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Introduction

NOTE: THIS SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION PROVIDES DENTAL BENEFITS ONLY.

This document explains your benefits and cost-sharing responsibilities for Dental Benefits if you elected to enroll in the Dental Plan. Dental Benefits described herein are only available to individuals enrolled in the University's Advantage, Community or High-Deductible Health Plan Options. Coverage details not included in this document are included in the Advantage Plan Summary Plan Description, Community Plan Summary Plan Description, and Consumer Directed Health Plan Summary Plan Description including but not limited to medical benefits, mental health/substance use disorder benefits, and eligibility and enrollment rules.

This University of Utah Dental Plan Summary Plan Description (SPD) provides the written description of the terms and benefits of coverage available under the Plan. The administrative services contract between Your employer and Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah (called the "Agreement") contains all the terms of coverage. Your Plan Sponsor has a copy.

This SPD describes benefits effective **July 1, 2025**, or the date Your coverage became effective. This SPD replaces any plan description, SPD previously issued by the Plan Sponsor and makes it void. The "identification card" issued to You includes Your name and Your identification number for this coverage. Present Your identification card to Your Provider before receiving care.

In this SPD, the term "Claims Administrator" refers to Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah (Regence BCBSU), and the term "Plan Sponsor" refers to Your employer. References to "You" and "Your" refer to both the Participant and enrolled Dependents. The term "Family" refers to the Plan Participant and all individuals enrolled as his/her eligible Dependents. The term "Plan" refers to this University of Utah Dental Plan. "Plan Sponsor" and "University" mean The University of Utah, whose employees may participate under this Plan. Other terms are defined in the Definitions Section or where they are first used and are designated by the first letter being capitalized.

Regence BCBSU provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims, except in the case of claims that exceed certain amounts which may be reinsured.

The University reserves the right to amend or terminate this Plan in whole or in part, at any time, regardless of Your or Your enrolled Dependents' health or treatment status. You will be given a 60-day notice of any amendment or termination that reduces coverage during the Plan Year. Amendment or termination may result in modification or termination of Your coverage and/or the coverage of Your enrolled Dependents. Covered Services and Allowed Amounts incurred prior to the Plan's amendment or termination will be paid as provided under the terms of the Plan as it existed at the time they were incurred.

The University also reserves the right to interpret the Plan's coverage and meaning in the exercise of its sole discretion.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Customer Service: 1 (800) 262-9712
(TTY: 711)

Phone lines are open Monday – Friday 5 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

Contact Customer Service:

- if You have questions;
- if You would like to learn more about Your coverage;
- if You would like to request written or electronic information regarding any other plan that the Claims Administrator offers;
- to talk with one of the Claims Administrator's Customer Service representatives;

- via the Claims Administrator's website, **regence.com**, to submit a claim online or chat live with a Customer Service representative;
- to request a copy of Your identification card (or print a copy via the Claims Administrator's website);
or
- for assistance in a language other than English.

Using Your Summary Plan Description

It is important for You to understand how the Plan works before You need services. Please read this material carefully. If You have any questions about benefits or procedures, please contact the Claims Administrator's Customer Service Department or check the Regence website.

ACCESSING PROVIDERS

You are not restricted in Your choice of a Dentist for dental care or treatment. You control Your out-of-pocket expenses by choosing between an "In-Network Dentist" and "Out-of-Network Dentist."

- **In-Network Dentist.** Choosing In-Network Dentists generally saves You the most in Your out-of-pocket expenses. In-Network Dentists will not bill You for balances beyond any Deductible and/or Coinsurance for Covered Services.
- **Out-of-Network Dentist.** Choosing Out-of-Network Dentists generally means Your out-of-pocket expenses will be higher than choosing an In-Network Dentist. Also, an Out-of-Network Dentist may bill You for balances beyond any Deductible and/or Coinsurance. This is referred to as balance billing.

For each benefit, the Dentist You may choose and Your payment amount for each Provider option is indicated. See the Definitions Section for a complete description of In-Network Dentist and Out-of-Network Dentist. You can go to **regence.com** for further Provider network information.

ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES OF PARTICIPATION

The Claims Administrator provides access to discounts on select items and services, personalized health/dental care planning information, health/dental-related events and innovative health/dental-decision tools, as well as a team dedicated to Your personal dental care needs. You also have access to the Claims Administrator's website to help You navigate Your way through treatment decisions. **THESE SERVICES ARE VOLUNTARY, NOT INSURANCE AND ARE OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE BENEFITS IN YOUR SPD.**

- **Go to regence.com.** Use the Claims Administrator's secure website to:
 - view recent claims, benefits and coverage;
 - find a contracting dental Provider; and
 - access information about Regence Advantages. Regence Advantages is a discount program that gives You access to savings on a variety of health-related products and services. The Claims Administrator has contracted with several program partners, listed on the secure website, to offer discounts on their products and services, such as hearing care, health and wellness products and vision care.*

*NOTE: If You choose to access these discounts, You may receive savings on an item or service that is covered by this Plan, that also may create savings or administrative fees for the Claims Administrator.

ANY SUCH DISCOUNTS OR COUPONS ARE COMPLEMENTS TO THE PLAN, BUT ARE NOT INSURANCE.

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Understanding Your Benefits

This section provides information to help You understand the terms Maximum Benefits, Deductibles and Coinsurance. These terms are types of cost-sharing specific to Your benefits. You will need to refer to the Dental Benefits Section to see what Your benefits are.

MAXIMUM BENEFITS

Some Covered Services may have a specific Maximum Benefit. Those Covered Services will be provided until the specified Maximum Benefit (which may be a number of visits, services, supplies, dollar amount or specified time period) has been reached. Refer to the Dental Benefits Section to determine if a Covered Service has a specific Maximum Benefit.

You will be responsible for the total billed charges for Covered Services that are in excess of any Maximum Benefits. You will also be responsible for charges for any other services or supplies not covered by this Plan, regardless of the Provider rendering such services or supplies.

DEDUCTIBLES

The Deductible is the amount You must pay each Plan Year before the Plan will provide payments for Covered Services. The Deductible is satisfied by incurring a specific amount of expense for Covered Services during the Plan Year for which the Allowed Amounts total the Deductible.

The Family Deductible is satisfied when the Family members' Allowed Amounts for Covered Services for that Plan Year total and meet the Family Deductible amount. However, no one Claimant will be required to meet more than the individual Deductible amount toward the Family Deductible in a Plan Year.

The Plan does not pay for services applied toward the Deductible. Refer to the Dental Benefits Section to see what Covered Services are subject to the Deductible. Any amounts You pay for non-Covered Services or amounts in excess of the Allowed Amount do not apply toward the Deductible.

COINSURANCE (PERCENTAGE YOU PAY)

Your Coinsurance is the percentage You pay when the Plan's payment is less than 100 percent. The Coinsurance varies, depending on the service or supply You received and who rendered it. Your Coinsurance applies once You have satisfied the Deductible for Covered Services up to any Maximum Benefit. Your Coinsurance will be based upon the lesser of either the billed charges or the Allowed Amount. The Plan does not reimburse Dentists for charges above the Allowed Amount.

HOW PLAN YEAR BENEFITS RENEW

The Deductible, Out-of-Pocket Maximum and certain Maximum Benefits are calculated on a Plan Year basis. Each July 1, those Plan Year amounts begin again. Some benefits have a separate Maximum Benefit based upon a Claimant's Lifetime and do not renew every Plan Year.

Dental Benefits

This section explains Your benefits and cost-sharing responsibilities for Covered Services. All benefits are listed alphabetically, with the exception of Preventive and Diagnostic Dental Services.

PLAN YEAR DEDUCTIBLES

Not applicable

MAXIMUM BENEFITS

Basic and Restorative, Major and Preventive and Diagnostic Dental Services:

Per Claimant: \$2,000 per Plan Year

Orthodontic Dental Services:

Per Claimant: \$2,500

BASIC AND RESTORATIVE DENTAL SERVICES

Provider: In-Network Dentist	Provider: Out-of-Network Dentist
Payment: You pay 20% of the Allowed Amount.	Payment: You pay 20% of the Allowed Amount and You pay the balance of billed charges.

Basic and restorative dental services are covered, subject to any specified limits as explained in the following:

- Adjustment and repair of dentures and bridges, except that benefits will not be provided for adjustments or repairs done within one year of insertion.
- Complex oral surgery procedures including:
 - surgical extractions of teeth;
 - impactions;
 - alveoloplasty; and
 - residual root removal.
- Emergency treatment for pain relief.
- Endodontic services consisting of:
 - apicoectomy;
 - debridement;
 - direct pulp capping;
 - pulpal therapy;
 - pulpotomy; and
 - root canal treatment.
- Fillings consisting of composite and amalgam restorations.
- General dental anesthesia or intravenous sedation administered for:
 - extractions of partially or completely bony impacted teeth; or
 - to safeguard the Claimant's health (for example, a physically or developmentally disabled individual).
- Periodontal services consisting of:
 - complex periodontal procedures (osseous surgery including flap entry and closure, mucogingivoplastic surgery);
 - debridement, limited to once per Claimant in a three-year period;
 - gingivectomy and gingivoplasty;
 - scaling and root planing limited to once per Claimant per quadrant per Plan Year; and

- periodontal maintenance,* limited to two per Claimant per Plan Year (however, in any Plan Year a Claimant will be entitled to no more than two cleanings whether periodontal maintenance or standard cleaning).

