

BENEFIT PLAN

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Extraterritorial
Riders

Aetna Life Insurance Company

These Extraterritorial Riders are part of the Group Insurance Policy between **Aetna** Life Insurance Company and the Policyholder



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This amendment is part of your booklet-certificate. It is effective on the date shown above and it replaces any other medical extraterritorial booklet-certificate amendment you may have received before.

Important note: The following apply only if you live in Arizona. The benefits below will apply instead of those in your booklet-certificate unless the benefits in your booklet-certificate are better.

Notice

YOUR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE MAY NOT PROVIDE ALL BENEFITS AND PROTECTIONS PROVIDED BY LAW IN ARIZONA. PLEASE READ THE CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.

When you are injured

If someone else caused you to need care – say, a careless driver who injured you in a crash – you may have a right to get money. We are not entitled to that money.

The difference between a complaint and an appeal

Complaint

You may not be happy about a **provider** or an operational issue, and you may want to complain. You can contact us at any time. This is a complaint. Your complaint should include a description of the issue. You should include copies of any records or documents you think are important. We will review the information and give you a written response within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint. We will let you know if we need more information to make a decision.

Appeal

The appeal process information packet explains all of your appeal rights. We sent you a copy of this. If you need another copy you can obtain one by calling us. When we make a decision to deny services or reduce the amount of money we pay on your care or out-of-pocket expense, it is an adverse benefit determination. You can ask us to re-review that determination. This is an appeal. You can start an appeal process by contacting us.

Claim decisions and appeal procedures

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

Any time we deny even part of the claim, it is an “adverse benefit determination” or “adverse decision.” For any adverse decision, you will receive an explanation of benefits in writing. You can ask us to review an adverse benefit determination. This is the internal appeal process. If you still don’t agree, you can also appeal that decision.

Appeal of an adverse benefit determination

Urgent care or pre-service claim appeal

If your claim is an urgent claim or a pre-service claim, your **provider** may appeal for you without having to fill out an appeal form. A concurrent claim appeal will be addressed according to what type of service and claim it involves.

Any other claim appeal

You can appeal by sending a written appeal to the address on the notice of adverse benefit determination, or by contacting us. We will assign your appeal to someone who was not involved in making the original decision.

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

At your last available level of appeal, we will give you any new or additional information we may find and use to review your claim. There is no cost to you. We will give you the information before we give you our decision. This decision is called the final adverse benefit determination. You can respond to the information before we tell you what our final decision is.

Exhaustion of appeal process

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

- Contact the Arizona Department of Insurance to request an investigation of a complaint or appeal
- File a complaint or appeal with the Arizona Department of Insurance
- Appeal through an external review process
- Pursue arbitration, litigation or other type of administrative proceeding

Sometimes you do not have to complete the two levels of appeal before you may take other actions. These situations are:

- You have an urgent claim or claim that involves ongoing treatment. You can have your claim reviewed internally and through the external review process at the same time.
- We did not follow all of the claim determination and appeal requirements of Arizona or federal Department of Health and Human Services.

External review

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

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

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

IRO decisions

The IRO will make a decision and notify the Insurance Director. The Insurance Director will notify us, you and your **provider**.

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

Utilization review

Prescription drugs covered under this plan are subject to misuse, waste or abuse utilization review by us, your **provider** or your network pharmacy. The outcome of the review may include:

- Limiting coverage of a drug to one prescribing **provider** or one network pharmacy
- Quantity, dosage or day supply limits
- Requiring a partial fill or denial of coverage

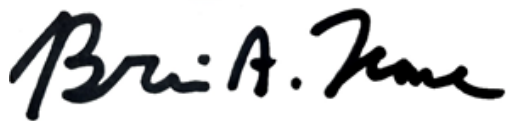
Recordkeeping

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

Fees and expenses

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

This amendment makes no other changes to the group policy, booklet-certificate or schedule of benefits.



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Important note: The following apply only if you live in Illinois. The benefits below will apply instead of those in your booklet-certificate unless the benefits in your booklet-certificate are better.

The following has been added to or replaced in the *Introduction* section of your booklet-certificate.

WARNING: LIMITED BENEFITS WILL BE PAID WHEN **OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDERS** ARE USED. When you choose to use the services of an **out-of-network provider** for an **eligible health service** in non-emergency situations, benefit payments to **out-of-network provider** are not based upon the amount billed. Your benefit payment will be based on the **recognized charge**.

