punishment, unless such Injury is the result of a medical condition (either physical or mental) or is the result of the Covered Person being the victim of an act of domestic violence.

**Illegal in the United States.** Charges for any services or supplies not considered legal in the United States.

**Incurred by Other Persons.** Charges for expenses actually incurred by other persons.

**Lost or Broken.** Charges for replacement of lost, broken, missing or stolen lenses and frames, except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available.

**Medical or Surgical Treatment.** Charges for medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.

**Negligence.** Charges for Injuries resulting from negligence, misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or malpractice on the part of any licensed Provider.

**Not Acceptable.** Charges that are not accepted as standard practice by the AMA, ADA or the FDA.

**Not Legally Required to Pay.** Charges which you are not legally required to pay or for charges which would not have been made if no coverage existed.

**Not Recommended or Approved.** Treatment, services or supplies that are not recommended and approved by a Physician or Optometrist unless otherwise specified as covered in this Plan.

**Not Rendered by Physician or Optometrist.** Treatment or services that are not rendered by or provided under the supervision of a Physician or Optometrist.

**Orthoptics.** Charges for orthoptics or vision training and any associated testing.

**Prescription Medication.** Charges for prescription medication. However, certain prescriptions written by a Practitioner may be covered under the Medical Plan's Prescription Drug Plan.

**Prohibited by Law.** Charges where prohibited by law.

**Riot/Civil Insurrection.** Charges resulting from or sustained as a result of participation in a riot or civil insurrection.

**Safety Goggles/Sunglasses.** Charges for prescription or non-prescription safety goggles or sunglasses.

**Self-inflicted.** Charges incurred as a result of any attempt at suicide or self-inflicted Injury or Illness, unless the Injury or Illness is a result of a medical condition (either physical or mental) or is the result of the Covered Person being the victim of an act of domestic violence.

**Subrogation, Reimbursement, and/or Third Party Responsibility.** Charges for treatment of an Injury or Illness not payable by virtue of the Plan's subrogation, reimbursement, and/or third party responsibility provisions.

**Travel.** Charges incurred as the result of travel outside the United States or its territories specifically to receive vision treatment.

**War.** Charges for services or treatment of Illness or Injury incurred as a result of any act of war, whether declared or undeclared or caused during service in the armed forces of any country or resulting from or sustained as a result of participation in a riot or civil insurrection.

**Workers' Compensation.** Charges in connection with an Illness or Injury for which the covered individual is entitled to benefits under any Workers' Compensation or similar Local, State or Federal Statute, or to the extent the covered individual is entitled to benefits or payments under Automobile Personal Injury Protection Insurance issued pursuant to any No-Fault type automobile reparations ordinance or statute.

**NOTE: With respect to any Injury which is otherwise covered by the Plan, the Plan will not deny benefits otherwise provided for treatment of the Injury if the Injury results from being the victim of an act of domestic violence or a documented medical condition. To the extent consistent with applicable law, this exception will not require this Plan to provide particular benefits other than those provided under the terms of the Plan.**

## COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

The Coordination of Benefits provision is intended to prevent the payment of benefits which exceed Covered Expenses. It applies when the Plan Participant is also covered by another plan or plans. When more than one coverage exists, one plan (primary plan) normally pays its benefits in full and the other plans (secondary plans) pay a reduced benefit. This Plan may pay either its benefits in full or at a reduced amount which, when added to the benefits payable by the other plan or plans, will not exceed 100% of Allowable Expenses. Only the amount paid by this Plan will be charged against the Plan Benefit Maximums.

The Coordination of Benefits provision applies whether or not a Claim is filed under the other plan or plans. If needed, authorization must be given to this Plan to obtain information as to benefits or services available from the other plan or plans, or to recover overpayments.

All benefits contained in the Plan Document are subject to this provision except Prescription Drug expenses.

### EXCESS INSURANCE

If at the time of Injury, Illness, Disease or disability there is available, or potentially available, any Coverage (including but not limited to Coverage resulting from a judgment at law or settlements), the benefits under this Plan shall apply only as an excess over such other sources of Coverage.

For purposes of this Coordination of Benefits provision, the term "plan" as used herein will mean any plan providing benefits or services for medical or dental treatment, and such benefits or services are provided by:

1. Group insurance or any other arrangement for coverage for Covered Persons in a group whether on an insured or uninsured basis, including but not limited to:
  - a. Hospital indemnity benefits; and
  - b. Hospital reimbursement-type plans which permit the Covered Person to elect indemnity at the time of Claims;
2. Hospital or medical service organizations on a group basis, group practice and other group pre-payment plans;
3. Hospital or medical service organizations on an individual basis having a provision similar in effect to this provision;
4. A Licensed Health Maintenance Organization (HMO);
5. Any Coverage for students which is sponsored by, or provided through, a school or other educational institution;
6. Any coverage under a governmental program, and any coverage required or provided by any statute;
7. Group automobile insurance;
8. Individual automobile insurance coverage on an automobile leased or owned by the Employer; or
9. Any individual automobile insurance, including No-Fault Automobile Insurance on an individual basis.

"Plan" will be construed separately with respect to each policy, contract, or other arrangement for benefits or services, and separately with respect to that portion of any such policy, contract, or other arrangement which reserves the right to take the benefits or services of other plans into consideration in determining its benefits and that portion which does not.

"Allowable Expense" is the Usual and Customary charge for any Medically Necessary, Reasonable, eligible item of expense, at least a portion of which is covered under this Plan. When some other plan provides benefits in the form of services rather than cash payments, the Reasonable cash value of each service rendered, in the amount that would be payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan, shall be deemed to be the benefit. Benefits payable under any other plan include the benefits that would have been payable had Claim been duly made.

In the case of HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) plans, this Plan will not consider any charges in excess of what an HMO Provider has agreed to accept as payment in full. Further, when an HMO is primary and the Covered Person does not use an HMO Provider, this Plan will not consider as allowable expenses any charges that would have been covered by the HMO had the Covered Person used the services of an HMO Provider.

"Claim Determination Period" is a Calendar Year, a Plan Year or that portion of a Calendar or Plan Year during which the Covered Person, for whom Claim is made, has been covered under this Plan.

## **COORDINATION PROCEDURES**

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Plan, benefits that would be payable under this Plan will be reduced so that the sum of benefits payable under this Plan and all benefits payable under all other plans will not exceed the total of Allowable Expenses incurred during any Claim Determination Period with respect to Covered Persons eligible for:

1. Benefits, either as an insured person or Employee or as a Dependent, under any other plan which has no provision similar in effect to this provision.
2. Dependents' benefits under this Plan who are also eligible for benefits:
  - a. As an insured person or Employee under any other plan; or
  - b. As a Dependent Child of an insured person or Employee covered under any other plan.
3. A Covered Person under this Plan who is also eligible for benefits as an insured person or Employee under any other plan and has been covered continuously for a longer period of time under such other plan.

For the purpose of determining the applicability of and for implementing this provision or any provision of similar purpose in any other plan, the Plan Administrator may, without the consent of or notice to any person, release to or obtain from any other insurance company or other organization or person any information with respect to any person which the Plan Administrator deems to be necessary for such purposes. Any Covered Person claiming benefits under this Plan will furnish to the Plan Administrator such information as may be necessary to implement this provision or to determine its applicability.

## **ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION**

Each plan makes its Claim payment according to where it falls in this order, if Medicare is not involved:

1. If a plan contains no provision for Coordination of Benefits, then it pays primary before all other plans.
2. The plan which covers the Covered Person as an Employee (or named insured) pays primary as though no other plan existed; remaining recognized charges are paid under a secondary plan which covers the Claimant as a dependent.
3. If the Covered Person is a Dependent Child:
  - a. Whichever parent has a birthday anniversary which occurs earlier in the Calendar Year shall be considered to have the primary plan;
  - b. If birthday anniversaries are the same, then the plan of the parent who has been covered under his/her plan for the longer period of time will be primary; and
  - c. If the plan with which this Plan is to be coordinated does not include the requirements shown above, then the plan without such requirements will be primary.

4. If the Covered Person is a Dependent Child and the parents are divorced, then:
  - a. The plan of the parent with custody pays first, unless a court order or decree specifies the other parent to have financial responsibility, in which case that parent's plan would pay first; or
  - b. The plan of a step-parent with whom the Child lives pays second (if applicable).
5. If the order set out in 1, 2, 3 or 4 above does not apply in a particular case, then the plan which has covered the Covered Person for the longest period of time will pay first.

#### **FACILITY OF PAYMENT**

Whenever payments which should have been made under this Plan in accordance with this provision have been made under any other plan or plans, the Plan Administrator will have the right, exercisable alone and in its sole discretion, to pay to any insurance company or other organization or person making such other payments any amounts it will determine in order to satisfy the intent of this provision, and amounts so paid will be deemed paid under this Plan and to the extent of such payments, the Plan Administrator will be fully discharged from liability under this Plan.

The benefits that are payable will be charged against any applicable Maximum payment or benefit of this Plan rather than the amount payable in the absence of this provision.

#### **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

In accordance with the Recovery of Payments provision, whenever payments have been made by this Plan with respect to Allowable Expenses in a total amount, at any time, in excess of the Maximum Amount of payment necessary at that time to satisfy the intent of this Article, the Plan shall have the right to recover such payments, to the extent of such excess, from any one or more of the following as this Plan shall determine: any person to or with respect to whom such payments were made, or such person's legal representative, any insurance companies, or any other individuals or organizations which the Plan determines are responsible for payment of such Allowable Expenses, and any future benefits payable to the Covered Person or his or her Dependents. **Please see the Recovery of Payments provision for more details.**

#### **COORDINATION WITH MEDICARE**

Notwithstanding all other provisions of this Plan, Covered Persons who are eligible for Medicare benefits may be entitled to benefits under this Plan which will be coordinated with Medicare in accordance with the Coordination of Benefits provision of this Plan and subject to the rules and regulations as specified by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 as they may be amended from time to time. This Plan is primary to Medicare coverage for all active Employees and Dependents (regardless of age) unless Medicare states otherwise for certain medical conditions. In the event that this Plan is secondary to Medicare, benefits payable under this Plan will be reduced by benefits that would be payable for the same services under Medicare Parts A and B whether or not the Covered Person is enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B.

#### **COORDINATION WITH AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The Plan's liability for expenses arising out of an automobile Accident is based on the type of automobile insurance law enacted by the Covered Person's State. Nationally, there are three types of State automobile insurance laws:

1. No-Fault Automobile Insurance laws;

2. Financial responsibility laws; or
3. Other automobile liability insurance laws.

### **COORDINATION WITH AUTOMOBILE NO-FAULT COVERAGE**

Except as required by law, the Plan is secondary to any No-Fault Automobile coverage. It is not intended to reduce the level of coverage that would otherwise be available through a No-Fault Automobile Insurance policy nor does it intend to be primary in order to reduce the premiums or cost of No-Fault Automobile coverage.

If the Covered Person or his/her covered Dependent incur Covered Charges as a result of an automobile Accident (either as driver, passenger or pedestrian), the amount of Covered Charges that the Plan will pay is limited to:

1. Any Deductible under the automobile coverage;
2. Any Copayment under the automobile coverage;
3. Any expense properly excluded by the automobile coverage that is a Covered Charge; and
4. Any expense that the Plan is required to pay by law.

An individual is considered to be covered under an automobile insurance policy if he/she is either:

1. An owner or principal named insured of the policy;
2. A Family member of a person insured under the policy; or
3. A person who would be eligible for medical expense benefits under an automobile insurance policy if this Plan did not exist.

### **COORDINATION WITH FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW**

The Plan is secondary to automobile coverage or to any other party who may be liable for the Covered Person's medical expenses resulting from the automobile Accident.

If the Covered Person's State has a "financial responsibility" law which does not allow the Plan to pay benefits as secondary or which does not allow the Plan to advance payments with the intent of subrogating or recovering the payment, the Plan will not pay any benefits related to an automobile Accident for the Covered Person or their Dependents.

### **COORDINATION WITH OTHER AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE**

If the Covered Person's State does not have a No-Fault Automobile Insurance law or a "financial responsibility" law, this Plan is secondary to their automobile insurance coverage or to any other party who may be liable for the Covered Person's medical expenses resulting from the automobile Accident.

### **COORDINATION WITH UNDERINSURED/UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE**

If the Covered Person is involved in an automobile Accident and, as a result of the Accident, the Plan pays benefits, and if the Covered Person receives a settlement from their underinsured or uninsured motorist policy, the Plan is entitled to receive, from the proceeds of the settlement with the underinsured or uninsured motorist coverage, the expenses of the Plan. The Plan is not entitled to receive any recovery that is in excess of its expenses. The Plan agrees to payment of benefits prior to the receipt by the Covered Person of any recovery from their underinsured or uninsured motorist policy. The Covered Person agrees to notify the Plan of the existence of a recovery from an underinsured or uninsured motorist policy and further agrees to remit to the Plan the proceeds of any recovery received from an underinsured or uninsured motorist policy up to the expenditures made by the Plan. Any expenses by the Plan which are in excess of the proceeds received by the underinsured/uninsured motorist policy will be the responsibility of the Plan pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

## **SUBROGATION AND REIMBURSEMENT PROVISIONS**

### **PAYMENT CONDITION**

1. The Plan, in its sole discretion, may elect to conditionally advance payment of benefits in those situations where an Injury, sickness, Disease or disability is caused in whole or in part by, or results from the acts or omissions of Covered Persons, Plan Beneficiaries and/or their Dependents, beneficiaries, estate, heirs, guardian, personal representative, or assigns (collectively referred to hereafter in this section as "Covered Person(s)") or a third party, where another party may be responsible for expenses arising from an incident and/or other funds are available, including but not limited to no-fault, uninsured motorist, underinsured motorist, medical payment provisions, third party assets, third party insurance and/or guarantor(s) of a third party (collectively "Coverage").
2. A Covered Person(s), his/her attorney, and/or legal guardian of a minor or incapacitated individual agrees that acceptance of the Plan's conditional payment of medical benefits is constructive notice of these provisions in their entirety and agrees to maintain 100% of the Plan's conditional payment of benefits or the full extent of payment from any one or combination of first and third party sources in trust, without disruption except for reimbursement to the Plan or the Plan's assignee. The Plan shall have an equitable lien on any funds received by the Covered Person(s) and/or his/her attorney from any source and said funds shall be held in trust until such time as the obligations under this provision are fully satisfied. The Covered Person(s) agrees to include the Plan's name as a co-payee on any and all settlement drafts. Further, by accepting benefits the Covered Person(s) understands that any recovery obtained pursuant to this section is an asset of the Plan to the extent of the amount of benefits paid by the Plan and that the Covered Person shall be a trustee over those Plan assets.
3. In the event a Covered Person(s) settles, recovers, or is reimbursed by any Coverage, the Covered Person(s) agrees to reimburse the Plan for all benefits paid or that will be paid by the Plan on behalf of the Covered Person(s). When such a recovery does not include payment for future treatment, the Plan's right to reimbursement extends to all benefits paid or that will be paid by the Plan on behalf of the Covered Person(s) for charges Incurred up to the date such Coverage or third party is fully released from liability, including any such charges not yet submitted to the Plan. If the Covered Person(s) fails to reimburse the Plan out of any judgment or settlement received, the Covered Person(s) will be responsible for any and all expenses (fees and costs) associated with the Plan's attempt to recover such money. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Plan from claiming reimbursement for charges Incurred after the date of settlement if such recovery provides for consideration of future medical expenses.
4. If there is more than one party responsible for charges paid by the Plan, or that may be responsible for charges paid by the Plan, the Plan will not be required to select a particular party from whom reimbursement is due. Furthermore, in regards to an unallocated settlement fund meant to compensate multiple injured parties of which the Covered Person(s) is/are only one or a few, that unallocated settlement fund is considered designated as an "identifiable" fund from which the Plan may seek reimbursement.