*See the Expanded Cleanings and Periodontal Maintenance Benefit below for the benefits that replace the coverage of periodontal maintenance listed here if You have a qualifying medical condition.

- Repair of dentures and bridges, limited to every 5 years per tooth (must have a lapse of at least 6 months from the date of service); and
- Uncomplicated oral surgery procedures including removal of teeth, incision and drainage.

EXPANDED CLEANINGS AND PERIODONTAL MAINTENANCE

Provider: In-Network Dentist	Provider: Out-of-Network Dentist
Payment for cleanings or periodontal maintenance: No charge.	<p>Payment for cleanings: You pay 20% of the Allowed Amount and You pay the balance of billed charges.</p> <p>Payment for periodontal maintenance: You pay 20% of the Allowed Amount and You pay the balance of billed charges.</p>
Limit: Up to four total visits per Claimant per Plan Year, for any combination of cleaning or periodontal maintenance visits.	

Cleanings and periodontal maintenance are covered under this benefit for Claimants with one or more of the following conditions:

- cancers of the head and neck, including oral cancers;
- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD);
- coronary artery disease (CAD);
- diabetes;
- end-stage renal disease (ESRD);
- metabolic syndrome (MetS);
- pregnancy;
- Sjögren's syndrome; and
- stroke

For Claimants with one of the conditions listed above, this expanded benefit replaces the coverage of cleanings and periodontal maintenance listed in the Preventive and Diagnostic Dental Services and the Basic and Restorative Dental Services benefits.

MAJOR DENTAL SERVICES

Provider: In-Network Dentist	Provider: Out-of-Network Dentist
Payment: You pay 50% of the Allowed Amount.	Payment: You pay 50% of the Allowed Amount and You pay the balance of billed charges.

Major dental services are covered, subject to any specified limits as explained in the following:

- Bridges (fixed partial dentures), limited to every five years per tooth.
- Crowns, crown build-ups, inlays and onlays (for gold inlays, onlays and crowns, payment is limited to the amount that would have been paid for plastic inlays, onlays and crowns unless special need is demonstrated for use of gold), except that benefits will not be provided for any of the following:
 - any crown, inlay or onlay replacement made fewer than five years after placement per tooth (or subsequent replacement) whether or not originally covered in this SPD; and
 - additional procedures to construct a new crown under an existing partial denture framework.

- Dental implant crown and abutment related procedures.
- Dentures, full and partial, including:
 - denture rebase; and
 - denture relines.
- Denture benefits will **not** be provided for:
 - any denture replacement made fewer than five years after denture placement (or subsequent replacement) whether or not originally covered in this SPD;
 - interim partial or complete dentures; or
 - pediatric dentures.
- Endosteal implants;
- Recement crown, inlay or onlay;
- Repair of crowns, limited to every five years per tooth;
- Repair of implant supported prosthesis or abutment;
- Veneers, when Dentally Appropriate; and
- Vestibuloplasty.

ORTHODONTIC DENTAL SERVICES

Provider: All Dentists
Payment: You pay 50% of the Allowed Amount and You pay the balance of billed charges.
Limit: \$2,500 per Claimant Lifetime

Orthodontic dental services are covered, subject to any specified limits as explained in the following:

- The initial and subsequent installations of orthodontic appliances and all non-surgical orthodontic treatments concerned with the reduction or elimination of an existing malocclusion, subject to the submission of a treatment plan (submitted by the attending Provider). The treatment plan should include all of the following information:
 - a diagnosis indicating an abnormal occlusion that can be corrected by orthodontic treatment;
 - the estimated length of required treatment;
 - the initial banding fee; and
 - the total orthodontic treatment charge.
- If treatment stops before the end of the prescribed treatment period, benefits will end on the last day of the month during which the treatment was discontinued.

PREVENTIVE AND DIAGNOSTIC DENTAL SERVICES

Provider: In-Network Dentist	Provider: Out-of-Network Dentist
Payment: No charge.	Payment: No charge up to the Allowed Amount and You pay the balance of billed charges.

Preventive and diagnostic dental services are covered, subject to any specified limits as explained in the following:

- The following services are limited to two per Claimant per Plan Year:
 - preventive oral examinations;
 - topical fluoride application for Claimants under 18 years of age; and
 - cleanings,* (however, in any Plan Year a Claimant will be entitled to no more than two cleanings whether standard cleaning or periodontal maintenance).

*See the Expanded Cleanings and Periodontal Maintenance Benefit above for the benefits that replace the coverage of cleanings listed here if You have a qualifying medical condition.

The following services are limited to one per Claimant in a three-year period:

- complete intra-oral mouth x-rays; and
- panoramic mouth x-rays (except when required for oral surgery, which are limited to once per Plan Year).
- Bitewing x-ray sets;
- Problem-focused oral examinations.
- Sealants, limited to once per tooth and:
 - to deciduous teeth only on the chewing surface of the first and second molars; and
 - permanent teeth only on the chewing surface, excluding wisdom teeth.
- Silver diamine fluoride (SDF), limited to two per tooth per Plan Year.
- Space maintainers for Claimants under 12 years of age.

General Exclusions

The following conditions, treatments, services, supplies or accommodations, **including any direct complications or consequences that arise from them**, are not covered. However, these exclusions will not apply with regard to a Covered Service for an Injury, if the Injury results from an act of domestic violence or a medical condition (including physical and mental) and regardless of whether such condition was diagnosed before the Injury, as required by law.

LIMITATIONS

Optional Techniques

In all cases in which there are optional techniques carrying different fees, the Plan will only be liable for the treatment carrying the lesser fee.

Transfer of Care

In the event the Claimant transfers from the care of one Dentist to that of another Dentist during the course of treatment, or if more than one Dentist renders services for one dental procedure, the Plan will be liable for not more than the amount the Plan would have been liable for if only one Dentist rendered the service.

SPECIFIC EXCLUSIONS

The following conditions, treatments, services, supplies or accommodations, **including any direct complications or consequences that arise from them**, are not covered. However, these exclusions will not apply with regard to a Covered Service for an Injury, if the Injury results from an act of domestic violence or a medical condition (including physical and mental) and regardless of whether such condition was diagnosed before the Injury, as required by law.

Aesthetic Dental Procedures

Services and supplies provided in connection with dental procedures that are primarily aesthetic, including bleaching of teeth and labial veneers.

Antimicrobial Agents

Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents into diseased crevicular tissue via a controlled release vehicle.

Appliances and Restorations for Malalignment of The Teeth

Appliances or restorations necessary to increase vertical dimensions or restore occlusion including equilibration; periodontal splinting; and restoration for malalignment of the teeth.

Charges that Exceed the Allowed Amount

Any charge for services and supplies that exceed the Allowed Amount.

Collection of Cultures and Specimens

Collection of cultures and specimens are not covered, including, but not limited to:

- saliva; or
- tissue of the oral cavity.

Conditions Caused by Active Participation in a War

The treatment of any condition caused by or arising out of a Claimant's active participation in a war.

Conditions Incurred in or Aggravated During Performances in the Uniformed Services

The treatment of any Claimant's condition that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines to have been incurred in, or aggravated during, performance of service in the uniformed services of the United States.

Connector Bar or Stress Breaker

A device attached to a prosthesis or coping which serves to stabilize and anchor prosthesis.

Cosmetic/Reconstructive Services and Supplies

Except for Dentally Appropriate treatment of the following, Cosmetic and/or reconstructive services and supplies are not covered:

- a congenital anomaly; or
- to restore a physical bodily function lost as a result of Illness or Injury.

"Reconstructive" means services, procedures or surgery performed on abnormal structures of the body, caused by congenital anomalies, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors or disease. It is performed to restore function, but, in the case of significant malformation, is also done to approximate a normal appearance.

Court-Ordered or Court-Related Services/Services in Connection with Legal Proceedings

Services, supplies, examinations, reports, or appearances in connection with legal proceedings or court ordered or court-related services.

Dentist Practicing Beyond Scope of License

Services rendered by a Dentist practicing beyond the scope of their license.

Desensitizing

Application of desensitizing medicaments or desensitizing resin for cervical and/or root surface.

Diagnostic Casts or Study Models

Services and supplies provided in connection with diagnostic casts or study models including taking the impression and pouring the study models.

Duplicate X-Rays**Expenses Before Coverage Begins or After Coverage Ends**

Services and supplies incurred before Your Effective Date under the Plan or after Your termination under the Plan.

Facility Charges

Services and supplies provided in connection with facility services, including hospitalization for dentistry and extended-care facility visits.

Fees, Taxes, Interest

Except as required by law, the following fees, taxes and interest are not covered:

- charges for shipping and handling, postage, interest or finance charges that a Dentist might bill;
- excise, sales or other taxes;
- surcharges;
- tariffs;
- duties;
- assessments; or
- other similar charges whether made by federal, state or local government or by another entity.

Fractures of the Mandible (Jaw)

Services and supplies provided in connection with the treatment of simple or compound fractures of the mandible.

Gold-Foil Restorations**Government Programs**

Except as required by law (such as cases of medical emergency or coverage provided by Medicaid) or for facilities that contract with the Claims Administrator, benefits that are covered (or would be covered in the absence of this Plan) by any federal, state or government program are not covered.

Additionally, except as required by law for emergency services, government facilities outside the service area are not covered.

Home Visits

Illegal Activity

Services and supplies are not covered for treatment of an illness, injury or condition caused or sustained by a Claimant's **voluntary participation** in an activity where the Claimant is found:

- guilty of an illegal activity in a criminal proceeding; or
- liable for the activity in a civil proceeding.