YOU CAN EXPECT TO PAY MORE THAN THE **COINSURANCE** AMOUNT SHOWN IN THE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS AFTER THE PLAN HAS PAID ITS PORTION. After the plan has paid its portion of the bill as provided in 215 ILCS 5/356z.3a, **out-of-network provider** may bill you for any amount up to the billed charge.

Other than **coinsurance** and **deductible, network providers** agree to accept discount payments for services without additional billing to you. You may obtain information about the participating status of professional providers and out-of-pocket expenses by calling the toll-free number on your ID card.

The following has been added to or replaced in the *Coverage and exclusions* section of your booklet-certificate.

Abortion

Covered services include services and supplies provided by a **physician** for an abortion

The following has been added to or replaced in the *Coverage and exclusions* section of your booklet-certificate.

Immunizations

Covered services include preventive immunizations for infectious diseases.

Doses, recommended ages and recommended population vary.

- Adults:
 - Herpes Zoster
 - Mumps
 - Rubella
- Adults and children from birth to age 18
 - Diphtheria
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Human papillomavirus (HPV)
 - Influenza (flu shot)
 - Measles
 - Meningococcal
 - Pertussis (whooping cough)
 - Pneumococcal
 - Tetanus
 - Varicella (chickenpox)
 - Shingles if you are 60 **years** of age or over
- Children from birth to age 18:
 - Haemophilus influenza type b
 - Inactive poliovirus
 - Rotavirus

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

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

Routine cancer screenings

Covered services include the following routine cancer screenings:

- Low dose mammography screening, for women age 35 and older, (including x-ray examination, digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis) for the presence of occult breast cancer as follows:
 - For women 35-39, a baseline mammogram
 - For women 40 **years** of age and older, annually
 - For women under 40, with a family or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, or other risk factors, at necessary age and intervals
 - Comprehensive ultrasound screening and MRI of the entire breast(s) when a mammogram demonstrates heterogenous or dense breast tissue, as determined by your **physician**
 - Screening MRI, as determined by your **physician**
- Annual digital rectal exams and prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests as recommended by your, **Physician**. This includes:
 - Asymptomatic men age 50 and older
 - African-American men age 40 and over
 - Men age 40 and over with family history of prostate cancer
 - Colorectal cancer screening for adults over 50

- Colonoscopies including pre-procedure **specialist** consultation, removal of polyps during a screening procedure, and a pathology exam on any removed polyp
- Double contrast barium enemas (DCBE)
- Fecal occult blood tests (FOBT)
- Lung cancer screenings: adults age 55-80 at high risk for lung cancer because they are heavy smokers or have quit in the past 15 **years**
- Sigmoidoscopies

Well woman preventive visits

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

- Office visit to a **physician, PCP, OB, GYN or OB/GYN** for services including annual Pap smears including surveillance tests for ovarian cancer for women at risk for ovarian cancer.
- Preventive care breast cancer (BRCA) gene blood testing
- Clinical breast exams as follows:
 - For women over 20 **years** of age but less than 40, at least every 3 **years**
 - For women 40 **years** of age and older, annually
- Breast cancer chemoprevention counseling
- Cervical cancer screening for sexually active women
- Chlamydia infection screening for younger women and other women at higher risk
- HIV screening and counseling for sexually active women
- Osteoporosis screening for women over age 60 depending on risk factors
- Screening for diabetes after pregnancy for women with a history of diabetes during pregnancy
- Screening for urinary incontinence

Covered services for pregnant women or women who may become pregnant include:

- Anemia screening on a routine basis
- Folic acid supplements for women who may become pregnant
- Gonorrhea screening for all women at higher risk
- Rh incompatibility screening for all pregnant women and follow-up testing for women at higher risk
- Syphilis screening
- Urinary tract or other infection screening

Reconstructive breast surgery and supplies

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

- Your **surgery** reconstructs the breast where a necessary mastectomy was performed, such as an implant and areolar reconstruction. It also includes:
 - **Surgery** on a healthy breast to make it symmetrical with the reconstructed breast
 - Treatment of physical complications of all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedema or implant removal
 - Prostheses
 - A physician office visit or in-home nurse visit within 48 hours after discharge

Reconstructive surgery and supplies

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

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

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

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

These dental related services are limited to:

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

The following has been added to or replaced in the *How your plan works, Precertification* section of your booklet-certificate.

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

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

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

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

Important note:

Precertification and **step therapy** requirements do not apply to FDA-approved **prescription** drugs used for the treatment of **substance related disorders**, other than those established by applicable criteria.

