

# 2021 Evidence of Coverage



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#### **Celtic Insurance Company**

#### **Ambetter from Sunshine Health**

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**Individual Member Contract** 

In this *contract*, the terms "you," "your" or "yours" will refer to the member or any dependents enrolled in this *contract*. The terms "we," "our," or "us" will refer to Celtic Insurance Company or Ambetter from Sunshine Health.

#### AGREEMENT AND CONSIDERATION

This document along with the corresponding *Schedule of Benefits* is *your contract* and it is a legal document. It is the agreement under which benefits will be provided and paid. In consideration of *your* application and timely payment of premiums, *we* will provide healthcare benefits to *you*, the *member*, for covered services as outlined in this *contract*. Benefits are subject to *contract* definitions, provisions, limitations and exclusions.

#### **GUARANTEED RENEWABLE**

Annually, we must file this product, the cost share and the rates associated with it for approval. Guaranteed renewable means that your plan will be renewed into the subsequent year's approved product on the anniversary date unless terminated earlier in accordance with contract terms. You may keep this contract (or the new contract you are mapped to for the following year) in force by timely payment of the required premiums. In most cases you will be moved to a new contract each year, however, we may decide not to renew the contract as of the renewal date if: (1) we decide not to renew all contracts issued on this form, with a new contract at the same metal level with a similar type and level of benefits, to residents of the state where you then live; (2) we withdraw from the Service Area or reach demonstrated capacity in a Service Area in whole or in part; or (3) there is fraud or an intentional material misrepresentation made by or with the knowledge of a member in filing a claim for covered services.

In addition to the above, this guarantee for continuity of coverage shall not prevent *us* from cancelling or non-renewing this *contract* in the following events: (1) non-payment of premium; (2) a *member* fails to pay any *deductible* or *copayment* amount in excess of \$300 owed to *us* and not the provider of services within 90 days after the date of the procedure; (3) a *member* is found to be in material breach of this *contract*; or (4) a change in federal or state law, no longer permits the continued offering of such coverage, such as CMS guidance related to individuals who are Medicare eligible. Rate changes are effective on a *member's* annual renewal date and will be based on each *member's* attained age, family structure, geographic region, tobacco usage and benefit plan at the time of renewal. *We* have the right to change premiums. *We* will notify the *member* in writing at least 45 days prior to the renewal date of any change in premium rates. If *we* discontinue offering and decide not to renew all policies issued on this form, with the same type and level of benefits, for all residents of the state where *you* reside, *we* will provide a written notice to *you* at least 180 days prior to the date that *we* discontinue coverage.

At least 45 days advanced written notice of any plan to take an action or make a change permitted by this clause will be delivered to *you* at *your* last address as shown in *our* records. *We* will make no change in *your* premium solely because of claims made under this *contract* or a change in a *member's* health. While this *contract* is in force, *we* will not restrict coverage already in force.

#### TEN DAY RIGHT TO RETURN CONTRACT

Please read *your contract* carefully. If *you* are not satisfied, return this *contract* to *us* or to *our* agent within 10 days after *you* receive it. All premiums paid will be refunded, less any benefits\_paid, and the *contract* will be considered null and void from the effective date.

## This contract contains a deductible provision.

This contract contains prior authorization requirements. You may be required to obtain a referral from a primary care provider in order to receive care from a specialist provider. Benefits may be reduced or not covered if the requirements are not met. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits and the Prior Authorization Section.

**Celtic Insurance Company** 

Kevin J. Counihan, President

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Ambetter from Sunshine Health! *We* have prepared this *contract* to help explain *your* coverage. Please refer to this *contract* whenever *you* require medical services. It describes:

- How to access medical care.
- The health care services we cover.
- The portion of *your* health care costs *you* will be required to pay.

This *contract*, the *Schedule of Benefits*, the application ,and any amendments or riders attached shall constitute the entire contract under which *covered services* and supplies are provided or paid for by *us*.

This *contract* should be read in its entirety. Because many of the provisions are interrelated, *you* should read this entire *contract* to gain a full understanding of *your* coverage. Many words used in this *contract* have special meanings when used in a healthcare setting - these words are *italicized* and are defined for *you* in the Definitions section. This *contract* also contains exclusions, so please be sure to read this entire *contract* carefully.

Throughout this *contract you* will see references to Celtic Insurance Company and Ambetter from Sunshine Health. Ambetter from Sunshine Health operates under its legal entity, Celtic Insurance Company, and both may be referred to as the "plan."

#### **How to Contact Us**

Ambetter from Sunshine Health 1301 International Parkway, Suite 400 Sunrise, FL 33323

Normal Business Hours of Operation 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST

Member Services1-877-687-1169Relay FL1-800-955-8770Fax1-866-796-0523

Emergency 911

24/7 Nurse Advice Line 1-877-687-1169

#### **Interpreter Services**

Ambetter from Sunshine Health has a free service to help *our members* who speak languages other than English. These services ensure that *you* and *your provider* can talk about *your* medical or behavioral health concerns in a way that is most comfortable for *you*. *Our* interpreter services are provided at no cost to *you*. *We* have representatives that speak Spanish and medical interpreters to assist with other languages. *Members* who are blind or visually impaired and need help with interpretation can call Member Services for an oral interpretation.

To arrange for interpretation services, please call Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 or for the hearing impaired Relay FL 1-800-955-8770.

## MEMBER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### We are committed to:

- 1. Recognizing and respecting *you* as a *member*.
- 2. Encouraging open discussions between you, your provider and medical practitioners.
- 3. Providing information to help *you* become an informed health care consumer.
- 4. Providing access to covered services and our network providers.
- 5. Sharing *our* expectations of *you* as a *member*.
- 6. Providing coverage regardless of age, ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental disability, or expected health or genetic status.

If you have difficulty locating a primary care provider, specialist, hospital or other network provider please contact us so we can assist you with access or in locating a network provider. Ambetter physicians may be affiliated with different hospitals. Our online directory can provide you with information on the Ambetter network hospitals. The online directory also lists affiliations that your provider may have with non-network hospitals. Your Ambetter coverage requires you to use network providers with limited exceptions.

### *You* have the right to:

- 1. Participate with *your provider* and *medical practitioners* in decisions about *your* health care. This includes working on any treatment plans and making care decisions. *You* should know any possible risks, problems related to recovery, and the likelihood of success. *You* shall not have any treatment without consent freely given by *you* or *your* legally authorized *surrogate* decision-maker. *You* will be informed of *your* care options.
- 2. Know who is approving and performing the procedures or treatment. All likely treatment and the nature of the problem should be explained clearly.
- 3. Receive the benefits for which *you* have coverage.
- 4. Be treated with respect and dignity.
- 5. Privacy of *your* personal health information, consistent with state and federal laws, and *our* policies.
- 6. Receive information or make recommendations, including changes, about *our* organization and services, *our* network of *providers* and *medical practitioners*, and *your* rights and responsibilities.
- 7. Candidly discuss with *your provider* and *medical practitioners* appropriate and *medically necessary* care for *your* condition, including new uses of technology, regardless of cost or benefit coverage. This includes information from *your primary care provider* about what might be wrong (to the level known), treatment and any known likely results. *Your primary care provider* can tell *you* about treatments that may or may not be covered by the plan, regardless of the cost. *You* have a right to know about any costs *you* will need to pay. This should be told to *you* in words *you* can understand. When it is not appropriate to give *you* information for medical reasons, the information can be given to a legally authorized person. *Your provider* will ask for *your* approval for treatment unless there is an *emergency* and *your* life and health are in serious danger.
- 8. Make recommendations regarding *member*'s rights, responsibilities and policies.
- 9. Voice complaints or *grievances* about: *our* organization, any benefit or coverage decisions *we* (or *our* designated administrators) make, *your* coverage, or care provided. Refer to the Complaints and Grievance section of this *contract* for more information.
- 10. Refuse treatment for any condition, *illness* or disease without jeopardizing future treatment, and be informed by *your provider*(s) of the medical consequences.
- 11. See *your* medical records.
- 12. Be kept informed of *covered* and non-covered *services*, program changes, how to access services,

*primary care provider* assignment, providers, advance directive information, referrals and *authorizations*, benefit denials, *member* rights and responsibilities, and *our* other rules and guidelines. *We* will notify *you* at least 60 days before the *effective date* of the modifications. Such notices shall include:

- a. Any changes in clinical review criteria; or
- b. A statement of the effect of such changes on the personal liability of the *member* for the cost of any such changes.
- 13. A current list of *network providers*. Select a health plan or switch health plans, within the guidelines, without any threats or harassment.
- 14. Adequate access to qualified *medical practitioners* and treatment or services regardless of age, ethnicity, race, gender, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin or religion.
- 15. Access *medically necessary* urgent and *emergency* services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- 16. Receive information in a different format in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if *you* have a disability.
- 17. Refuse treatment to the extent the law allows. *You* are responsible for *your* actions if treatment is refused or if the *primary care provider*'s instructions are not followed. *You* should discuss all concerns about treatment with *your primary care provider*. *Your primary care provider* can discuss different treatment plans with *you*, if there is more than one plan that may help *you*. *You* will make the final decision.
- 18. Select *your primary care provider* within the *network. You* also have the right to change *your primary care provider* or request information on *network providers* close to *your* home or work.
- 19. Know the name and job title of people giving *you* care. *You* also have the right to know which *provider* is *your primary care provider*.
- 20. An interpreter when you do not speak or understand the language of the area.
- 21. A second opinion by a *network provider*, at no cost to *you*, if *you* want more information about *your* treatment or would like to explore additional treatment options.
- 22. Make advance directives for healthcare decisions. This includes planning treatment before *you* need it.
- 23. Advance directives are forms *you* can complete to protect *your* rights for medical care. It can help *your primary care provider* and other providers understand *your* wishes about *your* health. Advance directives will not take away *your* right to make *your* own decisions and will work only when *you* are unable to speak for yourself. Examples of advance directives include:
  - a. Living Will;
  - b. Health Care Power of Attorney; and
  - c. "Do Not Resuscitate" Orders. *Members* also have the right to refuse to make advance directives. *You* should not be discriminated against for not having an advance directive.

#### *You* have the responsibility to:

- 1. Read this entire *contract*.
- 2. Treat all health care professionals and staff with courtesy and respect.
- 3. Give accurate and complete information about present conditions, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters about *your* health. *You* should make it known whether *you* clearly understand *your* care and what is expected of *you*. *You* need to ask questions of *your provider* until *you* understand the care *you* are receiving.
- 4. Review and understand the information *you* receive about *us. You* need to know the proper use of *covered services*.
- 5. Show *your* Member ID card and keep scheduled appointments with *your provider*, and call the *provider*'s office during office hours whenever possible if *you* have a delay or cancellation.
- 6. Know the name of *your* assigned *primary care provider*. You should establish a relationship with

- *your provider. You* may change *your primary care provider* verbally or in writing by contacting *our* Member Services Department.
- 7. Read and understand to the best of *your* ability all materials concerning *your* health benefits or ask for help if *you* need it.
- 8. Understand *your* health problems and participate, along with *your* health care professionals and *providers* in developing mutually agreed upon treatment goals to the degree possible.
- 9. Supply, to the extent possible, information that *we* or *your* health care professionals and *providers* need in order to provide care.
- 10. Follow the treatment plans and instructions for care that *you* have agreed on with *your* health care professionals and *provider*.
- 11. Tell *your* health care professional and *provider* if *you* do not understand *your* treatment plan or what is expected of *you*. *You* should work with *your primary care provider* to develop treatment goals. If *you* do not follow the treatment plan, *you* have the right to be advised of the likely results of *your* decision.
- 12. Follow all health benefit plan guidelines, provisions, policies and procedures.
- 13. Use any emergency room only when *you* think *you* have a medical *emergency*. For all other care, *you* should call *your primary care provider*.
- 14. When *you* enroll in this coverage, give all information about any other medical coverage *you* have. If, at any time, *you* get other medical coverage besides this coverage, *you* must tell the entity through which you enrolled (Marketplace or Ambetter).
- 15. Pay *your* monthly premiums on time and pay all *deductible amounts, copayment amounts,* or *cost-sharing percentages* at the time of service.
- 16. Inform the entity through which *you* enrolled for this *contract* if *you* have any changes in *your* name, address, or family members covered under this *contract* within 60 days from the date of the event.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Provider Directory**

A listing of *network providers* is available online at *Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com*. We have plan *physicians, hospitals*, and other *medical practitioners* who have agreed to provide *you* with *your* healthcare services. You may find any of *our network providers* by completing the "Find a Doctor" function on *our* website and selecting Ambetter from Sunshine Health. There *you* will have the ability to narrow *your* search by provider specialty, zip code, gender, languages spoken and whether or not they are currently accepting new patients. *Your* search will produce a list of providers based on *your* search criteria and will give *you* other information such as address, phone number, office hours, specialty and board certifications.

At any time, *you* can request a copy of the provider directory at no charge by calling Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770). In order to obtain benefits, *you* may be required to designate a *primary care provider* for each *member. We* can help *you* choose a *primary care provider*. *We* can make *your* choice of *primary care provider* effective on the next business day.

Call the *primary care provider*'s office if *you* want to make an appointment. If *you* need help, call Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770). *We* will help *you* make the appointment.

#### **Member ID Card**

When you enroll we will mail you a Member ID card after we receive your completed enrollment materials and you have paid your initial binder payment. This card is proof that you are enrolled in the Ambetter by Sunshine Health plan. You need to keep this card with you at all times. Please show this card every time you go for any service under the contract. The Member ID card will show your name, member ID# and copayment amounts required at the time of service. If you do not get your Member ID card within a few weeks after you enroll, please call Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770). We will send you another card.

#### Website

*Our* website can answer many of *your* frequently asked questions and has resources and features that make it easy to get quality care. *Our* website can be accessed at *Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com*. It also gives *you* information on *your* benefits and services such as:

- 1. Finding a network provider.
- 2. Locate other *providers* (e.g., *hospitals* and pharmacies).
- 3. *Our* programs and services, including programs to help *you* get and stay healthy.
- 4. A secure portal for *you* to check the status of *your* claims, make payments and obtain a copy of *your* Member ID card.
- 5. Member Rights and Responsibilities.
- 6. Notice of Privacy.
- 7. Current events and news.
- 8. *Our* Formulary or Preferred Drug List
- 9. *Deductible* and *copayment* accumulators.
- 10. Selecting a *Primary Care Provider*.
- 11. Health Risk Assessment form, "Welcome Survey."

#### **Quality Improvement**

We are committed to providing quality healthcare for you and your family. Our primary goal is to improve your health and help you with any illness or disability. Our program is consistent with National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) standards and Institute of Medicine (IOM) priorities. To help promote safe, reliable, and quality healthcare, our programs include:

- 1. Conducting a thorough check on *providers* when they become part of the *provider network*.
- 2. Providing programs and educational items about general healthcare and specific diseases.
- 3. Sending reminders to *members* to get annual tests such as a physical exam, cervical cancer screening, breast cancer screening, and immunizations.
- 4. A Quality Improvement Committee which includes *network providers* to help *us* develop and monitor *our* program activities.
- 5. Investigating any *member* concerns regarding care received.

For example, if *you* have a concern about the care *you* received from *your network provider* or service provided by *us*, please contact *our* Member Services Department.

We believe that getting *member* input can help make the content and quality of *our* programs better. We conduct a *member* survey each year that asks questions about *your* experience with the healthcare and services *you* are receiving.

## **DEFINITIONS**

In this *contract*, italicized words are defined. Words not italicized will be given their ordinary meaning. Wherever used in this *contract*:

Acute rehabilitation means rehabilitation for patients who will benefit from an intensive, multidisciplinary rehabilitation program. Patients normally receive a combination of therapies such as physical, occupational and speech therapy as needed and are medically managed by specially trained physicians. Rehabilitation services must be performed for three or more hours per day, five to seven days per week, while the member is confined as an inpatient in a hospital, rehabilitation facility, or extended care facility. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for the applicable in-patient and outpatient rehabilitation limits.

**Adverse benefit determination** or **adverse determination** means a coverage determination by *us* that an admission, availability of care, continued stay or other health care service has been reviewed and based upon the information provided, does not meet *our* requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness and coverage for the requested service is therefore denied, reduced or terminated. Examples include, but not limited to:

- a. A denial of a request for service.
- b. A denial, reduction or failure to provide or make payment in whole or in part for a covered benefit.
- c. A determination that an admission, continued stay, or other health care service does not meet *our* requirements for *medical necessity*, appropriateness, health care setting, or level of care or effectiveness.
- d. A determination that a service is *experimental, investigational, cosmetic treatment,* not *medically necessary* or inappropriate.
- e. *Our* decision to deny coverage based upon an eligibility determination.
- f. A *rescission* of coverage determination as described in the General Provisions section of this *contract.*
- g. A prospective review or retrospective review determination that denies, reduces or fails to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a covered benefit.

Refer to the Internal Grievance, Internal Appeals and External Appeals Procedures section of this *contract* for information on *your* right to appeal an *adverse benefit determination*.

**Allogeneic bone marrow transplant** or **BMT** means a procedure in which bone marrow from a related or non-related donor is infused into the transplant recipient and includes peripheral blood stem cell transplants.

**Allowed amount** (also *Eligible Service Expense*) means the maximum amount *we* will pay a provider for a covered service. When a covered service is received from a *network provider*, the *allowed amount* is the amount the provider agreed to accept from *us* as payment for that particular service. In all cases, the *allowed amount* will be subject to *cost sharing* (e.g., *deductible*, *coinsurance* and *copayment*) per the *member's* benefits.

Please note, if *you* receive services from a *non-network* provider, *you* may be responsible for the difference between the amount the provider charges for the service (billed amount) and the *allowed amount* that *we* pay. This is known as *balance billing* – see *balance billing* and *non-network* provider definitions for additional information.

**Appeal** means a *grievance* involving a request to review or overturn, or otherwise modify an *adverse* benefit determination.

**Applied behavior analysis (ABA)** means the application of behavioral principles to everyday situations, intended to increase or decrease targeted behaviors. ABA has been used to improve areas such as language, self-help and play skills, as well as, decrease behaviors such as aggression, self-stimulatory behaviors and self-injury.

**Attending physician** means the *physician* responsible for the care of a patient or the *physician* supervising the care of patients by residents, or medical students.

**Authorization** or **Authorized** (also "Prior Authorization" or "Approval) means our decision to approve the medical necessity or the appropriateness of care for an enrollee by the enrollee's PCP or provider group.

**Authorized representative** means an individual who represents a covered person in an internal appeal or external review process of an adverse benefit determination who is any of the following:

- A person to whom a covered individual has given express, written consent to represent that individual in an internal appeals process or external review process of an adverse benefit determination:
- A person authorized by law to provide substituted consent for a covered individual; or
- A family member or a treating health care professional, but only when the covered person is unable to provide consent.

**Autism spectrum disorder** means a group of complex disorders represented by repetitive and characteristic patterns of behavior and difficulties with social communication and interaction. The symptoms are present from early childhood and affect daily functioning as defined by the most recent edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* or the *International Classification of Diseases*.

**Autologous bone marrow transplant** or **ABMT** means a procedure in which the bone marrow infused is derived from the same person who is the transplant recipient and includes peripheral blood stem cell transplants.

**Balance billing** means a *non-network provider* billing *you* for the difference between the provider's charge for a service and the *eligible service expense*. *Network providers* may not balance bill *you* for *covered service expenses*.

**Bereavement counseling** means counseling of *members* of a deceased person's *immediate family* that is designed to aid them in adjusting to the person's death.

*Billed amount* means the amount a provider charges for a service.

**Care management** means a program in which a registered nurse or licensed mental health professional, known as a care manager, assists a *member* through a collaborative process that assesses, plans, implements, coordinates, monitors and evaluates options and health care benefits available to a *member*. Care management is instituted when mutually agreed to by *us*, the *member* and the *member's provider*.

#### *Center of Excellence* means a *hospital* that:

- 1. Specializes in a specific type or types of *medically necessary* transplant or other services such as cancer or infertility; and
- 2. Has agreed with *us* or an entity designated by *us* to meet quality of care criteria on a cost efficient basis. The fact that a *hospital* is a *network provider* does not mean it is a *Center of Excellence*.