A guilty finding includes a plea of guilty, a no contest plea, and a plea in abeyance.

Illegal Services, Substances and Supplies

Services, substances, and supplies that are illegal as defined by state and federal law.

Implants

Except as provided in the Major Dental Services benefit, implants and any associated services and supplies are not covered (whether or not the implant itself was covered), including, but not limited to:

- interim endosseous implants;
- eposteal and transosteal implants;
- sinus augmentations or lifts;
- implant maintenance procedures, including removal of prosthesis, cleansing of prosthesis and abutments and reinsertion of prosthesis;
- radiographic/surgical implant index; and
- unspecified implant procedures.

Indirect Pulp Capping and Pulp Vitality Tests

Investigational Services

Investigational services are not covered, including, but not limited to:

- services, supplies and accommodations provided in connection with Investigational treatments or procedures (Health Interventions); and
- any services or supplies provided by an Investigational protocol.

Medications and Supplies

Charges in connection with medications and supplies are not covered, including, but not limited to:

- take-home drugs;
- pre-medications; and
- therapeutic drug injections.

Motor Vehicle Coverage and Other Available Insurance

When motor vehicle coverage, other available insurance or contract is either issued to, or makes benefits available to a Claimant (whether or not the Claimant makes a claim with such coverage), expenses are not covered for services and supplies that are payable by any:

- automobile medical;
- personal injury protection (PIP);
- automobile no-fault coverage;
- underinsured or uninsured motorist coverage;
- homeowner's coverage;
- commercial premises coverage;
- excess coverage; or

- similar contract or insurance.

Further, the Claimant is responsible for any cost-sharing required by the other insurance coverage, unless applicable state law requires otherwise. Once benefits in such contract or insurance are exhausted or considered to no longer be Injury-related by the no-fault provisions of the contract, benefits will be provided accordingly.

Nitrous Oxide

Non-Direct Patient Care

Non-direct patient care services are not covered, including, but not limited to:

- appointments scheduled and not kept (missed appointments);
- charges for preparing or duplicating medical reports and chart notes;
- itemized bills or claim forms (even at the Claims Administrator's request); and
- visits or consultations that are not in person (including telephone consultations and e-mail exchanges).

Occlusal Treatment

Dental occlusion services and supplies are not covered, including, but not limited to:

- occlusal analysis and adjustments; and
- occlusal guards.

Oral Hygiene Instructions

Oral Surgery

Oral surgery treating any fractured jaw and orthognathic surgery. "Orthognathic surgery" means surgery to manipulate facial bones, including the jaw, in patients with facial bone abnormalities performed to restore the proper anatomic and functional relationship of the facial bones.

Personal Items

Items that are primarily for comfort, convenience, Cosmetics, contentment, hygiene, aesthetics or other nontherapeutic purposes.

Photographic Images

Pin Retention in Addition to Restoration

Small metal rod used to aid in support of a restoration.

Precision Attachments

Device to stabilize or retain a prosthesis when seated in mouth.

Prosthesis

Dental prosthesis services and supplies are not covered, including, but not limited to:

- maxillofacial prosthetic procedures; and
- modification of removable prosthesis following implant surgery.

Provisional Splinting

Interim or temporary stabilization of loose/mobile teeth.

Replacements

Replacement of any lost, stolen or broken dental appliance, including, but not limited to, dentures or retainers.

Riot and Rebellion

Services and supplies are not covered for treatment of an illness, injury or condition caused or sustained by a Claimant's **voluntary participation in** any of the following:

- a riot;
- an armed invasion or aggression;
- an insurrection; or
- a rebellion.

Self-Help, Self-Care, Training or Instructional Programs

Except for services provided without a separate charge in connection with Covered Services that train or educate a Claimant, self-help, non-dental self-care and training or instructional programs are not covered.

Separate Charges

Services and supplies that may be billed as separate charges (services that should be included in the billed procedure) are not covered, including, but not limited to:

- any supplies;
- local anesthesia; and
- sterilization.

Services and Supplies Provided by a Member of Your Family

Services and supplies provided to You by a member of Your immediate family are not covered.

"Immediate family" means:

- You and Your parents, parents' spouses or domestic partners, spouse or domestic partner, children, stepchildren, siblings and half-siblings;
- Your spouse's or domestic partner's parents, parents' spouses or domestic partners, siblings and half-siblings; and
- Your child's or stepchild's spouse or domestic partner.

Services Performed in a Laboratory

Subscription, Membership and Access-Related Fees

Fees for accessing care, treatment, or advice are not covered, whether the access is for virtual or in-person care. Excluded fees include, but are not limited to:

- concierge fees;
- subscription fees;
- membership fees;
- retainer fees;
- VIP or priority access fees; and
- any other access-related fees.

Surgical Procedures

Services and supplies provided in connection with the following surgical procedures are not covered:

- exfoliative cytology sample collection or brush biopsy;
- incision and drainage of abscess extraoral soft tissue, complicated or non-complicated;
- radical resection of maxilla or mandible;
- removal of nonodontogenic cyst, tumor or lesion;
- surgical stent; or
- surgical procedures for isolation of a tooth with rubber dam.

Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Disorder Treatment

Except for surgical correction required as the result of an Injury, TMJ disorder treatment and any associated services and supplies are not covered.

Third-Party Liability

Services and supplies for treatment of Illness or Injury for which a third-party is or may be responsible.

Tooth Transplantation

Services and supplies provided in connection with tooth transplantation are not covered, including, but not limited to:

- reimplantation from one site to another;
- splinting; or
- stabilization.

Travel and Transportation Expenses**Veneers**

Thin laminated restoration that covers the facial surface and/or the incisal edge of a tooth, and/or may extend between the adjoining surfaces of adjacent teeth are not covered, except for Dentally Appropriate veneers.

Work-Related Conditions

Except when a Claimant is exempt from state or federal workers' compensation law, expenses for services or supplies incurred as a result of any work-related Illness or Injury (even if the service or supply is not covered by workers' compensation benefits) are not covered. This includes any claims resolved as a result of a disputed claim settlement.

If an Illness or Injury could be considered work-related, a Claimant will be required to file a claim for workers' compensation benefits before the Claims Administrator will consider providing any coverage.

Claims Administration

This section explains administration of benefits and claims, including situations that may arise when Your health care expenses are the responsibility of a source other than the Plan. Payment of benefits will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this SPD.

SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS AND REIMBURSEMENT

When claims are submitted and payment is due, the Claims Administrator decides whether to pay You, the Provider or You and the Provider jointly. The Plan may make benefit payments for a child covered by a legal qualified medical child support order (QMCSO) directly to the custodial parent or legal guardian of such child.

In-Network Dentist Claims and Reimbursement

You must present Your identification card to an In-Network Dentist and furnish any additional information requested. The In-Network Dentist will submit the necessary forms and information to the Claims Administrator for processing Your claim.

The Plan will pay an In-Network Dentist directly for Covered Services. In-Network Dentists may require You to pay any Deductible and/or Coinsurance at the time You receive care or treatment. In-Network Dentists have agreed not to bill You for balances beyond any Deductible and/or Coinsurance and to accept the Allowed Amount as payment in full for Covered Services.

Out-of-Network Dentist Claims and Reimbursement

In order for the Claims Administrator to pay for Covered Services, You or the Out-of-Network Dentist must first send the Claims Administrator a claim. In most cases, the Plan will pay the Dentist directly for Covered Services provided by an Out-of-Network Dentist. Be sure the claim is complete and includes the following information:

- an itemized description of the services given and the charges for them;
- the date treatment was given;
- the diagnosis;
- the patient's name;
- Your identification number; and
- the group number.

Out-of-Network Dentists have not agreed to accept the Allowed Amount as payment in full for Covered Services. You are responsible for paying any difference between the amount billed by the Out-of-Network Dentist and the Allowed Amount in addition to any amount You must pay due to Deductible and/or Coinsurance. For Out-of-Network Dentists, the Allowed Amount may be based upon the billed charges for some services, as determined by the Claims Administrator or as otherwise required by law.

Timely Filing of Claims

Written proof of loss (submission of a claim) must be received within one year after the date of service. Claims that are not filed in a timely manner will be denied, unless You can reasonably demonstrate that the claim could not have been filed in a timely manner. Benefits or coverage will not be invalidated nor reduced if it can be shown that it was not reasonably possible to file the claim and that the claim was submitted as soon as reasonably possible. You may Appeal the denial in accordance with the Appeal process to demonstrate that the claim could not have been filed in a timely manner. If You were covered by more than one health plan on the date of service, see the text of Primary Health Plan in the Coordination of Benefits provision for an exception to this timely filing rule.

Claim Determinations

Within 30 days of the Claims Administrator's receipt of a claim, the Claims Administrator will notify You of their action. However, this 30-day period may be extended by an additional 15 days due to lack of information or extenuating circumstances. The Claims Administrator will notify You of the extension within the initial 30-day period and provide an explanation of why the extension is necessary.

If the Claims Administrator requires additional information to process the claim, the Claims Administrator must allow You at least 45 days to provide it to them. If the Claims Administrator does not receive the requested information within the time allowed, the Claims Administrator will deny the claim.