Requesting a medical exception

Sometimes you or your **provider** may ask for a medical exception to request coverage for a **prescription** drug that is:

- Not covered
- Discontinued (for reasons other than safety or drug manufacturer withdrawal)
- Ineffective in the treatment of your disease or medical condition
- Likely to be ineffective or adversely affect the drug's effectiveness or patient compliance based on:
 - Your known relevant physical and mental characteristics
 - The known characteristics of the drug regimen from a step therapy requirement or dosage limitation

You, someone who represents you or your **provider** can contact us. You will need to provide us with clinical documentation. We will process your request through our standard medical exception process within 72 hours of receipt. Any exception granted is based upon an individual and is a case-by-case decision that will not apply to other members. If the medical exception request is approved by us, you will receive coverage for the **prescription** drug according to the terms of your group policy.

You, someone who represents you or your **provider** may seek a quicker medical exception process to get coverage for non-covered drugs in an urgent situation. An urgent situation happens when you have a health condition that may seriously affect your life, health, or ability to get back maximum function or when you are going through a current course of treatment using a non-preferred drug. You, someone who represents you or your prescriber may submit a request for a quicker review for an urgent situation by:

- Contacting our Precertification Department at 1-855-582-2025
- Faxing the request to 1-855-330-1716
- Submitting the request in writing to CVS Health ATTN: Aetna PA, 1300 E Campbell Road Richardson, TX 75081

We will make a coverage determination within 24 hours after we receive your request and will tell you, someone who represents you and your **provider** of our decision. In the case of denial, we will provide you with:

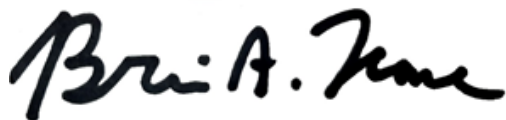
- The reason for the denial
- An alternate covered medication (if applicable)
- Information for submitting an appeal of the denial.

The following has been added to or replaced in the *How your plan works* section of your booklet-certificate.

Benefit payments and claims

If benefits are not paid within 30 days after proof of loss is received, the **network provider** is entitled to 9% interest. Interest will be calculated from the 30th day until the date the benefits are paid. However, interest less than \$1 may not be paid.

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Important note: The following apply only if you live in Ohio. The benefits below will apply instead of those in your booklet-certificate unless the benefits in your booklet-certificate are better.

The following has been added to or replaced in the *Coverage and exclusions* section of your booklet-certificate.

Maternity and related newborn care

Covered services include pregnancy (prenatal) care, care after delivery and obstetrical services. This would include coverage of **injury** or sickness and the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. After your child is born, **covered services** include:

- No less than 48 hours of inpatient care in a **hospital** after a vaginal delivery
- No less than 96 hours of inpatient care in a **hospital** after a cesarean delivery
- A shorter **stay**, if the attending **physician**, with the consent of the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier. The decision can be made by a certified nurse-midwife in collaboration with the attending **physician**.

Precertification is only required for maternity and newborn **stays** that exceed the standard length of **stay**.

If the mother is discharged earlier, **covered services** include post-delivery home visits for follow-up care for the mother and newborn when recommended, ordered and supervised by a health care **provider**, which includes a **physician** or advanced practice registered nurse. If the mother is discharged earlier than the minimum lengths of **stay**, **covered services** include all follow-up care received within 72 hours after discharge. If the mother receives at least the minimum number of hours of inpatient care, we will pay for **covered services** as recommended by the attending **physician**. The home visits include:

- Parent education
- Assistance training in breast or bottle feeding
- Physical assessment of the newborn and mother
- The collection of an adequate sample for the hereditary and metabolic newborn screening
- Clinical tests and other services that are in line with follow-up care recommended in the protocols and guidelines developed by national organizations representing the **providers**

The following are not **covered services**:

- Any services and supplies related to births that take place in the home or in any other place not licensed to perform deliveries
- Surrogacy when the surrogate is not a covered person

The following has been added to or replaced in the Adding New Dependents subsection within the *Eligibility, Starting and Stopping Coverage* section of your booklet-certificate.

Your newborn child is covered on your health plan for the first 31 days from the moment of birth at no cost.

The following has been added to or replaced in the *Eligibility, starting and stopping coverage* section of your booklet-certificate.

Continuation of coverage - State of Ohio

Your rights

Ohio law gives some people the right to keep their health coverage for 12 months after active employment ends. To be eligible for this coverage:

- You must have been employed for three consecutive months immediately before coverage ended
- You could not have voluntarily ended your employment
- Your employment could not have ended for gross misconduct
- You cannot be covered or eligible for any other group plan, Medicare, or COBRA

When I will receive continuation information

The chart below lists who is responsible for providing notice, the type of notice, and the timing.