*Child Health Supervision Services* means *physician*-delivered or *physician*-supervised services that include the services described in the Major Medical Expense section of this *contract*. These services do not include *hospital* charges.

*Chiropractic care* involves neuromuscular treatment in the form of manipulation and adjustment of the tissues of the body, particularly of the spinal column and may include physical medicine modalities or use of *durable medical equipment*.

**Coinsurance** means the percentage of *covered service expenses* that *you* are required to pay when *you* receive a service. Coinsurance amounts are listed in the Schedule of Benefits. Not all covered services have coinsurance.

**Complaint** means any expression of dissatisfaction by *you*, including dissatisfaction with the administration, claims practices or provision of services, which relates to the quality of care provided by a *provider* pursuant to *our* contract and which is submitted to *us* or to a state agency. A complaint is part of the informal steps of a *grievance* procedure and is not part of the formal steps of a *grievance* procedure unless it is a *grievance* as defined in this section. Examples include but not limited to:

- Care received from a provider
- Service received from a provider
- How long it takes to get an appointment
- How you were treated
- Service that is not included as an Ambetter from Sunshine Health benefit
- How a bill was paid
- How you were treated by Ambetter from Sunshine Health staff.

#### **Complications of pregnancy** means:

- 1. Conditions whose diagnoses are distinct from pregnancy, but are adversely affected by pregnancy or are caused by pregnancy and not, from a medical viewpoint, associated with a normal pregnancy. This includes: ectopic pregnancy, spontaneous abortion, eclampsia, missed abortion, and similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity; but it does not include: false labor, preeclampsia, edema, prolonged labor, *physician* prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy, morning sickness, and conditions of comparable severity associated with management of a difficult pregnancy, and not constituting a medically classifiable distinct complication of pregnancy.
- 2. An emergency caesarean section or a non-elective caesarean section.

**Contract** when *italicized*, refers to this *contract* as issued and delivered to *you*. It includes the attached pages, including the *Schedule of Benefits* and any amendments.

**Copay, copayment** or **copayment amount** means the specific dollar amount that **you** must pay when **you** receive **covered services**. **Copayment amounts** are shown in the **Schedule of Benefits**. Not all **covered services** have a **copayment amount**.

*Cosmetic treatment* means treatments, procedures, or services that change or improve appearance without significantly improving physiological function and without regard to any asserted improvement to the psychological consequences or socially avoidant behavior resulting from an *injury*, *illness*, or congenital anomaly.

**Cost sharing** means the *deductible amount, copayment amount* and *coinsurance* that *you* pay for *covered services.* The *cost sharing* amount that *you* are required to pay for each type of *covered service* is listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

*Cost sharing percentage* means the percentage of *covered services* that is payable by *us*.

**Covered person** or **member** means an individual covered by the health plan including an enrollee, subscriber or *contract* holder.

**Covered service** or **covered service expenses** means healthcare services, supplies or treatment as described in this **contract** which are performed, prescribed, directed or authorized by a **provider**. To be a **covered service** the service, supply or treatment must be:

- 1. Provided or incurred while the *member's* coverage is in force under this *contract*;
- 2. Covered by a specific benefit provision of this *contract*; and
- 3. Not excluded anywhere in this *contract*.

*Custodial care* means treatment designed to assist a *member* with activities of daily living and which can be provided by a layperson and not necessarily aimed at curing or assisting in recovery from a sickness or bodily injury.

Custodial care includes (but is not limited to) the following:

- 1. Personal care such as assistance in walking, getting in and out of bed, dressing, bathing, feeding and use of toilet;
- 2. Preparation and administration of special diets;
- 3. Supervision of the administration of medication by a caregiver;
- 4. Supervision of self-administration of medication; or
- 5. Programs and therapies involving or described as, but not limited to, convalescent care, rest care, sanatoria care, educational care or recreational care.

**Deductible** or **deductible amount** means the amount that *you* must pay in a calendar year for *covered expenses* before *we* will pay benefits. For family coverage, there is a family *deductible amount* which is two times the individual *deductible amount*. Both the individual and the family *deductible amounts* are shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

If you are a covered *member* in a family of two or more members, you will satisfy your deductible amount when:

- 1. You satisfy your individual deductible amount; or
- 2. *Your* family satisfies the family *deductible amount* for the calendar year.

If you satisfy your individual deductible amount, each of the other members of your family are still responsible for the deductible until the family deductible amount is satisfied for the calendar year.

**Dental services** means *surgery* or services provided to diagnose, prevent, or correct any ailments or defects of the teeth and supporting tissue and any related supplies or oral appliances. Expenses for such treatment are considered *dental services* regardless of the reason for the services.

**Dependent member** means your lawful spouse or an eligible child.

**Durable medical equipment** means items that are used to serve a specific diagnostic or therapeutic purpose in the treatment of an *illness* or *injury*, can withstand repeated use, are generally not useful to a person in the absence of *illness* or *injury*, and are appropriate for use in the patient's home.

*Effective date* means the date a *member* becomes covered under this *contract* for *covered services*.

*Eligible child* means the child of a *covered person*, if that child is less than 26 years of age. As used in this definition, "child" means:

- 1. A natural child:
- 2. A legally adopted child;
- 3. A child placed with *you* for adoption;
- 4. A child for whom legal guardianship has been awarded to *you* or *your spouse*. It is *your* responsibility to notify Member Services if *your* child ceases to be an *eligible child*. *You* must reimburse *us* for any benefits that *we* provide or pay for a child at a time when the child did not qualify as an *eligible child*;
- 5. A child from the first of the month following the month in which the child turns age twenty-six (26) until the end of the calendar year in which the child turns thirty (30) years of age; and who is a resident of Florida or a full-time or part-time student; and is not provided coverage as a named member under any other group or individual health benefit plan; or is not entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

If a dependent child is provided coverage under the *contract* after the child reaches age twenty-six (26) and the coverage for the child is subsequently terminated prior to the end of the calendar year in which the child turns age thirty (30), the child is ineligible to be covered again under the *contract* unless the child was continuously covered by other creditable coverage without a coverage gap of more than sixty-three (63) days.

*Eligible service expense* means a *covered service* expense as determined below.

- 1. For network providers: When a covered service is received from a network provider, the eligible service expense is the contracted fee with that provider.
- 2. For non-network providers: When a covered service is received from a non-network provider, the eligible service expense is the minimum amount required by applicable federal or state law to be paid to the non-network provider for the service. If and only if there is no minimum amount required by applicable federal or state law, then the eligible service expense for a non-network provider shall be as determined as follows:
  - a. When a covered service is received from a non-network provider as a result of an emergency, the eligible service expense shall be the lesser of: (1) the provider's billed charges, (2) the *usual and customary* provider charges for similar services in the community where the services were provided, or (3) the charge mutually agreed to by *us* and the provider within 60 days of the submittal of the claim.
  - b. When a covered service is received from a non-network provider as approved or authorized by *us* that is not the result of an emergency, the eligible service expense is the

negotiated fee, if any, that has been mutually agreed upon by *us* and the non-network provider as payment in full (*you* will not be billed for the difference between the negotiated fee and the provider's charge). If there is no negotiated fee agreed to by the non-network provider with us, the eligible service expense is the greater of: (1) the amount that would be paid by Medicare for the covered service, or (2) the median contracted amount paid to network providers for the covered service in the state of Florida. *You* may be billed for the difference between the amount paid and the non-network provider's charge, and will also be responsible for payment of applicable *copayments*, *coinsurance*, and *deductible*.

c. When a covered service is received from a non-network provider that is not the result of an emergency and is not approved or authorized by us, and is not within the scope of services provided by any network provider, the eligible service expense is the negotiated fee, if any, that has been mutually agreed upon by *us* and the non-network provider as payment in full (*you* will not be billed for the difference between the negotiated fee and the non-network provider's charge). If there is no negotiated fee agreed to by the non-network provider with us, the eligible service expense will be an amount that is no less than ten percentage points lower than the percentage rate paid to network providers. This reimbursement rate will be applied to the *usual and customary* charge in the area. *You* may be billed for the difference between the amount paid and the non-network provider's charge and will also be responsible for payment of applicable *copayments*, *coinsurance*, and *deductible*.

In all cases covered by 2(a) above, *your* responsibility for payment of applicable *copayments*, *coinsurance*, and *deductible* is the same as *your* responsibility would have been had the covered emergency service been provided by a network provider.

Emergency (Medical, Behavioral Health and Substance Use) Services means covered inpatient and outpatient services that are: 1) furnished by a provider qualified to furnish these services and 2) needed to evaluate or stabilize an emergency medical/behavioral health condition. An emergency medical/behavioral health condition means a medical, mental health or substance use-related condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in the following:

- 1. Placing the physical or behavioral health of the *member* (or, with respect to a pregnancy, the health of the *member* or the unborn child) in serious jeopardy;
- 2. Serious impairment to bodily functions;
- 3. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or
- 4. Serious harm to self or others due to an alcohol or drug use emergency; injury to self or bodily harm to others; or with respect to a pregnant woman having contractions: 1) that there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery, or 2) that transfer may impose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.

#### With respect to a pregnancy:

- 1. that there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another *hospital* prior to delivery;
- 2. that the transfer may pose a threat to the health and safety of the patient or fetus; or
- 3. that there is evidence of the onset and persistence of uterine contractions or rupture of the membranes.

**Emergency services and care** shall mean medical screening, examination, and evaluation by a *physician*, or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, by other appropriate personnel under the supervision of a *physician*, to determine if any *emergency* medical condition exists and, if it does, the care, treatment, or surgery for a covered service by a *physician* necessary to relieve or eliminate the *emergency* medical condition, within the service capability of a *hospital*.

Follow-up care is not considered *emergency care*. Benefits are provided for treatment of *emergency* medical conditions and *emergency* screening and stabilization services without *prior authorization*. Benefits for *emergency care* include facility costs and *physician* services, and supplies and *prescription drugs* charged by that facility. *You* must notify *us* or verify that *your physician* has notified *us* of *your* admission to a *hospital* within 48 hours or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time. When *we* are contacted, *you* will be notified whether the *inpatient* setting is appropriate, and if appropriate, the number of days considered *medically necessary*. By contacting *us*, *you* may avoid financial responsibility for any *inpatient* care that is determined to be not *medically necessary* under *your* plan. If *your* provider does not contract with *us*, *you* will be financially responsible for any care *we* determine is not *medically necessary*. Care and treatment provided once *you* are medically stabilized is no longer considered *emergency* care. Continuation of care from a non-participating provider beyond that needed to evaluate or stabilize *your* condition in an *emergency* will be covered as a non-*network* service unless *we authorize* the continuation of care and it is *medically necessary*.

**Essential health benefits** are defined by federal and state law and refer to benefits in at least the following categories: ambulatory patient services, *emergency* services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment, *prescription drugs*, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management and pediatric services, including oral and vision care. Essential health benefits provided within this *contract* are not subject to lifetime or annual dollar maximums. Certain non-essential health benefits, however, are subject to either a lifetime or annual dollar maximum.

**Expedited appeal** means a *grievance* where any of the following applies:

- 1. The duration of the standard resolution process will result in serious jeopardy to the life or health of the claimant or the ability of the claimant to regain maximum function.
- 2. In the opinion of a *physician* with knowledge of the claimant's medical condition, the claimant is subject to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the *grievance*.
- 3. A *physician* with knowledge of the claimant's medical condition determines that the *grievance* shall be treated as an *expedited appeal*.

**Experimental** or *investigational treatment* means medical, surgical, diagnostic, or other health care services, treatments, procedures, technologies, supplies, devices, drug therapies, or medications that, after consultation with a medical professional, *we* determine to be:

- 1. Under study in an ongoing phase I or II clinical trial as set forth in the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") regulation, regardless of whether the trial is subject to FDA oversight.
- 2. An unproven service.
- 3. Subject to *FDA* approval, and:
  - a. It does not have *FDA* approval;
  - b. It has *FDA* approval only under its Treatment Investigational New Drug regulation or a similar regulation; or

- c. It has *FDA* approval, but is being used for an indication or at a dosage that is not an accepted off-label use. An accepted off-label use of a *FDA*-approved drug is a use that is determined by *us* to be:
  - i. Included in authoritative compendia as identified from time to time by the Secretary of Health and Human Services;
  - ii. Safe and effective for the proposed use based on supportive clinical evidence in peerreviewed medical publications; or
  - iii. Not an unproven service.
- d. It has FDA approval, but is being used for a use, or to treat a condition, that is not listed on the Premarket Approval issued by the FDA or has not been determined through peer reviewed medical literature to treat the medical condition of the member.
- 4. Experimental or investigational according to the provider's research protocols.

Items (3) and (4) above do not apply to phase I, II, III or IV FDA clinical trials.

**Extended care facility** means an institution, or a distinct part of an institution, that:

- 1. Is licensed as a *hospital*, *extended care facility*, skilled nursing facility or *rehabilitation facility* by the state in which it operates;
- 2. Is regularly engaged in providing 24-hour skilled nursing care under the regular supervision of a *physician* and the direct supervision of a registered nurse;
- 3. Maintains a daily record on each patient:
- 4. Has an effective utilization review plan;
- 5. Provides each patient with a planned program of observation prescribed by a *physician*; and
- 6. Provides each patient with active treatment of an *illness* or *injury*, in accordance with existing generally accepted standards of medical practice for that condition.

Extended care facility does not include a facility primarily for rest, the aged, treatment of substance use, custodial care, nursing care, or for care of mental health disorders or the mentally incompetent.

*Generally accepted standards of medical practice* are standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, relying primarily on controlled clinical trials.

If no credible scientific evidence is available, then standards based on *physician* specialty society recommendations or professional standards of care may be considered. *We* reserve the right to consult medical professionals in determining whether a health care service, supply, or drug is *medically necessary* and is a *covered service* under the *contract*. The decision to apply *physician* specialty society recommendations, the choice of medical professional, and the determination of when to use any such opinion, will be determined by *us*.

*Grievance* means a written complaint submitted by or on behalf of a *member* to *us* or a state agency regarding the:

- Availability, coverage for the delivery, or quality of health care services including a *complaint* regarding an *adverse determination* made pursuant to utilization review;
- Claims payment, handling or reimbursement for health care services; or
- Matters pertaining to the contractual relationship between a subscriber and us.

A *grievance* does not include a written *complaint* submitted by or on behalf of a *member* eligible for a *grievance* and *appeals* procedure provided by *us* pursuant to contract with the Federal Government under

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

**Habilitation** or **habilitation services** means health care services that help *you* keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of *inpatient* or outpatient settings.

*Health Management* means a program designed specially to assist *you* in managing a specific or chronic health condition.

**Home health aide services** means those services provided by a home health aide employed by a *home health care agency* and supervised by a registered nurse, which are directed toward the personal care of a *member*.

*Home health care* means care or treatment of an *illness* or *injury* at the *member's* home that is:

- 1. Provided by a *home health care agency*; and
- 2. Prescribed and supervised by a *physician*.

*Home health care agency* means a public or private agency, or one of its subdivisions, that:

- 1. Operates pursuant to law as a home health care agency;
- 2. Is regularly engaged in providing *home health care* under the regular supervision of a registered nurse:
- 3. Maintains a daily medical record on each patient; and
- 4. Provides each patient with a planned program of observation and treatment by a *physician*, in accordance with existing generally accepted standards of medical practice for the *injury* or *illness* requiring the *home health care*.

An agency that is approved to provide *home health care* to those receiving Medicare benefits will be deemed to be a *home health care agency*.

**Hospice** means services designed for and provided to *members* who are not expected to live for more than 6 months, as certified by an Ambetter *physician*. Ambetter works with certified Hospice programs licensed by the state to minimize patient discomfort and address the special physical, psychological, and social needs of terminally ill *members* and their immediate family.

#### *Hospital* means an institution that:

- 1. Operates as a *hospital* pursuant to law;
- 2. Operates primarily for the reception, care, and treatment of sick or injured persons as *inpatients*;
- 3. Provides 24-hour nursing service by registered nurses on duty or call;
- 4. Has staff of one or more *physicians* available at all times;
- 5. Provides organized facilities and equipment for diagnosis and treatment of acute medical, surgical, or mental conditions either on its premises or in facilities available to it on a prearranged basis; and
- 6. Is not primarily a long-term care facility; an *extended care facility*, nursing, rest, *custodial care*, or convalescent home; a halfway house, transitional facility, or *residential treatment facility*; a facility for wilderness or outdoor programs; or a similar establishment.

While confined in a separate identifiable *hospital* unit, section, or ward used primarily as a nursing, rest, *custodial care* or convalescent home, *rehabilitation facility*, *extended care facility*, or *residential treatment facility*, halfway house, or transitional facility, or a patient is moved to short term observation status, a *member* will be deemed not to be confined in a *hospital* for purposes of this *contract*.

This includes services of an osteopathic *hospital* when services are available in the *service area*.

*Illness* means a sickness, disease, or disorder of a *member*. All *illnesses* that exist at the same time and that are due to the same or related causes are deemed to be one *illness*. Further, if an *illness* is due to causes that are the same as, or related to, the causes of a prior *illness*, the *illness* will be deemed a continuation or recurrence of the prior *illness* and not a separate *illness*.

*Immediate family* means the parents, *spouse*, *eligible child*, or siblings of any *member*, or any person residing with a *member*.

*Injury* means accidental bodily damage sustained by a *member* and inflicted on the body by an external force. All *injuries* due to the same accident are deemed to be one *injury*.

*Inpatient* means that services, supplies, or treatment for medical, behavioral health or substance use are received by a person who is an overnight resident patient of a *hospital* or other facility, using and being charged for room and board.

*Intensive care unit* means a Cardiac Care Unit, or other unit or area of a *hospital* that meets the required standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals for Special Care Units.

*Intensive day rehabilitation* means two or more different types of therapy provided by one or more *rehabilitation licensed practitioners* and performed for three or more hours per day, five to seven days per week.

**Loss** means an event for which benefits are payable under this *contract*. A *loss* must occur while the *member* is covered under this *contract*.

Loss of minimum essential coverage means in the case of an employee or dependent who has coverage that is not COBRA continuation coverage, the conditions are satisfied at the time the coverage is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility (regardless of whether the individual is eligible for or elects COBRA continuation coverage). Loss of eligibility does not include a loss due to the failure of the employee or dependent to pay premiums on a timely basis or termination of coverage for cause (such as making a fraudulent claim or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact in connection with the plan). Loss of eligibility for coverage includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Loss of eligibility for coverage as a result of legal separation, divorce, cessation of dependent status (such as attaining the maximum age to be eligible as a dependent child under the plan), death of an employee, termination of employment, reduction in the number of hours of employment, and any loss of eligibility for coverage after a period that is measured by reference to any of the foregoing;
- 2. In the case of coverage offered through an HMO, or other arrangement, in the individual market that does not provide benefits to individuals who no longer reside, live, or work in a service area, loss of coverage because an individual no longer resides, lives, or works in the service area (whether or not within the choice of the individual);
- 3. In the case of coverage offered through an HMO, or other arrangement, in the group market that does not provide benefits to individuals who no longer reside, live, or work in a service area, loss of

- coverage because an individual no longer resides, lives, or works in the service area (whether or not within the choice of the individual), and no other benefit package is available to the individual;
- 4. A situation in which an individual incurs a claim that would meet or exceed a lifetime limit on all benefits:
- 5. A situation in which a plan no longer offers any benefits to the class of similarly situated individuals (as described in 26 CFR § 54.9802-1(d)) that includes the individual;
- 6. In the case of an employee or dependent who has coverage that is not COBRA continuation coverage, the conditions are satisfied at the time employer contributions towards the employee's or dependent's coverage terminate. Employer contributions include contributions by any current or former employer that was contributing to coverage for the employee or dependent; and
- 7. In the case of an employee or dependent who has coverage that is COBRA continuation coverage, the conditions are satisfied at the time the COBRA continuation coverage is exhausted. An individual who satisfies the conditions for special enrollment, does not enroll, and instead elects and exhausts COBRA continuation coverage satisfies the conditions.

**Managed drug limitations** means limits in coverage based upon time period, amount or dose of a drug, quantity limits, age or gender limitations, requirements for previously tried and failed drugs or other specified predetermined criteria.