CLAIMS RECOVERY

If the Plan pays a benefit to which You or Your Beneficiaries were not entitled, or if the Plan pays a person who is not eligible for benefits at all, the Plan has the right to recover the payment from the person the Plan paid or anyone else who benefited from it, including a provider of services. The Plan's right to recovery includes the right to deduct the mistakenly paid amount from future benefits the Plan would provide the Participant or any Beneficiaries, even if the mistaken payment was not made on that person's behalf.

The Claims Administrator regularly works to identify and recover claims payments that should not have been made (for example, claims that are the responsibility of another, duplicates, errors, fraudulent claims, etc.). The Plan will be credited all amounts recovered.

This Claims Recovery provision in no way reduces the Plan's right to reimbursement or subrogation. Refer to the Subrogation and Right of Recovery provision for additional information.

SUBROGATION AND RIGHT OF RECOVERY

The provisions of this section apply to all current or former Claimants who incur claims and are or have been covered by the Plan. No adult Claimant hereunder, may assign any rights that they may have to recover expenses from any tortfeasor or other person or entity to any minor child or children of said adult Claimant without the prior express written consent of the Plan. These provisions will apply to all claims arising from Your Illness, Injury or condition, including, but not limited to, wrongful death, survival or survivorship claims brought on Your, Your estate's or Your heirs' behalf, regardless of whether medical expenses were or could be claimed. "You" or "Your" includes anyone on whose behalf the Plan pays benefits.

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

This Plan is always secondary to automobile no-fault coverage, personal injury protection coverage, or medical payments coverage, excess coverage or similar contract or insurance.

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

Subrogation

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

Reimbursement

If You receive any payment as a result of an Illness, Injury or condition, You agree to reimburse the Plan first from such payment for all amounts the Plan has paid and will pay as a result of that Illness, Injury or condition, up to and including the full amount of Your recovery. Benefit payments made under the Plan are conditioned upon Your agreement to reimburse the Plan in full from any recovery You receive for Your Illness, Injury or condition.

Constructive Trust

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

Lien Rights

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

Assignment

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

First-Priority Claim

By accepting benefits from the Plan, You acknowledge that the Plan's recovery rights are a first priority claim and are to be repaid to the Plan before You receive any recovery for Your damages. The Plan shall be entitled to full reimbursement on a first-dollar basis from any payments, even if such payment to the Plan will result in a recovery which is insufficient to make You whole or to compensate You in part or in whole for the damages sustained. The Plan is not required to participate in or pay Your court costs or attorney fees to any attorney You hire to pursue Your damage claim.

Applicability to All Settlements and Judgments

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

Cooperation

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

You shall do nothing to prejudice the Plan's subrogation or recovery interest or prejudice the Plan's ability to enforce the terms of this Plan provision. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from making any

settlement or recovery that attempts to reduce or exclude the full cost of all benefits provided by the Plan or disbursement of any settlement proceeds or other recovery prior to fully satisfying the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement interest.

You acknowledge that the Plan has the right to conduct an investigation regarding the Illness, Injury or condition to identify potential sources of recovery. The Plan reserves the right to notify all parties and their agents of its lien. Agents include, but are not limited to, insurance companies and attorneys.

Workers' Compensation

If the entity providing workers' compensation coverage denies Your claim and You have filed an appeal, benefits may be advanced for Covered Services if You agree to hold any recovery obtained in a segregated account for the Plan.

Future Related Expenses

Benefits for otherwise Covered Services may be excluded when You have received a recovery from another source relating to an Illness or Injury for which the Plan would normally provide benefits. However, the amount of any Covered Services excluded in this provision will not exceed the amount of Your recovery.

Interpretation

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

Jurisdiction

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

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

If You are covered by any other Plan (as defined below), the benefits in this SPD and those of the other Plan will be coordinated in accordance with the provisions of this section. NOTE: This section refers to a broad range of benefits, even though this plan is a dental only plan.

Definitions

The following are definitions that apply to this Coordination of Benefits provision:

Allowable Expense means, with regard to services that are covered in full or part by this Plan or any other Plan(s) covering You, the amount on which that Plan would base its benefit payment for a service, including Coinsurance or copayments and without reduction for any applicable Deductible, except that the following are examples of expenses that are not an Allowable Expense:

- An expense or portion of an expense not covered by any of Your involved Plans.
- Any expense that a Provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging You.
- The difference between the cost of a private hospital room and the cost of a semiprivate hospital room, unless one of Your involved Plans provides coverage for private hospital rooms.
- Any amount by which a Primary Plan's benefits were reduced because You did not comply with that Plan's provisions regarding second surgical opinion or preauthorization.
- If You are covered by two or more Plans that: 1) compute benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement or other similar reimbursement methodology, any amount charged by the Provider in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specified benefit; or 2) that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, any amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees.

- If You are covered by a Plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees, relative value schedule reimbursement, or other similar reimbursement methodology and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's payment arrangement shall be the Allowable Expense for all Plans. However, if the Provider has contracted with the Secondary Plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the Primary Plan's payment arrangement and if the Provider's contract permits, that negotiated fee or payment shall be the Allowable Expense used by the Secondary Plan to determine its benefits.

When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service provided will be considered both an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid.

Birth day, means only the day and month of birth, regardless of the year.

Custodial Parent means the parent awarded custody of a child by a court order. In the absence of a court order, Custodial Parent means the parent with whom the child resides more than one-half of the Calendar Year without regard to any temporary visitation.

Group-Type Contract is a coverage that is not available to the general public and can be obtained and maintained only because of membership in or connection with a particular organization or group, including blanket coverage. Group-Type Contract does not include an individually underwritten guaranteed renewable coverage, even if the coverage is purchased through payroll deduction at a premium savings to You (and You have the right to maintain or renew the coverage independently of continued employment with the employer).

Plan or Conforming Plan means any of the following plans that allow coordination of benefits:

- individual and group accident and health insurance contracts;
- uninsured arrangements of a group or Group-Type Contract;
- Group-Type Contract;
- coverage through closed panel Plans (a Plan that provides coverage primarily in the form of services through a panel of Providers that have contracted with or are employed by an insurer and that excludes benefits for services provided by a non-panel Provider, except in the cases of emergency or referral by a panel Provider);
- a medical care benefit in a long-term care contract that provides reimbursement for an incurred expense, rather than an indemnity benefit; and
- Medicare and other governmental coverages, as permitted by law.

Plan does not mean a non-Conforming Plan, which includes any of the following plans that may not coordinate benefits:

- hospital indemnity coverage benefits or other fixed indemnity coverage;
- accident only coverage;
- specified disease or specified accident coverage;
- limited benefit health coverage;
- school accident-type coverages that cover students for accidents only, including athletic injuries, either on a 24-hour basis or on a "to and from school" basis;
- benefits provided in long-term care insurance policies for non-medical services (for example, personal care, adult day care, homemaker services, assistance with activities of daily living, respite care and custodial care) or for coverages that pay a fixed daily benefit without regard to expenses incurred or the receipt of services;
- Medicare supplement coverage;
- a Medicaid state Plan; or
- a governmental plan that, by law, provides benefits that are in excess to those of private insurance or other nongovernmental coverage.

Primary Plan means the Plan that must determine its benefits for Your health care before the benefits of another Plan and without taking the existence of that other Plan into consideration. (This is also referred

to as the Plan being "primary" to another Plan.) There may be more than one Primary Plan. A Plan is a Primary Plan with regard to another Plan in any of the following circumstances:

- the Plan has no order of benefit determination provision or its order of benefit determination provision differs from the order of benefit determination provision included herein; or
- both Plans use the order of benefit determination provision included herein and by that provision the Plan determines its benefits first.

Secondary Plan means a Plan that is not a Primary Plan.

Year means Calendar Year (January 1 through December 31).

Order of Benefit Determination

The order of benefit determination is identified by using the first of the following rules that apply:

Non-dependent or dependent coverage: A Plan that covers You other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, member, policyholder retiree, or subscriber, will be primary to a Plan for which You are covered as a dependent.

Child covered under more than one Plan: Plans that cover You as a child shall determine the order of benefits as follows:

- When Your parents are married or living together (whether or not they have ever been married), the Plan of the parent whose Birthday falls earlier in the Year is the Primary Plan. If both parents have the same Birthday, the Plan that has covered a parent longer is the Primary Plan.
- When Your parents are divorced or legally separated or are not living together (if they have never been married) and a court decree states that one of Your parents is responsible for Your health care expenses or health care coverage, the Plan of that parent is primary to the Plan of Your other parent. If the parent with that responsibility has no health care coverage for Your health care expenses, but that parent's spouse does, the Plan of the spouse shall be primary to the Plan of Your other parent.
- If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for Your health care expenses or health care coverage, or if a court decree states that the parents have joint custody of You, without specifying that one of the parents is responsible for Your health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of the first bullet above (based on parental Birthdays) shall determine the order of benefits.
- If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for Your health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits is as follows:
 - The Plan of Your Custodial Parent shall be primary to the Plan of Your Custodial Parent's spouse.
 - The Plan of Your Custodial Parent's spouse shall be primary to the Plan of Your noncustodial parent.
 - Then the Plan of Your noncustodial parent shall be primary to the Plan of Your noncustodial parent's spouse.

If You are covered under more than one Plan and one or more of the Plans provides You coverage through individuals who are not Your parents (for example, a guardian or step-parent), the order of benefits shall be determined, as applicable using the provisions under the first or second bullets above, as if those individuals were Your parents.

Active, retired, or laid-off employees: A Plan that covers You as an active employee (that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired) or as a dependent of an active employee, is primary to a Plan under which You are covered as a laid off or retired employee. If the other Plan does not have this rule and if, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule will not apply.