Employer/Group health plan notification requirements

Notice	Requirement	Deadline/method
General notice - Aetna	Notice to you and your dependents of continuation rights	By this certificate
Notice of qualifying event – employer	Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct	When your employer notifies you that your employment has ended

How to enroll

You enroll by sending an application and paying the premium to your employer. The application will tell you how to enroll and how much it will cost.

When your first premium payment is due

Your first premium payment must be made:

- Within 31 days after your coverage ends
- Within 10 days if your employer notified you that your employment has ended before your coverage termination date
- Within 10 days if your employer notified you of your right to continue coverage after your coverage would have terminated

How much coverage will cost

You and your dependents will pay a monthly premium of 100% of the total plan costs.

When coverage ends

Coverage ends if:

- Coverage has continued for the maximum period
- The plan ends. If the plan is replaced, you may continue under the new plan
- You and your dependents fail to make the necessary premium payments on time
- You or a covered dependent become entitled to benefits under Medicare
- You or a covered dependent become covered under another plan

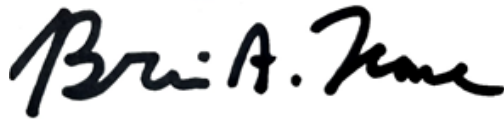
The following has been added to or replaced in the *Eligibility, starting and stopping coverage* section of your booklet-certificate.

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

You have the right to extend coverage for your child beyond the plan age limits if your child meets all the following requirements:

- Your child is an Ohio resident or, if not a resident of Ohio, the child is a full-time student at an accredited public or private institution of higher education
- Your child is eligible for coverage through their employer who offers any health plan
- Your child meets all other eligibility requirements
- Your child or you requests continuation of coverage within 31 days of your child's attainment of the plan age limit, or during an open enrollment
- Your child or you agree to pay the full cost of the child's coverage]

This amendment makes no other changes to the group policy, booklet-certificate or schedule of benefits.



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The following has been added to or replaced in the *How your plan works* section of your booklet-certificate.

Precertification

In accordance with state law timeframes, we will tell you and your **physician** in writing of the **precertification** decision or if we need additional information. An approval is valid for 180 days as long as you remain enrolled in the plan.

The following has been added to or replaced in the *Coverage and exclusions* section of your booklet-certificate.

Hearing aids and hearing assistive technology systems

Hearing aid means:

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

Hearing assistive technology means:

- Devices used to improve your ability with hearing loss in situations such as:
 - Being located a distance from a speaker,
 - In an environment with competing background noise
 - In a room with poor acoustics or reverberation.

Covered services include prescribed hearing aids, hearing assistive technology systems and the following hearing aid services:

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

A hearing aid maximum of one per ear every 36 months applies.

The following are not **covered services**:

- Replacement of a hearing aid that is lost, stolen or broken
- Replacement parts or repairs for a hearing aid
- A hearing aid that does not meet the specifications prescribed for correction of hearing loss

Anti-cancer drugs taken by mouth, including chemotherapy drugs

Covered services include any drug prescribed for cancer treatment. The drug must be recognized for treating cancer in standard reference materials or medical literature even if it isn't approved by the FDA for this treatment.

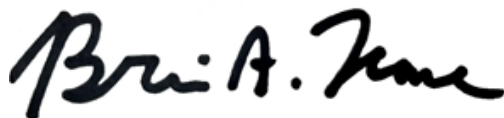
The following has been added to or replaced in the *Eligibility, Starting and Stopping Coverage* section of your booklet-certificate.

Domestic Partners

If your plan includes coverage for dependents, you can also enroll the following family members on your plan.

- Your domestic partner and their dependent children who meet the rules set by the **policyholder** and requirements under Oregon state law

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Abortion

Eligible health services include services and supplies for an abortion. This is the voluntary termination of pregnancy performed by a **health professional**.

Acupuncture

Eligible health services include acupuncture. The service performed must be within the scope of an East Asian Medicine Practitioner's license, as regulated by Washington state law.

Home health care

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

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

Short-term physical, speech and occupational therapy provided in the home are subject to the same conditions and limitations imposed on therapy provided outside the home.

Home health care services do not include **custodial care**.