**Maximum out-of-pocket amount** means the sum of the *deductible amount*, *prescription drug deductible amount* (if applicable), *copayment amount* and *coinsurance percentage* of *covered expenses*, as shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. After the *maximum out-of-pocket amount* is met for an individual, Celtic Insurance Company pays 100% of *eligible service expenses* for that individual. The family *maximum out-of-pocket amount* is two times the individual *maximum out-of-pocket amount*. Both the individual and the family *maximum out-of-pocket amounts* are shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

For family coverage, the family *maximum out-of-pocket amount* can be met with the combination of any *covered persons' eligible service expense*. A *covered person's maximum out-of-pocket amount* will not exceed the individual *maximum out-of-pocket amount*.

If you are a covered *member* in a family of two or more *members*, you will satisfy your maximum out-of-pocket amount when:

- 1. You satisfy your individual maximum out-of-pocket amount; or
- 2. *Your* family satisfies the family *maximum out-of-pocket amount* for the calendar year.

If you satisfy your individual maximum out-of-pocket amount, you will not pay any more cost-sharing for the remainder of the calendar year, but any other eligible members in your family must continue to pay cost sharing until the family maximum out-of-pocket amount is met for the calendar year.

The Dental out-of-pocket maximum limits do not apply to the satisfaction of the *maximum out-of-pocket amount* per calendar year as shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

**Maximum therapeutic benefit** means the point in the course of treatment where no further improvement in a *covered person's* medical condition can be expected, even though there may be fluctuations in levels of pain and function.

*Medical practitioner* includes but is not limited to the *physicians*, physician's assistants, nurses, nurse clinicians, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, mental health counselors, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, occupational therapists, respiratory

therapists, physical therapists, ambulance services, *hospitals*, skilled nursing facilities, or other health care providers properly licensed in the State of Florida.

**Medically necessary** means any medical service, supply or treatment authorized by a *physician* to diagnose and treat a *member's illness or injury* which:

- 1. Is consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis;
- 2. Is provided according to generally accepted medical practice standards;
- 3. Is not *custodial care*;
- 4. Demonstrates that the *member* is reasonably capable of improving in his/her functional ability;
- 5. Is not solely for the convenience of the *provider* or the *member*;
- 6. Is not experimental or investigational;
- 7. Is provided in the most cost effective care facility or setting;
- 8. Does not exceed the scope, duration, or intensity of that level of care that is needed to provide safe, adequate and appropriate diagnosis or treatment; and
- 9. When specifically applied to a *hospital* confinement, it means that the diagnosis and treatment of *your* medical symptoms or conditions cannot be safely provided as an outpatient or in a lower level or alternative setting of care.

Charges incurred for treatment not *medically necessary* are not *eligible service expenses*.

**Medically stabilized** means that the person is no longer experiencing further deterioration as a result of a prior *injury* or *illness* and there are no acute changes in physical findings, laboratory results, or radiologic results that necessitate acute medical care. Acute medical care does not include *acute rehabilitation*.

*Medicare participating practitioner* means a *medical practitioner* who is eligible to receive reimbursement from Medicare for treating Medicare-eligible individuals.

**Mental health disorder** means a behavioral, emotional, or cognitive pattern of functioning that is listed in the most recent editions of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)* or the *International Classification of Diseases (ICD)*.

*Necessary medical supplies* means medical supplies that are:

- 1. Necessary to the care or treatment of an *injury* or *illness*;
- 2. Not reusable or *durable medical equipment*; and
- 3. Not able to be used by others.

*Necessary medical supplies* do not include first aid supplies, cotton balls, rubbing alcohol, or like items routinely found in the home.

**Network** means a group of *physicians* and providers who have contracts that include an agreed upon price for health care services or expenses.

**Network eligible service expense** means the *eligible service expense* for services or supplies that are provided by a *network provider*. For facility services, this is the *eligible service expense* that is provided at and billed by a *network* facility for the services of either a *network* or *non-network provider*. *Network eligible service expense* includes benefits for *emergency* health services even if provided by a *non-network provider*.

**Network provider** means a *physician* or provider who is identified in the most current Provider Directory for the *network* shown on *your* identification card.

**Non-network provider** means a *physician* or provider who is <u>NOT</u> identified in the most current Provider Directory for the *network* shown on *your* identification card. Services received from a *non-network provider* are not covered, except as specifically stated in this *contract*.

**Orthotic device** means a medically necessary device used to support, align, prevent or correct deformities, protect a body function, improve the function and moveable body part or assist with dysfunctional joints. Orthotics must be used to for therapeutic support, protection, restoration or function of an impaired body part for treatment of an illness or injury.

*Other plan* means any plan or policy that provides insurance, reimbursement, or service benefits for *hospital*, surgical, or medical expenses. This includes payment under group or individual insurance policies, automobile no-fault or medical pay, workers compensation policy, homeowner insurance medical pay, premises medical pay, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organization subscriber contracts, self-insured group plans, prepayment plans, and Medicare when the *member* is enrolled in Medicare. *Other plan* will not include Medicaid.

**Outpatient services** include facility, ancillary, and professional charges when given as an outpatient at a *hospital*, alternative care facility, retail health clinic, or other provider as determined by the plan. These facilities may include a non-*hospital* site providing diagnostic and therapy services, surgery, or rehabilitation, or other provider facility as determined by us. Professional charges only include services billed by a *physician* or other professional.

**Outpatient surgical facility** means any facility with a medical staff of *physicians* that operates pursuant to law for the purpose of performing *surgical procedures*, and that does not provide accommodations for patients to stay overnight. This does not include facilities such as: acute-care clinics, *urgent care centers*, ambulatory-care clinics, free-standing emergency facilities, and *provider* offices.

#### **Period of extended loss** means a period of consecutive days:

- 1. Beginning with the first day on which a *member* is a *hospital inpatient;* and
- 2. Ending with the 30th consecutive day for which he or she is not a *hospital inpatient*.

**Pain management program** means a program using interdisciplinary teams providing coordinated, goal-oriented services to a *member* who has chronic pain that significantly interferes with physical, psychosocial, and vocational functioning, for the purpose of reducing pain, improving function, and decreasing dependence on the health care system. A *pain management program* must be individualized and provide physical *rehabilitation*, education on pain, relaxation training, and medical evaluation.

**Physician** means a licensed *medical practitioner* who is practicing within the scope of his or her licensed authority in treating a bodily *injury* or sickness and is required to be covered by state law which includes chiropractors, podiatrists, and osteopaths. A *physician* does NOT include someone who is related to a *covered person* by blood, marriage or adoption or who is normally a member of the *covered person's* household.

**Post-service claim** means any claim for benefits for medical care or treatment that has already been provided.

**Pre-service claim** means any claim for benefits for medical care or treatment that has not yet been provided and requires the approval of the plan in advance of the *member* obtaining the medical care.

**Pregnancy** means the physical condition of being pregnant, but does not include *complications of pregnancy*.

**Prescription drug** means any medicinal substance whose label is required to bear the legend "RX only."

**Prescription drug deductible amount** means the amount of covered expenses, shown in the Schedule of Benefits, if applicable, that must actually be paid during any calendar year before any prescription drug benefits are payable. The family prescription drug deductible amount is two times the individual prescription drug deductible amount. For family coverage, once a covered person has met the individual prescription drug deductible amount, any remaining family prescription drug deductible amount can be met with the combination of any one or more covered persons' eligible service expenses.

**Primary care provider (PCP)** means a provider who gives or directs health care services for you. PCPs include internists, family practitioners, general practitioners, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), Physician Assistants (PA), obstetrician gynecologist (ob-gyn) and pediatricians or any other practice allowed by the plan. A PCP supervises, directs and gives initial care and basic medical services to you and is in charge of your ongoing care.

**Prior authorization** means a decision to approve specialty or other *medically necessary* care for a *member* by the *member's primary care provider* or provider group prior to receiving services.

**Proof of loss** means information required by *us* to decide if a claim is payable and the amount that is payable. It may include, but is not limited to, claim forms, medical bills or records, other plan information, payment of claim and *network* re-pricing information. *Proof of loss* must include a copy of all Explanation of Benefit forms from any other carrier, including Medicare.

**Prosthetic device** means a medically necessary device used to replace, correct, or support a missing portion of the body, to prevent or correct a physical deformity or malfunction, or to support a weak or deformed portion of the body.

**Qualified individual** means an individual who has been determined eligible to enroll in a health plan in the individual market.

**Reconstructive surgery** means *surgery* performed on an abnormal body structure caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors, or disease in order to improve function or to improve the patient's appearance, to the extent possible.

**Rehabilitation** means care for restoration (including by education or training) of one's prior ability to function at a level of *maximum therapeutic benefit*. This includes *acute rehabilitation*, *sub-acute rehabilitation*, or *intensive day rehabilitation*, and it includes *rehabilitation therapy* and *pain management programs*. An *inpatient* hospitalization will be deemed to be for *rehabilitation* at the time the patient has been *medically stabilized* and begins to receive *rehabilitation therapy* or treatment under a *pain management program*.

*Rehabilitation facility* means an institution or a separate identifiable *hospital* unit, section, or ward that:

1. Is licensed by the state as a rehabilitation facility; and

2. Operates primarily to provide 24-hour primary care or *rehabilitation* of sick or injured persons as *inpatients*.

*Rehabilitation facility* does not include a facility primarily for rest, the aged, long term care, assisted living, *custodial care,* nursing care, or for care of the mentally incompetent.

**Rehabilitation licensed practitioner** means, but is not limited to, a *physician*, physical therapist, speech therapist, occupational therapist, or respiratory therapist. A *rehabilitation licensed practitioner* must be licensed or certified by the state in which care is rendered and performing services within the scope of that license or certification.

**Rehabilitation therapy** means physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, or respiratory therapy.

**Rescission** of a policy means a determination by an insurer to withdraw the coverage back to the initial date of coverage.

**Residence** means the physical location where *you* live. If *you* live in more than one location, and *you* file a United States income tax return, the physical address (not a P.O. Box) shown on *your* United States income tax return as *your* residence will be deemed to be *your* place of residence. If *you* do not file a United States income tax return, the *residence* where *you* spend the greatest amount of time will be deemed to be *your* place of *residence*.

**Residential treatment facility** means a facility that provides (with or without charge) sleeping accommodations, and:

- 1. Is not a hospital, extended care facility, or rehabilitation facility; or
- 2. Is a unit whose beds are not licensed at a level equal to or more acute than skilled nursing.

**Respite care** means *home health care* services provided temporarily to a *member* in order to provide relief to the *member's immediate family* or other caregiver.

**Schedule of Benefits** means a summary of the *deductible*, *copayment*, *coinsurance*, *maximum out-of-pocket amount* and other limits that apply when *you* receive *covered services* and *supplies*.

**Skilled nursing facility** means services that include *physician* services, room and board limited to semi-private rooms, unless a private room is *medically necessary* or a semi-private room is not available, and patient meals, general nursing care, rehabilitative services, drugs (drugs and biologicals), medical supplies and the use of appliances and equipment furnished by skilled nursing facility. Limitations apply, see *your Schedule of Benefits*.

**Social determinants of health** are the circumstances in which people are born, grow up, live, work, and age. This also includes the systems in place to offer health care and services to a community.

**Specialist** means a *physician* or *medical practitioner* who focuses on a specific area of medicine and has additional expertise to help treat specific disorders or illnesses. Specialists may be needed to diagnose, manage, or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions related to their specific field of expertise.

Spouse means the person to whom you are lawfully married.

**Sub-acute rehabilitation** means one or more different types of therapy provided by one or more *rehabilitation licensed practitioners* and performed for one-half hour to two hours per day, five to seven days per week, while the *covered person* is confined as an *inpatient* in a *hospital*, *rehabilitation facility*, or *extended care facility*.

**Substance use disorder** means alcohol, drug or chemical abuse, overuse, or dependency. Covered substance use disorders are those listed in the most recent editions of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* or the *International Classification of Diseases*.

#### **Surgery** or **surgical procedure** means:

- 1. An invasive diagnostic procedure; or
- 2. The treatment of a *member's illness* or *injury* by manual or instrumental operations, performed by a *physician* while the *member* is under general or local anesthesia.

#### *Surveillance tests for ovarian cancer* means annual screening using:

- 1. CA-125 serum tumor marker testing;
- 2. Transvaginal ultrasound; or
- 3. Pelvic examination.

**Surrogate** means an individual who, as part of a *Surrogacy Arrangement*, (a) uses her own egg that is fertilized by a donor or (b) is a gestational carrier who has a fertilized egg placed in her body but the egg is not her own.

**Surrogacy arrangement** means an understanding in which a woman (the Surrogate) agrees to become pregnant and carry a child (or children) for another person (or persons) who intend to raise the child (or children), whether or not the Surrogate receives payment for acting as a Surrogate.

**Telehealth services** means the mode of delivering health care services and public health via information and communication technologies to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, and self-management of a patient's health care while the patient is at the originating site and the provider for telehealth is at a distant site. Telehealth services includes synchronous interactions and asynchronous store and forward transfers.

**Terminal illness counseling** means counseling of the *immediate family* of a *terminally ill* person for the purpose of teaching the *immediate family* to care for and adjust to the *illness* and impending death of the *terminally ill* person.

*Terminally ill* means a *physician* has given a prognosis that a *member* has six months or less to live.

**Third party** means a person or other entity that is or may be obligated or liable to the *member* for payment of any of the *member's* expenses for *illness* or *injury*. The term "third party" includes, but is not limited to, an individual person; a for-profit or non-profit business entity or organization; a government agency or program; and an insurance company. However, the term "third party" will not include any insurance company with a policy under which the *member* is entitled to benefits as a named insured person or an insured *dependent member* of a named insured person except in those jurisdictions where statutes or common law does not specifically prohibit *our* right to recover from these sources.

**Tobacco or nicotine use** or **use of tobacco or nicotine** means use of tobacco or nicotine by individuals who may legally use nicotine or tobacco under federal and state law on average four or more times per week and within no longer than the six months immediately preceding the date application for this *contract* was completed by the *member*, including all tobacco and nicotine products, e-cigarettes or vaping devices, but excluding religious and ceremonial uses of tobacco.

*Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)* means a non-invasive procedure in which a changing magnetic field is used to cause electric current to flow in a small targeted region of the brain via electromagnetic induction.

**Unproven service(s)** means services, including medications, which are determined not to be effective for treatment of the medical condition, or not to have a beneficial effect on health outcomes, due to insufficient and inadequate clinical evidence from *well-conducted randomized controlled trials* or *well-conducted cohort studies* in the prevailing published peer-reviewed medical literature.

- 1. "Well-conducted randomized controlled trials" means that two or more treatments are compared to each other, and the patient is not allowed to choose which treatment is received.
- 2. "Well-conducted cohort studies" means patients who receive study treatment are compared to a group of patients who receive standard therapy. The comparison group must be nearly identical to the study treatment group.

*Urgent grievance* means a *grievance* involving a situation that would seriously jeopardize *your* life or health or would jeopardize *your* ability to regain maximum function.

*Urgent care center* means a facility, not including a *hospital emergency* room or a *physician's* office, that provides treatment or services that are required:

- 1. To prevent serious deterioration of a *member's* health;
- 2. As a result of an unforeseen *illness, injury,* or the onset of acute or severe symptoms.

*Usual and customary* means the fair market value of the service provided (i.e. what a willing buyer will pay and a willing seller will accept in an arm's-length transaction). In determining the fair market value of the service provided, *we* consider, among other things, the amounts reasonably accepted by providers, when available, for the service or similar services in the geographical area in which the service was received.

*Utilization review* means a process used to monitor the use of, or evaluate the clinical necessity, appropriateness, efficacy, or efficiency of, health care services, procedures, or settings. Areas of review may include ambulatory review, prospective review, second opinion, certification, concurrent review, *care management*, discharge planning, or retrospective review.

## DEPENDENT MEMBER COVERAGE

#### **Dependent Member Eligibility**

Your dependent members become eligible for coverage under this contract on the latter of:

- 1. The date *you* became covered under this *contract*; or
- 2. The date of marriage to add a spouse; or
- 3. The date of an eligible newborn's birth; or
- 4. The date that an adopted child is placed with *you* or *your* spouse for the purposes of adoption or *you* or *your* spouse assumes total or partial financial support of the child.

#### **Effective Date for Initial Dependent Members**

The *effective date* for *your* initial *dependent members* will be the same date as *your* initial coverage date. Only *dependents* included in the application for this *contract* will be covered on *your effective date*.

#### Coverage for a Newborn Child

An *eligible child* born to *you* or *your* covered family member(s) will be covered from the time of birth until the 31st day after its birth. Each type of covered service incurred by the newborn child will be subject to the *cost sharing* amount listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

Additional premium will be required to continue coverage beyond the 31st day after the date of birth of the child. The required premium will be calculated from the date of birth. Coverage of the child will terminate on the 31st day following the date of birth unless *we* have received both: (A) Notification of the addition of the child within 60 days of the birth (B) any additional premium required for the addition of the child within 90 days of the date of birth.

#### Coverage for an Adopted Child

Coverage for children under this *contract* will be provided for the adopted child of a *member* who has family coverage. Coverage is provided from the moment of placement to a child the *member* proposes to adopt who is placed in the *member's* residence in compliance with Chapter 63, Florida Statues. A newborn infant who is adopted by the *member* is covered from the moment of birth if a written agreement to adopt such child has been entered into prior to the birth of the child, whether or not such agreement is enforceable. However, coverage will not be provided in the event the child is not ultimately placed in the *member's* residence in compliance with chapter 63, Florida Statutes.

The *member's* adopted child is covered from the moment of placement in the residence, or if a newborn, from the moment of birth, if the child is enrolled timely as specified in the Special and Limited Enrollment Period provision.

Additional premium will be required to continue coverage beyond the 31st day following *placement* of the child. The required premium will be calculated from the date of *placement* for adoption. Coverage of the child will terminate on the 31st day following *placement*, unless *we* have received both: a) Notification of the addition of the child within 60 days of the birth or placement and b) any additional premium required for the addition of the child within 90 days of the date of *placement*.

As used in this provision, "placement" means the earlier of:

- 1. The date that *you* or *your spouse* assume physical custody of the child for the purpose of adoption; or
- 2. The date of entry of an order granting *you* or *your spouse* custody of the child for the purpose of adoption.

#### **Adding Other Dependent Members**

If you apply in writing to add a dependent member and you pay the required premiums, we will send you written confirmation of the added dependent member's effective date of coverage and ID Cards for the added dependent member.

## **ONGOING ELIGIBILITY**

#### For All Members

A member's eligibility for coverage under this contract will cease on the earlier of:

- 1. The date that a *member* has failed to pay premiums or contributions in accordance with the terms of this *contract* or the date that *we* have not received timely premium payments in accordance with the terms of this *contract*; or
- 2. The date the *member* has performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud or made an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact; or
- 3. The date *we* receive a request from *you* to terminate this *contract* or any later date stated in *your* request; or
- 4. The date we decline to renew this *contract*, as stated in the Discontinuance provision; or
- 5. The date of *a member's* death.

If *you* have material modifications (examples include a change in life event such as marriage, death or other change in family status), or questions related to *your* health insurance coverage, contact Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770).

#### **For Dependent Members**

A *dependent member* will cease to be a *member* at the end of the premium period in which he or she ceases to be *your dependent member* due to divorce or if a child ceases to be an *eligible child*. For a dependent child reaching the limiting age of 30, coverage under this *contract* will terminate the thirty-first (31st) of December the year that the dependent turns 30 years of age.

All enrolled *dependent members* will continue to be covered until the age limit listed in the definition of *eligible child* above.

We must receive notification within 90 days of the date a dependent member ceases to be an eligible dependent member. If notice is received by us more than 90 days from this date, any unearned premium will be credited only from the first day of the contract/calendar month in which we receive the notice.

A member will not cease to be a dependent eligible child solely because of age if the eligible child is:

- 1. Not capable of self-sustaining employment due to mental handicap or physical handicap that began before the age limit was reached; and
- 2. Mainly dependent on *you* for support.