### **SUBROGATION**

1. As a condition to participating in and receiving benefits under this Plan, the Covered Person(s) agrees to assign to the Plan the right to subrogate and pursue any and all Claims, causes of action or rights that may arise against any person, corporation and/or entity and to any Coverage to which the Covered Person(s) is entitled, regardless of how classified or characterized, at the Plan's discretion, if the Covered Person(s) fails to so pursue said rights and/or action.
2. If a Covered Person(s) receives or becomes entitled to receive benefits, an automatic equitable lien attaches in favor of the Plan to any Claim which any Covered Person(s) may have against any Coverage and/or party causing the sickness or Injury to the extent of such conditional payment by the Plan plus reasonable costs of collection. The Covered Person is obligated to notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any settlement prior to finalization of the settlement, execution of a release, or receipt of applicable funds. The Covered Person is also obligated to hold any and all funds so

received in trust on the Plan's behalf and function as a trustee as it applies to those funds until the Plan's rights described herein are honored and the Plan is reimbursed.

3. The Plan may, at its discretion, in its own name or in the name of the Covered Person(s) commence a proceeding or pursue a Claim against any party or Coverage for the recovery of all damages to the full extent of the value of any such benefits or conditional payments advanced by the Plan.
4. If the Covered Person(s) fails to file a Claim or pursue damages against:
  - a. The responsible party, its insurer, or any other source on behalf of that party;
  - b. Any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal Injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage;
  - c. Any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party;
  - d. Workers' Compensation or other liability insurance company; or
  - e. Any other source, including but not limited to crime victim restitution funds, any medical, disability or other benefit payments, and school insurance coverages;

then the Covered Person(s) authorizes the Plan to pursue, sue, compromise and/or settle any such Claims in the Covered Person(s) and/or the Plan's name and agrees to fully cooperate with the Plan in the prosecution of any such Claims. The Covered Person(s) assigns all rights to the Plan or its assignee to pursue a Claim and the recovery of all expenses from any and all sources listed above.

#### **RIGHT OF REIMBURSEMENT**

1. The Plan shall be entitled to recover 100% of the benefits paid or payable benefits Incurred, that have been paid and/or will be paid by the Plan, or were otherwise Incurred by the Covered Person(s) prior to and until the release from liability of the liable entity, as applicable, without deduction for attorneys' fees and costs or application of the common fund doctrine, made whole doctrine, or any other similar legal or equitable theory, and without regard to whether the Covered Person(s) is fully compensated by his or her recovery from all sources. The Plan shall have an equitable lien which supersedes all common law or statutory rules, doctrines, and laws of any State prohibiting assignment of rights which interferes with or compromises in any way the Plan's equitable lien and right to reimbursement. The obligation to reimburse the Plan in full exists regardless of how the judgment or settlement is classified and whether or not the judgment or settlement specifically designates the recovery or a portion of it as including medical, disability, or other expenses and extends until the date upon which the liable party is released from liability. If the Covered Person's/ Covered Persons' recovery is less than the benefits paid, then the Plan is entitled to be paid all of the recovery achieved. Any funds received by the Covered Person are deemed held in constructive trust and should not be dissipated or disbursed until such time as the Covered Person's obligation to reimburse the Plan has been satisfied in accordance with these provisions. The Covered Person is also obligated to hold any and all funds so received in trust on the Plan's behalf and function as a trustee as it applies to those funds until the Plan's rights described herein are honored and the Plan is reimbursed.
2. No court costs, experts' fees, attorneys' fees, filing fees, or other costs or expenses of litigation may be deducted from the Plan's recovery without the prior, express written consent of the Plan.
3. The Plan's right of subrogation and reimbursement will not be reduced or affected as a result of any fault or Claim on the part of the Covered Person(s), whether under the doctrines of causation, comparative fault or contributory negligence, or other similar doctrine in law. Accordingly, any lien reduction statutes, which attempt to apply such laws and reduce a subrogating Plan's recovery, will not be applicable to the Plan and will not reduce the Plan's reimbursement rights.
4. These rights of subrogation and reimbursement shall apply without regard to whether any separate written acknowledgment of these rights is required by the Plan and signed by the Covered Person(s).
5. This provision shall not limit any other remedies of the Plan provided by law. These rights of subrogation and reimbursement shall apply without regard to the location of the event that led to or caused the applicable sickness, Injury, Disease or disability.

## **PARTICIPANT IS A TRUSTEE OVER PLAN ASSETS**

1. Any Covered Person who receives benefits and is, therefore, subject to the terms of this section is hereby deemed a recipient and holder of Plan assets and is, therefore, deemed a trustee of the Plan solely as it relates to possession of any funds which may be owed to the Plan as a result of any settlement, judgment or recovery through any other means arising from any Injury or Accident. By virtue of this status, the Covered Person understands that he/she is required to:
  - a. Notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any settlement prior to finalization of the settlement, execution of a release, or receipt of applicable funds;
  - b. Instruct his/her attorney to ensure that the Plan and/or its authorized representative is included as a payee on all settlement drafts;
  - c. In circumstances where the Covered Person is not represented by an attorney, instruct the insurance company or any third party from whom the Plan Participant obtains a settlement, judgment or other source of coverage to include the Plan or its authorized representative as a payee on the settlement draft; and
  - d. Hold any and all funds so received in trust, on the Plan's behalf, and function as a trustee as it applies to those funds, until the Plan's rights described herein are honored and the Plan is reimbursed.
2. To the extent the Covered Person disputes this obligation to the Plan under this section, the Covered Person or any of its agents or representatives is also required to hold any/all settlement funds, including the entire settlement if the settlement is less than the Plan's interests, and without reduction in consideration of attorney's fees, for which he/she exercises control, in an account segregated from their general accounts or general assets until such time as the dispute is resolved.
3. No Covered Person, beneficiary, or the agents or representatives thereof, exercising control over plan assets and incurring trustee responsibility in accordance with this section, will have any authority to accept any reduction of the Plan's interest on the Plan's behalf.

## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

The Plan's right to reimbursement extends to any incident related care that is received by the Covered Person(s) ("Incurred") prior to the liable party being released from liability. The Covered Person's/Covered Persons' obligation to reimburse the Plan is therefore tethered to the date upon which the claims were Incurred, not the date upon which the payment is made by the Plan. In the case of a settlement, the Covered Person has an obligation to review the "lien" provided by the Plan and reflecting claims paid by the Plan for which it seeks reimbursement, prior to settlement and/or executing a release of any liable or potentially liable third party, and is also obligated to advise the Plan of any incident related care incurred prior to the proposed date of settlement and/or release, which is not listed but has been or will be incurred, and for which the Plan will be asked to pay.

## **EXCESS INSURANCE**

If at the time of Injury, sickness, Disease or disability there is available, or potentially available any Coverage (including but not limited to Coverage resulting from a judgment at law or settlements), the benefits under this Plan shall apply only as an excess over such other sources of Coverage, except as otherwise provided for under the Plan's Coordination of Benefits section. The Plan's benefits shall be excess to:

1. The responsible party, its insurer, or any other source on behalf of that party;
2. Any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal Injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage;
3. Any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party;
4. Workers' Compensation or other liability insurance company; or
5. Any other source, including but not limited to crime victim restitution funds, any medical, disability or other benefit payments, and school insurance coverage.

## **SEPARATION OF FUNDS**

Benefits paid by the Plan, funds recovered by the Covered Person(s), and funds held in trust over which the Plan has an equitable lien exist separately from the property and estate of the Covered Person(s), such that the death of the Covered Person(s), or filing of bankruptcy by the Covered Person(s), will not affect the Plan's equitable lien, the funds over which the Plan has a lien, or the Plan's right to subrogation and reimbursement.

## **WRONGFUL DEATH CLAIMS**

In the event that the Covered Person(s) dies as a result of his/her injuries and a wrongful death or survivor Claim is asserted against a third party or any Coverage, the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights shall still apply.

## **OBLIGATIONS**

1. It is the Covered Person(s) obligation at all times, both prior to and after payment of medical benefits by the Plan to:
  - a. Cooperate with the Plan, or any representatives of the Plan, in protecting its rights, including discovery, attending depositions, and/or cooperating in trial to preserve the Plan's rights;
  - b. Provide the Plan with pertinent information regarding the sickness, Disease, disability or Injury, including Accident reports, settlement information and any other requested additional information;
  - c. Take such action and execute such documents as the Plan may require to facilitate enforcement of its subrogation and reimbursement rights;
  - d. Do nothing to prejudice the Plan's rights of subrogation and reimbursement;
  - e. Promptly reimburse the Plan when a recovery through settlement, judgment, award or other payment is received;
  - f. To notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any incident related claims or care which may be not identified within the lien (but has been Incurred) and/or reimbursement request submitted by or on behalf of the Plan.
  - g. Notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any settlement prior to finalization of the settlement;
  - h. Not settle or release, without the prior consent of the Plan, any Claim to the extent that the Plan Beneficiary may have against any responsible party or Coverage;
  - i. Instruct his/her attorney to ensure that the Plan and/or its authorized representative is included as a payee on any settlement draft;
  - j. In circumstances where the Covered Person is not represented by an attorney, instruct the insurance company or any third party from whom the Covered Person obtains a settlement to include the Plan or its authorized representative as a payee on the settlement draft; and
  - k. Make good faith efforts to prevent disbursement of settlement funds until such time as any dispute between the Plan and Covered Person over settlement funds is resolved.
2. If the Covered Person(s) and/or his or her attorney fails to reimburse the Plan for all benefits paid, to be paid, Incurred, or that will be Incurred, prior to the date of the release of liability from the relevant entity, as a result of said Injury or condition, out of any proceeds, judgment or settlement received, the Covered Person(s) will be responsible for any and all expenses (whether fees or costs) associated with the Plan's attempt to recover such money from the Covered Person(s).
3. The Plan's right to reimbursement and/or subrogation is in no way dependent upon the Covered Person(s)' cooperation or adherence to these terms.

## **OFFSET**

If timely repayment is not made, or the Covered Person(s) and/or his or her attorney fails to comply with any of the requirements of the Plan, the Plan has the right, in addition to any other lawful means of recovery, to deduct the value of the Covered Person's amount owed to the Plan. To do this, the Plan may refuse payment of any future medical benefits and any funds or payments due under this Plan on behalf of the

Covered Person(s) in an amount equivalent to any outstanding amounts owed by the Covered Person to the Plan. This provision applies even if the Covered Person has disbursed settlement funds.

#### **MINOR STATUS**

1. In the event the Covered Person(s) is a minor as that term is defined by applicable law, the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian shall cooperate in any and all actions by the Plan to seek and obtain requisite court approval to bind the minor and his/her estate insofar as these subrogation and reimbursement provisions are concerned.
2. If the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian fail to take such action, the Plan shall have no obligation to advance payment of medical benefits on behalf of the minor. Any court costs or legal fees associated with obtaining such approval shall be paid by the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian.

#### **LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION**

The Plan Administrator retains sole, full and final discretionary authority to construe and interpret the language of this provision, to determine all questions of fact and law arising under this provision, and to administer the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights. The Plan Administrator may amend the Plan at any time without notice.

#### **SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any section of this provision is considered invalid or illegal for any reason, said invalidity or illegality shall not affect the remaining sections of this provision and Plan. The section shall be fully severable. The Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid or illegal sections had never been inserted in the Plan.

## PROCEDURES FOR CLAIMS AND APPEALS

The procedures outlined below must be followed by Claimants to obtain payment of benefits under this Plan.

### NOTICE AND PROOF OF CLAIM

Written notice and proof of an incurred Claim should always be filed with the Claims Administrator as soon as possible. **Claims must be filed within twelve (12) months from the date of service to be covered by the Plan.** If an individual's coverage under the Plan ceases, all Claims incurred prior to termination of coverage **must** be filed within twelve (12) months from the date of service, or the Claims will not be covered by the Plan.

Claims **must** be filed sooner in certain circumstances:

- If the Plan is terminated, all Claims incurred prior to the Plan termination **must** be received within ninety (90) days after the termination or the Claims will not be covered.

Any Claims incurred after termination of Plan coverage for any reason are not covered under the Plan.

Customarily, there are four types of Claims: Pre-service (Urgent), Pre-service (Non-urgent), Concurrent Care, and Post-service.

- A "Pre-service Claim" is a Claim for a benefit under the Plan where the Plan conditions receipt of the benefit, in whole or in part, on approval of the benefit in advance of obtaining medical care. Because the Plan does not require Claimants to obtain approval of a medical service prior to getting treatment on an urgent or non-urgent basis, there are no "Pre-service Claims." The Claimant simply follows the Plan's procedures with respect to notice that is required after receipt of treatment, and files the Claim as a Post-service Claim.
- A "Concurrent Claim" arises when the Plan has approved an on-going course of treatment to be provided over a period of time or number of treatments, and either: (a) the Plan determines that the course of treatment should be reduced or terminated, or (b) the Claimant requests an extension of the course of treatment beyond that which the Plan has approved. Because the Plan does not require Claimants to obtain approval of medical services prior to getting treatment, there is no need to contact Utilization Review to request an extension of a course of treatment. The Claimant simply follows the Plan's procedures with respect to notice that is required after receipt of treatment, and files the Claim as a Post-service Claim.
- A "Post-service Claim" is a Claim for a benefit under the Plan after the services have been rendered.

A Post-service Claim is considered to be filed when the following information is received by the Claims Administrator with a Form CMS-1500 or Form UB-04 or any successor forms:

1. The date of service;
2. The name, address, telephone number, and tax identification number of the Provider of the services or supplies;
3. The place where the services were rendered;
4. The diagnosis and procedure codes;
5. The amount of charges (including any PPO re-pricing information);
6. The name of the Plan;
7. The name of the Covered Employee; and
8. The name of the patient.

Each Claimant claiming benefits under the Plan shall be responsible for supplying, at such times and in such manner as the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion may require, written proof that the expenses were incurred, or that the benefit is covered under the Plan. This includes any substantiating documentation, Coordination of Benefits information or other information that may be required by the Plan as proof. If the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion determines that the Claimant has not incurred a Covered Expense, or that

the benefit is not covered under the Plan, or if the Claimant fails to furnish such proof as is requested, no benefits shall be payable under the Plan.

## **CLAIMS DETERMINATION**

The Plan Administrator shall notify the Claimant, in accordance with the provisions set forth below, of any Adverse Benefit Determination within the following timeframes:

- If the Claimant has provided all of the information needed to process the Claim in a reasonable period of time, but not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the Claim. This period may be extended by the Plan for up to fifteen (15) days, provided that the Plan Administrator: (a) determines that such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the Plan, and (b) notifies the Claimant, prior to the expiration of the initial thirty (30) day processing period, of the circumstances requiring the extension of time, and the date by which the Plan expects to render a decision. If an extension has been requested, then the Plan Administrator shall notify the Claimant of any Adverse Benefit Determination prior to the end of the fifteen (15) day extension period.
- If additional information is requested from the Claimant to process the Claim during the initial processing period, then the Claimant will be notified of a determination of benefits prior to the end of the extension period. If additional information is requested from the Claimant during the extension period, then the Claimant will be notified of the determination by a date agreed to by the Plan Administrator and the Claimant.
- Notice to the Claimant of a rescission of coverage will be provided at least thirty (30) days in advance of the retroactive termination of coverage by the Plan.