Continuation of coverage: A Plan that covers You as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or as a dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree, is primary to a Plan by which You are covered pursuant to a right of continuation law. If the other Plan does not have this rule and if, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule will not apply.

Longer/shorter length of coverage: When none of the paragraphs above establishes an order of benefit determination, the benefits of the Plan that has covered You for the longest period of time will be determined before the benefits of the Plan that has covered You for the shortest period of time. To determine the length of time You have been covered by a Plan, two successive Plans will be treated as one if You were eligible by the second Plan within 24 hours after the first Plan ended. The start of a new Plan does not include:

- a change in the amount or scope of a Plan's benefits;
- a change in the entity that pays, provides or administers the Plan's benefits; or
- a change from one type of Plan to another (such as from a single-employer Plan to a multiple employer Plan).

Your length of time covered by a Plan is measured from Your first date of coverage with that Plan. If that date is not readily available for a group Plan, the date You first became a member of the group will be used as the date from which to determine the length of time coverage with the present Plan has been in force.

If an order of benefit determination is not identified by the preceding rules, the Plans shall share equally in the Allowable Expenses. Each of the Plans by which You are covered, and each of the benefits within the Plan, will be considered separately in administering this Coordination of Benefits provision.

Primary Health Plan Benefits

When, in accordance with the order of benefit determination, this coverage is the Primary Plan, the Plan will pay the benefits of this coverage as if no other Plan exists. This Plan is considered to be Primary in relation to pediatric dental benefits of another Plan. Despite the provisions of timely filing of claims, where this Plan is the Primary Plan, benefits will not be denied by this Plan on the ground that a claim was not timely submitted if the claim was timely submitted to one or more Secondary Plans and was submitted to the Claims Administrator within 36 months of the date of service.

Secondary Health Plan Benefits

If, in accordance with the order of benefit determination, one or more other Plans are primary to this Plan, the benefits of this Plan will be calculated as follows:

The Claims Administrator will calculate the benefits that the Plan would have paid for a service if this coverage were the Primary Plan. That calculated amount will be applied to any Allowable Expense for that service that is unpaid by the Primary Plan. The Plan will:

- reduce payment so that, when combined with the amount paid by the Primary Plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans for the claim do not exceed 100 percent of the total Allowable Expense for that claim; and
- credit to this Plan's Deductible (if applicable), any amounts that would have been credited for the service if this Plan were the Primary Plan.

Nothing contained in this Coordination of Benefits provision requires this Plan to pay for all or part of any service that is not covered by this Plan. Further, in no event will this Coordination of Benefits provision operate to increase this Plan's payment over what would have been paid in the absence of this Coordination of Benefits provision.

Right to Receive and Release Needed Information

Certain facts are needed to apply Coordination of Benefits provisions. The Claims Administrator has the right to decide which facts they need. The Claims Administrator may get needed facts from, or give them to, any other organization or person as permitted by law, and need not tell or get the consent of any person to do this. You will promptly furnish to the Claims Administrator any information necessary or appropriate to administer this Coordination of Benefits provision. Receipt of such information by the Claims Administrator will be a condition precedent to this Plan's obligation to provide benefits in this SPD.

Right of Recovery

If the Plan provides benefits to or on behalf of You in excess of the amount that would have been payable in this Plan by reason of Your coverage with any other Plan(s), this Claims Administrator will be entitled to the excess as follows:

- From You, if payment was made to You. Recovery would be by reversal of payments and be limited to a period within 24 months of the overpayment, unless reversal is necessitated by Your fraudulent act(s), fraudulent statement(s), or material misrepresentation(s). This Plan will be entitled to recover the amount of such excess by the reversal of payment from You and You agree to reimburse this Plan on demand for any and all such amounts. If a third-party collection agency or attorney is used to collect the overpayment, You agree to pay collection fees incurred, including, but not limited to, any court costs and attorney fees. If You do not pay, future benefits may be withheld to offset the amount owing to it. The Claims Administrator is responsible for making proper adjustments between insurers and providers.
- From providers, if payment was made to them. Recovery would be by reversal of payments and be limited to a period within 24 months of the overpayment, unless reversal is necessitated by Your fraudulent act(s), fraudulent statement(s), or material misrepresentation(s). The Claims Administrator is responsible for making proper adjustments between insurers and providers.
- From the other Plan or an insurer.
- From other organizations.

A Secondary Plan that provides benefits in the form of services may recover the reasonable cash value of the services from the Primary Plan to the extent that benefits for the services are covered by the Primary Plan and have not already been paid or provided by it.

Appeal Process

If You or Your Representative wish to seek review of a claim denial or other dispute that is identified below, You may appeal. There are two levels of appeal, as well as additional voluntary appeal levels that You may pursue. Certain situations requiring a faster decision may qualify for an expedited appeal as described below.

NOTE: For all appeals, written materials provided in support of the appeal that include others' medical or health records and other personal health information should not be submitted.

Each level of appeal, except voluntary external review, must be pursued within 180 days of Your receipt of the Claims Administrator's determination (or, in the case of the first level, within 180 days of Your receipt of the Claims Administrator's original adverse decision that You are appealing). You will be given a reasonable opportunity to provide written materials. If You don't appeal within this time period, You will not be able to continue to pursue the appeal process and may jeopardize Your ability to pursue the matter in any forum.

INTERNAL APPEAL – FIRST-LEVEL

First-level appeals are reviewed by an employee(s) of the Claims Administrator who was not involved in the initial decision that You are appealing. In appeals that involve issues requiring medical judgment, the decision is made by the Claims Administrator's staff of health care professionals.

INTERNAL APPEAL – SECOND-LEVEL

Second-level appeals are reviewed by an employee(s) of the Claims Administrator who was not involved in, or subordinate to anyone involved in, the initial or the first-level decision.

What You May Appeal – Internal Appeal

You may appeal an Adverse Benefit Determination.

INTERNAL EXPEDITED APPEAL

If You or Your treating Provider determines that Your health could be jeopardized by waiting for a decision from the regular appeal process, You or Your treating Provider may specifically request an expedited appeal within 180 days of Your receipt of the Claims Administrator's Adverse Benefit Determination.

The internal expedited appeal request should state the need for a decision on an expedited basis and must include documentation necessary for the appeal decision. Internal expedited appeals are reviewed by an employee(s) of the Claims Administrator who was not involved in, or subordinate to anyone involved in, the initial decision that You are appealing. You or Your Representative, on Your behalf, will be given the opportunity (within the constraints of the expedited appeal time frame) to provide written materials, including written testimony on Your behalf.

What You May Appeal – Internal Expedited Appeal

An expedited appeal is available if one of the following applies:

- the application of regular appeal time frames on a Pre-Service or concurrent care claim either:
 - could jeopardize Your life, health or ability to regain maximum function; or
 - according to a Provider with knowledge of Your medical condition, would subject You to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the disputed care or treatment.

FILING AN INTERNAL APPEAL

Appeals can be initiated through either written or verbal request using any of the following methods:

Method of Request	Contact Information
Secure Online Account	Sign-in to Your account at regence.com , navigate to appeals and complete an appeal request
Phone	Call the Customer Service phone number on Your identification card
Fax	1 (877) 663-7526
Mail	Attn: ASO Appeals and Grievances Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah P.O. Box 1106 Lewiston, ID 83501

INTERNAL APPEAL DETERMINATION TIMING

The Claims Administrator will send its decision on Your internal appeal as follows:

Type of Appeal	How and When to Expect a Response
Post-Service appeal	In writing, within 30 days of the Claims Administrator's receipt of the appeal.
Pre-Service appeal for preauthorization	In writing, within 15 days of the Claims Administrator's receipt of the appeal.
Expedited appeal	By phone, fax or e-mail within 72 hours of the Claims Administrator's receipt of the appeal, followed by written notice within 3 working days.

VOLUNTARY EXTERNAL APPEAL

The Claims Administrator coordinates voluntary external Appeals, but the decision is made by the external review entity at no cost to You. The Claims Administrator will provide the external review entity with the Appeal documentation. The external review entity will make their decision and provide You with written determination within 45 days of receipt of the request.

A voluntary Appeal to an external review entity is available for issues involving medical judgment (including, but not limited to, those based on the Plan's requirements for Medical Necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness of a Covered Service; or the determination that a treatment is Investigational), but only after You have exhausted all of the applicable non-voluntary levels of Appeal, or if the Claims Administrator has failed to adhere to all claims and internal Appeal requirements. Voluntary external appeals must be requested within four months of Your receipt of the notice of the prior adverse decision.

The voluntary external Appeal to an external review entity is optional and You should know that other forums may be used as the final level of Appeal to resolve a dispute You have under the Plan. The Claims Administrator will coordinate review by the external review entity. You may choose from the following two external review entities:

University of Utah Medically Appropriate Review Committee

If You disagree with the decision made in the first and second-level appeals, You may choose to have your request reviewed by a committee consisting of physicians employed by University of Utah Health, one member of University Human Resource Management who is not involved in any employment decisions, and a legal advisor from the University's Office of General Counsel. The committee will not include Your health care Provider. Information provided to the committee will be de-identified by the HR member. You may also choose to appeal the decision of this committee to the Independent Review

Organization described below. You are not required to request review by the University of Utah Medically Appropriate Review Committee prior to requesting a review by the Independent Review Organization following a second-level determination.