If health benefits are denied for the stated reason that the child has reached the limiting age for dependent coverage specified in this *contract*, the *member* has the burden of establishing that the child continues to meet the criteria specified above. Failure to provide the required proof may result in the dependent's termination of coverage.

The coverage of the handicapped child may be continued, but not beyond the termination date of such incapacity or such dependence. This provision shall in no event limit the application of any other *contract* provisions terminating such child's coverage for any other reason than the attainment of the limiting age.

#### **Prior Coverage**

If a *member* is confined as an *inpatient* in a *hospital* on the effective date of this agreement, and prior coverage terminating immediately before the effective date of this agreement furnishes benefits for the hospitalization after the termination of prior coverage, then services and benefits will not be covered under this agreement for that *member* until the *member* is discharged from the *hospital* or benefits under the prior coverage are exhausted, whichever is earlier.

If there is no prior coverage or no continuation of *inpatient* coverage after the effective date, *your* Ambetter coverage will apply for covered benefits related to the *inpatient* coverage after *your* effective date. Ambetter coverage requires *you* notify Ambetter within 2 days of *your* effective date so *we* can review and authorize *medically necessary* services. If services are at a *non-network hospital*, claims will be paid at the Ambetter allowable until *you* are discharged or no longer eligible for benefits and *you* may be billed for any balance of costs above the Ambetter allowable.

#### Out of Service Area Dependent Member Coverage

A dependent member's coverage will not cease should the dependent member live outside the service area if a court order requires the member to cover such dependent member.

#### **Open Enrollment**

Each year, there will be an open enrollment period for coverage. The open enrollment period begins November 1, 2020 and extends through December 15, 2020. If *you* enroll on or before December 15, 2020, your coverage will be effective on January 1, 2021.

#### **Special and Limited Enrollment**

A *qualified individual* has 60 days to report a qualifying event directly to *us* and could be granted a 60 day Special Enrollment Period as a result of one of the following events:

- 1. A *qualified individual* or *dependent loses minimum essential coverage*, non-calendar year group or individual health insurance coverage, pregnancy-related coverage, access to healthcare services through coverage provided to a pregnant enrollee's unborn child, or medically needed coverage;
- 2. A *qualified individual* gains a dependent or becomes a *dependent* through marriage, birth, adoption placement for adoption, placement in foster care, or a child support order or other court order in the case of marriage, at least one spouse must demonstrate having minimum essential coverage as described in 26 CFR 1.5000A-1(b) for 1 or more days during the 60 days preceding the date of marriage;
- 3. An individual, who was not previously a citizen, national, or lawfully present individual gains such status:
- 4. A *qualified individual's* enrollment or non-enrollment in a health plan is unintentional, inadvertent, or erroneous and is the result of the error, misrepresentation, or inaction of an officer or employee, or agent of Ambetter from Sunshine Health or its instrumentalities as evaluated and are determined by *us*. In such cases, *we* may take such action as may be necessary to correct or eliminate the effects of such error, misrepresentation, or inaction;
- 5. An enrollee adequately demonstrates to *us* that the health plan in which he or she is enrolled substantially violated a material provision of its contract in relation to the enrollee's decision to purchase the health plan based on plan benefits, service area or premium; or
- 6. An individual is determined newly eligible or newly ineligible for advanced payments of the premium tax credit or has a change in eligibility for *cost-sharing reductions*, regardless of whether such individual is already enrolled in a health plan;
- 7. A *qualified individual* or enrollee gains access to new health plans as a result of a permanent move;
- 8. Qualifying events as defined under section 603 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended;

- 9. An Indian, as defined by section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, may enroll in a health plan or change from one health plan to another one time per month;
- 10. A *qualified individual* or enrollee demonstrates to *us*, in accordance with guidelines issued by HHS, that the individual meets other exceptional circumstances as may be provided;
- 11. An individual who is no longer incarcerated or whose incarceration is pending the disposition of charges;
- 12. A *qualified individual* or dependent is a victim of domestic abuse or spousal abandonment and would like to enroll in coverage separate from the perpetrator of the abuse or abandonment; or
- 13. A *qualified individual* or dependent is determined to be potentially eligible for Medicaid; or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), but is subsequently determined to be ineligible after the open enrollment period has ended or more than 60 days after the qualifying event;
- 14. A qualified individual newly gains access to an employer sponsored individual coverage HRA or a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA).

## **PREMIUMS**

#### **Premium Payment**

Each premium is to be paid on or before its due date. The initial premium must be paid prior to the coverage *effective date*, although an extension may be provided during the annual Open Enrollment period.

#### **Grace Period**

Premium payments are due in advance, on a calendar month basis. Monthly payments are due on or before the first day of each month for coverage effective during such month. There is a 60 day grace period. This provision means that if any required premium is not paid on or before the date it is due, it may be paid during the grace period. During the grace period, the *contract* will stay in force. *We* will notify the *member*, as well as providers of the possibility of denied claims when the *member* is in the grace period.

#### Third Party Payment of Premiums or Cost Sharing

Ambetter requires each policy holder to pay his or her premiums and this is communicated on *your* monthly billing statements. Ambetter payment policies were developed based on guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recommendations against accepting third party premiums. Consistent with CMS guidance, the following are the ONLY acceptable third parties who may pay Ambetter premiums on *your* behalf:

- 1. Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act;
- 2. Indian tribes, tribal organizations or urban Indian organizations;
- 3. State and Federal Government programs;
- 4. Family members; or
- 5. Private, not-for-profit foundations which have no incentive for financial gain, no financial relationship, or affiliation with providers of covered services and supplies on behalf of members, where eligibility is determined based on defined criteria without regard to health status and where payments are made in advance for a coverage period from the effective date of eligibility through the remainder of the calendar year.

Upon discovery that premiums were paid by a person or entity other than those listed above, *we* will reject the payment and inform the *member* that the payment was not accepted and that the subscription charges remain due.

Similarly, if we determine payment was made for *deductibles* or *cost sharing* by a third party, such as a drug manufacturer paying for all or part of a medication, that shall be considered a third party premium payment that may not be counted towards *your deductible* or *maximum out-of-pocket* costs.

#### **Misstatement of Age**

If a *member's* age has been misstated, the *member's* premium may be adjusted to what it should have been based on the *member's* actual age.

#### **Change or Misstatement of Residence**

If you change your residence, you must notify us of your new residence to process your change of your new residence within 60 days of the change. As a result your premium may change and you may be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period. See the section on Special Enrollment Periods for more information.

#### **Misstatement of Tobacco or Nicotine Use**

The answer to the tobacco or nicotine question on the application is material to *our* correct underwriting. If a *member's use of tobacco or nicotine* has been misstated on the *member's* application for coverage under this *contract, we* have the right to rerate the *contract* back to the original *effective date*.

## **COST SHARING FEATURES**

#### **Cost Sharing Features**

We will pay benefits for covered services as described in the Schedule of Benefits and the Major Medical Expense Benefits section of this contract. Benefits we pay will be subject to all conditions, limitations, and cost sharing features of this contract. Cost sharing means that you participate or share in the cost of your healthcare services by paying deductible amounts, copayments and coinsurance for some covered services. For example, you may need to pay a copayment or coinsurance amount when you visit your physician or are admitted into the hospital. The copayment or coinsurance required for each type of service as well as your deductible is listed in your Schedule of Benefits.

When you, or a covered dependent, receive health care services from a provider, there may be multiple claims for that episode of care. An episode of care means the services provided by a health care facility or provider to treat a condition or an illness. Each claim that we receive for services covered under this contract are adjudicated or processed as we receive them. Coverage is only provided for eligible service expenses. Each claim received will be processed separately according to the cost share as outlined in the contract and in your Schedule of Benefits.

#### **Copayments**

A copayment is typically a fixed amount due at the time of service. Members may be required to pay copayments to a provider each time services are performed that require a copayment. Copayments are due as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Payment of a copayment does not exclude the possibility of a provider billing you for any non-covered services. Copayments do not count or apply toward the deductible amount, but do apply toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.

#### **Coinsurance Amount**

A coinsurance amount is your share of the cost of a service. Members may be required to pay a coinsurance in addition to any applicable deductible amount(s) due for a covered service or supply. Coinsurance amounts do not apply toward the deductible, but do apply toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. When the annual maximum out-of-pocket amount has been met, additional covered service expenses will be 100%.

#### **Deductible**

The *deductible amount* means the amount of *covered service expenses* that must be paid by each/all *members* before any benefits are provided or payable. The *deductible amount* does not include any *copayment amount* or *coinsurance* amount. Not all *covered service expenses* are subject to the *deductible amount*. See *your Schedule of Benefits* for more details. *Deductible amounts* are applied for a calendar year and do not roll over to the next calendar year.

#### **Maximum Out-of-Pocket**

You must pay any required *copayments* or *coinsurance amounts* required until *you* reach the *maximum out-of-pocket amount* shown on *your Schedule of Benefits*. After the *maximum out-of-pocket amount* is met for an individual, *we* will pay 100% of the cost for covered services. The family *maximum out-of-pocket amount* is two times the individual *maximum out-of-pocket amount*. For the family *maximum out-of-pocket amount*, once a *member* has met the individual *maximum out-of-pocket amount*, the remainder of the family *maximum out-of-pocket amount* can be met with the combination of any one or more *members*' eligible service expenses.

#### Refer to your Schedule of Benefits for Coinsurance Percentage and other limitations.

The amount provided or payable will be subject to:

- 1. Any specific benefit limits stated in the *contract*; and
- 2. A determination of *eligible service expenses*.

The applicable *deductible amount(s)*, *cost sharing percentage*, and *copayment amounts* are shown on the *Schedule of Benefits*.

**Note:** The bill *you* receive for services or supplies from a *non-network provider* may be significantly higher than the *eligible service expenses* for those services or supplies. In addition to the *deductible amount*, *copayment amount*, and *cost sharing percentage*, *you* are responsible for the difference between the *eligible service expense* and the amount the *non-network provider* bills *you* for the services or supplies. Any amount *you* are obligated to pay to the *non-network provider* in excess of the *eligible service expense* will not apply to *your deductible amount* or *maximum out-of-pocket amount*.

# **ACCESS TO CARE**

### **Primary Care Provider**

In order to obtain benefits, *you* must designate a *network primary care provider* for each *member*. If *you* do not select a *network primary care provider* for each *member*, one will be assigned. *You* may select any *network primary care provider* who is accepting new patients from any of the following provider types:

- Family practitioners
- General practitioners
- Internal medicine
- Nurse practitioners\*
- Physician assistants
- Obstetricians/gynecologists
- Pediatricians (for children)

\*If you choose a nurse practitioner as your PCP, your benefit coverage and copayment amounts are the same as they would be for services from other in-network providers. See your Summary of Benefits for more information. You may obtain a list of network primary care providers at our website and using the "Find a Provider" function or by contacting our Member Services department.

You should get to know your PCP and establish a healthy relationship with them. Your PCP will:

- Provide preventive care and screenings
- · Conduct regular physical exams as needed
- Conduct regular immunizations as needed
- Deliver timely service
- Work with other doctors when you receive care somewhere else
- Coordinate specialty care with Ambetter in-network specialists
- Provide any ongoing care you need
- Update your medical record, which includes keeping track of all the care that you get from all of your providers
- Treat all patients the same way with dignity and respect
- Make sure *you* can contact him/her or another provider at all times
- Discuss what advance directive are and file directives appropriately in *your* medical record.

Your network primary care provider will be responsible for coordinating all covered health services with other network providers. You may be required to obtain a referral from a primary care provider in order to receive care from a specialist provider. You do not need a referral from your network primary care provider for mental or behavioral health services, obstetrical or gynecological treatment and may seek care directly from a network obstetrician or gynecologist.

### **Contacting Your Primary Care Physician**

To make an appointment with *your PCP*, call his/her office during business hours and set up a date and time. If *you* need to cancel or change *your* appointment, call 24 hours in advance. At every appointment, make sure *you* bring *your member* ID card and a photo ID.

Should *you* need care outside of *your PCP's* office hours, *you* should call *your PCP's* office for information on receiving after hours care in *your* area. If you have an urgent medical problem or question or cannot reach *your PCP* during normal office hours, call *our* 24/7 nurse advice line at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 800-

955-8770). A licensed nurse is always available and ready to answer your health questions. In an emergency, call 911 or head straight to the nearest emergency room.

### **Changing Your Primary Care Physician (PCP)**

You may change your network primary care provider for any reason, but not more frequently than once a month, by submitting a written request, online at our website at Ambetter. Sunshine Health.com, or by contacting our office at the number shown on your identification card. The change to your network primary care provider of record will be effective no later than 30 days from the date we receive your request.

### **Network Availability**

Your network is subject to change upon advance written notice. A network service area may not be available in all areas. If you move to an area where we are not offering access to a network, the network provisions of the contract will no longer apply. In that event, benefits will be calculated based on the eligible service expense, subject to the deductible amount for network providers. You will be notified of any increase in premium.

### **Coverage Under Other Policy Provisions**

Charges for services and supplies that qualify as *covered service expenses* under one benefit provision will not qualify as *covered service expenses* under any other benefit provision of this *contract*.

### **Non-Emergency Services**

If you are traveling outside of the Florida service area, you may be able to access providers in another state if there is an Ambetter plan located in that state. You can locate Ambetter providers outside of Florida by searching the relevant state in our provider directory at ProviderSearch.AmbetterHealth.com. Not all states have Ambetter plans. If you receive care from an Ambetter provider outside of the service area, you may be required to receive prior authorization for non-emergency services. Contact Member Services at the phone number on your ID card for further information.

### **Emergency Services Outside of Service Area**

We cover emergency care services when you are outside of our service area.

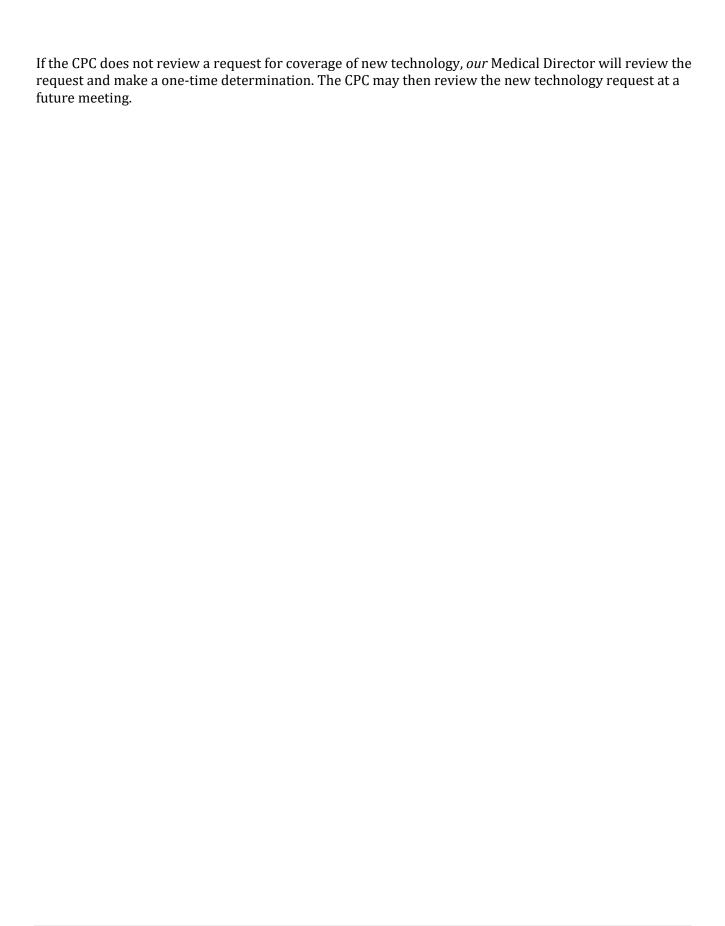
If *you* are temporarily out of the service area and have a medical or behavioral health emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Be sure to call *us* and report *your* emergency within one business day. *You* do not need prior approval for emergency care services.

### **New Technology**

Health technology is always changing. If we think a new medical advancement can benefit our members, we evaluate it for coverage. These advancements include:

- a. New technology
- b. New medical procedures
- c. New drugs
- d. New devices
- e. New application of existing technology

Sometimes, *our* medical director and/or medical management staff will identify technological advances that could benefit *our members*. The Clinical Policy Committee (CPC) reviews requests for coverage and decides whether *we* should change any of *our* benefits to include the new technology.



# **MAJOR MEDICAL EXPENSE BENEFITS**

The plan provides coverage for healthcare services for a *member* or covered dependent. Some services require *prior authorization*. *Copayment amounts* must be paid to *your network provider* at the time *you* receive services. All *covered services* are subject to conditions, exclusions, limitations, terms and provisions of this *contract. Covered services* must be *medically necessary* and not *experimental or investigational*.

#### **Benefit Limitations**

Limitations may also apply to some *covered services* that fall under more than one *covered service* category. Please review all limits carefully. Ambetter will not pay benefits for any of the services, treatments, items or supplies that exceed benefit limits.

#### **Ambulance Service Benefits**

*Covered service expenses* will include ambulance services for local transportation:

- 1. To the nearest *hospital* that can provide services appropriate to the *member's illness* or *injury*, in cases of *emergency*.
- 2. To the nearest neonatal special care unit for newborn infants for treatment of *illnesses*, *injuries*, congenital birth defects, or complications of premature birth that require that level of care.
- 3. Transportation between *hospitals* or between a *hospital* and skilled nursing or rehabilitation facility, when authorized by Ambetter from Sunshine Health.

#### Benefits for air ambulance services are limited to:

- 1. Services requested by police or medical authorities at the site of an *emergency*.
- 2. Those situations in which the *member* is in a location that cannot be reached by ground ambulance.

### **Exclusions:**

No benefits will be paid for:

- 1. Expenses incurred for ambulance services covered by a local governmental or municipal body, unless otherwise required by law.
- 2. Non-emergency air ambulance.
- 3. Non-emergency transportation excluding ambulances (for example transport van, taxi).
- 4. Air ambulance:
  - a. Outside of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia;
  - b. From a country or territory outside of the United States to a location within the 50 United States or the District of Columbia; or
  - c. From a location within the 50 United States or the District of Columbia to a country or territory outside of the United States.
- 5. Ambulance services provided for a *member's* comfort or convenience.

### Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits

The coverage described below is intended to comply with requirements under the Paul Wellstone-Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008.

Mental health services will be provided on an *inpatient* and outpatient basis and include treatable mental health conditions. These conditions affect the individual's ability to cope with the requirements of daily living. If *you* need mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment, *you* may choose any provider participating in *our* behavioral health network. *You* can search for in-network behavioral health *providers* 

by using *our* Find a Provider tool at *Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com* or by calling Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770). *Deductible amounts, copayment* or *coinsurance amounts* and treatment limits for covered mental health and substance use disorder benefits will be applied in the same manner as physical health service benefits.

Covered services for mental health and substance use disorder are included on a non-discriminatory basis for all *members* for the diagnosis and medically necessary and active treatment of mental, emotional, or substance use disorders as defined in the most recent edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association* or the *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD)*.

When making coverage determinations, *our* utilization management staff employ established level of care guidelines and medical necessity criteria that are based on currently accepted standards of practice and take into account legal and regulatory requirements. They utilize McKesson's Interqual criteria for mental health determinations and American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for substance use determinations. Services should always be provided in the least restrictive clinically appropriate setting. Any determination that requested services are not medically necessary will be made by a qualified licensed mental health professional.

Covered Inpatient and Outpatient mental health and/or substance use disorder services are as follows:

### *Inpatient*

- 1. *Inpatient* psychiatric hospitalization;
- 2. Inpatient detoxification treatment;
- 3. Observation;
- 4. Crisis Stabilization;
- 5. *Inpatient* Rehabilitation;
- 6. Residential Treatment facility for mental health and substance use; and
- 7. Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT).

### Outpatient

- 1. Individual and group therapy for mental health and *substance use*;
- 2. Medication management services;
- 3. Outpatient detoxification programs;
- 4. Psychological and neuropsychological testing and assessment;
- 5. Applied Behavior Analysis for treatment of autism;
- 6. Telehealth;
- 7. Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP);
- 8. Medication assisted treatment combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat *substance use* disorders;
- 9. Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP);
- 10. Evaluation and assessment for mental health and substance use;;
- 11. Mental Health day treatment;
- 12. Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT);
- 13. Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS);
- 14. Assertive Community Treatment (ACT).