Exclusions

Your plan does not cover the following under this section:

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

Hospice care

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

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

- **Room and board**
- Services and supplies furnished to you on an inpatient or outpatient basis
- Services by a **hospice care agency** or **hospice care** provided in a **hospital**
- Bereavement counseling
- Respite care
- Palliative care

Hospice care services provided by the **providers** below may be covered, even if the **providers** are not an employee of the **hospice care agency** responsible for your care:

- A **physician** or other **health professional** for consultation or case management
- A physical or occupational therapist
- A **home health care agency** for:
 - Physical and occupational therapy
 - Medical supplies
 - Outpatient **prescription drugs**
 - Psychological counseling
 - Dietary counseling
 - Palliative care

Exclusions

Your plan does not cover the following under this section:

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

Jaw joint disorder treatment

Eligible health services include the diagnosis and surgical treatment of **jaw joint disorder** by a **provider** which includes:

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

The following are not covered under this benefit:

- Non-surgical treatment of **jaw joint disorder**

The following has been added to or replaced in the *Coverage and exclusions* section of your booklet-certificate.

Maternity and related newborn care

Covered services also include the inpatient use of **medically necessary** donor human milk obtained from a milk bank when prescribed by a licensed **health professional** for an infant who is medically or physically unable to receive maternal breast milk or participate in chest feeding or whose parent is medically or physically unable to produce maternal breast milk in sufficient quantities or caloric density or participate in chest feeding. Such infant must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Infant birth weight of less than 2,500 grams
- Infant gestational age equal to or less than 34 weeks
- Infant hypoglycemia
- A high risk for development of necrotizing enterocolitis, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, or retinopathy of prematurity
- A congenital or acquired gastrointestinal condition with long-term feeding or malabsorption complications
- Congenital heart disease requiring surgery in the first year of life
- An organ or bone marrow transplant
- Sepsis
- Congenital hypotonias associated with feeding difficulty or malabsorption
- Renal disease requiring dialysis in the first year of life
- Craniofacial anomalies
- An immune deficiency
- Neonatal abstinence syndrome
- Any other serious condition or acquired condition for which the use of donor human milk derived products is **medical necessary** and supports the treatment and recovery of the child
- Any infant still inpatient within 72 hours of birth without sufficient breast milk available

Donor human milk means human milk that has been contributed to a milk bank by one or more donors.

Milk bank means an organization that engages in the procurement, processing, storage, distribution, or use of human milk contributed by donors.

Mental Health Parity

In no event will the cost share for mental health services be any more restrictive than that for any other **physician** services covered under the plan.

Neurodevelopmental therapy

Eligible health services include rehabilitative and habilitative speech, physical or occupational therapy, but only if it is expected to:

- Restore or improve speech or a body function
- Develop speech or a body function that was lost or delayed because of an **illness** or because of a condition you had when you were born
- Maintain speech or a body function that would get worse because of an **illness** or because of a condition you had when you were born

Nutritional supplements

Eligible health services include amino acid modified preparations, dietary specialized formulas and low protein modified food products for the treatment of inherited metabolic diseases including phenylketonuria and eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder.

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

Exclusions

Your plan does not cover the following under this section:

Any food item, including infant formulas, nutritional supplements, vitamins (including prescription vitamins), medical foods and other nutritional items, even if it is the sole source of nutrition, except as covered above

Physician

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

The following has been added to or replaced in the *Coverage and exclusions* section of your booklet-certificate.

Important note:

Certain **prescription** drug cost share paid directly by you or on your behalf may count toward your **deductible** and will count toward your **maximum out-of-pocket limit**, if you have one. Contact us for details.

Mammograms

Eligible health services include the following routine cancer screenings:

- Mammograms, including 3-D mammograms (tomosynthesis)

The following has been added to or replaced in the *How your plan works* section of your booklet-certificate.

Surprise bill

There may be times when you unknowingly receive services from an **out-of-network provider**, even when you try to stay in the network for your **covered services**. You may get a bill at the out-of-network rate that you didn't expect. This is called a surprise bill. Review *Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills and Balance Billing in Washington State* that is attached to this certificate.

Coordination of benefits

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

Key terms

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

Allowable expense means:

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

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

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

Here’s how COB works

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

Determining who pays

Reading from top to bottom the first rule that applies will determine which plan is primary and which is secondary. A plan that does not contain a COB provision is always the primary plan.

If you are covered as a:	Primary plan	Secondary plan
Non-dependent or dependent	The plan covering you as a non-dependent	The plan covering you as a dependent
Exception to the rule above when you are eligible for Medicare	If you or your spouse has Medicare coverage, the rule above may be reversed. If you have any questions about this you can contact us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online: Log on to your Aetna secure member website at www.aetna.com • By phone: Call the number on your ID card 	
COB rules for dependent children		
Child of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents who are married or living together 	The “birthday rule” applies. The plan of the parent whose birthday* (month and day only) falls earlier in the calendar year . *Same birthdays-the plan that has covered a parent longer is primary.	The plan of the parent born later in the year (month and day only).* *Same birthdays-the plan that has covered a parent longer is primary.