Independent Review Organization (IRO)

An IRO which is independent from Your health care Provider and the Claims Administrator. This level of appeal is also available to You if you choose to have your appeal reviewed by the University of Utah Medically Appropriate Review Committee and wish to appeal their decision. The decision of the IRO is final and binding and may not be appealed further, except to the extent other remedies are available under State and Federal law.

VOLUNTARY EXTERNAL EXPEDITED APPEAL – IRO

If You disagree with the decision made in the internal expedited appeal and You or Your Representative reasonably believes that preauthorization remains clinically urgent (Pre-Service or concurrent), You may request a voluntary external expedited appeal to an IRO. The criteria for a voluntary external expedited appeal to an IRO are the same as described above for a voluntary external appeal.

The Claims Administrator coordinates voluntary external expedited appeals, but the decision is made by an IRO at no cost to You. The Claims Administrator will provide the IRO with the appeal documentation. Choosing the voluntary external expedited appeal as the final level to determine an appeal will be binding in accordance with the IRO's decision and this section.

The voluntary external expedited appeal by an IRO is optional and You should know that other forums may be used as the final level of expedited appeal to resolve a dispute You have under the Plan. This includes, but is not limited to, civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA.

What You May Appeal – Voluntary External Expedited Appeal

A voluntary external expedited appeal is available for the same reasons as described above for an internal expedited appeal.

FILING AN EXTERNAL APPEAL

You may file an external appeal using the same options as described above for filing an internal appeal.

EXTERNAL APPEAL DETERMINATION TIMING

The Claims Administrator will send its decision on Your external appeal as follows:

Type of Appeal	How and When to Expect a Response
External appeal	In writing, within 45 days of the Claims Administrator's receipt of the appeal.
External expedited appeal	By phone, fax or e-mail within 72 hours of the Claims Administrator's receipt of the appeal, followed by a written notice which will be mailed to You within 48 hours of the notice provided by phone, fax or e-mail.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this Appeal Process Section:

Adverse Benefit Determination means a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit, including when based on a determination of a Participant's or Beneficiary's eligibility to participate in a Plan, and including, with respect to group health plans, a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit resulting from the application of any utilization review, as well as a failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise provided because it is determined to be experimental or

Investigational, or not Dentally Appropriate. A denial or rescission of coverage is subject to review of Adverse Benefit Determination, whether or not the rescission has an adverse effect on any particular benefit at the time.

Independent Review Organization (IRO) is an independent physician review organization that acts as the decision-maker for voluntary external appeals and voluntary external expedited appeals and that is not controlled by the Claims Administrator.

Post-Service means a request to change an Adverse Benefit Determination for care or services that have been received, or any claim for benefits that is not considered Pre-Service.

Pre-Service means any claim for benefits which the Claims Administrator must approve in advance, in whole or in part, in order for a benefit to be paid.

Representative means someone who represents You for the appeal. The Representative may be an attorney, Your authorized Representative, or a treating Provider. It may also be another party, such as a family member, as long as You or Your legal guardian authorize in writing, disclosure of personal information for the appeal. No authorization is required from the parent(s) or legal guardian of an enrolled dependent child who is less than 13 years old. For expedited appeals only, a health care professional with knowledge of Your medical condition is recognized as Your Representative. Even if You have previously designated a person as Your Representative for a previous matter, an authorization designating that person as Your Representative in a new matter will be required (but redesignation is not required for each appeal level). If no authorization exists and is not received in the course of the appeal, the determination and any personal information will only be disclosed to You, Your Representative, or treating Provider.

COBRA Continuation of Coverage

This COBRA Continuation of Coverage Section applies only when the University is subject to the continuation of coverage provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, or COBRA.

The right to COBRA coverage was created by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA coverage may become available to you and your family members when you would otherwise lose your health care coverage.

This section contains important information about your right to continue your health care coverage in the Plan.

There may be other coverage options for you and your family including a special enrollment opportunity for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse's plan) or coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

QUALIFYING EVENTS

"Qualifying Events" are certain events that cause an individual to lose health care coverage. Qualifying Events that trigger your right to COBRA coverage are:

- Voluntary or involuntary termination of the covered employee's employment for reasons other than "gross misconduct";
- Reduced hours of work for the covered employee, resulting in ineligibility for health coverage;
- Divorce or legal separation of the covered employee;
- Death of the covered employee;
- Loss of status as an "eligible Dependent child" under plan rules;
- The covered employee becomes entitled to Medicare, resulting in ineligibility for coverage; or
- The employer files a Chapter 11 bankruptcy (only applicable to retired employees and their Dependents covered under a retiree medical program).

Your Qualifying Event determines Your notice requirements and the amount of time You may retain COBRA coverage.

WHEN AND HOW YOU MUST GIVE NOTICE

You, your spouse, or Dependent child must notify the University Human Resource Management within 60 days of one of the following events:

- Divorce or legal separation
- Child losing Dependent status
- You experience a Second Qualifying Event
- Disability determination by the Social Security Administration (see Social Security Disability for details)

Provide this notice through UBenefits (ubenefits.app.utah.edu), or by contacting University Human Resource Management at (801) 581-7447 for assistance. Alternatively, your spouse or Dependent child may give written notice of the Qualifying Event to University Human Resource Management at the address listed at the end of this section. The written notice must provide the individual's name and current mailing address, the specific Qualifying Event and the date of the Qualifying Event. If written notice is not provided to University Human Resource Management within 60 days after the date of the Qualifying Event, all rights of that individual to elect COBRA coverage will be lost. The Plan is required to provide notice to you and/or your enrolled Dependents of the right to elect COBRA coverage due to any of the other Qualifying Events.

QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES

Each individual who was covered under the Plan on the day before the Qualifying Event is a "Qualified Beneficiary" and has an independent right to purchase COBRA coverage. An exception to this rule applies if coverage is reduced or eliminated in anticipation of a Qualifying Event. COBRA coverage may

still be available to a spouse or Dependent child who has been dropped from coverage in anticipation of divorce or legal separation. In this case, COBRA coverage will be effective upon the date of divorce or separation, not the date that coverage was terminated, and will only be available provided that, but for the lost coverage, the spouse or Dependent child would otherwise have been eligible. Qualified Beneficiary includes the covered employee, employee's spouse, and Dependent child or children.

INDIVIDUAL ELECTION RIGHTS

Each Qualified Beneficiary can elect COBRA coverage independently, even if the covered employee chooses not to elect COBRA coverage. The Plan Administrator may terminate your COBRA coverage retroactively if you are determined to have been ineligible for coverage.

LENGTH OF COBRA COVERAGE

The length of COBRA coverage offered depends on your Qualifying Event. If the Qualifying Event is termination of employment or a reduction of work hours, Qualified Beneficiaries may continue COBRA coverage for 18 months. If the Qualifying Event is death of the covered employee, divorce or legal separation, or loss of Dependent status, COBRA coverage is available for 36 months. If a Qualified Dependent is determined to have been disabled on the date of the Qualifying Event or during the first 60 days of COBRA coverage, additional coverage may be available (see Social Security Disability below).

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

If your Qualifying Event is termination of employment or reduction in hours and you are determined by the Social Security Administration to have been disabled on the date of the Qualifying Event or during the first 60 days of COBRA coverage, you and/or your enrolled Dependents may obtain an extension of coverage from 18 months to 29 months. It is your responsibility to obtain the disability determination from the Social Security Administration and to provide a copy of the determination to the University Human Resource Management within 60 days of the date the determination is made and before the end of the original 18-month COBRA period. If you do not notify University Human Resource Management and provide the determination within these time frames, you will not be eligible for the 11-month extension of COBRA coverage. If coverage is extended for an additional 11 months due to Social Security disability, your COBRA premiums will be adjusted to 150% of the full cost during the extended 11-month coverage period. It is also your responsibility to provide a written notice to Human Resource Management within 30 days if a final determination is made that you are no longer disabled.

ELECTING COVERAGE

Qualified Beneficiaries have 60 days from the date of the Qualifying Event or if later, from the date of the notice offering COBRA, to elect COBRA coverage. (You are not eligible to elect COBRA coverage if you, your spouse, or Dependent child failed to notify the University Human Resource Management of a divorce, legal separation or a child losing Dependent status within 60 days of the event.) If neither you nor your spouse or Dependent child(ren) elect COBRA coverage during the applicable election period, your health care coverage will end according to the terms of the Plan. The Plan will not pay claims for services provided on and after the date coverage ends and you, your spouse and your Dependents will have no right to elect COBRA coverage at a later date.

COBRA PREMIUM PAYMENTS

If you elect COBRA coverage, you will be responsible to pay the full cost of coverage plus a 2% administration fee. The COBRA premiums, including this fee, will be listed on your "Notice of Right to Elect Continuation Coverage (COBRA)." Coupons will be provided for premium payments; however, in the event you do not receive coupons, you are responsible for remitting payments timely to avoid termination of coverage.

INITIAL PAYMENT

Payment must be received by the University Human Resource Management within 45 days of the date you elect COBRA coverage. Your first premium payment will include premiums due retroactive to the date you lost coverage as a result of your Qualifying Event. If your first payment is not received timely, COBRA coverage will not be effective and you will lose all rights to COBRA coverage.

SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS

Payment for each subsequent period is due on the first day of each month. You will have a 30-day grace period from the premium due date to make subsequent payments. If COBRA premiums are not paid within the grace period, coverage will terminate as of the end of the last period for which payment was received in full and you will lose all further rights to COBRA coverage.