Behavioral health covered services are only for the diagnosis or treatment of mental health conditions and the treatment of *substance use*/chemical dependency.

In addition, Integrated Care Management is available for all of *your* healthcare needs, including behavioral health and substance use. Please call 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770) to be referred to a care manager for an assessment.

Expenses for these services are covered if *medically necessary* and may be subject to *prior authorization*. Please see the *Schedule of Benefits* for more information regarding services that require *prior authorization* and specific benefit, day or visit limits, if any.

### **Autism Spectrum Disorder Benefits**

Generally recognized services prescribed in relation to *autism spectrum disorder* by a *physician* or behavioral health practitioner in a treatment plan recommended by that *physician* or behavioral health practitioner.

For purposes of this section, generally recognized services may include services such as:

- evaluation and assessment services;
- applied behavior analysis therapy;
- behavior training and behavior management;
- speech therapy;
- occupational therapy;
- physical therapy;
- psychiatric care such as counseling services provided by a licensed psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, professional counselor or clinical social worker;
- habilitation services, limited to children ages 0 to 21 with a diagnosis of *autism spectrum disorder*; or
- medications or nutritional supplements used to address symptoms of *autism spectrum disorder*.

No limitation exists within the benefits for applied behavior analysis services. These services are subject to *prior authorization* to determine medical necessity. If multiple services are provided on the same day by different providers, a separate *copayment* and/or *coinsurance* will apply to each provider.

### Habilitation, Rehabilitation and Extended Care Facility Expense Benefits

*Covered service expenses* include services provided or expenses incurred for *habilitation* or *rehabilitation* services or confinement in an *extended care facility*, subject to the following limitations:

- 1. *Covered service expenses* available to a *member* while confined primarily to receive *habilitation* or *rehabilitation* are limited to those specified in this provision.
- 2. Rehabilitation services or confinement in a rehabilitation facility or extended care facility must be for treatment of, or rehabilitation related to, the same illness or injury that resulted in the hospital stay.
- 3. *Covered service expenses* for *provider facility* services are limited to charges made by a *hospital*, *rehabilitation facility*, or *extended care facility* for:
  - a. Daily room and board and nursing services.
  - b. Diagnostic testing.
  - c. Drugs and medicines prescribed by a *physician*, filled by a licensed pharmacist and approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
- 4. *Covered service expenses* for non-*provider facility* services are limited to charges incurred for the professional services of *rehabilitation licensed practitioners*.
- 5. Outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory, pulmonary or inhalation therapy and speech therapy.

Custodial care services are not covered under this policy, See the *Schedule of Benefits* for benefit levels or additional limits.

Care ceases to be *rehabilitation* upon *our* determination of any of the following:

- 1. The *member* has reached *maximum therapeutic benefit*.
- 2. Further treatment cannot restore bodily function beyond the level the *member* already possesses.
- 3. There is no meaningful measurable progress toward documented goals.
- 4. Care is primarily *custodial care*.

### **Home Health Care Service Expense Benefits**

Covered Services and supplies for Home Healthcare are covered when your physician indicates you are not able to travel for appointments to a medical office. Coverage is provided for medically necessary in-network care provided at the member's home and includes the following:

- 1. *Home health aide services,* only if provided in conjunction with skilled registered nurse or licensed practical nursing services.
- 2. Skilled services of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse rendered on an outpatient basis.
- 3. Professional fees of a licensed respiratory, physical, occupational, or speech therapist required for *home health care*. Please refer to *your Schedule of Benefits* for any limits associated with this benefit.
- 4. I.V. medication and pain medication.
- 5. Hemodialysis, and for the processing and administration of blood or blood components.
- 6. Necessary medical supplies.
- 7. Rental or purchase of *medically necessary durable medical equipment at the discretion of the plan.* At *our* option, *we* may authorize the purchase of the equipment in lieu of its rental if the rental price is projected to exceed the equipment purchase price, but only from a provider *we* authorize before the purchase.
- 8. Sleep Studies.

I.V. medication and pain medication are *covered service expenses* to the extent they would have been *covered service expenses* during an *inpatient hospital* stay.

At *our* option, *we* may *authorize* the purchase of the equipment in lieu of its rental if the rental price is projected to exceed the equipment purchase price, but only from a provider that *we authorize* before the purchase.

#### Limitations:

See the *Schedule of Benefits* for benefit levels or additional limits for expenses related to *home health aide* services. *Home health care* services not in conjunction with a registered or licensed practical nurse and *home health aide* are not covered.

#### Exclusion:

No benefits will be payable for charges related to *respite care*, *custodial care*, or educational care under the Home Health Care Service Expense Benefit.

### **Hospice Care Service Expense Benefits**

Hospice care benefits are allowable for a terminally ill member receiving medically necessary care under a hospice care program. Covered services include:

- 1. Room and board in a *hospice* while the *member* is an *inpatient*.
- 2. Occupational therapy.

- 3. Speech-language therapy.
- 4. The rental of medical equipment while the *terminally ill covered person* is in a hospice care program to the extent that these items would have been covered under the *contract* if the *member* had been confined in a *hospital*.
- 5. Medical, palliative, and supportive care, and the procedures necessary for pain control and acute and chronic symptom management.
- 6. Counseling the *member* regarding his or her *terminal illness*.
- 7. *Terminal illness counseling of the member's immediate family.*
- 8. Bereavement counseling.

Benefits for *hospice inpatient*, home and outpatient care are available for one continuous period up to one hundred eighty (180) days in a *covered person's* lifetime.

#### **Exclusions and Limitations:**

Any exclusion or limitation contained in the *contract* regarding:

- 1. An *injury* or *illness* arising out of, or in the course of, employment for wage or profit;
- 2. Medical necessity of services or supplies, to the extent such services or supplies are provided as part of a hospice care program; or
- 3. Expenses for other persons, to the extent those expenses are described above, will not be applied to this provision.

### Radiology, Imaging and Other Diagnostic Testing

Medically necessary radiology services, imaging and tests performed for diagnostic reasons are a covered benefit (e.g., X-ray, MRI, CT scan, PET/SPECT, mammogram, ultrasound). *Prior authorization* may be required, see the *Schedule of Benefits* for details. **Note:** Depending on the service performed, two bills may be incurred – both subject to any applicable cost sharing – one for the technical component (the procedure itself) and another for the professional component (the reading/interpretation of the results by a physician or other qualified practitioner).

### **Respite Care Expense Benefits**

Respite care is covered on an *inpatient* or outpatient basis to allow temporary relief to family members from the duties of caring for a *covered person* under hospice care. Respite days that are applied toward the *deductible amount* are considered benefits provided and shall apply against any maximum benefit limit for these services.

#### **Medical Foods**

We cover medical foods and formulas for outpatient total parenteral therapy, outpatient enteral therapy, outpatient elemental formulas for malabsorption, and dietary formula when *medically necessary* for the treatment of Phenylketonuria (PKU) and inborn errors of metabolism.

Excluded are any other dietary formulas, oral nutritional supplements, special diets, prepared foods or meals, baby formula or food and formula for access problems.

### **Second Medical Opinion**

*Members* are entitled to a second medical opinion under the following conditions:

- 1. Whenever a surgical procedure is recommended to confirm the need for the procedure;
- 2. Whenever a serious *injury* or *illness* exists; or
- 3. Whenever *you* feel that *you* are not responding to the current treatment plan in a satisfactory manner.

If requested, the second opinion consultation is to be provided by a *physician* of the *member's* choice. The *member* must select a *network provider* listed in the Ambetter from Sunshine Health Provider Directory. If a *member* chooses a *network provider*, he or she will only be responsible for the applicable *cost sharing* for the consultation. Any lab tests or diagnostic and therapeutic services are subject to the additional *cost sharing*. The plan may allow a second opinion from a *non-network* provider which will be subject to *prior authorization* and *medical necessity* review.

### **Hospital Benefits**

*Covered service expenses* are limited to charges made by a *hospital* for:

- a. Daily room and board and nursing services, not to exceed the *hospital's* most common semi-private room rate.
- b. Daily room and board and nursing services while confined in an intensive care unit.
- c. *Inpatient* use of an operating, treatment, or recovery room.
- d. Outpatient use of an operating, treatment, or recovery room for *surgery*.
- e. Services and supplies, including drugs and medicines, which are routinely provided by the *hospital* for use only while *you* are *inpatient*.
- f. *Emergency* treatment of an *injury* or *illness*, even if confinement is not required.

### **Emergency Room Services**

In an emergency situation (anything that could endanger *your* life (or *your* unborn child's life)), *you* should call 911 or head straight to the nearest emergency room. *We* cover emergency medical and behavioral health services both in and out of *our* service area. *We* cover these services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Please note some *providers* that treat you within the ER may not be contracted with Ambetter. If that is the case, they may balance bill *you* for the difference between *our allowed amount* and the *provider's* billed charge.

### **Medical and Surgical Expense Benefits**

*Covered service expenses* are limited to charges:

- 1. For *surgery* in a *physician's* office or *outpatient surgical facility*, including services and supplies.
- 2. Made by a *physician* for professional services, including *surgery*.
- 3. Made by an assistant surgeon.
- 4. For the professional services of a *medical practitioner*.
- 5. For dressings, crutches, orthopedic splints, braces, casts, or other *necessary medical supplies*.
- 6. For diagnostic testing using radiologic, ultra-sonographic, or laboratory services.
- 7. For chemotherapy and radiation therapy or treatment.
- 8. For hemodialysis and the charges by a *hospital* or dialysis center for processing and administration of blood or blood components.
- 9. For the cost and administration of an anesthetic.
- 10. For dental treatment in a *hospital* or ambulatory surgical center. Benefits are available for general anesthesia and hospitalization services in connection with necessary dental treatment or surgery, subject to *prior authorization* by *us.* 
  - a. A *member* under age eight (8) whose treating health care professional, in consultation with the dentist, determines the child has a significantly complex dental condition or a developmental disability in which patient management in the dental office has proved to be ineffective; or
  - b. A *member* who has one (1) or more medical conditions that would create significant or undue medical risk for the individual in the course of delivery of any dental treatment or surgery if not rendered in a *hospital* or ambulatory surgical center.

Necessary dental treatment is that which, if left untreated, is likely to result in a medical condition. Use of general anesthesia in a *hospital* or ambulatory surgical center is subject to *prior authorization* by *us.* Please call Member Services to confirm *your* benefits for the use of general anesthesia in a *hospital* or ambulatory surgical center.

- 11. For oxygen and its administration.
- 12. For dental service expenses when a *member* suffers an injury, after the *member's* effective date of coverage, that results in:
  - a. Damage to his or her sound natural teeth; and
  - b. Expenses are incurred within six months of the accident or as part of a treatment plan that was prescribed by a *physician* and began within six months of the accident. *Injury* to the sound natural teeth will not include any injury as a result of chewing.
- 13. For *surgery*, excluding tooth extraction, to treat craniomandibular disorders, malocclusions, or disorders of the temporomandibular joint. See the *Schedule of Benefits* for benefit levels or additional limits.
- 14. For reconstructive breast surgery charges as a result of a partial or total mastectomy. Coverage includes surgery and reconstruction of the diseased and non-diseased breast and prosthetic devices necessary to restore a symmetrical appearance and treatment in connection with other physical complications resulting from the mastectomy including lymphedemas. Coverage for outpatient post-surgical care is provided in the most medically appropriate setting which may include a *hospital*, treating *physician's* office, outpatient center or the *member's* home. *Inpatient hospital* treatment for mastectomy will not be limited to any period that is less than that recommended by the *attending physician*.
- 15. For *medically necessary chiropractic care* treatment on an outpatient basis only. See the *Schedule of Benefits* for benefit levels or additional limits. *Covered service expenses* are subject to all other terms and conditions of the *contract,* including *deductible amount* and *cost sharing percentage* provisions.
- 16. Covered service expenses are permitted when a member receives services from a network provider specializing in obstetrics and gynecology for obstetrical or gynecological care or if medically necessary follow-up care is detected at the visit without a referral from the member's primary care provider.
- 17. For the following types of tissue transplants:
  - a. Cornea transplants;
  - b. Artery or vein grafts;
  - c. Heart valve grafts;
  - d. Prosthetic tissue replacement, including joint replacements; and
  - e. Implantable prosthetic lenses, in connection with cataracts.
- 18. Family Planning for certain professional provider contraceptive services and supplies, including but not limited to sterilization and vasectomies, tubal ligation and insertion or extraction of FDA-approved contraceptive devices.
- 19. *Covered services* for *medically necessary* diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis for high-risk *member*, including, but not limited to, estrogen-deficient *members* who are at clinical risk for osteoporosis, *members* who have vertebral abnormalities, individuals who are receiving long-term hyperparathyroidism and *members* who have a family history of osteoporosis.
- 20. Cleft lip and cleft palate for an *eligible child* under the age of 18. *Covered services* includes medical, dental, speech therapy, audiology, and nutrition services only if such services are prescribed by the treating *physician* or surgeon and such *physician* or surgeon certifies that such services are *medically necessary* and consequent to treatment of the cleft lip or cleft palate.
- 21. For Dermatology services which are limited to the following: *Medically necessary* minor surgery, tests, and office visits provided by a dermatologist who is a *network provider*.

- 22. Mammograms as follows: (a) A baseline mammogram for any *covered person* who is 35 to 40 years of age; (b) A mammogram every 2 years for any *covered person* who is 40 to 50 years of age, or older, or more frequently based on the patient's *physician's* recommendations; (c) A mammogram every year for any *covered person* who is 50 years of age or older; (d) One or more mammograms a year, based upon a *physician*'s recommendation for any *covered person* who is at risk for breast cancer because of a personal or family history of breast cancer, because of having a history of biopsy-proven benign breast disease, because of having a mother, sister, or daughter who has had breast cancer, or because a *covered person* has not given birth before the age of 30. This benefit is not subject to *deductibles* or *copayments*.
- 23. For *medically necessary* genetic blood tests.
- 24. For medically necessary immunizations to prevent respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).
- 25. For *medically necessary* allergy treatment including allergy injection.

#### Diabetic Care

For *medically necessary* services and supplies used in the treatment of diabetes. *Covered service expenses* include, but are not limited to, exams including podiatric exams; routine foot care such as trimming of nails and corns; laboratory and radiological diagnostic testing; self-management equipment, and supplies such as urine or ketone strips, blood glucose monitor supplies (glucose strips) for the device, and syringes or needles; orthotics and diabetic shoes; urinary protein/microalbumin and lipid profiles; educational health and nutritional counseling for self-management, eye examinations, and prescription medication.

### **Dialysis Services**

Medically necessary acute and chronic dialysis services are covered benefits unless other coverage is primary, such as Medicare for dialysis. There are two types of treatment provided *you* meet all the criteria for treatment. *You* may receive hemodialysis in an *in-network* dialysis Facility or peritoneal dialysis in *your* home from a *network* provider when *you* qualify for home dialysis.

#### Covered expenses include:

- Services provided in an Outpatient Dialysis Facility or when services are provided in the Home;
- Processing and administration of blood or blood components;
- Dialysis services provided in a hospital;
- Dialysis treatment of an acute or chronic kidney ailment which may include the supportive use an artificial kidney machine.

After *you* receive appropriate training at a dialysis facility *we* designate, *we* also cover equipment and medical supplies required for home hemodialysis and home peritoneal dialysis. Coverage is limited to the standard item of equipment or supplies that adequately meets *your* medical needs. *We* will determine if equipment is made available on a rental or purchase basis. At *our* option, *we* may authorize the purchase of the equipment in lieu of its rental if the rental price is projected to exceed the equipment purchase price, but only from a Provider *we* authorize before the purchase.

### **Outpatient Medical Supplies Expense Benefits**

*Covered expenses* for miscellaneous outpatient medical supplies are limited to charges:

- 1. For artificial eyes or larynx, breast prosthesis, or basic artificial limbs (but not the replacement thereof, unless required by a physical change in the *covered person* and the item cannot be modified). If more than one prosthetic device can meet a *covered person's* functional needs, only the charge for the most cost effective prosthetic device will be considered a *covered expense*.
- 2. For one pair of foot orthotics per year per *covered person*.
- 3. For the purchase or rental of *medically necessary* durable medical equipment.

- 4. For the rental of one Continuous Passive Motion (CPM) machine per *covered person* following a covered joint surgery.
- 5. For the cost of one wig per *covered person* necessitated by hair loss due to cancer treatments or traumatic burns.
- 6. For one pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses per *covered person* following a covered cataract surgery.

### **Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, and Orthotic Devices**

The supplies, equipment and appliances described below are *covered services* under this benefit. If the supplies, equipment and appliances include comfort, luxury, or convenience items or features which exceed what is *medically necessary* in *your* situation or needed to treat *your* condition, reimbursement will be based on the maximum allowable amount for a standard item that is a covered service, serves the same purpose, and is *medically necessary*. Any expense that exceeds the maximum allowable amount for the standard item which is a covered service is *your* responsibility. For example, the reimbursement for a motorized wheelchair will be limited to the reimbursement for a standard wheelchair, when a standard wheelchair adequately accommodates *your* condition. Repair, adjustment and replacement of purchased equipment, supplies or appliances as set forth below may be covered, as approved by *us.* The repair, adjustment or replacement of the purchased equipment, supply or appliance is covered if:

- The equipment, supply or appliance is a covered service;
- The continued use of the item is medically necessary; and
- There is reasonable justification for the repair, adjustment, or replacement (warranty expiration is not reasonable justification).

In addition, replacement of purchased equipment, supplies or appliance may be covered if:

- 1. The equipment, supply or appliance is worn out or no longer functions.
- 2. Repair is not possible or would equal or exceed the cost of replacement. An assessment by are habilitation equipment specialist or vendor should be done to estimate the cost of repair.
- 3. Individual's needs have changed and the current equipment is no longer usable due to weight gain, rapid growth, or deterioration of function, etc.
- 4. The equipment, supply or appliance is damaged and cannot be repaired.

Benefits for repairs and replacement do not include the following:

- Repair and replacement due to misuse, malicious breakage or gross neglect.
- Replacement of lost or stolen items.

We may establish reasonable quantity limits for certain supplies, equipment or appliance described below.

### **Durable medical equipment**

The rental (or, at *our* option, the purchase) of durable medical equipment prescribed by a *physician* or other provider. Durable medical equipment is equipment which can withstand repeated use; i.e., could normally be rented, and used by successive patients; is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose; is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury; and is appropriate for use in a patient's home. Examples include but are not limited to wheelchairs, crutches, *hospital* beds, and oxygen equipment. Rental costs must not be more than the purchase price. The plan will not pay for rental for a longer period of time than it would cost to purchase equipment. The cost for delivering and installing the equipment are *covered services*. Payment for related supplies is a covered service only when the equipment is a rental, and medically fitting supplies are included in the rental; or the equipment is owned by the *member*; medically fitting supplies may be paid separately. Equipment should be purchased when it costs more to rent it than to buy it. Repair of medical equipment is covered.

Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Hemodialysis equipment.
- 2. Crutches and replacement of pads and tips.
- 3. Pressure machines.
- 4. Infusion pump for IV fluids and medicine.
- 5. Glucometer.
- 6. Tracheotomy tube.
- 7. Cardiac, neonatal and sleep apnea monitors.
- 8. Augmentive communication devices are covered when *we* approve based on the *member's* condition.

#### **Exclusions:**

Non-covered items may include but are not limited to:

- 1. Air conditioners.
- 2. Ice bags/cold pack pump.
- 3. Raised toilet seats.
- 4. Rental of equipment if the *member* is in a Facility that is expected to provide such equipment.
- 5. Translift chairs.
- 6. Treadmill exerciser.
- 7. Tub chair used in shower.

### Medical and surgical supplies

Coverage for non-durable medical supplies and equipment for management of disease and treatment of medical and surgical conditions.

Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Allergy serum extracts.
- 2. Chem strips, Glucometer, Lancets.
- 3. Clinitest.
- 4. Needles/syringes.
- 5. Ostomy bags and supplies except charges such as those made by a pharmacy for purposes of a fitting are not *covered services*.