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

How are benefits paid?

Primary plan	The primary plan pays your claims as if there is no other health plan involved.
Secondary plan	<p>The secondary plan calculates payment as if the primary plan did not exist and then applies that amount to any allowable expenses under the secondary plan that were not covered by the primary plan.</p> <p>The secondary plan will reduce payments so the total payments do not exceed 100% of the total allowable expense.</p>
Benefit reserve Each family member has a separate benefit reserve for each calendar year	<p>The benefit reserve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is made up of the amount that the secondary plan saved due to COB• Is used to cover any unpaid allowable expenses• Balance is erased at the end of each year

How COB works with Medicare

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

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

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

- Age
- Disability
- End stage renal disease

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

Who pays first?

If you are eligible due to age and have group health plan coverage based on your or your spouse's current employment and:	Primary plan	Secondary plan
The employer has 20 or more employees	Your plan	Medicare
You are retired	Medicare	Your plan
If you have Medicare because of:		
End stage renal disease (ESRD)	Your plan will pay first for the first 30 months.	Medicare
	Medicare will pay first after this 30 month period.	Your plan
A disability other than ESRD and the policyholder has more than 100 employees	Your plan	Medicare
Note regarding ESRD: If you were already eligible for Medicare due to age and then became eligible due to ESRD, Medicare will remain your primary plan and this plan will be secondary.		

This plan is secondary to Medicare in all other circumstances.

Charges that satisfy your Part B deductible will be applied in the order received. We will apply the largest charge first when two or more charges are received at the same time.

Other health coverage updates – contact information

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

- **Online:** Log on to your **Aetna** secure member website
- **By phone:** Call the number on your ID card

Right to receive and release needed information

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

Right to pay another carrier

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

Right of recovery

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

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

Important note: If you are covered by more than one health benefit plan, and you do not know which is your primary plan, you or your **provider** should contact any one of the health plans to verify which plan is primary. The health plan you contact is responsible for working with the other plan to determine which is primary and will let you know within 30 calendar days.

All health plans have timely claim filing requirements. If you or your **provider** fails to submit your claim to a secondary health plan within that plan's claim filing time limit, the plan can deny the claim. If you experience delays in the processing of your claim by the primary health plan, you or your provider will need to submit your claim to the secondary health plan within its claim filing time limit to prevent a denial of the claim.

To avoid delays in claims processing, if you are covered by more than one plan, you should promptly report to your **providers** and plans any changes in your coverage.

Adding new dependents

If your plan includes coverage for dependents, you can add the following new dependents any time during the year:

- A newborn child - Your newborn child is covered on your plan for the first 31 days after birth
 - When additional **premiums** are required, you must enroll the child within 60 days of birth to keep the newborn covered
 - If you miss this deadline, your newborn will not have benefits after the first 31 days
- An adopted child - You may put an adopted child on your plan on the date the child is placed for adoption
 - "Placed for adoption" means the assumption and retention of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a child in anticipation of adoption of the child
 - When additional **premiums** are required, you must enroll the child within 60 days of placement
 - Your adopted child's coverage will start from the date of placement
 - If you miss this deadline, your adopted child will not have benefits
- A stepchild - You may put a child of your spouse or domestic partner on your plan
 - You must enroll the child within 60 days of the date of your marriage or domestic partnership with your stepchild's parent
 - The benefits for your stepchild will begin the first day of the month following the date we receive your completed enrollment information

Domestic Partners

If your plan includes coverage for dependents, you can also enroll the following family members on your plan.

- Your domestic partner and their dependent children

How can you extend coverage during a strike, lockout or other labor dispute?

You have a right to extend coverage for you and your dependents even if you are absent from work because of a strike, lockout or other labor dispute if:

- You were covered on the date you stopped working, and
- You paid your **premium** when due

You can continue your coverage for up to 6 months if you pay your **premiums** to your employer. Your employer will send your payment to **Aetna**. Call the number on your ID card to get the process started. Your coverage will continue until:

- You go to work full-time for another employer
- You do not make the required **premium** payments
- The labor dispute ends, or
- The 6 months continuation period ends

Your **premium** payment will be the same rate you were paying on the date you stopped working. But, if the **premium** amount your employer has to pay changes during the time you are extending your coverage, your **premiums** will also change.