SECOND QUALIFYING EVENT

Qualified Beneficiaries, other than the employee, who enrolled in COBRA coverage as a result of the employee's termination of employment or reduction of work hours, who experience another Qualifying Event (divorce, legal separation, death of the covered employee, Medicare entitlement, or loss of Dependent status), may extend COBRA coverage beyond 18 months (or 29 months if there has been a disability extension) to 36 months. You must provide a written notice to the University Human Resource Management within 60 days of the second Qualifying Event and during the original 18-month COBRA coverage period (or 29-month period if there has been a disability extension) in order to extend COBRA coverage to 36 months. The written notice must provide the individual's name and current mailing address, the specific Qualifying Event and the date the event occurred. COBRA coverage will never extend beyond 36 months of the date of the original Qualifying Event.

CHANGES IN COBRA COVERAGE

You will have the same rights to enroll Dependents and change elections with respect to the University Health Care Plan as active employees of the University. Changes to coverage may be made during the University's Open Enrollment period each year.

NEWBORNS AND ADOPTEES

A child who is born to or placed for adoption while you are enrolled in COBRA coverage can be added to your COBRA coverage upon proper notification (Health Care Coverage Change Form or written notice) of the birth or placement. Notification must be received within 3 months of the date of birth or placement (if notification is not received within 3 months of the date of birth or placement, you will not be able to add the child to your coverage until the next Open Enrollment period). The child will not have an independent right to purchase COBRA coverage. The child's COBRA coverage will terminate when your COBRA coverage terminates, unless you terminate his/her coverage voluntarily at an earlier date.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS

If you were enrolled in a Health Flexible Spending Account at the time of your Qualifying Event and would like to retain access to any fund balance in your account, please contact University Human Resource Management to obtain additional information. You may be allowed to continue participation in the Flexible Benefit Plan through the end of the plan year in which the Qualifying Event occurred. If you fail to make payment, your participation in the Flexible Benefit Plan will terminate and expenses incurred after the termination date will not be eligible for reimbursement.

FINANCIAL AID

Some states offer financial aid to help certain individuals pay for COBRA coverage. Contact your appropriate state agency regarding availability and eligibility requirements.

TERMINATION OF COBRA COVERAGE

Your COBRA coverage will end for you and/or your enrolled Dependents if any of the following occurs:

- The required premium payments are not paid within the timeframe allowed;
- You notify the COBRA administrator that you wish to cancel your coverage;
- The applicable period of COBRA coverage ends;
- You become entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both);
- The date you reach the Lifetime Maximum Benefit under the Plan;
- The University terminates its group health plan(s);
- You have extended COBRA coverage due to Social Security disability and a final determination is made that you are no longer disabled, coverage for all who had qualified for the disability extension will end as of the later of:
 - the last day of 18 months of continuation coverage, or

- the first day of the month that is more than 30 days following the date of the final determination of the nondisability;
- After the date of your COBRA election, you become covered under another group health plan that does not impose any pre-existing condition exclusion for a pre-existing condition of the qualified Dependent (note: there are limitations on plans' imposing a pre-existing condition exclusion and such exclusions will become prohibited beginning in 2014 under the Affordable Care Act); or
- An event occurs that permits termination of coverage under the University Health Care Plan for an individual covered other than pursuant to COBRA (for example, submitting fraudulent claims).

QUESTIONS, NOTICES AND ADDRESS CHANGE

This section does not fully describe COBRA coverage. For additional information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law contact University Human Resource Management.

The University's COBRA Administrator is Dawn Young, 250 East 200 South, Suite 125, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, telephone (801) 581-7447 (the contact person may change from time to time).

If You divorce or legally separate, no longer qualify as a domestic partnership, or lose eligibility as a child under the Plan, You must provide the required written notice to University Human Resource Management within 60 days.

In order to protect Your Family's rights, You should keep University Human Resource Management informed of any change in address for You, Your spouse, domestic partner or enrolled children. If You have any questions or need additional information, please contact the University Human Resource Management.

Notices

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLAN AND FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

THIS NOTICE IS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

YOUR RIGHTS

When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

Get a copy of health and claims records

- You can ask to see or get a copy of your health and claims records and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this.
- We will provide a copy or a summary of your health and claims records, usually within 30 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee.

Ask us to correct health and claims records

- You can ask us to correct your health and claims records if you think they are incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this.
- We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days.

Request confidential communications

- You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address.
- We will consider all reasonable requests, and must say "yes" if you tell us you would be in danger if we do not.

Ask us to limit what we use or share

- You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations.
- We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say "no" if it would affect your care.

Get a list of those with whom we've shared information

- You can ask for a list (accounting) of the times we've shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why.
- We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We'll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.

Get a copy of this privacy notice

You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.

Choose someone to act for you

- If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information.
- We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action.

File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated

- You can complain if you feel we have violated your rights by contacting us using the information on page 4.
- You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775, or visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/.
- We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

YOUR CHOICES

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions.

In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:

- Share information with your family, close friends, or others involved in payment for your care
- Share information in a disaster relief situation

If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

In these cases we *never* share your information unless you give us written permission:

- Marketing purposes
- Sale of your information

OUR USES AND DISCLOSURES

How do we typically use or share your health information?

We typically use or share your health information in the following ways.

Help manage the health care treatment you receive

We can use your health information and share it with professionals who are treating you. Example: A doctor sends our health plan administrator information about your diagnosis and treatment plan so they can arrange additional services.

Run our organization

- We can use and disclose your information to run our organization and contact you when necessary.
- We are not allowed to use genetic information to decide whether we will give you coverage and the price of that coverage. This federal rule does not apply to long term care plans.

Example: We use health information about enrolled employees in the aggregate to develop better services for health plan members.

Pay for your health services

We can use and disclose your health information as we pay for your health services. Example: We share information about you with your dental plan to coordinate payment for your dental work.

Administer your plan

We may disclose your health information to your health plan administrator for claims administration.

Example: We contract with health plan administrators to provide network and claims administration for the health plan, and they provide us with certain statistics to calculate the premiums we charge.

HOW ELSE CAN WE USE OR SHARE YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION?

We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways – usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information see:

www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html.

Help with public health and safety issues

We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:

- Preventing disease
- Helping with product recalls
- Reporting adverse reactions to medications
- Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence
- Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety

Do research

We can use or share your information for health research.

Comply with the law

We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law.

Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director

- We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.
- We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies.

Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests

We can use or share health information about you:

- For workers' compensation claims
- For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official
- With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law
- For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services

Respond to lawsuits and legal actions

We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- **We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.**
- **We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.**
- **We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.**
- **We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.**

For more information see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html.

CHANGES TO THE TERMS OF THIS NOTICE

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, on our website, and we will mail a copy to you.

CONTACT US

If you are concerned that your privacy rights may have been violated, or disagree with a decision that we made about access to your health information, contact:

University Human Resource Management

Attention: Director of Benefits
250 East 200 South, Suite 125
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 581-7447
Fax: (801) 585-7375

University of Utah Information Security and Privacy Office

515 East 100 South, Suite 650
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
(801) 581-2121
Fax: (801) 587-9443
Email: privacy@utah.edu
<http://privacy.utah.edu/>

General Provisions and Legal Notices

This section explains various general provisions and legal notices regarding Your benefits under this coverage.

CHOICE OF FORUM

Any legal action arising out of the Plan must be filed in a court in the state of Utah.

GOVERNING LAW

The Plan will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States of America and by applicable laws of the state of Utah without regard to its conflict of law rules. The Claims Administrator is not the Plan Administrator, but does provide claims administration under the Plan.

LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY

You have the exclusive right to choose a health care Provider. The Plan and the Claims Administrator are not responsible for the quality of health care You receive, since all those who provide care do so as independent contractors. Since the Plan and the Claims Administrator do not provide any health care services, neither can be held liable for any claim or damages connected with Injuries You suffer while receiving health services or supplies provided by professionals who are neither employees nor agents of the Plan or the Claims Administrator.

In addition, the Claims Administrator will not be liable to any person or entity for the inability or failure to procure or provide the benefits in the Plan by reason of epidemic, disaster or other cause or condition beyond the Claims Administrator's control.

NO WAIVER

The failure or refusal of either party to demand strict performance of the Plan or to enforce any provision will not act as or be construed as a waiver of that party's right to later demand its performance or to enforce that provision. No provision of the Plan will be considered waived unless such waiver is reduced to writing and signed by one of the Plan Sponsor's authorized officers.

NONASSIGNMENT

Only You are entitled to benefits under the Plan. These benefits are not assignable or transferable to anyone else and You (or a custodial parent or the state Medicaid agency, if applicable) may not delegate, in full or in part, benefits or payments to any person, corporation or entity. Any attempted assignment, transfer or delegation of benefits will be considered null and void and will not be binding on the Plan. You may not assign, transfer or delegate any right of representation or collection other than to legal counsel directly authorized by You on a case-by-case basis.

NOTICES

Any notice to Claimants or to the Plan Sponsor required in the Plan will be considered properly given if written notice is deposited in the United States mail or with a private carrier. Notices to a Participant or to the Plan Sponsor will be addressed to the last known address appearing in the Claims Administrator's records. If the Claims Administrator receives a United States Postal Service change of address (COA) form for a Participant, the Claims Administrator will update their records accordingly. Additionally, the Claims Administrator may forward notice for a Participant to the Plan Sponsor if they become aware that the Claims Administrator doesn't have a valid mailing address for the Participant. Any notice to the Claims Administrator required in the Agreement may be mailed to the Claims Administrator's Customer Service address. However, notice to the Claims Administrator will not be considered to have been given to and received by the Claims Administrator until physically received.