#### **Exclusions:**

Non Covered Services include but are not limited to:

- 1. Adhesive tape, band aids, cotton tipped applicators.
- 2. Arch supports.
- 3. Doughnut cushions.
- 4. Hot packs, ice bags.
- 5. Vitamins (except as provided for under Preventive benefits).
- 6. Med-injectors.
- 7. Items usually stocked in the home for general use like Band-Aids, thermometers, and petroleum jelly.

### **Prosthetics**

Artificial substitutes for body parts and tissues and materials inserted into tissue for functional or therapeutic purposes. *Covered services* include purchase, fitting, needed adjustment, repairs, and replacements of prosthetic devices and supplies that:

- 1. Replace all or part of a missing body part and its adjoining tissues; or
- 2. Replace all or part of the function of a permanently useless or malfunctioning body part.

Prosthetic devices should be purchased not rented, and must be *medically necessary*. Applicable taxes, shipping and handling are also covered.

*Covered Services* may include, but are not limited to:

- Aids and supports for defective parts of the body including but not limited to internal heart valves, mitral valve, internal pacemaker, pacemaker power sources, synthetic or homograft vascular replacements, fracture fixation devices internal to the body surface, replacements for injured or diseased bone and joint substances, mandibular reconstruction appliances, bone screws, plates, and vitallium heads for joint reconstruction.
- 2. Left Ventricular Artificial Devices (LVAD) (only when used as a bridge to a heart transplant).
- 3. Breast prosthesis whether internal or external, following a mastectomy, and four surgical bras per benefit period, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act. Maximums for Prosthetic devices, if any, do not apply.
- 4. Replacements for all or part of absent parts of the body or extremities, such as artificial limbs, artificial eyes, etc.
- 5. Intraocular lens implantation for the treatment of cataract or aphakia. Contact lenses or glasses are often prescribed following lens implantation and are *covered services*. (If cataract extraction is performed, intraocular lenses are usually inserted during the same operative session). Eyeglasses (for example bifocals) including frames or contact lenses are covered when they replace the function of the human lens for conditions caused by cataract surgery or injury; the first pair of contact lenses or eyeglasses are covered. The donor lens inserted at the time of surgery are not considered contact lenses, and are not considered the first lens following surgery. If the injury is to one eye or if cataracts are removed from only one eye and the *member* selects eyeglasses and frames, then reimbursement for both lenses and frames will be covered.
- 6. Colostomy and other ostomy (surgical construction of an artificial opening) supplies directly related to ostomy care.
- 7. Restoration prosthesis (composite facial prosthesis).
- 8. Wigs (the first one following cancer treatment, not to exceed one per benefit period).

### **Exclusions:**

Non-covered Prosthetic appliances include but are not limited to:

- 1. Dentures, replacing teeth or structures directly supporting teeth.
- 2. Dental appliances.
- 3. Such non-rigid appliances as elastic stockings, garter belts, arch supports and corsets.
- 4. Wigs (except as described above following cancer treatment).
- 5. Penile prosthesis in *member*'s experiencing impotency resulting from disease or injury or for cosmetic purposes.

#### Orthotic devices

Covered Services are the initial purchase, fitting, and repair of a custom made rigid or semi-rigid supportive device used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body, or which limits or stops motion of a weak or diseased body part. The cost of casting, molding, fittings, and adjustments are included. Applicable tax, shipping, postage and handling charges are also covered. The casting is covered when an orthotic appliance is billed with it, but not if billed separately.

Covered orthotic devices may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Cervical collars.
- 2. Ankle foot orthosis.
- 3. Corsets (back and special surgical).
- 4. Splints (extremity).
- 5. Trusses and supports.
- 6. Slings.
- 7. Wristlets.
- 8. Built-up shoe.
- 9. Custom made shoe inserts.

Orthotic appliances may be replaced once per year per *member* when *medically necessary* in the *member*'s situation. However, additional replacements will be allowed for *members* under age 18 due to rapid growth, or for any *member* when an appliance is damaged and cannot be repaired.

#### **Exclusions:**

Non-covered services include but are not limited to:

- 1. Orthopedic shoes (except therapeutic shoes for diabetics).
- 2. Foot support devices, such as arch supports and corrective shoes, unless they are an integral part of a leg brace.
- 3. Standard elastic stockings, garter belts, and other supplies not specially made and fitted (except as specified under medical supplies).
- 4. Garter belts or similar devices.

### **Prescription Drug Expense Benefits**

We work with *providers* and pharmacists to ensure that we cover medications used to treat a variety of conditions and diseases.

*Covered service expenses* in this benefit subsection are limited to charges from a licensed *pharmacy* for:

- 1. A prescription drug.
- 2. Any drug that, under the applicable state law, may be dispensed only upon the written prescription by a *physician*.

The appropriate drug choice for a *member* is a determination that is best made by the *member* and his or her *physician*.

#### How to Fill a Prescription

Prescription can be filled at an in-network retail pharmacy or through *our* mail-order pharmacy.

If you decide to have your prescription filled at an in-network pharmacy, you can use the Provider Directory to find a pharmacy near you. You can access the Provider Directory at Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com on the Find a Provider page. You can also call Member Services to help you find a pharmacy. At the pharmacy, you will need to provide the pharmacist with your prescription and your member ID card.

We also offer a three-month (90-day) supply of maintenance medications by mail or from in-network retail pharmacies for specific benefit plans. These drugs treat long-term conditions or illnesses, such as high blood pressure, asthma and diabetes. You can find a list of covered medications on Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com. You can also request to have a copy mailed directly to you.

### **Mail Order Pharmacy**

If you have more than one prescription you take regularly, you may select to enroll in our mail order delivery program. Your prescriptions will be safely delivered right to your door at no extra charge to you. You will still be responsible for your regular copayment/coinsurance. To enroll for mail order delivery or for any additional questions, call our mail order pharmacy at 1-888-239-7690. Alternatively, you can fill out an enrollment form and mail the form to the address provided at the bottom of the form. The enrollment form can be found on our Ambetter website. Once on our website, click on the section, "For Member," "Pharmacy Resources." The enrollment form will be located under "Forms."

### **Formulary or Prescription Drug List**

The formulary or prescription drug list is a guide to available generic, brand name drugs and some overthe-counter medications when ordered by a physician that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and covered through *your* prescription drug benefit. Generic drugs have the same active ingredients as their brand name counterparts and should be considered the first line of treatment. The FDA requires generics to be safe and work the same as brand name drugs. If there is no generic available, there may be more than one brand name drug to treat a condition. Preferred brand name drugs are listed on Tier 2 of the Drug List to help identify brand name drugs that are clinically appropriate, safe and cost effective treatment options, if a generic medication on the formulary is not suitable for *your* condition.

Please note, the formulary is not meant to be a complete list of the drugs covered under *your* prescription benefit. Not all dosage forms or strengths of a drug may be covered. This list is periodically reviewed and updated and may be subject to change. Drugs may be added or removed or additional requirements may be added in order to approve continued usage of a specific drug.

Specific prescription benefit plan designs may not cover certain products or categories, regardless of their appearance in the formulary. For the most current Ambetter Formulary or Prescription Drug List or for more information about *our* pharmacy program, visit *Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com* (under "For Member", "Pharmacy Resources") or call Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770).

### **Over-the-Counter (OTC) Prescriptions**

We cover a variety of over-the-counter (OTC) medications when ordered by a *physician*. You can find a list of covered over-the-counter medications in *our* formulary – they will be marked as "OTC". Your prescription must meet all legal requirements.

### **Extended Days' Supply Process**

Maintenance Medications are generally taken daily for chronic and lifelong conditions. Ambetter uses Medi-Span to determine which medications are defined as Maintenance Medications. 90-day fills of Maintenance Medications are available exclusively at CVS Retail and CVS Mail. Members obtaining a 90-day fill via CVS Retail or CVS Mail will pay only 2.5 times their standard retail copay. Non-CVS extended day supply pharmacies are limited to dispensing up to 30-days' supply of maintenance medications.

### **Non-Formulary Prescription Drugs**

Under Affordable Care Act, you have the right to request coverage of prescription drugs that are not listed on the plan formulary (otherwise known as "non-formulary drugs"). To exercise this right, please get in touch with your medical practitioner. Your medical practitioner can utilize the Prescription Drug Exception request process.

### **Prescription Drug Exception Process**

### 1. Standard exception request

A *member*, a *member*'s designee or a *member*'s prescribing *physician* may request a standard review of a decision that a drug is not covered by the plan. The request can be made in writing or via telephone. Within 72 hours of the request being received, *we* will provide the *member*, the *member*'s designee or the *member*'s prescribing *physician* with *our* coverage determination. Should the standard exception request be granted, *we* will provide coverage of the non-formulary drug for the duration of the prescription, including refills.

### 2. Expedited exception request

A member, a member's designee or a member's prescribing physician may request an expedited review based on exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances exist when a member is suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize the enrollee's life, health, or ability to regain maximum function or when an enrollee is undergoing a current course of treatment using a nonformulary drug. Within 24 hours of the request being received, we will provide the member, the member's designee or the member's prescribing physician with our coverage determination. Should the expedited exception request be granted, we will provide coverage of the non-formulary drug for the duration of the exigency.

### 3. External exception request review

If we deny a request for a standard exception or for an expedited exception, the member, the member's designee or the member's prescribing physician may request that the original exception request and subsequent denial of such request be reviewed by an independent review organization. We will make our determination on the external exception request and notify the member, the member's designee or the member's prescribing physician of our coverage determination no later than 72 hours following receipt of the request, if the original request was a standard exception, and no later than 24 hours following its receipt of the request, if the original request was an expedited exception.

If we grant an external exception review of a standard exception request, we will provide coverage of the non-formulary drug for the duration of the prescription. If we grant an external exception review of an expedited exception request, we will provide coverage of the non-formulary drug for the duration of the exigency.

### Non-Covered Services and Exclusions:

No benefits will be paid under this benefit subsection for services provided or expenses incurred:

- 1. For *prescription drug* treatment of erectile dysfunction or any enhancement of sexual performance unless such treatment is listed on the formulary.
- 2. For weight loss prescription drugs unless otherwise listed on the formulary.
- 3. For immunization agents, blood, or blood plasma, except when used for preventive care and listed on the formulary.
- 4. For medication that is to be taken by the *member*, in whole or in part, at the place where it is dispensed.
- 5. For medication received while the *member* is a patient at an institution that has a facility for dispensing pharmaceuticals.
- 6. For a refill dispensed more than 12 months from the date of a *physician's* order.
- 7. For more than the predetermined *managed drug limitations* assigned to certain drugs or classification of drugs.

- 8. For a *prescription order* that is available in over-the-counter form, or comprised of components that are available in over-the-counter form, and is therapeutically equivalent, except for over-the-counter products that are on the formulary.
- 9. For drugs labeled "Caution limited by federal law to investigational use" or for investigational or experimental drugs.
- 10. For any drug that *we* identify as therapeutic duplication through the Drug Utilization Review program.
- 11. For more than a 30-day supply when dispensed in any one prescription or refill or for maintenance drugs up to a 90-day supply when dispensed by any retail or mail pharmacy other than CVS retail or CVS mail. Specialty drugs and other select drug categories are limited to 30-day supply when dispensed by retail or mail order. Please note that only the 90 day supply is subject to the discounted *cost sharing*. Mail orders less than 90 days are subject to the standard *cost sharing* amount.
- 12. For *prescription drugs* for any *member* who enrolls in Medicare Part D as of the date of his or her enrollment in Medicare Part D. *Prescription drug* coverage may not be reinstated at a later date.
- 13. Foreign Prescription Medications, except those associated with an Emergency Medical Condition while *you* are traveling outside the United States. These exceptions apply only to medications with an equivalent FDA-approved Prescription Medication that would be covered under this document if obtained in the United States.
- 14. For prevention of any diseases that are not endemic to the United States, such as malaria, and where preventive treatment is related to *member's* vacation during out of country travel. This section does not prohibit coverage of treatment for aforementioned diseases.
- 15. For medications used for cosmetic purposes.
- 16. For infertility drugs unless otherwise listed on the formulary.
- 17. For any controlled substance that exceeds state established maximum morphine equivalents in a particular time period, as established by state laws and regulations.
- 18. For drugs or dosage amounts determined by Ambetter to be ineffective, unproven or unsafe for the indication for which they have been prescribed, regardless of whether such drugs or dosage amounts have been approved by any governmental regulatory body for that use.
- 19. For any drug related to dental restorative treatment or treatment of chronic periodontitis, where drug administration occurs at dental practitioner's office.
- 20. For any drug dispensed from a non-lock-in pharmacy while *member* is in opioid lock-in program.
- 21. For any drug related to *surrogate* pregnancy.
- 22. For any drug used to treat hyperhidrosis.
- 23. For any injectable medication or biological product that is not expected to be self-administered by the *member* or *member*'s place of residence unless listed on the formulary.

Certain specialty and non-specialty generic medications may be covered at a higher *cost share* than other generic products. Please reference the formulary and *Schedule of Benefits* for additional information. For purposes of this section the tier status as indicated by the formulary will be applicable.

### **Lock-in Program**

To help decrease opioid overutilization and abuse, certain *members* identified through *our* Lock-in Program, may be locked into a specific pharmacy for the duration of their participation in the lock-in program. *Members* locked into a specific pharmacy will be able to obtain their medication(s) only at specified location. Ambetter pharmacy, together with Medical Management will review *member* profiles and using specific criteria, will recommend *members* for participation in lock-in program. *Members* identified for participation in lock-in program and associated providers will be notified of *member* participation in the program via mail. Such communication will include information on duration of participation, pharmacy to which *member* is locked-in, and any appeals rights.

### Pediatric Vision Benefits - Children under the age of 19

Coverage for vision services is provided for children, under the age of 19, from a *network provider* through the end of the plan year in which they turn 19 years of age.

- 1. Routine ophthalmological exam
  - a. Refraction:
  - b. Dilation;
  - c. Contact lens fitting.
- 2. Frames
- 3. Prescription lenses
  - a. Single;
  - b. Bifocal;
  - c. Trifocal;
  - d. Lenticular; or
  - e. Contact lenses (in lieu of glasses).
- 4. Additional lens options (including coating and tints)
  - a. Progressive lenses (standard or premium);
    - b. Intermediate vision lenses;
  - c. Blended segment lenses;
  - d. Hi-Index lenses;
  - e. Plastic photosensitive lenses;
  - f. Photochromic glass lenses;
  - g. Glass-grey #3 prescription sunglass lenses;
  - h. Fashion and gradient tinting;
  - i. Ultraviolet protective coating;
  - j. Polarized lenses;
  - k. Scratch resistant coating;
  - l. Anti-reflective coating (standard, premium or ultra);
  - m. Oversized lenses;
  - n. Polycarbonate lenses.
- 5. Low vision optical devices including low vision services, and an aid allowance with follow-up care when pre-authorized.

Please refer to *your Schedule of Benefits* for a detailed list of *cost sharing*, annual maximum and appropriate service limitations. To see which vision providers are part of the network, please visit *Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com* or call Member Services.

Services not covered:

- 1. Visual therapy:
- 2. Two pair of glasses as a substitute for bifocals;
- 3. Non-network care without *prior authorization*.

### **Medically Necessary Vision Services**

Eye exams for the treatment of medical conditions of the eye are covered when the service is performed by a participating *network* provider (optometrist or ophthalmologist). *Covered services* include office visits, testing, and treatment of eye conditions producing symptoms that if left untreated may result in the loss of vision.

Excluded services for routine and non-routine vision include:

Visual Therapy;

- Any vision services, treatment or material not specifically listed as a covered service;
- Low vision services and hardware for adults; and
- Non-network care, except when prior-authorized.

#### **Other Dental Services**

Anesthesia and *hospital* charges for dental care, for a *member* less than 19 years of age or a *member* who is physically or mentally disabled, are covered if the *member* requires dental treatment to be given in a *hospital* or outpatient ambulatory surgical facility. The Indications for general anesthesia, as published in the reference manual of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, should be used to determine whether performing dental procedures is necessary to treat the *member's* condition under general anesthesia. This coverage does not apply to treatment for temporal mandibular joint disorders (TMJ).

#### **Preventive Care Expense Benefits**

*Covered service expenses* are expanded to include the charges incurred by a *member* for the following preventive health services if appropriate for that *member* in accordance with the following recommendations and guidelines:

- 1. Evidence based items or services that have in effect a rating of A or B in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- 2. Immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to an individual which includes pediatric and adult immunizations.
- 3. Evidence-informed preventive care and screenings for infants, children, and adolescents, in accordance with comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration which includes well-child care from birth.
- 4. Additional preventive care and screenings not included in (1) above, in accordance with comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- 5. Covers without *cost sharing*:
  - a. Screening for nicotine or tobacco use; and
  - b. For those who use nicotine or tobacco products, at least two (2) cessation attempts per year. For this purpose, covering a cessation attempt includes coverage for:
    - i. Four (4) nicotine or tobacco cessation counseling sessions of at least ten (10) minutes each (including telephone counseling, group counseling and individual counseling) without *prior authorization*; and
    - ii. All Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine or tobacco cessation medications (including both prescription and over-the-counter medications) for a 90-day treatment regimen per calendar year when prescribed by a health care provider without *prior authorization.*

Benefits for preventive health services listed in this provision, except under the administration of reasonable medical management techniques discussed in the next paragraph, are exempt from any *deductible amounts, cost sharing percentage* provisions, and *copayment amounts* under the *contract* when the services are provided by a *network provider*. If a service is considered diagnostic or non-preventive care, *your* "plan" *copayment, coinsurance* and *deductible* will apply. It is important to know what type of service you are getting. If a diagnostic or non-preventive service is performed during the same healthcare visit as a preventive service, *you* may have *copayment* and *coinsurance* charges.

Benefits for *covered expenses* for preventive care expense and chronic disease management benefits may include the use of reasonable medical management techniques authorized by federal law to promote the use of preventive services from *network providers*. Reasonable medical management techniques may result

in the application of *deductibles*, *coinsurance* provisions, or *copayment amounts* to services when a *covered person* chooses not to use a high value service that is otherwise exempt from *deductibles*, *coinsurance* provisions, and *copayment amounts*, when received from a *network provider*.

As new recommendations and guidelines are issued, those services will be considered *covered service expenses* when required by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, but not later than one year after the recommendation or guideline is issued.

### **Child Health Supervision Services**

The following *covered service* is provided for an *eligible child* in accordance with the Florida Child Health Assurance Act which includes *covered services* from the moment of birth to age 16 years. A waiver of the *deductible amount* applies to all *eligible service expenses* for Child Health Supervision Services.

Child Health Supervision Services means *physician*-delivered or *physician*-supervised services. These services do not include *hospital* charges.

Child Health Supervision Services include periodic visits, which shall include:

- History
- Physical Examination
- Developmental Assessment

- Anticipatory Guidance
- Appropriate Immunizations
- Laboratory Testing

These services and periodic visits will be provided in accordance with prevailing medical standards consistent with the Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

*Eligible service expenses* for child health supervision services are limited to one visit payable to one provider for all the services provided at each visit.

#### Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act Statement of Rights

Health Insurance Issuers generally may not, under federal law, restrict benefits for any *hospital* length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

### **Maternity Care**

An *inpatient* stay is covered for mother and newborn for a minimum of 48 hours following a vaginal delivery and 96 hours following a delivery by cesarean section. We do not require that a *physician* or other healthcare provider obtain *prior authorization*. An *inpatient* stay longer than 48 hours for a vaginal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean delivery will require *prior authorization*.

Other maternity benefits which may require *prior authorization* include:

- a. Outpatient and *inpatient* pre- and post-partum care including exams, prenatal diagnosis of genetic disorder, laboratory and radiology diagnostic testing, health education, nutritional counseling, risk assessment, and childbirth classes.
- b. Physician Home Visits and Office Services.

- c. Parent education, assistance, and training in breast or bottle feeding and the performance of any necessary and appropriate clinical tests.
- d. Complications of pregnancy.
- e. *Hospital* stays for other medically necessary reasons associated with maternity care.