A Benefit Determination is required to be made within the period of time beginning when a Claim is deemed to be filed in accordance with the procedures of the Plan.

## **NOTICE OF ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATION**

If the initial Benefit Determination is an Adverse Benefit Determination, notification will be sent to the Claimant and will include the following information:

1. The reason or reasons for the Adverse Benefit Determination;
2. References to the Plan provisions on which the Adverse Benefit Determination is based;
3. A description of any additional material or information necessary for the Claimant to perfect the Claim, and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
4. A description of the Plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the Claimant's right to bring a civil action following an Adverse Benefit Determination on final review;
5. A statement that the Claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the Claimant's Claim;
6. The identity of any medical or vocational experts consulted in connection with a Claim, even if the Plan did not rely upon their advice (or a statement that the identity of the expert will be provided upon request);
7. If an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied on in making the Adverse Benefit Determination, either the specific rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion, or a statement that such information was relied on in making the Adverse Benefit Determination, and that a copy of the rule, guideline, protocol or other criterion will be provided free of charge on request; and
8. If the Adverse Benefit Determination is based on a medical judgment (such as Medical Necessity or whether the treatment was Experimental), either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for

the determination, applying the terms of the Plan to the Claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon written request.

## **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

The Plan Administrator or Claims Administrator has the right to have the Claimant examined as often as reasonably necessary while a Claim is pending. Benefits are payable under this Plan only if they are Medically Necessary for the Illness or Accidental Injury of the Covered Person. This Plan reserves the right to make a Utilization Review to determine whether services are Medically Necessary for the proper treatment of the Covered Person. All such information will be confidential.

## **CLAIMS AUDIT**

Once a written Claim for benefits is received, the Claims Administrator, acting on the discretionary authority of the Plan Administrator, may elect to have such Claim reviewed or audited for accuracy and reasonableness of charges as part of the adjudication process. This process may include, but may not be limited to, identifying: (a) charges for items/services that may not be covered or may not have been delivered, (b) duplicate charges and (c) charges beyond the Reasonable, necessary and Usual and Customary guidelines as determined by the Plan.

## **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Plan benefits are payable to the Covered Employee, unless the Claimant gives written direction, at the time of filing proof of such loss, to pay directly the health care Provider rendering such services. Such payment to a health care Provider is subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator. If any such benefit remains unpaid at the death of the Covered Employee, if the Claimant is a minor, or if the Claimant is (in the opinion of the Plan Administrator) legally incapable of giving a valid receipt and discharge for any payment, the Plan Administrator may, at its option, pay such benefits to any one or more of the following relatives of the Claimant: wife, husband, mother, father, Child or Children, brother or brothers, sister or sisters. Such payment will constitute a complete discharge of the Plan's obligation to the extent of such payment, and the Plan Administrator will not be required to follow-up and determine how such paid money was used.

## **APPEAL PROCESS**

The Plan provides for two (2) levels of appeal following an Adverse Benefit Determination. The Claimant has one hundred eighty (180) days following an initial Adverse Benefit Determination to file an appeal of that determination, and sixty (60) days following a second Adverse Benefit Determination to file an appeal of that determination. The appeal process will provide the Claimant with a reasonable opportunity for a full and fair review of the Claim and Adverse Benefit Determination and will include the following:

1. Receipt of written request by the Claims Administrator from the Claimant, or an Authorized Representative of the Claimant, with the proper form for review of Adverse Benefit Determination, which initiates the appeal process.
2. The Claimant will have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to the Claim.
3. The Claimant will be provided, on request and free of charge: (a) reasonable access to, and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Claimant's Claim in possession of the Plan Administrator or the Claims Administrator; (b) information regarding any rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion relied upon in making the Adverse Benefit Determination; (c) information regarding any voluntary appeals procedures offered by the Plan; and (d) an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the Plan to the Claimant's medical circumstances.

4. The review of the Adverse Benefit Determination will take into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the Claimant relating to the Claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial Benefit Determination.
5. No deference will be afforded to the previous Adverse Benefit Determination.
6. The party reviewing the appeal may be neither the party who made the prior Adverse Benefit Determination, nor a subordinate of the party who made the prior Adverse Benefit Determination.
7. In deciding an appeal on which the Adverse Benefit Determination was based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, including whether a particular treatment, Drug, or other item is Experimental, Investigational, or not Medically Necessary or appropriate, the Claims Administrator or the Plan Administrator, as appropriate depending on the level of appeal, will consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involving the medical judgment. The health care professional consulted for the appeal will not be the health care professional or a subordinate of the health care professional consulted in connection with the Adverse Benefit Determination that is the subject of the appeal.
8. Medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of the Plan in connection with the Adverse Benefit Determination will be identified, even if the Plan did not rely upon their advice.
9. The first level of appeal will be the responsibility of the Claims Administrator and will be decided within thirty (30) days of the Claims Administrator's receipt of the request. The second level of appeal will be decided within thirty (30) days of the Plan's receipt of the request.

## **FIRST APPEAL LEVEL**

### **Requirements for First Appeal**

The Claimant must file the first appeal, in writing, within one hundred eighty (180) days following receipt of the notice of an Adverse Benefit Determination. The Claimant's appeal must be addressed as follows:

Appeals Department  
Group & Pension Administrators, Inc. (GPA)  
Park Central 8  
12770 Merit Drive, Suite 200  
Dallas, Texas 75251

It shall be the responsibility of the Claimant to submit proof that the Claim is covered and payable under the provisions of the Plan. An appeal must include:

1. The name of the Employee/Claimant;
2. The Employee's/Claimant's Social Security number;
3. The group name or identification number;
4. All facts and theories supporting the Claim for benefits. **Failure to include any theories or facts in the appeal will result in such facts being inadmissible. In other words, the Claimant will lose the right to raise such factual arguments and theories which support this Claim if the Claimant fails to include them in the appeal;**
5. A statement in clear and concise terms of the reason or reasons for the disagreement with the handling of the Claim; and
6. Any material or information that the Claimant has which indicates that the Claimant is entitled to benefits under the Plan.

If the Claimant provides all of the required information, it may be that the expenses will be eligible for payment under the Plan.

### **Timing of Notification of Benefit Determination on First Appeal**

The Plan shall notify the Claimant of the Plan's Benefit Determination on review within a reasonable period of time, but not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the appeal.

The period of time within which the Plan's determination is required to be made shall begin at the time an appeal is filed in accordance with the procedures of this Plan, without regard to whether all information necessary to make the determination accompanies the filing.

#### **Notice of Benefit Determination on First Appeal**

The Claimant will be notified of the Benefit Determination on appeal. If there is an Adverse Benefit Determination on appeal, the notification will include the following information:

1. The reason or reasons for the Adverse Benefit Determination;
2. References to the Plan provisions on which the Adverse Benefit Determination is based;
3. A description of any additional material or information necessary for the Claimant to perfect the Claim, and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
4. A statement that the Claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Claimant's Claim;
5. A description of the Plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the Claimant's right to bring a civil action following an Adverse Benefit Determination on final review;
6. A description of voluntary appeal procedures offered by the Plan and, upon the Claimant's request, any additional information about the voluntary appeal procedures;
7. If an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied on in making the Adverse Benefit Determination, either the specific rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion or a statement that such was relied on in making the Adverse Benefit Determination, and that a copy of the rule, guideline, protocol or other criterion will be provided free of charge on request;
8. If the Adverse Benefit Determination is based on a medical judgment (such as Medical Necessity or whether or not treatment is Experimental), either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the Plan to the Claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge on request;
9. The identity of any medical or vocational experts consulted in connection with the Claim, even if the Plan did not rely upon their advice; and
10. The following statement: "You and your Plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor Office and your State Insurance Regulatory Agency."

#### **Furnishing Documents in the Event of an Adverse Determination**

In the case of an Adverse Benefit Determination on review, the Plan Administrator shall provide such access to, and copies of, documents, records, and other information described in the section relating to Notice of Benefit Determination on First Appeal, as appropriate.

### **SECOND APPEAL LEVEL**

#### **Adverse Decision on First Appeal: Requirements for Second Appeal**

Upon receipt of notice of the Plan's Adverse Benefit Determination regarding the first appeal, the Claimant has sixty (60) days to file a second appeal of the denial of benefits. The Claimant again is entitled to a "full and fair review" of any denial made at the first appeal, which means the Claimant has the same rights during the second appeal as he or she had during the first appeal. As with the first appeal, the Claimant's second appeal must be in writing and must include all of the items set forth in the section entitled "Requirements for First Appeal."

#### **Timing of Notification of Benefit Determination on Second Appeal**

The Plan shall notify the Claimant of the Plan's Benefit Determination on review within a reasonable period of time, but not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the second appeal.

The period of time within which the Plan's determination is required to be made shall begin at the time the second appeal is filed in accordance with the procedures of this Plan, without regard to whether all information necessary to make the determination accompanies the filing.

#### **Manner and Content of Notification of Adverse Benefit Determination on Second Appeal**

The same information must be included in the Plan's response to a second appeal as a first appeal, except for: (a) a description of any additional information necessary for the Claimant to perfect the Claim and an explanation of why such information is needed; and (b) a description of the Plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to the procedures. See the section entitled "Notice of Benefit Determination on First Appeal."

#### **Furnishing Documents in the Event of an Adverse Determination**

In the case of an Adverse Benefit Determination on the second appeal, the Plan Administrator shall provide such access to, and copies of, documents, records, and other information described in the section relating to the Notice of Benefit Determination on First Appeal, as appropriate.

#### **Decision on Second Appeal to be Final**

If, for any reason, the Claimant does not receive a written response to the appeal within the appropriate time period set forth above, the Claimant may assume that the appeal has been denied. The decision will be final, binding and conclusive, and will be afforded the maximum deference permitted by law. **All Claim review procedures provided for in the Plan must be exhausted before any legal action is brought. Any legal action for the recovery of any benefits must be commenced within three (3) years after the Plan's Claim review procedures have been exhausted. Any action with respect to a Fiduciary's Breach of any responsibility, duty or obligation hereunder must be brought within three (3) years after the date of service.**

#### **Appointment of Authorized Representative**

A Claimant is permitted to appoint an Authorized Representative to act on his behalf with respect to a benefit Claim or appeal of an Adverse Benefit Determination. An Assignment of Benefits by a Claimant to a Provider will not constitute appointment of that Provider as an Authorized Representative. To appoint such a representative, the Claimant must complete a form which can be obtained from the Plan Administrator or the Claims Administrator. In the event a Claimant designates an Authorized Representative, all future communications from the Plan will be with the Authorized Representative, rather than the Claimant, unless the Claimant directs the Plan Administrator, in writing, to the contrary.

### **RECOVERY OF PAYMENTS**

Occasionally, benefits are paid more than once, are paid based upon improper billing or a misstatement in a proof of loss or enrollment information, are not paid according to the Plan's terms, conditions, limitations or exclusions, or should otherwise not have been paid by the Plan. As such, this Plan may pay benefits that are later found to be greater than the Maximum Allowable Charge. In this case, this Plan may recover the amount of the overpayment from the source to which it was paid, primary payers, or from the party on whose behalf the charge(s) were paid. As such, whenever the Plan pays benefits exceeding the amount of benefits payable under the terms of the Plan, the Plan Administrator has the right to recover any such erroneous payment directly from the person or entity who received such payment and/or from other payers and/or the Covered Person or Dependent on whose behalf such payment was made.

A Covered Person, Dependent, Provider, another benefit plan, insurer, or any other person or entity who receives a payment exceeding the amount of benefits payable under the terms of the Plan or on whose behalf such payment was made, shall return or refund the amount of such erroneous payment to the Plan within thirty (30) days of discovery or demand. The Plan Administrator shall have no obligation to secure payment for the expense for which the erroneous payment was made or to which it was applied.

The person or entity receiving an erroneous payment may not apply such payment to another expense. The Plan Administrator shall have the sole discretion to choose who will repay the Plan for an erroneous payment and whether such payment shall be reimbursed in a lump sum. When a Covered Person or other entity does not comply with the provisions of this section, the Plan Administrator shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, to deny payment of any Claims for benefits by the Covered Person and to deny or reduce future benefits payable (including payment of future benefits for other Injuries or Illnesses) under the Plan

by the amount due as reimbursement to the Plan. The Plan Administrator may also, in its sole discretion, deny or reduce future benefits (including future benefits for other Injuries or Illnesses) under any other group benefits plan maintained by the Plan Sponsor. The reductions will equal the amount of the required reimbursement.

Providers and any other person or entity accepting payment from the Plan or to whom a right to benefits has been assigned, in consideration of services rendered, payments and/or rights, agree to be bound by the terms of this Plan and agree to submit Claims for reimbursement in strict accordance with their State's health care practice acts, ICD-10 or CPT standards, Medicare guidelines, HCPCS standards, or other standards approved by the Plan Administrator or insurer. Any payments made on Claims for reimbursement not in accordance with the above provisions shall be repaid to the Plan within thirty (30) days of discovery or demand or incur prejudgment interest of 1.5% per month. If the Plan must bring an action against a Covered Person, Provider or other person or entity to enforce the provisions of this section, then that Covered Person, Provider or other person or entity agrees to pay the Plan's attorneys' fees and costs, regardless of the action's outcome.

Further, Covered Persons and/or their Dependents, beneficiaries, estate, heirs, guardian, personal representative, or assigns (Covered Persons) shall assign, or be deemed to have assigned, to the Plan their right to recover said payments made by the Plan, from any other party and/or recovery for which the Covered Person(s) are entitled, for or in relation to Facility-acquired condition(s), Provider error(s), or damages arising from another party's act or omission for which the Plan has not already been refunded.

The Plan reserves the right to deduct from any benefits properly payable under this Plan the amount of any payment which has been made:

1. In error;
2. Pursuant to a misstatement contained in a proof of loss or a fraudulent act;
3. Pursuant to a misstatement made to obtain coverage under this Plan within two (2) years after the date such coverage commences;
4. With respect to an ineligible person;
5. In anticipation of obtaining a recovery if a Covered Person fails to comply with the Plan's Subrogation and Reimbursement Provisions; or
6. Pursuant to a Claim for which benefits are recoverable under any policy or act of law providing for coverage for occupational Injury or Disease to the extent that such benefits are recovered. This provision (6) shall not be deemed to require the Plan to pay benefits under this Plan in any such instance.

The deduction may be made against any Claim for benefits under this Plan by a Covered Person or by any of his covered Dependents if such payment is made with respect to the Covered Person or any person covered or asserting coverage as a Dependent of the Covered Person.

If the Plan seeks to recoup funds from a Provider due to a Claim being made in error, a Claim being fraudulent on the part of the Provider, and/or the Claim is the result of the Provider's misstatement, said Provider shall, as part of its Assignment of Benefits from the Plan, abstain from billing the Covered Person for any outstanding amount(s).