When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures

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

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

Claim procedures

For claims involving **out-of-network providers**:

Notice	Requirement	Deadline
Submit a claim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You should notify and request a claim form from us The claim form will provide instructions on how to complete and where to send the form(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must send us notice and proof as soon as reasonably possible If you are unable to complete a claim form, you may send us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A description of services Bill of charges Any medical documentation you received from your provider
Proof of loss (claim)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A completed claim form and any additional information required by us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must send us notice and proof as soon as reasonably possible
Benefit payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written proof must be provided for all benefits If we challenge any portion of a claim, the unchallenged portion of the claim will be paid promptly after the receipt of proof of loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits will be paid as soon as the necessary proof to support the claim is received

Types of claims and communicating our claim decisions

You or your **provider** is required to send us a claim in writing. If you or your dependent goes to a **network provider**, the **network provider** will file the claims. When you go to an **out-of-network provider**, you will have to file the claims. You can request a claim form from us. We will review that claim for payment to the **provider** or to you as appropriate.

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

Urgent care claim

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

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

Pre-service claim

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

Post-service claim

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

Concurrent care claim extension

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

Concurrent care claim reduction or termination

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

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

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

We may need to tell your **health professional** about our decision on some types of claims, such as a concurrent care claim, or a claim when you are already receiving the health care services or are in the **hospital**.

Type of notice	Urgent care claim	Pre-service claim	Post-service claim	Concurrent care claim
Initial determination (us)	Within 48 hours or Within 1 business day for an emergency request	5 calendar days	30 calendar days	No later than 24 hours for urgent request* or 5 calendar days for non-urgent request
Request for Extension	Not applicable	Within 5 calendar days	15 calendar days	Not applicable
Additional information request (us)	24 hours	5 calendar days	30 calendar days	Not applicable
Response to receipt of additional information request (you)	48 hours	30 calendar days	45 calendar days	Not applicable

*We have to receive the request at least 24 hours before the previously approved health care services end.

Adverse benefit determinations

We pay many claims at the full rate **negotiated charge** if you go to a **network provider** and the **recognized charge** if you go to an **out-of-network provider**, except for your share of the costs.

But sometimes we may pay only some of the claim. And sometimes we may deny payment or service entirely.

We may sometimes:

- Deny
- Change
- Reduce, or
- Terminate your
- Health care services or benefits
- Authorization relating to such services or benefits, or
- Coverage or payment for the health care services or benefits

Such actions are called “adverse benefit determinations.” Other actions that are also called “adverse benefit determinations” include:

- We do not authorize a **stay** in a **hospital** or other facility
- We decide that you or your dependents were not eligible for the coverage when you received the services
- We decide that you have reached your benefit maximums
- Your health care services are excluded, not covered or limited in some way
- We rescind your coverage entirely

Reasons for adverse benefit determinations may be:

- The results of utilization review activities
- The health care services are **experimental or investigational**
- The health care services are not **medically necessary**

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

The difference between a grievance and an appeal

A grievance

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

An appeal

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

Appeals of adverse benefit determinations

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

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

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

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

Urgent care or pre-service claim appeals

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

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

Timeframes for deciding appeals

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

Type of notice	Urgent care claim	Pre-service claim	Post-service claim	Concurrent care claim
Appeal determinations at each level (us)	24 hours, but no longer than 72 hours	14 days, or 20 days for an experimental or investigational treatment. We will let you know within 72 hours that we have received your appeal		As appropriate to type of claim
Extension to respond (us)	None	16 additional days, if we notify you and provide a reason. We will get your written permission if we need more time beyond the 16 additional days.		

Exhaustion of appeals process

In most situations you must complete the one level of appeal with us before you can pursue arbitration, litigation or other type of administrative proceeding.

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

- You have an urgent claim or a claim that involves ongoing treatment. You can have your claim reviewed internally. See the *How to contact us for help* section for details on how to reach us.
- We did not follow all of the claim determination and appeal requirements of Washington or of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. You will not be able to proceed directly to external review if the violation was:
 - Minor and not likely to influence a decision or harm you
 - For a good cause or beyond our control
 - Part of an ongoing, good faith exchange between you and us

At any time you may contact the Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner to request an investigation of a grievance or appeal.

External review

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

You have a right to external review if:

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

The notice of adverse benefit determination or final adverse benefit determination we send you will describe the external review process. It will include a copy of the Request for External Review form at the final adverse determination level.

You must submit the Request for External Review Form:

- To **Aetna**
- Within 180 calendar days of the date you received the decision from us
- And you must include a copy of the notice from us and all other important information that supports your request

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

Aetna will contact the ERO that will conduct the review of your claim.