Note: This provision does not amend the *contract* to restrict any terms, limits, or conditions that may otherwise apply to *covered service expenses* for maternity care. This provision also does not require an enrollee who is eligible for coverage under a health benefit plan to:

- 1) give birth in a *hospital* or other healthcare facility; or
- 2) remain under *inpatient* care in a *hospital* or other healthcare facility for any fixed term following the birth of a child.

### **Newborn Charges**

Medically necessary services, including hospital services are provided for a covered newborn child immediately after birth. Each type of covered service incurred by the newborn child will be subject to his/her own cost sharing (*copayment*, *coinsurance percentage*, *deductible* and *maximum out-of-pocket amount*), as listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*. Please refer to the Dependent Member Coverage section of this *contract* for details regarding Coverage for a Newborn Child/Coverage for an Adopted Child.

Note: This provision does not amend the *contract* to restrict any terms, limits, or conditions that may otherwise apply to *surrogates* and children born from *surrogates*. Please reference General Non-Covered Services and Exclusions, as limitations may exist.

### **Duty to Cooperate**

Members who are a surrogate at the time of enrollment or members who agree to a Surrogacy Arrangement during the plan year must, within 30 days of enrollment or agreement to participate in a Surrogacy Arrangement, send us written notice of the Surrogacy Arrangement in accordance with the notice requirements set forth in General Provisions herein. In the event that a member fails to comply with this provision, we reserve our right to enforce this EOC on the bases of fraud, misrepresentation or false information, up to and including recoupment of all benefits that we paid on behalf of the surrogate during the time that the surrogate was insured under our policy, plus interest, attorneys' fees, costs and all other remedies available to us.

#### **Clinical Trial Coverage**

Clinical Trial Coverage includes routine patient care costs incurred as the result of an approved phase I, II, III or phase IV clinical trial and the clinical trial is undertaken for the purposes of prevention, early detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition. Coverage will include routine patient care costs incurred for (1) drugs and devices that have been approved for sale by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), regardless of whether approved by the FDA for use in treating the patient's particular condition, (2) reasonable and *medically necessary* services needed to administer the drug or use the device under evaluation in the clinical trial and (3) all items and services that are otherwise generally available to a qualified individual that are provided in the clinical trial except:

- The investigational item or service itself;
- Items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient; and
- Items and services customarily provided by the research sponsors free of charge for any enrollee in the trial.

Phase I and II clinical trials must meet the following requirements:

- Phase I and II of a clinical trial is sanctioned by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or National Cancer Institute (NCI) and conducted at academic or National Cancer Institute Center; and
- The insured is enrolled in the clinical trial. This section shall not apply to insureds who are only following the protocol of phase I or II of a clinical trial, but not actually enrolled.

Phase III and IV clinical trials must be approved or funded by one of the following entities:

- One of the National Institutes of Health (NIH);
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality;
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services;
- An NIH Cooperative Group or Center;
- The FDA in the form of an investigational new drug application;
- The federal Departments of Veterans' Affairs, Defense, or Energy;
- An institutional review board in this state that has an appropriate assurance approved by the Department of Health and Human Services assuring compliance with and implementation of regulations for the protection of human subjects; or
- A qualified non-governmental research entity that meets the criteria for NIH Center support grant eligibility.

In a clinical trial, the treating facility and personnel must have the expertise and training to provide the treatment and treat a sufficient volume of patients. There must be equal to or superior, noninvestigational treatment alternatives and the available clinical or preclinical data must provide a reasonable expectation that the treatment will be superior to the noninvestigational alternatives.

Providers participating in clinical trials shall obtain a patient's informed consent for participation in the clinical trial in a manner that is consistent with current legal and ethical standards.

#### **Social Determinants of Health Supplemental Benefits**

Social determinants of health supplemental benefits and services may be offered to enrollees to remove barriers to accessing health services and improve overall health outcomes. These are benefits and services that we may make available in connection with this contract. The benefits and services provided may include transportation to health services, assistance with childcare, access to healthy meals, and other relevant services based on need. The benefits are available as long as coverage remains active, unless changed by us. Upon termination of coverage, the benefits are no longer available. All enrollees are automatically eligible for the benefits upon obtaining coverage. The services are optional, and the benefits are made available at no additional cost to the enrollees. The benefits and services available at any given time are made part of this *contract* by this reference and are subject to change by *us* through an update to information available on our website or by contacting us. Social determinants of health benefits and services may be offered to enrollees through the "My Health Pays" wellness program and through local health plan websites. Enrollees may receive notifications about available benefits and services through emails from local health plans and through the "My Health Pays" notification system. To inquire about these benefits and services or other benefits available, you may visit our website at Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com or by contacting Member Services at 877-687-1196 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770).

### **Transplant Services**

Covered services for transplant service expenses:

Transplants are a covered benefit when a *member* is accepted as a transplant candidate and pre-*authorized* in accordance with this *contract*. *Prior authorization* must be obtained through the "*Center of* Excellence" before an evaluation for a transplant. *We* may require additional information such as testing and/or treatment before determining medical necessity for the transplant benefit. *Authorization* must be obtained prior to performing any related services to the transplant surgery. Transplant services must meet medical criteria as set by Medical Management policy.

Cost share benefit coverage related to transplant services is available to both the recipient and donor of a covered transplant as follows:

- 1. If both the donor and recipient have coverage provided by the same insurer each will have their benefits paid by their own coverage program.
- 2. If *you* are the recipient of the transplant and the donor for the transplant has no coverage from any other source, the benefits under this *contract* will be provided for both *you* and the donor. In this case, payments made for the donor will be charged against the enrollee's benefits.
- 3. If *you* are the donor for the transplant and no coverage is available to *you* from any other source, the benefits under this *contract* will be provided for *you*. However, no benefits will be provided for the recipient.
- 4. If there is a lapse in coverage due to non-payment of premium, no services related to transplants will be paid as a covered benefit.

If we determine that a member and donor are an appropriate candidate for medically necessary transplant, live donation, covered service expenses will be provided for:

- 1. Pre-transplant evaluation;
- 2. Pre-transplant harvesting of the organ from the donor;
- 3. Left Ventricular Artificial Devices (LVAD) (only when used as a bridge to a heart transplant);
- 4. Outpatient covered services related to the transplant surgery, pre-transplant laboratory testing and treatment; such as high dose chemotherapy, peripheral stem cell collection and other immunosuppressive drug therapy, etc.;
- 5. Pre-transplant stabilization, meaning an *inpatient* stay to *medically stabilization* to prepare for a later transplant, whether or not the transplant occurs;
- 6. The transplant itself including the acquisition cost for the organ or bone marrow when authorized through the *Center of Excellence* and services are performed at a participating facility;
- 7. Post-transplant follow-up visits and treatments
- 8. Transplant benefit expenses include services related to donor search and acceptability testing of potential live donors;
- 9. All costs incurred and medical expenses by the donor shall be paid under the transplant recipient policy, this excludes travel, lodging, food, mileage. Please see transplant travel expense policy for outlined details on reimbursement limitations (www.Ambetter.com).

These medical expenses are covered to the extent that the benefits remain and are available under the *member's contract*, after benefits for the *member's* own expenses have been paid. In the event of such coverage, the otherwise existing coverage of a live donor shall be secondary to benefits under the *member's contract*.

Ancillary "Center Of Excellence" Service Benefits:

A *member* may obtain services in connection with a *physician*. However, if a transplant is performed in a *Center of Excellence:* 

- 1. We will pay for the following services when the enrollee is required to travel more than 75 miles from the *residence* to the Center of Excellence:
- 2. We will pay a maximum of \$10,000 per transplant service for the following services:
  - a. Transportation for the *member*, any live donor, and the *immediate family* to accompany the *member* to and from the *Center of Excellence*, in the United States.
  - b. When member and/or donor is utilizing their personal transportation vehicle; a mileage log is required for reimbursement.
  - c. Maximum reimbursement for mileage is limited to travel to and from the *member's* home to the transplant facility, and to and from the donor's home to the transplant facility, and will be reimbursed at the current IRS mileage standard for miles driven for medical purposes.
  - d. Lodging at or near the *Center of Excellence* for any live donor and the *immediate family* accompanying the *member* while the *member* is confined in the *Center of Excellence* in the United States. We will the reimburse *members* for the proof of costs directly related for transportation and lodging and any of the following approved items listed in the *member transplant reimbursement guidelines*. However, you must make the arrangements and provide the necessary paid receipts for reimbursement within 6 months of the date of service in order to be reimbursed.
  - e. Incurred costs related to a certified/registered service animal for the transplant enrollee and/or donor.
  - f. Please refer to the member resources page for member reimbursement transplant travel forms and information at www.Ambetter.com.

### Non-Covered Services and Exclusions:

No benefits will be provided or paid under these Transplant Expense Benefits:

- 1. For a prophylactic bone marrow harvest or peripheral blood stem cell collection when no *medically necessary* transplant occurs.
- 2. For animal to human transplants.
- 3. For procurement or transportation of the organ or tissue, unless expressly provided for in this provision through the *Center of Excellence*.
- 4. To keep a donor alive for the transplant operation, except when authorized through the *Center of Excellence*.
- 5. For a live donor where the live donor is receiving a transplanted organ to replace the donated organ.
- 6. Related to transplants unauthorized through the *Center of Excellence* and is not included under this provision as a transplant.
- 7. For a transplant under study in an ongoing phase I or II clinical trial as set forth in the United States Food and Drug Administration ("USFDA") regulation, regardless of whether the trial is subject to USFDA oversight.
- 8. The acquisition cost for the organ or bone marrow when provided at an unauthorized facility or not obtained through the *Center of Excellence*.
- 9. For any transplant services and/or travel related expenses for *member* and donor when performed outside of the United States.
- 10. The following ancillary items listed below will not be subject to the *member* reimbursement under this *contract*:
  - a. Alcohol/tobacco

- b. Car Rental (unless pre-approved by Case Management)
- c. Vehicle Maintenance for motorized and hybrid, and electric car (includes: any repairs/parts, labor, general maintenance, towing, roadside assistance, etc.)
- d. Parking, such as but not limited to hotel, valet or any offsite parking other than hospital.
- e. Storage rental units, temporary housing incurring rent/mortgage payments.
- f. Utilities, such as gas, water, electric, housekeeping services, lawn maintenance, etc.
- g. Speeding tickets
- h. Entertainment (e.g., movies, visits to museums, additional mileage for sightseeing, etc.)
- i. For any services related to pet care, boarding, lodging, food, and/or travel expenses; other than those related to certified/registered service animal(s).
- j. Expenses for persons other than the patient and his/her covered companion
- k. Expenses for lodging when *member* is staying with a relative
- l. Any expense not supported by a receipt
- m. Upgrades to first class travel (air, bus, and train)
- n. Personal care items (e.g., shampoo, deodorant, clothes)
- o. Luggage or travel related items including passport/passport card, REAL ID travel ids, travel insurance, TSA pre-check, and early check-in boarding fees, extra baggage fees.
- p. Souvenirs (e.g., t-shirts, sweatshirts, toys)
- q. Telephone calls/mobile bills, replacement parts, or cellular purchases of any type.
- r. All other items not described in the policy as eligible expenses
- s. Any fuel costs / charging station fees for electric cars.

#### **Organ Transplant Medication Notification**

At least 60 days prior to making any formulary change that alters the terms of coverage for a patient receiving *immunosuppressant drugs* or discontinues coverage for a prescribed immunosuppressant drug that a patient is receiving, *we* must, to the extent possible, notify the prescribing *physician* and the patient, or the parent or guardian if the patient is a child, or the *spouse* of a patient who is *authorized* to consent to the treatment of the patient. The notification will be in writing and will disclose the formulary change, indicate that the prescribing *physician* may initiate an appeal, and include information regarding the procedure for the prescribing *physician* to initiate the *contract*'s appeal process.

As an alternative to providing written notice, *we* may provide the notice electronically if, and only if, the patient affirmatively elects to receive such notice electronically. The notification shall disclose the formulary change, indicate that the prescribing *physician* may initiate an appeal, and include information regarding the procedure for the prescribing *physician* to initiate the *contract*'s appeal process.

At the time a patient requests a refill of the immunosuppressant drug, we may provide the patient with the written notification required above along with a 60-day supply of the immunosuppressant drug under the same terms as previously allowed.

#### **Urgent Care Services**

Urgent Care services include *medically necessary* services by *in-network providers* and services provided at an *Urgent Care Center* including facility costs and supplies. Care that is needed after a *primary care provider's* normal business hours is also considered to be Urgent Care. *Your* zero *cost sharing* Preventive Care Benefits may not be used at an Urgent Care Center.

Members are encouraged to contact their primary care provider for an appointment before seeking care from another provider, but network urgent care centers and walk in clinics can be used when an urgent appointment is not available. If the primary care provider is not available and the condition persists, call the 24/7 Nurse Advice Line, at 1-877-687-1197. The 24/7 Nurse Advice Line is available twenty-four (24)

hours a day, seven (7) days a week. A registered nurse can help *you* decide the kind of care most appropriate for *your* specific need.

### **Wellness and Other Program Benefits**

Benefits may be available to enrollees for participating in certain programs that *we* may make available in connection with this *contract*. Such programs may include wellness programs, disease or care management programs, and other programs as found under the Health Management Programs Offered provision. These programs may include a reward or an incentive, which *you* may earn by completing different activities.

If you have a medical condition that may prohibit you from participating in these programs, we may require you to provide verification, such as an affirming statement from your physician, that your medical condition makes it unreasonably difficult or inadvisable to participate in the wellness or health improvement program, in order for you to receive the reward or incentive.

You may obtain information regarding the particular programs available at any given time by visiting our website at Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com or by contacting Member Services by telephone at 877-687-1169 (Relay FL/TTY 1-800-955-8770). The benefits are available as long as coverage remains active, unless changed by us as described in the programs' terms and conditions. Upon termination of coverage, program benefits are no longer available. All enrollees are automatically eligible for program benefits upon obtaining coverage. The programs are optional, and the benefits are made available at no additional cost to the enrollees. The programs and benefits available at any given time are made part of this contract by this reference and are subject to change by us through updates available on our website or by contacting us.

### **Care Management Programs**

We understand special health needs and are prepared to help you manage any that you may have. Our Care Management services can help with complex medical or behavioral health needs. If you qualify for Care Management, we will partner you with a care manager. Care managers are registered nurses or social workers that are specially trained to help you:

- Better understand and manage *your* health conditions
- Coordinate services
- Locate community resources

*Your* care manager will work with *you* and *your* doctor to help *you* get the care *you* need. If *you* have a severe medical condition, *your* care manager will work with *you*, *your primary care provider* (*PCP*) and other *providers* to develop a care plan that meets *your* needs and *your* caregiver's needs.

If you think you could benefit from our Care Management program, please call Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770).

# PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Ambetter reviews services to ensure the care *you* receive is the best way to help improve *your* health condition. Utilization review includes:

- Pre-service or prior authorization review occurs when a medical service has been pre-approved by Ambetter
- Concurrent review occurs when a medical service is reviewed as they happen (e.g., inpatient stay or *hospital* admission)
- Retrospective review occurs after a service has already been provided.

### **Prior Authorization Required**

Some medical and behavioral health *covered service expenses* require *prior authorization*. *Network providers* must obtain *authorization* from *us* prior to providing a service or supply to a *member*. However, there are some *network eligible service expenses* for which *you* must obtain the *prior authorization*.

For services or supplies that require *prior authorization*, as shown on the *Schedule of Benefits*, *you* must obtain *authorization* from *us* before *you* or *your dependent member*:

- 1. Receives a service or supply from a *non-network provider*;
- 2. Are admitted into a *network* facility by a *non-network provider*; or
- 3. Receive a service or supply from a *network provider* to which *you* or *your dependent member* were referred by a *non-network provider*.

*Prior Authorization* (medical and behavioral health) requests must be received by telephone, e-fax or provider web portal as follows:

- 1. At least 5 days prior to an elective admission as an *inpatient* in a *hospital*, *extended care* or *rehabilitation facility*, or *hospice* facility.
- 2. At least 30 days prior to the initial evaluation for organ transplant services.
- 3. At least 30 days prior to receiving clinical trial services.
- 4. Within 24 hours of any *inpatient* admission, including emergent *inpatient* admissions.
- 5. At least 5 days prior to the start of *home health care* except those *members* needing home health care after *hospital* discharge.

After *prior authorization* has been requested and all required or applicable documentation has been submitted, *we* will notify *you* and *your* provider if the request has been approved as follows:

- 1. For immediate request situations, within 1 business day, when the lack of treatment may result in an emergency room visit or *emergency* admission.
- 2. For urgent concurrent reviews, within 24 hours of receipt of the request.
- 3. For urgent pre-service reviews, within 72 hours from date of receipt of request.
- 4. For non-urgent pre-service reviews, within 5 days but no longer than 15 days of receipt of the request.
- 5. For post-service or retrospective reviews, within 30 calendar days of receipt of the request.

#### **How to Obtain Prior Authorization**

To obtain *prior authorization* or to confirm that a *network provider* has obtained *prior authorization*, contact *us* by telephone at the telephone number listed on *your* health insurance identification card before the service or supply is provided to the *member*.

#### Failure to Obtain Prior Authorization

Failure to comply with the *prior authorization* requirements will result in benefits being reduced.

*Network providers* cannot bill *you* for services for which they fail to obtain *prior authorization* as required.

In cases of emergency, benefits will not be reduced for failure to comply with *prior authorization* requirements. However, *you* must contact *us* as soon as reasonably possible after the *emergency* occurs.

### **Prior Authorization Does Not Guarantee Benefits**

*Our authorization* does not guarantee either payment of benefits or the amount of benefits. Eligibility for, and payment of, benefits are subject to all terms and conditions of the *contract*.

### **Requests for Predeterminations**

*You* may request a predetermination of coverage. *We* will provide one if circumstances allow *us* to do so. However, *we* are not required to make a predetermination of either coverage or benefits for any particular treatment or medical expense. Any predetermination *we* may make will be reviewed after the medical expense is incurred and a claim is filed. A review that shows one or more of the following may cause *us* to reverse the predetermination:

- 1. The predetermination was based on incomplete or inaccurate information initially received by us.
- 2. Another party has already paid or is responsible for payment of the medical expense.

We will make all benefit determinations after a *loss* in good faith. All benefit determinations are subject to *our* receipt of proper *proof of loss*.

#### Services from Non- Network Providers

Except for emergency medical services, we do not normally cover services received from non-network providers. If a situation arises where a covered service cannot be obtained from a network provider located within a reasonable distance, we may provide a prior authorization for you to obtain the service from a non-network provider at no greater cost to you than if you went to a network provider. If covered services are not available from a network provider, you or your primary care provider must request prior authorization from us before you receive services from a non-network provider. Otherwise, you will be responsible for all charges incurred.

Florida law requires that *we* provide *you* with the following disclosure about *your* health benefit plan coverage. "WARNING: LIMITED BENEFITS WILL BE PAID WHEN NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS ARE USED. *You* should be aware that when *you* elect to utilize the services of a nonparticipating provider for a covered nonemergency service, benefit payments to the provider are not based upon the amount the provider charges. The basis of the payment will be determined according to *your* policy's out-of-network reimbursement benefit. Nonparticipating providers may bill insureds for any difference in the amount. *YOU* MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY MORE THAN THE COINSURANCE OR COPAYMENT AMOUNT.

Participating providers have agreed to accept discounted payments for services with no additional billing to *you* other than coinsurance, copayment, and deductible amounts. *You* may obtain further information about the providers who have contracted with *your* insurance plan by consulting *your* insurer's website or contacting *your* insurer or agent directly."

### **Hospital Based Providers**

When receiving care at an Ambetter participating *hospital* it is possible that some *hospital*-based providers (for example, anesthesiologists, radiologists, hospitalists, pathologists) may not be under contract with Ambetter as *participating providers*. These providers may not bill *you* for the difference between

Ambetter's *allowed amount* and the *provider's* billed charge. This practice is known as "balance billing". However, we encourage you to inquire about the providers who will be treating you before you begin your treatment, so you can understand their participation status with Ambetter.