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

In accordance with the Recovery of Payments provision, whenever payments have been made by this Plan in a total amount, at any time, in excess of the Maximum Amount of benefits payable under this Plan, the Plan shall have the right to recover such payments, to the extent of such excess, from any one or more of the following as this Plan shall determine: any person to or with respect to whom such payments were made, or such person's legal representative, any insurance companies, or any other individuals or organizations which the Plan determines are responsible for payment of such amount, and any future benefits payable to the Covered Person or his or her Dependents. See the Recovery of Payments provision for full details.

### **MISSTATEMENT OF AGE**

If age is a factor in determining eligibility or amount of coverage and there has been a misstatement of age, the coverages or amounts of benefits, or both, for which the person is covered shall be adjusted in accordance with the Covered Person's true age. Any such misstatement of age shall neither continue coverage otherwise validly terminated, nor terminate coverage otherwise validly in force. Benefits will be adjusted following the date of the discovery of such misstatement.

### **WAIVER OR ESTOPPEL**

No term, condition or provision of the Plan shall be waived, and there shall be no estoppel against the enforcement of any provision of the Plan, except by written direction of the Plan Administrator. No such waiver shall be deemed a continuing waiver unless specifically stated. Each waiver shall operate only as to the specific term or condition waived and shall not constitute a waiver of such term or condition for the future or as to any act other than that specifically waived.

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION NOT AFFECTED**

This Plan is not in lieu of and does not affect any requirement for coverage by Workers' Compensation Insurance or, where permitted and applicable, any other alternative form of Workers' Compensation benefits.

### **CONFORMITY WITH LAW**

This Plan shall be deemed to automatically be amended to conform as required by any applicable law, regulation or the order or judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction governing provisions of this Plan, including, but not limited to, stated maximums, exclusions or limitations. In the event that any law, regulation or the order or judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction causes the Plan Administrator to pay Claims which are otherwise limited or excluded under this Plan, such payments will be considered as being in accordance with the terms of this Plan Document.

### **CONFORMITY WITH STATUTE(S)**

Any provision of the Plan which is in conflict with statutes that are applicable to this Plan is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of said statute(s).

### **NOTICES**

All payments or notices of any kind to Employees, Participants, beneficiaries, or Plan officials may be mailed to the address for that person last appearing on the records of the Plan Administrator. When such a notice is mailed by first class mail, it is deemed to have been: (a) duly delivered on the date post-marked; and (b) duly received three (3) calendar days after being deposited, postage prepaid, in the United States Mail. When such a notice is delivered in person, it is deemed to have been received the same day as delivery. Each person must keep the Plan Administrator notified of his current address. If there is doubt about the accuracy of an address, the Plan may give notice, by registered mail, to any such person's last address,

that payments and other mail are being withheld pending receipt of a proper mailing address from that person.

### **STATEMENTS**

All statements made by the Employer or by a Covered Person will, in the absence of fraud, be considered representations and not warranties, and no statements made for the purpose of obtaining benefits under this document will be used in any contest to avoid or reduce the benefits provided by the document unless contained in a written application for benefits and a copy of the instrument containing such representation is or has been furnished to the Covered Person.

Any Covered Person, who knowingly and with intent to defraud the Plan, files a statement of Claim containing any materially false information, or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any material fact, commits a fraudulent act. The Covered Person may be subject to prosecution by the United States Department of Labor. Fraudulently claiming benefits may be punishable by a substantial fine, imprisonment, or both.

### **FRAUD**

The following actions by a Covered Person or a Covered Person's knowledge of such actions being taken by another, constitute fraud and will result in immediate, indefinite and permanent termination of all coverage under this Plan for the entire Family unit of which the Covered Person is a member:

1. Attempting to submit a Claim for benefits (which includes attempting to fill a prescription) for a person who is not a Covered Person in the Plan;
2. Attempting to file a Claim for a Covered Person for services that were not rendered or Drugs or other items that were not provided;
3. Providing false or misleading information in connection with enrollment in the Plan; or
4. Providing any false or misleading information to the Plan.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Section titles are for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered in interpreting this Plan.

No failure to enforce any provision of this Plan shall affect the right thereafter to enforce such provision, nor shall such failure affect its right to enforce any other provision of this Plan.

### **ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF BENEFITS**

The Plan reserves the right to allocate the Deductible amount to any Covered Charges and to apportion the benefits to the Covered Person and any assignees. Such allocation and apportionment shall be conclusive and shall be binding upon the Covered Person and all assignees.

### **FACILITY OF PAYMENT**

If a Claimant is a minor or is physically or mentally incapable of giving a valid release for payment, the Claims Administrator, at its option, may make payment to a party who has assumed responsibility for the care of such person. Such payments will be made until Claim is made by a guardian. If a Claimant dies while benefits remain unpaid, benefits will be paid at the Claim Administrator's option to:

1. The person or institution on whose charges Claim is based; or
2. A surviving relative (wife, husband, mother, father, Child or Children, brother or brothers, sister or sisters).

Such payment will release the Plan Administrator and Claims Administrator of all further liability to the extent of payment.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

Coverage provided under this Plan for Employees and their Dependents shall be in accordance with the Eligibility, Effective Date, and Termination provisions as stated in this Plan Document as follows.

**NOTE:** A Covered Person previously terminated under this Plan due to fraud, or the actions being taken by another which constituted fraud, as addressed within the Fraud section of this Plan, will be immediately, indefinitely and permanently terminated from all coverage under this Plan and ineligible for future enrollment in this Plan.

### EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY

An Employee will be considered eligible for coverage on the first day of the month following the Date of Hire provided he/she:

1. Is a Non-variable Hour Employee regularly scheduled to work for the Employer on a Full-time or Part-time Employment basis for at least thirty (30) hours per week; or
2. Is a Variable Hour Employee who averages at least thirty (30) hours per week or 1,560 hours per year for a complete Measurement Period and is currently in a Stability Period, as determined by the Plan Sponsor. An Employee will remain eligible throughout the Stability Period regardless of a change in employment status (including, but not limited to, a reduction in hours) provided the individual continues to be an employee in accordance with the Affordable Care Act (as amended).

### MEASUREMENT PERIOD INFORMATION FOR VARIABLE HOUR AND ONGOING EMPLOYEES

<b>Initial Administrative Period:</b>	zero (0) days
<b>Ongoing Administrative Period:</b>	zero (0) days
<b>Initial Measurement Period:</b>	three (3) months
<b>Initial Measurement Period starts on:</b>	The first day of the month following the Date of Hire
<b>Standard Measurement Period for Ongoing Employees:</b>	twelve (12) months
<b>Standard Measurement Period starts each year on:</b>	January 1
<b>Stability Period:</b>	twelve (12) months

See the "Definitions" section for the definitions of "Administrative Period," "Measurement Period" and "Stability Period."

### DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY

A Dependent, **as defined in the Plan Definitions**, will be considered eligible for coverage on the date the Employee becomes eligible for Dependent coverage or the date the Dependent is acquired, subject to all limitations and requirements of this Plan, and in accordance with the following:

1. A newborn or adopted Child of a Covered Employee will be considered eligible and will be covered from the moment of birth or from the date of adoption or Placement for Adoption for **thirty (30) days** for Injury or Illness, including the Medically Necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects, birth abnormalities and prematurity, Routine Newborn Care and Well Baby Care. Written notification must be received by the Plan Administrator within thirty (30) days after the

Child's date of birth, date of adoption or Placement for Adoption for continued coverage. A newborn Child of a Dependent Child is not eligible for this Plan unless the newborn Child meets the definition of an Eligible Dependent.

2. A new spouse of a Covered Employee and any Dependent Children of a new spouse who meet the Plan's definition of Dependent will be considered eligible and will be covered on the date of the Covered Employee's marriage, provided the spouse and/or his/her Children are enrolled as Dependents of the Covered Employee within thirty (30) days after the date of marriage.
3. A Domestic Partner of a Covered Employee who meets the Plan's definition of a Dependent will be considered eligible for this Plan on the date the "Statement of Domestic Partnership" is executed.
4. A Child of a Covered Employee who meets the Plan's definition of a Dependent will be considered eligible if the Child is under twenty-six (26) years of age.
5. If a Dependent of a Covered Employee is to be enrolled in the Plan, other than at the time of his/her eligibility or birth, adoption, court order or marriage to the Covered Employee, that Dependent would be considered a Late Enrollee unless he/she qualifies for a Special Enrollment.
6. A spouse and/or Child of a Covered Employee who previously was not eligible for the Plan will be considered eligible on the date he/she meets the Plan's definition of Dependent.

The Eligibility provisions are subject to the requirements of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA 1993), effective August 10, 1993, as the same may be later amended.

If an Employee or Dependent has a change in eligibility while covered under this Plan (i.e., from Employee to Dependent, from Dependent to Employee) and no interruption in coverage has occurred, the Plan will consider that coverage has been continuous.

A person cannot be covered as a Dependent of more than one (1) Employee under this Plan. In addition, an Employee cannot be covered as both an Employee and a Dependent under this Plan.

**NOTE:** A Dependent who was enrolled on the most recent restated date of this Plan, January 1, 2020, and who was previously covered by the Plan, will also be considered eligible to continue coverage under this Plan. However, a Dependent Child will only be considered eligible until the qualifying age of twenty-six (26) unless otherwise specified in the definition of Dependent.

## QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS / PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION

The Plan will comply with the rules relating to adopted Children, Children placed for adoption, Qualified Medical Child Support Orders ("QMCSO"), and National Medical Support Notices ("NMSN"). The Plan will use the following rules related to Children placed for adoption, QMCSOs and NMSNs.

This Plan will provide benefits in accordance with the applicable requirements of any QMCSO or NMSN. A QMCSO is a Medical Child Support Order of a court or of certain administrative agencies that creates, recognizes or assigns to a Child of a Plan Participant the right to receive health benefit coverage under the Plan. A NMSN is an order issued by a State agency requiring the Plan to cover a Child. To be qualified, a Medical Child Support Order must comply with State and Federal laws and contain the following:

1. The name and last known mailing address (if any) of both the Plan Participant and the Child covered under the order except that, to the extent provided in the order, the name and mailing address of an official of a State or a political subdivision thereof may be substituted for the mailing address of any such Alternate Recipient.
2. A reasonable description of the type of coverage to be provided by the Plan for each Child (or the manner in which the type of coverage will be determined).
3. The period of coverage to which the order applies.

In addition, a QMCSO or NMSN will generally not be considered qualified if it requires the Plan to provide certain benefits or options which are not otherwise provided by the Plan. The Plan Administrator will notify the Plan Participant of the receipt of a Medical Child Support Order and the procedures for determining whether it is a Qualified Medical Child Support Order or a NMSN. The Plan Administrator will then determine within a reasonable period of time whether the Medical Child Support Order is a QMCSO or NMSN.

Plan Participants may request and receive, free of charge, a copy of Plan procedures relating to QMCSOs and NMSNs.

If an Employee is not enrolled in the Plan, and the Employee would otherwise be eligible for coverage, the Plan must enroll the Eligible Employee and the Child(ren) covered by the QMCSO.

This Plan will also provide benefits to Dependent Children placed for adoption on the same basis as natural Children even prior to the adoption becoming final. A Child will be considered "Placed for Adoption" with a Plan Participant if the Plan Participant has assumed a legal obligation for total or partial support of the Child in anticipation of adoption of the Child. For this reason, if a Child is placed with a Plan Participant for adoption by an adoption agency or other entity, the Plan Participant must provide to the Plan Administrator documentation (e.g., signed court order) that the adoption agency or other entity had legal custody of the Child on the date that the Child was placed with the Plan Participant for adoption. The Plan Administrator will determine within a reasonable period of time whether a Child has been "Placed for Adoption."

The Plan Administrator has final, discretionary authority to determine: (1) whether a Medical Child Support Order qualifies as a QMCSO or NMSN; and (2) whether a Child has been "Placed for Adoption."

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE**

### **EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVE DATE**

An Eligible Employee, properly enrolled in the Plan, will be referred to as a "Covered Employee."

Each Employee's coverage under the Plan shall become effective on the first day of the month following the Date of Hire provided the Employee completes the eligibility requirement(s) of the Plan and written or electronic application for coverage is made on or before or within thirty (30) days after the date the Employee eligibility requirement(s) are met.

### **DEPENDENT EFFECTIVE DATE**

Dependent coverage under the Plan shall become effective on the date Dependent eligibility requirements are met, provided the Employee makes written or electronic application for Dependent coverage on or before or within thirty (30) days after the date Dependent eligibility requirements are met subject to the enrollment requirements as follows:

1. In order to become covered under the Plan, Eligible Dependents must be identified on an Enrollment and/or Change form.
2. If the Employee makes a request for Dependent coverage on or before or within thirty (30) days immediately following his/her own effective date, then each Eligible Dependent will become effective on the same date the Employee's coverage is effective.
3. If an Employee makes a request to add a Dependent Child to the Plan in accordance with a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO), the effective date of coverage for the Dependent Child will be the date specified in the QMCSO. Child(ren) covered by QMCSOs may be enrolled in this Plan if the Employee would otherwise be eligible for coverage regardless of whether the Employee is currently enrolled. The Plan must enroll the Eligible Employee and the Child(ren) covered by the Notice without any enrollment restrictions (i.e., they will not be considered Late Enrollees).
4. If the Covered Employee makes a request to add a Dependent spouse and/or Child who previously was not eligible for the Plan within thirty (30) days of such Dependent becoming entitled to Special Enrollment rights, the effective date of coverage is the date the individual meets the Plan's definition of Dependent.

### **LATE ENROLLEE**

An Employee or Dependent who enrolls in the Plan more than thirty (30) days after the date of his/her initial eligibility is considered a Late Enrollee unless he/she qualifies for a Special Enrollment.

## **EMPLOYEE AND DEPENDENT SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS**

The Plan provides Special Enrollment rights and Special Enrollment Periods for Employees and their Dependents who previously declined to enroll in the Plan and who remain eligible for the Plan.

### **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER COVERAGE**

Eligible Employees and Eligible Dependents who do not enroll in the Plan at their initial opportunity because of other health coverage and subsequently lose eligibility for that other coverage (except for cause or nonpayment of premium) have Special Enrollment rights. Special Enrollment in this Plan must be requested within thirty (30) days after the date eligibility for other coverage ends. If an individual enrolls during a Special Enrollment Period, he/she is considered a Special Enrollee; he/she will not be considered a Late Enrollee.

Individuals who previously declined coverage in the Plan because of other coverage may be eligible to enroll in the Plan during the Special Enrollment Period if eligibility for other coverage is lost as a result of one of the following:

1. Legal separation, divorce, death, termination of employment or reduction in the number of hours worked;
2. Loss of Dependent status;
3. The plan no longer offers any benefits to a class of similarly situated individuals;
4. Moving out of an HMO service area with no other coverage option available;
5. Termination of a benefit package option, unless a substitute is offered;
6. Employer contributions were terminated; or
7. COBRA Continuation Coverage was exhausted.

Loss of coverage due to an individual's failure to pay premiums or contributions does not qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. Voluntarily dropping coverage does not trigger Special Enrollment rights because there is no loss of eligibility.

#### **Length of Special Enrollment Period for Loss of Eligibility for Other Coverage**

A request for a Special Enrollment due to loss of eligibility for other coverage must be made no later than thirty (30) days after the exhaustion of COBRA coverage or the termination of other non-COBRA coverage as a result of the loss of eligibility or termination of Employer contributions toward that coverage.