PLAN SPONSOR IS AGENT

The Plan Sponsor is Your agent for all purposes under the Plan and not the Claims Administrator's agent. You are entitled to health care benefits pursuant to the Agreement between the Claims Administrator and the Plan Sponsor. In the Agreement, the Plan Sponsor agrees to act as agent for You in acknowledging Your agreement to the terms, provisions, limitations and exclusions contained in this SPD. You, through

the enrollment form signed by the Participant, and as beneficiaries of the Plan, acknowledge and agree to the terms, provisions, limitations and exclusions described in this SPD.

RELATIONSHIP TO BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION

The Plan Sponsor on behalf of itself and its Claimants expressly acknowledges its understanding that the Agreement constitutes an agreement solely between the Plan Sponsor and Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah, which is an independent corporation operating under a license from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans (the Association), permitting the Claims Administrator to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Marks in the state of Utah and that the Claims Administrator is not contracting as the agent of the Association. The Plan Sponsor on behalf of itself and its Claimants further acknowledges and agrees that it has not entered into the Agreement based upon representations by any person or entity other than Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah and that no person or entity other than Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah will be held accountable or liable to the Plan Sponsor or the Claimants for any of the Claims Administrator's obligations to the Plan Sponsor or the Claimants created under the Agreement. This paragraph will not create any additional obligations whatsoever on the part of Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Utah other than those obligations created under other provisions of the Agreement.

REPRESENTATIONS ARE NOT WARRANTIES

In the absence of fraud, all statements You make in an enrollment form will be considered representations and not warranties. No statement made for obtaining coverage will void such coverage or reduce benefits unless contained in a written document signed by You, a copy of which is furnished to You.

RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND RELEASE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND HEALTH RECORDS

It is important to understand that Your personal health information may be requested or disclosed by the Claims Administrator. This information will be used for the purpose of facilitating health care treatment, payment of claims or business operations necessary to administer health care benefits; or as required by law.

The information requested or disclosed may be related to treatment or services received from:

- an insurance carrier or group health plan;
- any other institution providing care, treatment, consultation, pharmaceuticals or supplies;
- a clinic, hospital, long-term care or other medical facility; or
- a physician, Dentist, pharmacist or other physical or behavioral health care practitioner.

Health information requested or disclosed by the Claims Administrator may include, but is not limited to:

- billing statements;
- claim records;
- correspondence;
- dental records;
- diagnostic imaging reports;
- hospital records (including nursing records and progress notes);
- laboratory reports; and
- medical records.

The Claims Administrator is required by law to protect Your personal health information, and must obtain prior written authorization from You to release information not related to routine health insurance operations. A Notice of Privacy Practices is available by visiting the Claims Administrator's website or contacting Customer Service.

You have the right to request, inspect and amend any records that the Claims Administrator has that contain Your personal health information. Contact the Claims Administrator's Customer Service to make this request.

NOTE: This provision does not apply to information regarding HIV/AIDS, psychotherapy notes, alcohol/drug services and genetic testing. A specific authorization will be obtained from You in order for the Claims Administrator to receive information related to these health conditions.

TAX TREATMENT

The Claims Administrator does not provide tax advice. Consult Your financial or tax advisor for information about the appropriate tax treatment of benefit payments and reimbursements.

WHEN BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE

In order for health expenses to be covered, they must be incurred while coverage is in effect. Coverage is in effect when all of the following conditions are met:

- the person is eligible to be covered according to the eligibility provisions in the Plan; and
- the person has enrolled in coverage and has been enrolled by the Claims Administrator.

The expense of a service is incurred on the day the service is provided and the expense of a supply is incurred on the day the supply is delivered to You.

Definitions

The following are definitions of important terms, other terms are defined where they are first used.

Affiliate means a company with which the Claims Administrator has a relationship that allows access to Providers in the state in which the Affiliate serves and includes only the following companies: Regence BlueShield in the state of Idaho, Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon in the state of Oregon and Regence BlueShield in parts of the state of Washington.

Allowed Amount means:

- For In-Network Dentists, the amount that they have contractually agreed to accept as payment in full for Covered Services.
- For Out-of-Network Dentists, the amount the Claims Administrator has determined to be reasonable charges for Covered Services. The Allowed Amount may be based upon billed charges for some services, as determined by the Claims Administrator or as otherwise required by law.

Charges in excess of the Allowed Amount are not considered reasonable charges and are not reimbursable. For questions regarding the basis for determination of the Allowed Amount, contact the Claims Administrator's Customer Service.

Claimant means a Participant or a Beneficiary.

Cosmetic means services or supplies (including medications) that are provided primarily to improve or change appearance to normal structures of the body.

Covered Service means Dentally Appropriate services or supplies that are provided to prevent, diagnose or treat diseases or conditions of the teeth and adjacent supporting soft tissues (including treatment that restores the function of teeth). These services must be received from a Dentist or other Provider practicing within the scope of their license.

Dentally Appropriate means a dental service recommended by the treating Dentist or other Provider, who has personally evaluated the patient, and is all of the following:

- appropriate, based upon the symptoms, for determining the diagnosis and management of the condition;
- appropriate for the diagnosed condition, disease or Injury in accordance with recognized national standards of care;
- not able to be omitted without adversely affecting the Claimant's condition; and
- not primarily for the convenience of the Claimant, Claimant's family or Provider.

A dental service may be Dentally Appropriate yet not be a Covered Service.

Dentist means an individual who is licensed to practice dentistry (including a doctor of medical dentistry, doctor of dental surgery or a denturist) or to practice as a dental hygienist who is permitted by their respective state licensing board to independently bill third-parties.

Dependent means a Participant's eligible Dependent who is listed on the Participant's completed enrollment form and who is enrolled under the Plan.

Effective Date means the date following the Claims Administrator's receipt of the enrollment form, as the date coverage begins for You and/or Your Beneficiaries.

Family means a Participant and any Beneficiaries.

Health Intervention is a medication, service or supply provided to prevent, diagnose, detect, treat or palliate the following:

- disease;
- Illness or Injury;

- genetic or congenital anomaly;
- pregnancy;
- biological or psychological condition that lies outside the range of normal, age-appropriate human variation; or
- to maintain or restore functional ability.

A Health Intervention is defined not only by the intervention itself, but also by the medical condition and patient indications for which it is being applied.

Health Outcome means an outcome that affects health status as measured by the length or quality of a person's life. The Health Intervention's overall beneficial effects on health must outweigh the overall harmful effects on health.

Illness means a:

- congenital malformation that causes functional impairment;
- condition, disease, ailment or bodily disorder, other than an Injury; or
- pregnancy.

Injury means physical damage to the body caused by:

- a foreign object;
- force;
- temperature;
- a corrosive chemical; or
- the direct result of an accident, independent of Illness or any other cause.

An Injury does not mean bodily Injury caused by routine or normal body movements such as stooping, twisting, bending or chewing and does not include any condition related to pregnancy.

In-Network Dentist means a Dentist who has an effective participating contract with the Claims Administrator that designates them as a Dentist of the Plan Sponsor's network, to provide services and supplies to Claimants in accordance with the provisions of this coverage.

Investigational means a Health Intervention that the Claims Administrator has classified as Investigational. The Claims Administrator will review Scientific Evidence from well-designed clinical studies found in peer-reviewed medical literature, if available, and information obtained from the treating physician or practitioner regarding the Health Intervention to determine if it is Investigational. A Health Intervention not meeting all of the following criteria is, in the Claims Administrator's judgment, Investigational:

- The Scientific Evidence must permit conclusions concerning the effect of the Health Intervention on Health Outcomes, which include the disease process, Illness or Injury, length of life, ability to function and quality of life.
- The Health Intervention must improve net Health Outcome.
- The Scientific Evidence must show that the Health Intervention is at least as beneficial as any established alternatives.
- The improvement must be attainable outside the laboratory or clinical research setting.

Lifetime means the entire length of time a Claimant is covered under the Plan (which may include more than one coverage) through the Plan Sponsor with the Claims Administrator.

Out-of-Network Dentist means a Dentist that is not an In-Network Dentist. For Out-of-Network Dentist services, You may be billed for balances over the Plan's payment level in addition to any Deductible and/or Coinsurance amount for Covered Services provided inside or outside the area that the Claims Administrator or one of its Affiliates serves.

Participant means an employee of the Plan Sponsor who is eligible under the terms of the Agreement, has completed an enrollment form and is enrolled under this coverage.

Plan Year means the period from July 1 through June 30 of the following year; however, the first Plan Year begins on the Claimant's Effective Date.

Provider means an individual health professional or organization duly licensed to provide the services covered in this SPD.

Scientific Evidence consists primarily of controlled clinical trials that either directly or indirectly demonstrate the effect of a Health Intervention on Health Outcomes. If controlled clinical trials are not available, observational studies that demonstrate a causal relationship between the Health Intervention and Health Outcomes can be used. Partially controlled observational studies and uncontrolled clinical series may be suggestive, but do not by themselves demonstrate a causal relationship unless the magnitude of the effect observed exceeds anything that could be explained either by the natural history of the medical condition or potential experimental biases.

For more information contact the Claims Administrator at 1 (800) 262-9712 or You can write to P.O. Box 1106, Lewiston, ID 83501-1106

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