The ERO will:

- Assign the appeal to one or more independent clinical reviewers that have the proper expertise to do the review
- Will accept additional written information from you for up to five business days after the ERO accepts its assignment
- Consider appropriate credible information that you sent
- Follow our contractual documents and your plan of benefits
- Send notification of the decision within 30 calendar days of the date we receive your request form and all the necessary information

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

How long will it take to get an ERO decision?

We will tell you of the ERO decision not more than 30 calendar days after we receive your Notice of External Review Form with all the information you need to send in.

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

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

For initial adverse determinations

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

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

For final adverse determinations

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

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

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

Recordkeeping

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

Fees and expenses

We do not pay any fees or expenses incurred by you when you submit a grievance or appeal.

Out-of-network benefits disclosure

Your health plan's out-of-network benefits

Not all health coverage plans provide out-of-network benefits. Please refer to your schedule of benefits for a description of your health plan's out-of-network benefits.

Notice of consumer rights

Washington State has developed a notice of consumer rights. You can find this in your certificate of coverage.

Out-of-network costs

You may choose a doctor in our network. You may choose to visit an out-of-network doctor. We cover the cost of care based on whether the provider, a doctor or hospital, is "in network" or "out of network." We want to help you understand how much we will pay for your out-of-network care. At the same time, we want to make it clear how much more you will need to pay for this care.

"In network" means we have a contract with that doctor. Doctors agree to how much they will charge you for covered services. That amount is often less than what they would charge you if they were not in our network. Most of the time, it costs you less to use doctors in our network. Doctors also agree to not bill you for any amount over their contract rate. All you have to pay is your coinsurance, copayments, and deductible that applies. Your network doctor will handle any precertification your plan requires.

"Out of network" means we do not have a contract for discounted rates with that doctor. We don't know exactly what an out-of-network doctor will charge you. If you choose a doctor who is out of network, your Aetna® health plan may pay some of that doctor's bill. Most of the time, you will pay more money out of your own pocket if you choose to use an out-of-network doctor.

Your out-of-network doctor or hospital sets the rate to charge you. It may be higher — sometimes much higher — than what your Aetna plan "recognizes" or "allows." Your doctor may bill you for the dollar amount that the plan doesn't recognize. You'll also pay higher copayments, coinsurance and deductibles under your plan. No dollar amount above the "recognized charge" counts toward your deductible or out-of-pocket limits. This means you are fully responsible for paying everything above the amount the plan allows for a service or procedure.

How to use the transparency tool

Aetna provides online tools to help you determine the cost of health care services and your potential share of those expenses. After logging in to our member website, you can search for procedures and providers to see estimated costs.

Search our network for doctors, hospitals and other health care providers

Use our online provider search tool for the most up-to-date list of health care professionals and facilities. You can get a list of available doctors by ZIP code or enter a specific doctor's name in the search field.

Visit **Aetna.com** and log in. From your secure member website home page, select “Find Care” from the menu bar and start your search.

Our online search tool is more than just a list of doctors’ names and addresses. It also includes information about:

- Where the doctor went to medical school
- Board certification status
- Language spoken
- Hospital affiliations
- Gender
- Driving directions

Obtain an estimated range of the out-of-pocket costs for an out-of-network benefit

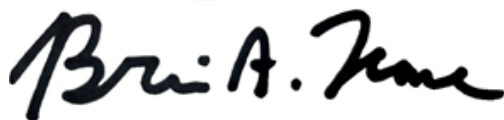
Contact member services at the number on your ID card for help estimating your out-of-pocket cost for an out-of-network benefit. Out-of-network providers do not have a contracted rate with Aetna. We don’t know exactly what an out-of-network doctor will charge you. If you choose a doctor who is out of network, your Aetna health plan may pay some of that doctor’s bill. However, your out-of-pocket costs may be much higher compared to the costs of using a network provider. Your out-of-pocket costs for an out-of-network benefit, if included in your plan, consists of your out-of-network deductible plus your plan coinsurance. To estimate your coinsurance amount, subtract the remaining plan deductible from the provider’s billed charge. Then multiply the balance by your coinsurance percentage.

Policies and plans are insured and/or administered by Aetna Life Insurance Company or its affiliates (Aetna).

Providers are independent contractors and are not agents of Aetna. Provider participation may change without notice. Refer to **Aetna.com** for more information about Aetna® plans.

Estimated costs are not available in all markets. The tool gives you an estimate of what you would owe for a particular service based on your plan at that point in time. Actual costs may differ from the estimate if, for example, claims for other services are processed after you get your estimate but before the claim for this service is submitted, or if the doctor or facility performs a different service at the time of your visit

This amendment makes no other changes to the group policy, booklet-certificate or schedule of benefits.



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