#### **Effective Date of Coverage Following Special Enrollment for Loss of Eligibility for Other Coverage**

The effective date of coverage for an Eligible Employee and his/her Eligible Dependents who make written or electronic application for coverage during a Special Enrollment Period will be the day following the date of loss of other coverage.

### **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR NEW DEPENDENT**

1. An Employee who previously declined enrollment and who remains eligible for coverage under the Plan has Special Enrollment rights when the Eligible Employee acquires a new Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption.
2. A new spouse is entitled to Special Enrollment rights when he/she becomes the spouse of a Covered Employee or when a Child becomes a Dependent of a Covered Employee through birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption.
3. A person is entitled to Special Enrollment rights when the person becomes a Dependent of a Covered Employee through marriage, birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption.

4. An Employee who previously declined enrollment and remains eligible for coverage under the Plan has Special Enrollment rights for himself/herself and the Employee's spouse if a Child becomes a Dependent of the Employee through birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption.

**Length of Special Enrollment Period for New Dependents**

A request for a Special Enrollment due to acquiring new Dependents must be made no later than thirty (30) days after the date of marriage, birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption.

**Effective Date of Coverage Following New Dependent Special Enrollment**

The effective date of coverage for an Eligible Employee and his/her Eligible Dependents who make written or electronic application for coverage during a New Dependent Special Enrollment Period will be as follows:

1. In the case of marriage: the date of marriage;
2. In the case of a Dependent's birth: the date of birth; or
3. In the case of a Dependent's adoption or Placement for Adoption: the date of such adoption or Placement for Adoption.

**NOTE:** Proof of Qualifying Event for Special Enrollment will be required.

**SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD UNDER THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009 (CHIPRA)**

Eligible Employees and Eligible Dependents who do not enroll in the Plan at their initial opportunity because of the Eligible Employee's and/or Eligible Dependent's coverage under Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and subsequently lose eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP coverage have Special Enrollment rights. Special Enrollment in this Plan must be requested within sixty (60) days after the date eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP ends. If an individual enrolls during a Special Enrollment Period, he/she is considered a Special Enrollee; he/she will not be considered a Late Enrollee.

Eligible Employees and Eligible Dependents who do not enroll in the Plan at their initial opportunity but become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid or CHIP have Special Enrollment rights. Special Enrollment in this Plan must be requested within sixty (60) days after the date eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP premium assistance is determined. If an individual enrolls during a Special Enrollment Period, he/she is considered a Special Enrollee; he/she will not be considered a Late Enrollee.

## **ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR THE EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFIT PLAN**

The Annual Open Enrollment Period for the Plan is a period of time designated by the Employer each year for coverage to become effective January 1, provided written or electronic application for coverage is made before the end of the Annual Open Enrollment Period or within thirty (30) days after the Annual Open Enrollment Period. All Eligible Employees and Dependents not currently enrolled in the Plan may do so during the Annual Open Enrollment Period. All Covered Employees are required to re-enroll in the Plan. If application to enroll is made more than thirty (30) days after the Annual Open Enrollment Period ends, the Employee and/or Dependent must wait until the Plan's next Open Enrollment Period to enroll.

### **LATE ENROLLEE**

A Late Enrollee is an Employee or Dependent who gave up his/her initial opportunity to enroll in the Plan. A Late Enrollee can only enroll once a year during the Annual Open Enrollment Period for the Plan unless he/she qualifies for a Special Enrollment.

#### **EMPLOYEE LATE ENROLLEE**

An Employee is considered a Late Enrollee if:

1. He/she makes written or electronic application for coverage under the Plan more than thirty (30) days after the date of his/her initial eligibility;
2. He/she is not eligible for a Special Enrollment; or
3. He/she failed to enroll by the end of a Special Enrollment Period.

#### **Effective Date of Coverage for Employee Late Enrollees**

The effective date of coverage for an Employee who is a Late Enrollee will be the effective date of the Annual Open Enrollment for the Plan.

#### **DEPENDENT LATE ENROLLEE**

A Dependent is considered a Late Enrollee if:

1. The Covered Employee makes written or electronic application for Dependent coverage after the thirty (30) day period immediately following his/her effective date of coverage and the Dependent was not enrolled by the end of a Special Enrollment Period;
2. The Covered Employee makes a written or electronic request to add a Dependent after the thirty (30) day period immediately following the date of birth, date of marriage, date of adoption or date of Placement for Adoption; or
3. An Eligible Employee (not currently enrolled in the Plan) makes a written or electronic request to add a new Dependent more than thirty (30) days after the Dependent's date of birth, date of marriage, date of adoption or date of Placement for Adoption.

#### **Effective Date of Coverage for Dependent Late Enrollees**

The effective date of coverage for each Dependent who is a Late Enrollee will be the effective date of the Annual Open Enrollment for the Plan.

The Eligibility and Effective Date provisions are subject to the requirements of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA 1993) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) as they may be amended.

## **COVERAGE CHANGES**

A request for coverage change (addition or deletion of coverage) can be made as follows:

1. A written request for deletion of coverage can be made by signing and completing a Change Form. Deletion of coverage is subject to the Plan's Termination provisions; or
2. A written request for addition of coverage can be made by signing and completing an Enrollment or Change Form. The Effective Date of Coverage is subject to the Plan's Annual Open Enrollment, Eligibility, Effective Date, Special Enrollment Period and Late Enrollee provisions.

## TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

### EMPLOYEE COVERAGE TERMINATION

An Employee's coverage shall automatically terminate at midnight on the earliest of the following dates:

1. The date employment terminates;
2. The date the Employee ceases to be eligible or ceases to be in a class of Employees eligible for coverage;
3. The end of the Stability Period for Employees failing to qualify during the previous Standard Measurement Period;
4. The date the Employee fails to make any required contribution for coverage;
5. The date the Plan is terminated; or with respect to any Employee's benefit of the Plan, the date of termination of such benefit;
6. The date the Employee enters the Uniformed Services of the United States or armed forces of any country or international organization on a full-time active duty basis if active duty is to exceed thirty-one (31) days;
7. The date the Employee requests termination of coverage, unless prohibited by law (i.e., when election changes cannot be made due to Internal Revenue Code Section 125 "change in status" guidelines)." NOTE: The Employer may offer these benefits in conjunction with a cafeteria plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code and, if so, a voluntary termination must comply with the requirements of the Code and the cafeteria plan;
8. The date the Employee fails to return to Full-time Employment following an approved Leave of Absence. See Coverage During Leave of Absence section;
9. The date the Employee takes an unapproved Leave of Absence from work; or
10. The date the Employee dies.

### DEPENDENT COVERAGE TERMINATION

The Dependent coverage of an Employee shall automatically terminate at midnight on the earliest of the following dates:

1. The date the Dependent (other than a Dependent Child age twenty-six (26) or older) ceases to be an Eligible Dependent as defined in the Plan;
2. The date of termination of the Employee's coverage under the Plan;
3. The date the Employee ceases to be in a class of Employees eligible for Dependent coverage;
4. The date the Employee fails to make any required contribution for Dependent coverage;
5. The date the Plan is terminated; or with respect to any Dependent's benefit of the Plan, the date of termination of such benefit;
6. The date the Employee or Dependent enters the Uniformed Services of the United States or armed forces of any country or international organization on a full-time active duty basis if active duty is to exceed thirty-one (31) days;
7. The date the Employee requests termination of Dependent coverage, unless prohibited by law (i.e., when election changes cannot be made due to Internal Revenue Code Section 125 "change in status" guidelines)." NOTE: The Employer may offer these benefits in conjunction with a cafeteria plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code and, if so, a voluntary termination must comply with the requirements of the Code and the cafeteria plan;
8. The date the Employee fails to return to Full-time Employment following an approved Leave of Absence. See Coverage During Leave of Absence section;
9. The date the Employee takes an unapproved Leave of Absence from work;
10. The last day of the month in which the Dependent Child reaches age twenty-six (26);
11. The date the unmarried adult Dependent Child age twenty-six (26) or older for whom coverage is being continued due to the Child being Physically Handicapped or Intellectually Disabled and incapable of earning his/her own living, upon the earliest to occur of: a. cessation of such inability; b. failure to furnish any required proof of the uninterrupted continuance of such inability or to submit to any required examination; c. the Child no longer being dependent on the Employee for his/her support; or d. the

Child's marriage. However, if such earliest event occurs before the last day of the month in which such Dependent Child reaches age twenty-six (26), then coverage will terminate on the last day of the month in which such Dependent Child reaches age twenty-six (26); or

12. The date the Employee dies.

Coverage may be continued under COBRA, but continuation of coverage is not automatic upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Event. A Covered Employee or a covered Dependent is responsible for notifying the Plan Administrator within sixty (60) days after the date of certain Qualifying Events (including loss of coverage due to divorce, legal separation, or a Dependent Child ceasing to qualify as a Dependent). A change form may be obtained from the Employer. Failure to provide such notice will result in loss of eligibility to elect COBRA coverage. See Continuation of Group Health Coverage (COBRA) section for further information.

A Domestic Partner does not qualify as a spouse under Federal law. Although the Plan will treat a Domestic Partner as a "Qualified Beneficiary," this treatment does not qualify a Domestic Partner as a "Qualified Beneficiary" under IRS 1999 final regulations.

**NOTE: The Termination provisions are subject to the requirements of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), Public Law 99-272.**

## COVERAGE DURING LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If, after depletion of sick leave, vacation time or Paid Time Off (PTO), whichever is appropriate (if any) active work ceases due to an Employer approved non-medical temporary Leave of Absence, lay-off, an Employer approved Medical and Disability Leave, an approved Leave of Absence subject to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), an approved leave as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or approved leave required by applicable State law (Family, Medical, Disability and/or other temporary leave), the Plan Administrator may, while the Plan is in force, continue the Employee's coverage (Employee and Dependent) during the period after cessation of active work due to:

1. Employer approved non-medical temporary personal Leave of Absence, or lay-off but not to exceed a period of one (1) year provided any required Employee contributions are made; or
2. Employer approved Medical and Disability Leave of Absence, but not to exceed a period of one (1) year provided any required Employee contributions are made; or
3. Approved Family and Medical Leave (FMLA), but not to exceed a period of twelve (12) weeks (or twenty-six (26) weeks in the case of a Family service member medical leave) provided any required Employee contributions are made; or
4. Approved leave as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, for the timeframe approved by the Employer when leave is the only available accommodation; or
5. Approved leave required by applicable State law (Family, Medical, Disability and/or other temporary leave) for up to the minimum amount of time required by such State law provided any required Employee contributions are made.

The above Employer approved non-medical Leave of Absence and Employer approved Medical and Disability Leave are not concurrent with, and are not in addition to, the twelve (12) week (or twenty-six (26) weeks in the case of a Family service member medical leave) approved Family and Medical Leave (FMLA), an approved leave as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or the minimum amount of time required by an approved leave required by applicable State law (Family, Medical, Disability and/or other temporary leave).

**NOTE:** If applicable State law requires a longer Leave of Absence than FMLA or any other approved Leave of Absence, then State law will prevail.

If the Employee has not returned to Employment that meets the eligibility requirements after completion of an approved Leave of Absence, or if the Employee notifies the Employer that he/she will not be returning to Employment that meets the eligibility requirements following the Leave of Absence, coverage terminates and COBRA continuation becomes available on the basis of reduction in hours. See Continuation of Group Health Coverage (COBRA) section. Failure of the Employee to make any required Employee contributions during an approved Leave of Absence will also result in termination of coverage.

Family and Medical Leave is subject to the requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

## ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES

If a Covered Employee and/or his/her covered Dependent(s) would lose Plan coverage as a result of the Employee being called for active duty in the armed forces of the United States, such a reduction in hours (or termination of employment) would be a COBRA Qualifying Event. Any coverage mandated under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), as amended by the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004, will run concurrently with federally mandated COBRA coverage. For additional information, see the sections entitled Continuation of Group Health Coverage (COBRA) and Continuation of Coverage under USERRA.

## REHIRES / REINSTATEMENT OF COVERAGE

A terminated Employee who is rehired will be treated as a new hire and will be required to satisfy all Eligibility and enrollment requirements of the Plan only if the Employee was not credited with an Hour of Service with the Employer (or any member of the controlled or affiliated group) for a period of at least thirteen (13) consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of rehire or, if less, a period of consecutive weeks that exceeds the greater of (a) four (4) weeks, or (b) the number of weeks of the Employee's immediately preceding Period of Employment.

If a terminated Employee is rehired by the Employer within a thirteen (13) week period immediately following the date of such termination, the Employee shall become eligible for reinstatement of coverage on the first day of the month following the date the Employee resumes employment, and the Employee's Dependents shall also become eligible for reinstatement on that date. However, re-enrollment is not automatic and the Employee must enroll or waive enrollment within thirty (30) days of the rehire employment date.

An Employee who is terminated and rehired will be treated as an Ongoing Employee upon rehire only if the Employee's break in service did not exceed thirteen (13) weeks.

For an approved Leave of Absence, an Employee will remain eligible for coverage under the Plan as long as the Employee is otherwise eligible (and enrolled) under the Plan. Note that for an approved Leave of Absence, an Employee will be treated as an Ongoing Employee, even if the Employee's absence was longer than thirteen (13) weeks.

**NOTE:** An exception applies for a terminated Employee on COBRA who is rehired and returns to work after expiration of the above reinstatement period. Coverage will be continuous from the date he/she resumes employment.

An Employee whose coverage would terminate due to active duty in the Uniformed Services of the United States, and who qualifies for military leave under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), will be reinstated on the date he/she resumes employment with the Employer provided that such resumption of employment is within the time period specified in USERRA.

The reinstatement procedures following a USERRA military leave are subject to the requirements of USERRA.

## FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE (FMLA)

All Employers employing at least fifty (50) workers within a seventy-five (75) mile radius of the work place must provide eligible Employees with up to twelve (12) weeks or twenty-six (26) weeks, in the case of #5 below, of job-protected Leave of Absence during a twelve (12) month period, as determined by the Employer, generally for any of the following situations:

1. The birth or adoption of a Child;
2. The serious Illness of the Employee's spouse, Child, or parent;
3. The Employee's own disabling serious Illness;
4. The qualifying exigency (as defined by the Secretary of Labor) of the Employee's spouse, Child or parent service member who is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty; or
5. The serious Illness or Injury of the Employee's spouse, Child, parent or next of kin service member whose Illness or Injury was incurred in the line of duty that may render the member unfit to perform the duties of the service member's office, grade, rank or rating.

**ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES:** Employees who have been employed by the Employer for at least twelve (12) months and who have worked at least 1,250 hours for the Employer during the previous twelve (12) months are eligible for Family and Medical Leave.

**BENEFIT REQUIREMENT:** The Employer must provide the same group health plan during the leave under the same level of contribution required during active employment.

**RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT:** Although the leave is unpaid, the Employee must be guaranteed return to the same or equivalent position with equivalent Employee benefits, pay, and other terms of employment. (Note: An Employer may deny job restoration under the leave law to Employees who are in the highest paid 10% of Employees.)

Employee benefits may include:

- group life
- educational benefits
- sick leave
- medical
- annual leave
- disability
- dental
- pensions

If an Employee chooses not to retain Plan coverage during Family and Medical Leave, Plan coverage may be restored upon return to active service as an Eligible Employee. Employees must be treated as though no service interruption had occurred. Any period of coverage provided for disability may run concurrently with Family and Medical Leave.

**The above listing of Employee benefits may or may not be applicable to every Employer's plan of benefits. This section is intended as a summary of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), effective August 5, 1993, as amended, not as a complete interpretation of the law.**

**NOTE:** An Eligible Employee must refer to the Employer's policy for complete information.

## CONTINUATION OF GROUP HEALTH COVERAGE (COBRA)

### CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

(Applies to Medical, Prescription Drug and Dental Coverage)

When Plan coverage terminates due to a Qualifying Event, a Covered Employee or covered Dependent is a Qualified Beneficiary and eligible to elect continued group health coverage ("COBRA coverage"). COBRA coverage is the same health coverage that applies to Covered Employees and covered Dependents under the Plan. However, the individual electing COBRA coverage must pay the full cost of the coverage plus an administrative fee of 2%.

The length of time COBRA coverage can be continued is based upon the date of and the applicable Qualifying Event as described below:

<u>Qualified Beneficiary</u>	<u>Qualifying Event</u>	<u>Maximum Coverage Period</u>
Covered Employee and/or Covered Dependent	Loss of coverage due to termination of employment (other than for gross misconduct) or reduction in hours	18 months
Disabled Covered Employee and/or Disabled Covered Dependent and each Qualified Beneficiary who is not disabled*	Loss of coverage due to termination of employment (other than for gross misconduct) or reduction in hours	29 months*
Covered Dependent	Loss of coverage due to divorce, legal separation or death of Employee	36 months
Covered Dependent	Loss of coverage due to Dependent Child losing eligibility as a Dependent Child	36 months
Covered Dependent	Loss of coverage due to Covered Employee's entitlement to Medicare (See Special Medicare Entitlement Rule section.)	36 months

**NOTE:** "Qualified Beneficiary" is a term defined under IRS 1999 final regulations to mean a Covered Employee, the spouse of a Covered Employee, or the Dependent Child of a Covered Employee. Continuation coverage for Domestic Partners and their Dependents is offered voluntarily by the Employer and is not required by or subject to COBRA. As this is COBRA-equivalent coverage, a Domestic Partner will be treated as a Qualified Beneficiary to the same extent as if the Domestic Partner were the Employee's spouse and will have independent election rights, including in the event of the Covered Employee's death. In addition, the Dependent Children of a covered Domestic Partner will be treated as "Qualified Beneficiaries" for these purposes to the same extent that Dependents of a spouse would be so treated and will have independent election rights, including in the event of the Covered Employee's death. Although the Plan will treat a Domestic Partner as a "Qualified Beneficiary," this treatment does not qualify a Domestic Partner as a "Qualified Beneficiary" under IRS 1999 final regulations.

### QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY

A Qualified Beneficiary also includes a Child born to or placed for adoption with a former Covered Employee/Qualified Beneficiary during the period of COBRA coverage. Newborns and adopted Children of former Covered Employees/Qualified Beneficiaries have independent COBRA rights and can remain on the Plan even if the former Covered Employee/Qualified Beneficiary drops coverage.

## **\*SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY**

If a Covered Employee or a covered Dependent is determined to be disabled, as defined in the Social Security Act, on the date of the termination of employment or reduction in hours, or at any time during the first sixty (60) days of COBRA Continuation Coverage, the disabled person may be entitled to continue COBRA coverage for up to twenty-nine (29) months from the date of termination of employment or reduction in hours, provided the Social Security Administration determines, during the initial eighteen (18) month coverage period, that the individual is disabled. To qualify for the eleven (11) month extension of the maximum coverage period, the disabled person must provide the Plan Administrator with a copy of the Social Security Administration determination letter within sixty (60) days of receipt of same, and not later than the expiration of the original eighteen (18) month initial coverage period.

The cost of COBRA coverage for an individual entitled to extended coverage due to Social Security Disability for the period after the end of the eighteen (18) month COBRA coverage period will increase to 150% of the full cost for active participants.

## **SECONDARY QUALIFYING EVENTS**

If COBRA coverage is elected by a covered Dependent based on the Covered Employee's loss of coverage due to termination of employment or reduction in hours and a second Qualifying Event (divorce, legal separation, death or a Dependent Child losing eligibility as a Dependent Child) occurs during the eighteen (18) month COBRA coverage period, the covered Dependent's maximum COBRA coverage period will begin on the date of the first Qualifying Event and continue for a thirty-six (36) month period. For example: If a Covered Employee terminates employment on December 31, 2016, the Employee's covered Dependent elects COBRA coverage, and the former Employee dies before July 1, 2018 (that is prior to the end of the original eighteen (18) month COBRA coverage period), the maximum COBRA coverage period for the Dependent who elected COBRA coverage is extended until December 31, 2019.

## **SPECIAL MEDICARE ENTITLEMENT RULE**

Entitlement to Medicare is not considered a traditional secondary Qualifying Event for a covered Dependent; however, Medicare entitlement does provide potentially longer periods of continuation coverage to certain Qualified Beneficiaries based on the sequence of events. If a Covered Employee becomes entitled to Medicare, but the Employee is still a full-time active Employee, this event is not a COBRA Qualifying Event since Medicare entitlement alone does not cause a loss of coverage. If the Covered Employee voluntarily terminates employment after the Medicare entitlement date, the loss of coverage triggers a potential eighteen (18) month COBRA continuation period for all Qualified Beneficiaries. While the Covered Employee is only entitled to eighteen (18) months of COBRA Continuation Coverage, the other Qualified Beneficiaries (spouse and/or Dependent Children) are entitled to eighteen (18) months or thirty-six (36) months, measured from the date of the Employee's Medicare entitlement, whichever is greater.

## **EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**COBRA coverage is not automatic upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Event. COBRA coverage must be elected as described below. In addition, a Covered Employee or a covered Dependent is responsible for notifying the Plan Administrator within sixty (60) days after the date of the Qualifying Event if the Qualifying Event is the loss of coverage due to divorce, legal separation, or a Dependent Child losing eligibility as a Dependent Child. A change form may be obtained from the Employer. Failure to provide such notice will result in loss of eligibility to elect COBRA coverage.**

A Qualified Beneficiary must elect COBRA coverage no later than sixty (60) days after the date the eligible individual is sent an election form describing his/her right to elect continuation coverage (COBRA Election Period). If a Qualified Beneficiary elects coverage during the sixty (60) day COBRA Election Period, coverage is continuous from the time coverage would otherwise have been lost. A properly completed

election form must be returned to the Plan Administrator, signed and dated, by the end of the COBRA Election Period.

If premium payment is not sent with the election form, initial premium payment for COBRA coverage must be received no later than forty-five (45) days after the date COBRA coverage was elected. Initial payment must cover the retroactive monthly coverage period beginning with the date of loss of coverage. **Coverage will not become effective until initial premium payment is received.**

Coverage will remain in effect if subsequent premiums are paid no later than thirty (30) days after the due dates of such payments. **Failure to pay premiums within the time periods specified will result in termination of COBRA coverage. Once continuation is terminated, the coverage cannot be reinstated.** If timely payments of the premium are made to the Plan in an amount that is not significantly less than the amount the Plan requires to be paid for a period of coverage, then the amount paid is deemed to satisfy the Plan's requirement for the amount that must be paid for continuation coverage, unless the Plan notifies the Qualified Beneficiary of the amount of the deficiency and grants a reasonable period of time (30 days) for payment of the deficiency to be made. For purposes of this section an amount not significantly less than the amount the Plan requires to be paid shall be defined as not more than the lesser of \$50 or 10% of the required payment amount.

### **TERMINATION OF COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE**

COBRA coverage, for a Qualified Beneficiary who elects such coverage, will terminate prior to the completion of the eighteen (18) month, twenty-nine (29) month, or thirty-six (36) month period previously described upon one of the following occurrences:

1. The Qualified Beneficiary becomes covered by another group health plan **after** the date of COBRA election;
2. Required contributions are not paid by or on behalf of the Qualified Beneficiary in a timely manner;
3. The Qualified Beneficiary becomes entitled to benefits under Medicare **after** the date of COBRA election;
4. The Qualified Beneficiary makes a request, in writing, to terminate coverage; or
5. The Plan Sponsor ceases to provide any group health plan to any similarly situated Employee.

### **NEW DEPENDENTS**

If during the eighteen (18) months, twenty-nine (29) months or thirty-six (36) months, if applicable, of COBRA coverage, a Qualified Beneficiary acquires new Dependents (such as through marriage), the new Dependent(s) may be added to the coverage according to the provisions of the Plan. However, the new Dependents do not gain the status of a Qualified Beneficiary and will lose coverage if the Qualified Beneficiary who added them to the Plan loses coverage.

An exception to this is a Child who is born to, or a Child who is placed for adoption with, the Covered Employee Qualified Beneficiary. If the newborn or adopted Child is added to the Covered Employee's COBRA Continuation Coverage, then, unlike a new spouse, the newborn or adopted Child will gain the rights of all other Qualified Beneficiaries. The addition of a newborn or adopted Child does not extend the eighteen (18) or twenty-nine (29) month coverage period. Plan procedures for adding new Dependents can be found in the Eligibility and Effective Date sections of this Plan. Premium rates will be adjusted at that time to the applicable rate.

### **OPEN ENROLLMENTS**

Should an Open Enrollment Period occur during the COBRA continuation period, the Plan Administrator will notify the COBRA Participant of that right as well. If an Open Enrollment Period occurs, the Qualified Beneficiary will have the same rights to select the coverage and any of the options or plans that are available for similarly situated non-COBRA Participants.

## **TIMING OF THE ELECTION NOTICE**

If a Qualifying Event is the Covered Employee's loss of coverage due to termination of employment, reduction in hours, death or Medicare entitlement, the Plan Administrator has forty-four (44) days to notify the Qualified Beneficiary of the right to elect COBRA coverage or, if applicable, the Plan Administrator must notify the COBRA Administrator within thirty (30) days of the Qualifying Event, and the COBRA Administrator has fourteen (14) days to notify the Qualified Beneficiary of the right to elect COBRA coverage.

## **CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE UNDER USERRA**

This section summarizes continuation of coverage under this Plan for Employees absent from work due to military service. The Plan intends to provide benefits as a result of military Leave of Absence as mandated by USERRA, as it may be amended from time to time.

As an Employee you have a right to choose this continuation of coverage if you are absent from work due to service in one of the uniformed services of the United States. "Service" means: active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty and absence from work to determine the Employee's fitness for any of the designated types of duty.

Employees who are dishonorably discharged from the military are not eligible for continuation of coverage under USERRA.

Under the law, the Employee must give the Employer written or verbal advance notice of the military leave, if it is practical to do so, and failure to do so may result in the departing Employee's coverage being cancelled, unless the Employee is excused from giving advance notice of service under USERRA's provisions because it was impossible, unreasonable, or precluded by military necessity. A designated, authorized officer of the branch of the military in which the Employee will be serving may also provide such notice directly to the Employer.

Coverage also may be cancelled if a departing Employee leaves for a period of service that exceeds thirty (30) days and gives advance notice of service, but fails to elect continuation coverage. However, should the Employee pay all unpaid amounts due within sixty (60) days from the date the Employee left for such service, then the Employee will be retroactively reinstated with uninterrupted coverage to the Employee's date of departure.

If the Employee chooses Continuation of Coverage under USERRA, the Employer is required to offer coverage identical to that provided under the Plan prior to the Employee's military leave. If the Employee takes military leave on or after December 10, 2004, and the Employee lost coverage due to that military service, the Employee has the right to elect to extend coverage for the Employee, the Employee's spouse and the Employee's Dependents who are covered by the Plan for up to twenty-four (24) months while the Employee remains on active duty, or during the period that the Employee's reemployment rights are protected. During the first thirty (30) days of leave, the cost of the coverage the Employee elects is the same as the rate that the Employee paid as an Employee. After that time, the rate is the same rate that the Plan charges for COBRA Continuation Coverage. If the Employee or another member of the Employee's Family covered by the Plan becomes disabled during the first sixty (60) days of such coverage, and the Employee provides to the Plan a copy of the Social Security Administration determination of disability before the end of the twenty-four (24) months of coverage, the coverage by the Plan for the Employee, as well as the Employee's spouse and other Family members, can be extended to twenty-nine (29) months. The Employee will have to pay a higher rate for this additional five (5) months of coverage. In addition, if there is an event that would allow the Employee's spouse or Dependent to receive thirty-six (36) months of COBRA coverage, as described above under the COBRA Continuation Coverage provisions, then the Employee's spouse or Dependent will be entitled to elect such coverage if they notify the Plan within sixty (60) days after the event occurs.

If the Employee does not make timely premium payments, then the Plan will provide the Employee with thirty (30) days written notice to pay the premiums. If the Employee fails to pay the requested premium(s) within the thirty (30) days, the Plan has the right to cancel the Employee's continuation of coverage.

If an Employee's or a Dependent of an Employee's health plan coverage was terminated by reason of service in the uniformed services, that coverage must be reinstated upon reemployment, unless the Plan imposes an exclusion or Waiting Period as to illnesses or injuries determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to have been incurred in, or aggravated during, the performance of service.

If you feel you might have continuation rights under USERRA, please contact Human Resources as soon as possible.

## DEFINITIONS

Terminology listed below, along with the definition or explanation of the manner in which the term is used, will be recognized for the purpose of this Plan, only if used in this Plan. Terms defined, but not used in this Plan, are to be considered general in nature and are in no way to be used to define or limit benefits or provisions of the Plan. Words or phrases used in this Plan that are capitalized or set forth in bold type but not defined in the Plan are contained in that form as section headings or for ease of review and are intended to have the general meanings associated with such words or phrases based on the context in which they are used.

Masculine pronouns used in this Plan Document shall include masculine or feminine gender unless the context indicates otherwise.

Wherever any words are used herein in the singular or plural, they shall be construed as though they were in the plural or singular, as the case may be, in all cases where they would so apply.

**Accident:** A sudden and unforeseen event, or a deliberate act resulting in unforeseen consequences.

**Accidental Injury:** See definition of "Injury".

**Actively at Work:** As applied to an Employee: the Employee will be considered "Actively at Work" on any day the Employee performs in the customary manner all of the regular duties of employment; an Employee will be deemed "Actively at Work" on each day of a regular paid vacation or on a regular non-working day on which the Covered Employee is not totally disabled, provided the Covered Employee was "Actively at Work" on the last preceding regular work day. An Employee shall be deemed Actively at Work if the Employee is absent from work due to a health factor, subject to the Plan's Leave of Absence provisions.

**ADA:** The American Dental Association.

**Administrative Period:** A period of time selected by the Employer beginning immediately following the end of the Measurement Period and ending immediately before the start of the associated Stability Period. This period of time is used by the Employer to determine if Variable Hour Employees and/or Ongoing Employees are eligible for coverage and, if so, to make an offer of coverage.

**Adverse Benefit Determination:** Any denial, reduction or termination of, or a failure to provide or make a payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit.

**Adverse Benefit Determination on Appeal:** The upholding or affirmation of an appealed Adverse Benefit Determination.

**Allowable Expense:** The Usual and Customary charge for any Medically Necessary, Reasonable eligible item of expense, at least a portion of which is covered under this Plan. When some other plan provides benefits in the form of services rather than cash payments, the Reasonable cash value of each service rendered, in the amount that would be payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan, shall be deemed to be the benefit. Benefits payable under any other plan include the benefits that would have been payable had Claim been duly made.

**Alternate Recipient:** Any Child of a Participant who is recognized under a Medical Child Support Order as having a right to enrollment under this Plan as the Participant's Eligible Dependent. For purposes of the benefits provided under this Plan, an Alternate Recipient shall be treated as an Eligible Dependent, but for purposes of the reporting and disclosure requirements an Alternate Recipient shall have the same status as a Participant.

**AMA:** The American Medical Association.

**Annual:** Yearly; occurring once each Calendar Year.

**Assignment of Benefits:** An arrangement whereby the Plan Participant assigns his/her right to seek and receive payment of eligible Plan benefits, in strict accordance with the terms of this Plan Document, to a Provider. If a Provider accepts said arrangement, Provider's rights to receive Plan benefits are equal to those of a Plan Participant, and are limited by the terms of this Plan Document. A Provider that accepts this arrangement indicates acceptance of an "Assignment of Benefits" as consideration in full for services, supplies, and/or treatment rendered.

**Authorized Representative:** Person authorized to act on behalf of a Claimant for a benefit Claim or appeal of an Adverse Benefit Determination.

**Benefit Determination:** A determination by the Plan Administrator or Claims Administrator on a Claim for benefits, including an Adverse Benefit Determination.

**Benefit Percentage:** The portion of Covered Expenses to be paid by the Plan in accordance with the coverage provisions as shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

**Breach:** A Breach is, generally, an impermissible use or disclosure under the Privacy Rule that compromises the security or privacy of the protected health information such that the use or disclosure poses a significant risk of financial, reputational, or other harm to the affected individual.

**Calendar Year:** A period of time commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 of the same given year.

**Child(ren):** In addition to the Employee's own blood descendant of the first degree or lawfully adopted Child, a Child placed with a Covered Employee in anticipation of adoption, a Covered Employee's Child who is an Alternate Recipient under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as required by the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, any stepchild, or any other Child for whom the Employee has been legally appointed guardian or conservator. See definition of "Dependent" for any other eligibility provisions for a Child.

**CHIP:** Refers to the Children's Health Insurance Program or any provision or section thereof, which is herein specifically referred to, as such act, provision or section may be amended from time to time.

**Claim:** A request for a Plan benefit or benefits made by a Claimant in accordance with the Plan's reasonable procedure for filing benefit Claims.

**Claim Determination Period:** A Calendar Year, a Plan Year or that portion of a Calendar or Plan Year during which the Covered Person, for whom Claim is made, has been covered under this Plan.

**Claimant:** Individual for whom a Claim is filed.

**Claims Administrator:** The third party or parties with whom the Plan Administrator has contracted to process the Claims for the benefits under this Plan.

**Clean Claim:** A Clean Claim is one that can be processed in accordance with the terms of this document without obtaining additional information from the service Provider or a third party. It is a Claim which has no defect or impropriety. A defect or impropriety shall include a lack of required substantiating documentation as set forth and in accordance with this document, or a particular circumstance requiring special treatment which prevents timely payment as set forth in this document, and only as permitted by this document, from being made. A Clean Claim does not include Claims under investigation for fraud and abuse or Claims under review for Medical Necessity and Reasonableness, or fees under review for Usual and Customariness, or any other matter that may prevent the charge(s) from being covered expenses in accordance with the terms of this document.

*Filing a Clean Claim.* A Provider submits a Clean Claim by providing the required data elements on the standard Claim forms, along with any attachments and additional elements or revisions to data elements of which the Provider has knowledge. The Plan Administrator may require attachments or other information in addition to these standard forms (as noted elsewhere in this document and at other times prior to Claim

submission) to ensure charges constitute covered expenses as defined by and in accordance with the terms of this document. The paper Claim form or electronic file record must include all required data elements and must be complete, legible, and accurate. A Claim will not be considered to be a Clean Claim if the Plan Participant has failed to submit required forms or additional information to the Plan as well.

**Close Relative:** Includes the spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, Child, or in-laws of the Covered Person.

**COBRA:** Title X of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended.

**COBRA Continuation Coverage:** Coverage under this Plan that satisfies an applicable COBRA continuation provision.

**COBRA Election Period:** The sixty (60) day period during which a COBRA Qualified Beneficiary, who would lose coverage as a result of a Qualifying Event, may elect Continuation Coverage under COBRA. This sixty (60) day period begins the later of:

1. The date of termination of coverage as a result of a Qualifying Event; or
2. The date of the notice of the right to elect COBRA Continuation Coverage under this Plan.

**COBRA Qualified Beneficiary:** A former Employee or Dependent covered under this Plan on the day before the Qualifying Event who is eligible for continuing coverage under the provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) and its amendments. A COBRA Qualified Beneficiary has independent election rights. A Domestic Partner does not qualify as a spouse under Federal law. If termination of employment occurs, the Plan will treat a Domestic Partner as a "Qualified Beneficiary"; however, this treatment does not qualify a Domestic Partner as a "Qualified Beneficiary" under IRS 1999 final regulations.

**Coinsurance:** The portion of Covered Expenses that is shared by the Plan and the Covered Person in a specific ratio (i.e., 80%/20%) after the Calendar Year Deductible has been satisfied.

**Cosmetic Procedure/Cosmetic Surgery:** A procedure performed solely for the improvement of a Covered Person's appearance rather than for the improvement or restoration of bodily function.

**Covered Dental Expenses:** The Usual and Customary fees incurred by the Covered Person for dental services which are provided or rendered by a Dentist and not listed as an exclusion in Dental Plan Limitations and Exclusions.

**Covered Employee:** An Employee meeting the eligibility requirements for coverage as specified in this Plan and who is properly enrolled in the Plan.

**Covered Person:** An Employee, a Dependent, a COBRA Qualified Beneficiary or a COBRA Qualified Beneficiary's Dependent meeting the eligibility requirements for coverage as specified in this Plan, and who is properly enrolled in the Plan.

**Date of Hire:** The Employee's first day of Full-time or Part-time Employment with the Employer.

**Deductible:** A specified dollar amount of Covered Expenses which must be incurred during a Calendar Year before any other Covered Expenses can be considered for payment according to the applicable Benefit Percentage. The Plan Administrator reserves the right to allocate and apportion the Deductible and benefits to any Covered Persons and assignees.

**Dependent:**

1. The Covered Employee's legal licensed spouse. Such spouse must have met all the requirements of a valid marriage contract in accordance with the laws of the State in which such parties were married. A common-law marriage recognized by the State in which the Covered Employee resides may be

considered a legal marriage for this Plan. **NOTE:** Proof of legal status may be required by the Plan Administrator.

2. A Covered Employee's Domestic Partner who has a single, dedicated relationship with the Employee that contains the following elements:
  - a. Both the Employee and Domestic Partner are at least eighteen (18) years of age and mentally competent to consent to contract; and
  - b. The relationship is intended to last indefinitely.
3. The Covered Employee's Child who meets all of the following conditions:
  - a. Is less than **twenty-six (26) years of age**; and
  - b. Is either a:
    - i. Natural (biological) Child; or
    - ii. Child who has been legally adopted or placed for adoption with the Covered Employee; or
    - iii. Stepchild; or
    - iv. Foster Child; or
    - v. Child who has been placed under the legal guardianship or conservatorship of the Covered Employee or the Employee's covered Dependent spouse; or
    - vi. Child of a Domestic Partner.

The age requirement above is waived for any unmarried Child who is Physically Handicapped or Intellectually Disabled and incapable of sustaining his/her own living, who has the same legal residence as the Employee for more than one-half of the Calendar Year, and who does not provide more than one-half of his/her own support for the Calendar Year in which the Child is enrolled for coverage under the Plan. Such Child must have been mentally or physically incapable of earning his/her own living prior to attaining the limiting age stated above. Proof of incapacity must be furnished to the Plan Administrator at the time of initial enrollment or within thirty (30) days of the date such Dependent's coverage would have otherwise terminated due to the age requirement. In addition, the Claims Administrator reserves the right to request proof of continued incapacity at any time.

**NOTE:** Proof of Dependent eligibility may be required.

**Diagnostic Service:** A test or procedure performed for specified symptoms to detect or to monitor a Disease or condition. It must be ordered by a Physician or other professional Provider.

**Disease:** Any disorder which does not arise out of, which is not caused or contributed to by, and which is not a consequence of, any employment or occupation for compensation or profit; however, if evidence satisfactory to the Plan is furnished showing that the individual concerned is covered as an Employee under any Workers' Compensation law, occupational Disease law or any other legislation of similar purpose, or under the maritime doctrine of maintenance, wages, and cure, but that the disorder involved is one not covered under the applicable law or doctrine, then such disorder shall, for the purposes of the Plan, be regarded as a sickness, illness or Disease.

**Domestic Partners:** Applies to two (2) individuals either of the same sex or opposite sex who live together in a long-term relationship of indefinite duration with an exclusive mutual commitment in which the Domestic Partners agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and share financial obligations.

**Drug:** Insulin and prescription legend Drugs. A prescription legend Drug is a Federal legend Drug (any medicinal substance which bears the legend: "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a Prescription") or a State restricted Drug (any medicinal substance which may be dispensed only by Prescription, according to State law) and which, in either case, is legally obtained from a licensed Drug dispenser only upon a prescription of a currently licensed Physician.

**Elective Surgical Procedure/Elective Surgery:** A non-Emergency Surgical Procedure which is scheduled at the Covered Person's convenience without endangering the Covered Person's life or without causing serious impairment to the Covered Person's bodily functions.

**Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI):** "Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI)" has the meaning set forth in 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103, as amended from time to time, and generally means Protected Health Information that is transmitted or maintained in any electronic media.

**Eligible Dependent:** An Employee's Dependent who meets the Plan's eligibility requirements to enroll for coverage while the Employee is covered under the Plan.

**Eligible Employee:** An Employee and who is employed by the Employer on a full-time or part-time basis for an average of at least thirty (30) hours per week.

**Emergency/Medical Emergency:** A situation where necessary treatment is required as the result of a sudden and severe medical event or acute condition. An Emergency includes poisoning, shock, and hemorrhage. Other Emergencies and acute conditions may be considered on receipt of proof, satisfactory to the Plan, that an Emergency did exist. The Plan may, at its own discretion, request satisfactory proof that an Emergency or acute condition did exist. Some examples of an Emergency are: apparent heart attack, severe bleeding, sudden loss of consciousness, severe or multiple Injuries, convulsions, respiratory distress including asthma attacks, apparent poisoning or severe pain from the sudden onset of an illness. Some examples of conditions that are not generally considered an Emergency are: colds, influenza, ear infections, nausea or headaches.

**Employee:** A person who is determined by the Employer to either be employed for Full-time or Part-time Employment or employed as a Variable Hour Employee who has completed the most recent Measurement Period and entered a Stability Period.

**Employer:** The Employer and any affiliates adopting the Plan with the consent of the Employer by approval of the affiliate entity's governing body.

**Enrollment Date:** The Enrollment Date in the Plan for an Eligible Employee who enrolls in the Plan during his/her initial eligibility period is the Employee's Date of Hire. The Enrollment Date for a Special Enrollee or a Late Enrollee is the first day of coverage in the Plan.

**Essential Health Benefits:** "Essential Health Benefits" shall mean, under section 1302(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), those health benefits to include at least the following general categories and the items and services covered within the categories: ambulatory patient services; Emergency Services; hospitalization; maternity and newborn care; mental health and Substance Abuse disorder services, including behavioral health treatment; Prescription Drugs; rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness services and chronic Disease management; and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

**Experimental/Investigational:** Services or treatments that are not widely used or accepted by most Practitioners or lack credible evidence to support positive short or long-term outcomes from those services or treatments, and that are not the subject of, or in some manner related to, the conduct of an Approved Clinical Trial, as such term is defined herein; these services are not included under or as Medicare reimbursable procedures, and include services, supplies, care, procedures, treatments or courses of treatment which:

1. Do not constitute accepted medical practice under the standards of the case and by the standards of a reasonable segment of the medical community or government oversight agencies at the time rendered; or
2. Are rendered on a research basis as determined by the United States Food and Drug Administration and the AMA's Council on Medical Specialty Societies.

Non-approved Phase I and II clinical trials shall be considered Experimental. Non-approved clinical trials include anything that is not listed in the Approved Clinical Trial definition.

A Drug, device, or medical treatment or procedure is Experimental:

1. If the Drug or device cannot be lawfully marketed without approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and approval for marketing has not been given at the time the Drug or device is furnished;
2. If reliable evidence shows that the Drug, device or medical treatment or procedure is the subject of ongoing Phase I, II, or III clinical trials (unless identified as a covered service elsewhere) or under study to determine its:
  - a. maximum tolerated dose;
  - b. toxicity;
  - c. safety;
  - d. efficacy; and
  - e. efficacy as compared with the standard means of treatment or diagnosis; or
3. Reliable evidence shows that the opinion among experts regarding the treatment, procedure, device, Drug, or medicine is that the preponderance of current evidence does not support its efficacy, safety, or its efficacy as compared with the standard means of treatment or with regard to medication, has not determined its maximum tolerated dose.

Reliable evidence shall mean:

1. Only published reports and articles in the authoritative medical and scientific literature;
2. The written protocol or protocols used by the treating Facility or the protocol(s) of another Facility studying substantially the same Drug, device, or medical treatment or procedure; or
3. The written informed consent used by the treating Facility or by another Facility studying substantially the same Drug, device, or medical treatment or procedure.

Subject to a medical opinion, if no other FDA approved treatment is feasible and as a result the Participant faces a life or death medical condition, the Plan Administrator retains discretionary authority to cover the services or treatment.

Medical care and treatment, including prescriptions/diagnostics/labs that are not related directly to a clinical trial are considered for coverage under the Plan for those patients participating in a clinical trial.

**Family:** A Covered Employee and his/her Eligible Dependents.

**Family and Medical Leave:** A Leave of Absence pursuant to the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), as amended.

**Fiduciary:** The Plan Administrator, but only with respect to the specific responsibilities relating to the administration of the Plan.

**Foster Child:** A Child for whom an Employee has assumed a legal obligation to support and care, provided:

1. Such Child normally lives with the Employee in a parent-Child relationship; and
2. The Employee has a legal right to claim such Child as a Dependent on his federal income tax return if the Child resides with the Employee for a period of six (6) months or longer.

**Full-time Employment:** A basis whereby an Employee is regularly expected to be employed by the Employer for the minimum number of hours shown in the Employee Eligibility section of this Plan Document. Such work may occur either at the usual place of business of the Employer or at a location to which the business of the Employer requires the Employee to travel, and for which he/she receives regular earnings from the Employer.

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA):** With regard to health care plans, it should be noted that this Act implemented the portability of health insurance and changed health status eligibility provisions for Employee health plans.

**HIPAA Privacy Standards:** The Privacy Standards of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as they may be amended from time to time.

**Hour of Service:** Each hour for which an Employee is paid, or entitled to payment, for the performance of duties for the Employer; and each hour for which an Employee is paid, or entitled to payment by the Employer for a period of time during which no duties are performed due to vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity (including disability), layoff, jury duty, military duty or Leave of Absence.

**Illness:** A bodily disorder, Disease, physical sickness, mental infirmity, or functional nervous disorder of a Covered Person.

**Incurred Date:** The date the service is rendered or the supply is obtained. With respect to a course of treatment or procedure which includes several steps or phases of treatment, expenses are incurred for the various steps or phases as the services related to each step are rendered and not when services relating to the initial step or phase are rendered.

**Injury:** A condition caused by accidental means which results in damage to the Covered Person's body from an external force.

**Late Enrollee:** An Employee or Dependent who gave up his/her initial opportunity to enroll in the Plan and who enrolls in the Plan more than thirty (30) days after the date of his/her initial eligibility and who is not eligible for a Special Enrollment, or who has failed to enroll by the end of a Special Enrollment Period. Late Enrollees can only enroll once a year during the Annual Open Enrollment Period for the Plan.

**Leave of Absence:** A Leave of Absence of an Employee that has been approved by his/her Participating Employer, as provided for in the Participating Employer's rules, policies, procedures and practices.

**Material Reduction:** Material Reduction in covered services or benefits is any modification to the Plan or change in the information required to be included in the Summary Plan Description (SPD) that, independently or in conjunction with other contemporaneous modifications or changes, would be considered by the average Plan Participant to be an important reduction in covered services or benefits.

**Maximum Allowable Charge:** The Maximum Allowable Charge will not include any identifiable billing mistakes including, but not limited to, up-coding, duplicate charges, and charges for services not performed. Maximum Allowable Charge(s) shall be calculated by the Plan Administrator taking into account and after having analyzed the following:

1. The Usual and Customary amount;
2. The allowable charge specified under the terms of the Plan;
3. The Reasonable charge specified under the terms of the Plan;
4. The negotiated rate established in a contractual arrangement with a Provider; or
5. The actual billed charges for the covered services.

The Plan will reimburse according to the actual charge billed if it is less than the Usual and Customary amount. The Plan has the discretionary authority to decide if a charge is Usual and Customary and for a Medically Necessary and Reasonable service.

**Maximum Amount:** Any limit on benefits that are payable under the Plan.

**Maximum Benefit:** The Maximum Amount that may be payable for each Covered Person for expenses incurred. The applicable Maximum Benefit is shown in the Schedule of Benefits. No further benefits are payable once the Maximum Benefit is reached.

**Measurement Period:** A period of time selected by the Employer during which Variable Hour Employees' and/or Ongoing Employees' Hours of Service are tracked to determine employment status for benefit purposes. The Initial Measurement Period applies to newly hired Variable Hour Employees. The Standard Measurement Period applies to Ongoing Employees.

**Medical Child Support Order:** Any judgment, decree or order (including approval of a domestic relations settlement agreement) issued by a court of competent jurisdiction that:

1. Provides for Child support with respect to a Participant's Child or directs the Participant to provide coverage under a health benefits plan pursuant to a State domestic relations law (including a community property law); or
2. Enforces a law relating to Medical Child Support described in Social Security Act §1908 (as added by Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 §13822) with respect to a group health plan.

**Medically or Dentally Necessary/Medical or Dental Necessity:** Refers to health care services ordered by a Physician or Dentist exercising prudent clinical judgment provided to a Plan Participant for the purposes of evaluation, diagnosis or treatment of that Plan Participant's Illness or Injury. Such services, to be considered Medically/Dentally Necessary, must be clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration for the diagnosis or treatment of the Plan Participant's Illness or Injury. The Medically/Dentally Necessary setting and level of service is that setting and level of service which, considering the Plan Participant's medical symptoms and conditions, cannot be provided in a less intensive medical setting. Such services, to be considered Medically/Dentally Necessary must be no more costly than alternative interventions and are at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of the Plan Participant's Illness or Injury without adversely affecting the Plan Participant's medical condition.

1. It must not be maintenance therapy or maintenance treatment;
2. Its purpose must be to restore health;
3. It must not be primarily custodial in nature;
4. It must not be a listed item or treatment not allowed for reimbursement by CMS (Medicare); and
5. The Plan reserves the right to incorporate CMS (Medicare) guidelines in effect on the date of treatment as additional criteria for determination of Medical or Dental Necessity and/or an Allowable Expense.

For Hospital stays, this means that acute care as an Inpatient is necessary due to the kind of services the Participant is receiving or the severity of the Participant's condition and that safe and adequate care cannot be received as an Outpatient or in a less intensive medical setting. The mere fact that the service is furnished, prescribed or approved by a Physician or Dentist does not mean that it is "Medically or Dentally Necessary." In addition, the fact that certain services are excluded from coverage under this Plan because they are not "Medically or Dentally Necessary" does not mean that any other services are deemed to be "Medically or Dentally Necessary."

To be Medically or Dentally Necessary, all of these criteria must be met. Merely because a Physician or Dentist recommends, approves, or orders certain care does not mean that it is Medically or Dentally Necessary. The determination of whether a service, supply, or treatment is or is not Medically or Dentally Necessary may include findings of the American Medical Association and the Plan Administrator's own medical advisors.

**Medicare Benefits:** All benefits under Parts A, B and/or D of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended from time to time.

**National Medical Support Notice or NMSN:** A notice that contains the following information:

1. Name of an issuing State agency;
2. Name and mailing address (if any) of an Employee who is a Participant under the Plan;
3. Name and mailing address of one or more Alternate Recipients (i.e., the Child or Children of the Participant or the name and address of an official or agency that has been substituted for the mailing address of the Alternate Recipients(s)); and
4. Identity of an underlying Child support order.

**No-Fault Automobile Insurance:** Automobile insurance that pays for medical expenses for Injuries sustained during the operation of an automobile, regardless of who may have been responsible for causing the Accident.

**Non-variable Hour Employee:** An Employee reasonably expected at the time of hire to work thirty (30) or more hours per week.

**OBRA:** The coverage provided under the provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA 1993), effective August 10, 1993.

**Ongoing Employee:** An Employee who has been employed by the Employer for at least one (1) complete Measurement Period.

**Part-time Employee:** An Employee who is not regularly scheduled to work for the Employer for at least the minimum number of hours shown in the Eligibility section of this Plan Document.

**Physically Handicapped or Intellectually Disabled:** The inability of a person to be self-sufficient as the result of a condition such as intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or another neurological disorder and diagnosed by a Physician as a permanent and continuing condition.

**Physician:** A person acting within the scope of his/her license and holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) and who is legally entitled to practice medicine in all its branches under the laws of the State or jurisdiction where the services are rendered.

**Placement for Adoption:** A Child placed with the Covered Employee for adoption, whether or not the adoption has become final, will be considered eligible and will be covered from the date of such adoption or Placement for Adoption. "Placement" means the assumption and retention by the Covered Employee of a legal obligation for total or partial support of such Child in anticipation of adoption of such Child.

**Plan:** Without qualification, this Plan Document/Summary Plan Description, including any Plan Amendments thereto.

**Plan Administrator: Gunnison County, Colorado,** who is responsible for the day-to-day functions and arrangements of the Plan. The Plan Administrator may employ persons or firms to process Claims and perform other Plan connected services.

**Plan Amendment:** A formal document that changes the provisions of the Plan Document, duly signed by the authorized person or persons as designated by the Plan Sponsor.

**Plan Participant:** Eligible Employee, Eligible Dependent, eligible COBRA Qualified Beneficiary or a COBRA Qualified Beneficiary's Dependent properly enrolled in the Plan.

**Plan Sponsor: Gunnison County, Colorado.**

**Plan Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning on January 1 and ending December 31 of each Calendar Year. The Plan Year is the year on which Plan records are kept.

**Practitioner:** A Physician or person acting within the scope of applicable State licensure/certification requirements including the following:

1. Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)
2. Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)
3. Doctor of Medicine (MD)
4. Doctor of Optometry (OD)

**Pregnancy:** The physical state which results in childbirth, life-threatening abortion, or miscarriage, and any medical complications arising out of, or resulting from, such state.

**Prescription Drugs:** Licensed medicine that is government regulated which must be prescribed by a Qualified Prescriber before it can be obtained.

**Privacy Regulation:** The regulations issued under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), as amended.

**Private Duty Nursing:** Continuous skilled care or intermittent care by a Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) while a patient is not confined in a Hospital.

**Protected Health Information (PHI):** Individually identifiable health information that is created or received by a Covered Entity (the Plan) and relates to: (a) a person's past, present or future physical or mental health or condition; (b) provision of health care to that person; or (c) past, present or future payment for that person's health care. This term shall be construed in accordance with the Privacy Regulation.

**Provider:** A Physician, Practitioner, health care professional or health care Facility licensed, certified or accredited as required by state law.

**Qualified Individual:** Someone who is eligible to participate in an "Approved Clinical Trial" and either the individual's doctor has concluded that participation is appropriate or the participant provides medical and scientific information establishing that their participation is appropriate.

**Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO):** As originally enacted in OBRA 1993, as amended, a Medical Child Support Order that satisfies the following requirements to be a Qualified Medical Child Support Order:

1. The name and last known mailing address of the Plan Participant;
2. The name and address of each Alternate Recipient. "Alternate Recipient" means any Child of a Plan Participant who is recognized under a Medical Child Support Order as having a right to enrollment under a group health plan with respect to such Plan Participant;
3. A reasonable description of the type of coverage to be provided by the group health plan or the manner in which coverage will be determined;
4. The period for which coverage must be provided; and
5. Each plan to which the order applies.

Qualified Medical Child Support Orders include not only court orders, but also administrative processes established under State law.

**Reasonable:** In the Plan Administrator's discretion, services or supplies, or fees for services or supplies which are necessary for the care and treatment of Illness or Injury not caused by the treating Provider. Determination that fee(s) or services are Reasonable will be made by the Plan Administrator, taking into consideration unusual circumstances or complications requiring additional time, skill and experience in connection with a particular service or supply; industry standards and practices as they relate to similar scenarios; and the cause of Injury or Illness necessitating the service(s) and/or charge(s).

This determination will consider, but will not be limited to, the findings and assessments of the following entities: (a) The National Medical Associations, Societies, and organizations; and (b) The Food and Drug Administration. To be Reasonable, service(s) and/or fee(s) must be in compliance with generally accepted billing practices for unbundling or multiple procedures. Services, supplies, care and/or treatment that results from errors in medical care that are clearly identifiable, preventable, and serious in their consequences for patients, are not Reasonable. The Plan Administrator retains discretionary authority to determine whether service(s) and/or fee(s) are Reasonable based upon information presented to the Plan Administrator. A finding of Provider negligence and/or malpractice is not required for service(s) and/or fee(s) to be considered not Reasonable.

Charge(s) and/or services are not considered to be Reasonable, and as such are not eligible for payment (exceed the Maximum Allowable Charge), when they result from Provider error(s) and/or Facility-acquired conditions deemed "reasonably preventable" through the use of evidence-based guidelines, taking into consideration, but not limited to, CMS guidelines.

The Plan reserves for itself and parties acting on its behalf the right to review charges processed and/or paid by the Plan, to identify charge(s) and/or service(s) that are not Reasonable and, therefore, not eligible for payment by the Plan.

**Seasonal Employee:** An Employee who is hired into a position for which the customary annual employment is six (6) months or less.

**Security Incidents:** "Security Incidents" has the meaning set forth in 45 C.F.R. Section 164.304, as amended from time to time, and generally means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with systems operations in an information system.

**Special Enrollee:** An Eligible Employee and his/her Eligible Dependents who have Special Enrollment rights and who enroll in the Plan during a Special Enrollment Period.

**Special Enrollment Period:** The period of thirty (30) days in which an Eligible Employee or Dependent who previously declined enrollment in the Plan by signing a waiver of coverage can enroll in the Plan. The Special Enrollment Period for both Employees and Dependents can be activated by:

1. Loss of eligibility for other coverage (except for cause or non-payment of premium);
2. A new Dependent acquired by an Employee through marriage, birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption;
3. Loss of eligibility under Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (in which case the Special Enrollment Period is sixty (60) days); or
4. Gain of eligibility for a premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid or CHIP (in which case the Special Enrollment Period is sixty (60) days).

**Stability Period:** A period selected by the Employer that immediately follows, and is associated with, a Standard Measurement Period or an Initial Measurement Period and, if elected by the Employer, the Administrative Period associated with that Standard Measurement Period or Initial Measurement Period, and is used by the Employer as part of the look back Measurement Method. The Stability Period is a period of time in which the Variable Hour Employee's and/or Ongoing Employee's eligibility status is fixed.

**Status Change:** Cafeteria plans (under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code) permit coverage changes during a Plan Year when a change in status occurs that affects gain or loss of eligibility for coverage for the Employee, the Employee's spouse or Dependent. Some examples of a Status Change are: change in Employee's legal marital status, change in number of Employee's Dependents, change in employment status of Employee, spouse or Dependent and loss of other coverage.

**TEFRA:** Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, as amended from time to time.

**Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Disorders:** Disorders that affect the temporomandibular joints at either side of the jaw also known as myofascial pain-dysfunction syndrome.

**Total Disability (Totally Disabled):** A physical state of a Covered Person resulting from an Illness or Injury which wholly prevents:

1. An Employee from engaging in any and every business or occupation and from performing any and all work for compensation or profit; or
2. A Dependent or a COBRA Qualified Beneficiary from performing the normal activities of a person of that age and sex in good health.

**Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA):** A Federal law which applies to persons who have been absent from work because of "service in the uniformed services." "Uniformed services" consists of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard; Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force Reserve or Coast Guard Reserve; Army National Guard or Air National Guard; Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service; any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or Emergency. "Service" in the uniformed

services means: active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty and absence from work for an examination to determine a person's fitness for any of the designated types of duty.

**Usual and Customary:** Covered expenses which are identified by the Plan Administrator, taking into consideration the fee(s) which the Provider most frequently charges the majority of patients for the service or supply, the cost to the Provider for providing the services, the prevailing range of fees charged in the same "area" by Providers of similar training and experience for the service or supply, and the Medicare reimbursement rates. The term(s) "same geographic locale" and/or "area" shall be defined as a metropolitan area, county, or such greater area as is necessary to obtain a representative cross-section of Providers, persons or organizations rendering such treatment, services, or supplies for which a specific charge is made. To be Usual and Customary, fee(s) must be in compliance with generally accepted billing practices for unbundling or multiple procedures.

The term "Usual" refers to the amount of a charge made for medical services, care, or supplies, to the extent that the charge does not exceed the common level of charges made by other medical professionals with similar credentials, or health care Facilities, pharmacies, or equipment suppliers of similar standing, which are located in the same geographic locale in which the charge was incurred.

The term "Customary" refers to the form and substance of a service, supply, or treatment provided in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice to one individual, which is appropriate for the care or treatment of an individual of the same sex, comparable age and who has received such services or supplies within the same geographic locale.

The term "Usual and Customary" does not necessarily mean the actual charge made nor the specific service or supply furnished to a Plan Participant by a Provider of services or supplies, such as a Physician, therapist, Nurse, Hospital, or pharmacist. The Plan Administrator will determine the usual charge for any procedure, service, or supply, and whether a specific procedure, service or supply is customary.

Usual and Customary charges may, at the Plan Administrator's discretion, alternatively be determined and established by the Plan using normative data such as, but not limited to, Medicare cost to charge ratios, average wholesale price (AWP) for prescriptions and/or manufacturer's retail pricing (MRP) for supplies and devices, and/or limited to 90% of Usual and Customary.

**Variable Hour Employee:** An Employee, based on the facts and circumstances at the Employee's start date, whose reasonable expectation of average hours per week cannot be determined. **This also includes Part-time, Temporary and Seasonal Employees.**

**Waiting Period:** The period of time that must pass before Plan coverage can become effective for an otherwise Eligible Employee or Dependent. An Employee shall be deemed Actively at Work if the Employee is absent from work due to a health factor.