# GENERAL NON-COVERED SERVICES AND EXCLUSIONS

No benefits will be provided or paid for:

- 1. Any service or supply that would be provided without cost to the *member* in the absence of insurance covering the charge.
- 2. Expenses, fees, taxes or surcharges imposed on the *member* by a provider (including a *hospital*) but that are actually the responsibility of the provider to pay.
- 3. Any services performed for a *member* by a *member*'s *immediate family*.
- 4. Any services not identified and included as *covered service expenses* under the *contract. You* will be fully responsible for payment for any services that are not *covered service expenses*.
- 5. Court ordered care- unless *medically necessary* and a *covered service expense* or is required by law.
- 6. Any services where other coverage is primary to Ambetter must be first paid by the primary payor prior to consideration for coverage under Ambetter.

Even if not specifically excluded by this *contract*, no benefit will be paid for a service or supply unless it is:

- 1. Administered or ordered by a physician; and
- 2. *Medically necessary* to the diagnosis or treatment of an *injury* or *illness*, or covered under the Preventive Care Expense Benefits provision.

*Covered service expenses* will not include, and no benefits will be provided or paid for any charges that are incurred:

- 1. For services or supplies that are provided prior to the *effective date* or after the termination date of this *contract*, except as expressly provided for under the Benefits after Coverage Terminates clause in this *contract's* Plan Administration section.
- 2. For any portion of the charges that are in excess of the *eligible service expense*.
- 3. For weight modification, or for surgical treatment of obesity including complications resulting from weight modification or surgical treatment and wiring of the teeth and all forms of intestinal bypass *surgery*.
- 4. For cosmetic breast reduction or augmentation except post-mastectomy for breast cancer and the *medically necessary* treatment of gender dysphoria.
- 5. For reversal of sterilization and reversal of vasectomies.
- 6. For abortion (unless the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term).
- 7. For expenses for television, telephone, or expenses for other persons.
- 8. For marriage, family, or child counseling for the treatment of premarital, marriage, family, or child relationship dysfunctions.
- 9. For telephone consultations, except those meeting the definition of *telehealth services*, or for failure to keep a scheduled appointment.
- 10. For stand-by availability of a *medical practitioner* when no treatment is rendered.
- 11. For *dental service expenses*, including braces for any medical or dental condition, *surgery* and treatment for oral *surgery*, except as expressly provided for under the Medical and Surgical Expense Benefits provisions.
- 12. For *cosmetic treatment*, except for *reconstructive surgery* that is incidental to or follows *surgery* or an *injury* that was covered under the *contract* or is performed to correct a functional defect or birth defect in a child who has been a *member* from its birth until the date *surgery* is performed.
- 13. Mental Health Services are excluded: (a) for evaluations for any purpose other than mental health treatment. This includes evaluations for: child custody; disability; or fitness for duty/return to work, unless a plan provider determines such evaluation to be medically necessary; (b) when ordered by the court, to be used in a court proceeding, or as a condition of a parole or probation,

- unless a plan provider determines such services to be medically necessary; (c) court ordered testing and testing for ability, aptitude, intelligence or interest; (d) services which are custodial or residential in nature; (e) habilitative services that are solely educational in nature or otherwise paid under state or federal law for purely educational services.
- 14. For charges related to, or in preparation for, tissue or organ transplants, except as expressly provided for under the Transplant Service Expense Benefits.
- 15. For eye refractive *surgery*, when the primary purpose is to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, or astigmatism.
- 16. While confined primarily to receive *rehabilitation, custodial care,* educational care, or nursing services (unless expressly provided for in this *contract*).
- 17. For vocational or recreational therapy, vocational *rehabilitation*, outpatient speech therapy, or occupational therapy, except as expressly provided for in this *contract*.
- 18. For alternative or complementary medicine using non-orthodox therapeutic practices that do not follow conventional medicine.
- 19. For eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, including bone anchored hearing aids, eye refraction, visual therapy, or for any examination or fitting related to these devices, except as expressly provided in this *contract*.
- 20. For *experimental or investigational treatment(s)* or *unproven services*. The fact that an *experimental or investigational treatment* or *unproven service* is the only available treatment for a particular condition will not result in benefits if the procedure is considered to be an *experimental or investigational treatment* or *unproven service* for the treatment of that particular condition.
- 21. For treatment received outside the United States, except for a medical *emergency* while traveling for up to a maximum of 90 consecutive days.
- 22. As a result of an *injury* or *illness* arising out of, or in the course of, employment for wage or profit, if the *member* is insured, or is required to be insured, by workers' compensation insurance pursuant to applicable state or federal law. If *you* enter into a settlement that waives a *member's* right to recover future medical benefits under a workers' compensation law or insurance plan, this exclusion will still apply. In the event that the workers' compensation insurance carrier denies coverage for a *member's* workers' compensation claim, this exclusion will still apply unless that denial is appealed to the proper governmental agency and the denial is upheld by that agency.
- 23. For or related to treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating).
- 24. For fetal reduction surgery.
- 25. Except as specifically identified as a *covered service expense* under the *contract*, services or expenses for alternative treatments, including acupressure, acupuncture, aroma therapy, hypnotism, massage therapy, rolfing, and other forms of alternative treatment as defined by the Office of Alternative Medicine of the National Institutes of Health.
- 26. As a result of any *injury* sustained during or due to participating, instructing, demonstrating, guiding, or accompanying others in any of the following: professional or Semi-professional sports; intercollegiate sports (not including intramural sports); racing or speed testing any motorized vehicle or conveyance; racing or speed testing any Non-motorized vehicle or conveyance (if the *member* is paid to participate or to instruct); rodeo sports; horseback riding (if the *member* is paid to participate or to instruct); or skiing (if the *member* is paid to participate or to instruct).
- 27. As a result of any *injury* sustained while operating, riding in, or descending from any type of aircraft if the *member* is a pilot, officer, or member of the crew of such aircraft or is giving or receiving any kind of training or instructions or otherwise has any duties that require him or her to be aboard the aircraft.
- 28. For *prescription drugs* for any *member* who enrolls in Medicare Part D as of the date of his or her enrollment in Medicare Part D. Prescription drug coverage may not be reinstated at a later date.

- 29. For *illness* or *injury* caused by the acts or omissions of a *third party*, *we* will not cover a loss to the extent that it is paid as part of a settlement or judgment by any *third party*.
- 30. For the following miscellaneous items: Infertility treatment including but not limited to; Artificial Insemination, Vitro, Intra-Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection(ICSI), Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer(GIFT), Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer(ZIFT) (except where required by federal or state law); biofeedback; blood and blood products, unless specifically described in this *contract*; care or complications resulting from non-*covered services*; chelating agents; domiciliary care; food and food supplements, except for what is indicated in the Medical Foods section; routine foot care, foot orthotics or corrective shoes; health club memberships, unless otherwise covered; home test kits; care or services provided to a non-*member* biological parent; nutrition or dietary supplements; pre-marital lab work; processing fees; private duty nursing; rehabilitation services for the enhancement of job, athletic or recreational performance; routine or elective care outside the *service area*; non-*medically necessary* sclerotherapy for varicose veins; treatment of spider veins; transportation expenses, unless specifically described in this *contract*; incontinence supplies; expenses related to home or vehicle modification; or convenience items.
- 31. For diagnostic testing, laboratory procedures, screenings or examinations performed for the purpose of obtaining, maintaining or monitoring employment.
- 32. For penile prosthetic surgery or for complications resulting from a penile implant.
- 33. For any claim submitted by non-lock-in pharmacy while *member* is in lock-in status. To facilitate appropriate benefit use and prevent opioid overutilization, *member*'s participation in lock-in status will be determined by review of pharmacy claims.
- 34. Surrogacy Arrangement. Health care services, including supplies and medication, to a surrogate, including a member acting as a surrogate or utilizing the services of a surrogate who may or may not be a member, and any child born as a result of a Surrogacy Arrangement. This exclusion applies to all health care services, supplies and medication to a surrogate including, but not limited to:
  - (a) Prenatal care;
  - (b) Intrapartum care (or care provided during delivery and childbirth);
  - (c) Postpartum care (or care for the *surrogate* following childbirth);
  - (d) Mental Health Services related to the *Surrogacy Arrangement*;
  - (e) Expenses relating to donor semen, including collection and preparation for implantation;
  - (f) Donor gamete or embryos or storage of same relating to a *Surrogacy Arrangement*;
  - (g) Use of frozen gamete or embryos to achieve future conception in a *Surrogacy Arrangement*;
  - (h) Preimplantation genetic diagnosis relating to a *Surrogacy Arrangement*;
  - (i) Any complications of the child or *surrogate* resulting from the pregnancy; or
  - (j) Any other health care services, supplies and medication relating to a *Surrogacy Arrangement*.

Any and all health care services, supplies or medication provided to any child birthed by a *surrogate* as a result of a *Surrogacy Arrangement* are also excluded, except where the child is the adoptive child of insureds possessing an active policy with *us* and/ or the child possesses an active policy with *us* at the time of birth.

- 35. For any medicinal and recreational use of cannabis or marijuana.
- 36. For any product that reasonably could be expected to be non-self-administered or for products that should be administered in a medical facility.

## PLAN ADMINISTRATION

In consideration of the payment of premiums, we will provide coverage for the member and any eligible dependents. In doing so, we may enter into agreements with providers of health care and such other individuals and entities as may be necessary to enable us to fulfill our obligations under this contract.

We agree to provide coverage without discrimination because of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, or any other basis prohibited by law.

### **Commencement of Coverage**

Commencing on the *contract effective date we* agree to provide the coverage stipulated in this *contract* to the *member* and his/her *dependents*, if any. Such coverage begins on the *member's* effective date, which will be the first of the month after the receipt and approval of the application by *us*, unless this *contract* specifies a date other than the first of the month. *We* accept no liability for benefits related to expenses incurred prior to *your* effective date or after *your* termination date, which will be on the last day of the coverage month, except or as specified in the Terms of Renewal provision.

### **Plan Renewal**

This contract is guaranteed renewable. Guaranteed renewable means that this contract will renew each year on the anniversary date unless terminated earlier in accordance with contract terms. You may keep this contract in force by timely payment of the required premiums. We may decide not to renew as of the renewal date if: (1) we decide not to renew all contracts issued on this form, with the same type and level of benefits, to residents of the state where you then live; or (2) there is fraud or an intentional material misrepresentation made by or with the knowledge of a member in filing a claim for contract benefits. Rate changes are effective on a member's annual renewal date and will be based on each member's attained age, family structure, geographic region, tobacco usage and benefit plan at the time of renewal. We will notify the member in writing at least forty-five (45) days prior to the renewal date of any change in premium rates.

For *members* who have elected the electronic funds transfer option of payment, should premiums change at renewal, *we* will continue to draft the new monthly premium.

#### **Term of Renewal**

We guarantee the *member* the right to renew the *contract* each year, at the *member's* option. However, we may refuse to renew this *contract*, and all coverage provided under this *contract*, if one of the following circumstances has occurred:

- 1. Failure to timely pay premium in accordance with the terms of the *contract*;
- 2. *We* cease offering this *contract* to all *members*;
- 3. The *member* has performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud or made an intentional misrepresentation of material fact under the terms of this *contract;*
- 4. The *member* no longer lives in *our* geographic *service area*;
- 5. We elect to discontinue all individual health coverage in the State of Florida; and
- 6. *We* elect to discontinue offering individual health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

With the exception of non-payment of premium or loss of eligibility, if we decide to terminate or non-renew this contract for any of the reasons set forth in this *contract*, we will give the *member* at least forty-five (45) days advance written notice prior to renewal. If we discontinue offering all individual coverage in Florida, we will give all *members* and the Office of Insurance Regulation 180 day's written notice prior to the *contract* non-renewal date.

### **Termination of This Contract by the Member**

The *member* may terminate this *contract* at any time with appropriate notice of at least fourteen (14) days to either *us* or the Health Insurance Marketplace. Coverage will terminate on the date specified by the *member*, or fourteen (14) days after termination is requested, whichever is later. If the *member* requests termination in fewer than fourteen (14) days, and *we* can effectuate this request in a shorter period of time, then coverage will terminate on the date determined by *us*. No benefits will be provided as of the effective date of termination of this *contract* for whatever reason.

Should the *member* or any covered dependents terminate coverage because of eligibility for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or a Basic Health Plan or termination is due to the *member* moving from one health plan to another during an Annual or Special Enrollment Period, the termination effective date will be the day before the effective date of the new coverage.

#### Discontinuance of a Benefit Plan

We may discontinue offering a particular benefit plan to all members if:

- 1. We provide at least one hundred and eighty (180) day notice to each member prior to the contract renewal date;
- 2. We offer each *member* the option to purchase any other coverage offered in the individual Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) market; and
- 3. *We* act uniformly without regard to any health status-related factor of each *member*.

### Discontinuance of All Coverage in the Individual Market

We may discontinue offering all coverage in Florida if:

- 1. We provide notice to the Office of Insurance Regulation and each member and enrollee 180 days prior to renewal; and
- 2. All health coverage issued or delivered for issuance in Florida is discontinued and coverage under such health coverage is not renewed.

### Termination of this Plan by Us

Except for nonpayment of premium or termination of eligibility, we may not cancel or terminate or non-renew this *contract* without giving the *member* at least forty-five (45) days written notice. The written notice will state the reason or reasons for the cancellation, termination or non-renewal.

We may terminate this *contract* as of any premium due date if the *member* has not paid the required premium by the end of the Grace Period, as defined in the Grace Period provision. The *member* is liable to *us* for any unpaid premium for the time the Plan was in force.

Upon termination of coverage, we will have no further liability for the payment of any covered services provided after the date of the member's termination.

#### Plan Termination Due to Non-Payment of Premium

If the *member* is receiving premium subsidies, the following provision applies:

• If the required monthly premium is not received by the end of the ninety (90) day Grace Period, we will terminate coverage effective at midnight on the last day of the first month of the three (3) month grace period.

If the *member* is not receiving premium subsidies, the following provision applies:

• If the required monthly premium is not received by the end of the thirty (30) day grace period, we will terminate this *contract*, without prior notification, retroactive to the last date for which premium was received, subject to the Grace Period provision. Termination will be effective as of midnight of the date that the premium was due provided we mail written notice of termination to the member prior to forty-five (45) days after the date the premium was due.

#### **Terms of Renewal**

We guarantee the *member* the right to renew the *contract* each year, at the *member's* option. However, we may refuse to renew this contract, and all coverage provided under this *contract*, if one of the following circumstances has occurred:

- 1. The *member* fails to timely pay premium in accordance with the terms of the *contract*;
- 2. *We* cease offering this *contract* to all *members*;
- 3. The *member* has performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud or made an intentional misrepresentation of material fact under the terms of this *contract*;
- 4. The member no longer lives or works in our geographic service area; and
- 5. *We* elect to discontinue all individual health coverage in the State of Florida.

With the exception of non-payment of premium or loss of eligibility, if we decide to terminate or non-renew this *contract* for any of the reasons set forth in this *contract*, we will give the *member* at least forty-five (45) days advance written notice.

#### **Discontinuance**

180-Day Notice: If we discontinue offering and refuse to renew all contracts issued on this form, with the same type and level of benefits, for all residents of the state where you reside, we will provide a written notice to you and all enrollees at least 180 days prior to the date that we discontinue coverage. You will be offered an option to purchase any other coverage in the individual market we offer in your state at the time of discontinuance of this contract. This option to purchase other coverage will be on a guaranteed issue basis without regard to health status.

<u>180-Day Notice</u>: If we discontinue offering and refuse to renew all individual contracts in the individual market in the state where you reside, we will provide a written notice to you, all enrollees, and the Commissioner of Insurance at least 180 days prior to the date that we stop offering and terminate all existing individual contracts in the individual market in the state where you reside.

#### **Notification Requirements**

It is the responsibility of *you* or *your* former *dependent member* to notify *us* within 31 days of *your* legal divorce or *your dependent member's* marriage.

### **Benefits After Coverage Terminates**

If a *network provider* terminates his or her *contract* with Ambetter from Sunshine Health or is terminated by *us* for any reason other than for cause, a *member* receiving active treatment may continue coverage and care with that *network provider* when *medically necessary* and through completion of treatment of a condition for which the *member* was receiving care at the time of the termination until:

- 1. The *member* selects another treating provider or during the next open enrollment period, whichever is longer, but not longer than ninety (90) days (or additional if approved by Ambetter from Sunshine Health) after termination of the provider's contracts;
- 2. The *member* who is pregnant and who has initiated a course of prenatal care regardless of the trimester in which care was initiated, completes postpartum care.



# SUBROGATION AND RIGHT OF REIMBURSEMENT

As used herein, the term "third party" means any party that is, or may be, or is claimed to be responsible for *injuries* or *illness* to a *member*. Such *injuries* or *illness* are referred to as "third party injuries." "Responsible party" includes any parties actually, possibly or potentially responsible for payment of expenses associated with the care or treatment of third party injuries.

Celtic Insurance Company retains the right to repayment of the full cost of all benefits provided by this plan on behalf of the *member* that are associated with the *third party injuries*. Celtic Insurance Company's rights of recovery apply to any recoveries made by or on behalf of the *member* from any source, including but not limited to:

- Payments made by a third party or any insurance company on behalf of the third party;
- Any payments or awards under an uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage policy;
- Any Workers' Compensation or disability award or settlement;
- Medical payments coverage under any automobile policy, premises or homeowners medical payments coverage or premises or homeowners insurance coverage; and
- Any other payments from a source intended to compensate a *member* for *third party* injuries.

By accepting benefits under this plan, the *member* specifically acknowledges Celtic Insurance Company's right of subrogation. When this plan provides health care benefits for expenses incurred due to *third party injuries*, Celtic Insurance Company shall be subrogated to the *member's* rights of recovery against any party to the extent of the full cost of all benefits provided by this plan. Celtic Insurance Company may proceed against any party with or without the *member's* consent.

By accepting benefits under this plan, the *member* also specifically acknowledges Celtic Insurance Company's right of reimbursement. This right of reimbursement attaches when this plan has provided health care benefits for expenses incurred due to *third party* injuries and the member or the *member's* representative has recovered any amounts from any source. Celtic Insurance Company's right of reimbursement is cumulative with and not exclusive of Celtic Insurance Company's subrogation right and Celtic Insurance Company may choose to exercise either or both rights of recovery.

As a condition for *our* payment, the *member* or anyone acting on his or her behalf (including, but not limited to, the guardian, legal representatives, estate, or heirs) agrees:

- 1. To fully cooperate with *us* in order to obtain information about the *loss* and its cause;
- 2. To immediately inform *us* in writing of any claim made or lawsuit filed on behalf of a *member* in connection with the *loss*:
- 3. To include the amount of benefits paid by *us* on behalf of a *member* in any claim made against any *third party*;
- 4. To give Celtic Insurance Company a first-priority lien on any recovery, settlement or judgment or other sources of compensation which may be had from any party to the extent of the full cost of all benefits associated with *third party* injuries provided by this plan (regardless of whether specifically set forth in the recovery, settlement, judgment or compensation agreement);
- 5. To pay, as the first priority, from any recovery, settlement, judgment, or other source of compensation, any and all amounts due Celtic Insurance Company as reimbursement for the full cost of all benefits associated with *third party injuries* provided by this plan (regardless of whether specifically set forth in the recovery, settlement, judgment, or compensation agreement, and regardless of whether such payment will result in a recovery to the *member* which is insufficient to make the *member* whole or to compensate the member in part or in whole for the damages sustained);
- 6. That we:
  - a. Will have a lien on all money received by a *member* in connection with the *loss* equal to the benefit amount *we* have provided or paid:
  - b. May give notice of that lien to any third party or third party's agent or representative;

- c. Will have the right to intervene in any suit or legal action to protect *our* rights;
- d. Are subrogated to all of the rights of the member against any third party to the extent of the benefits paid on the member's behalf; and
- e. May assert that subrogation right independently of the member.
- 7. To take no action that prejudices *our* reimbursement and subrogation rights. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from making any settlement or recovery which specifically attempts to reduce or exclude the full cost of all benefits provided by this plan;
- 8. To sign, date, and deliver to *us* any documents *we* request that protect *our* reimbursement and subrogation rights:
- 9. To not settle any claim or lawsuit against a *third party* without providing *us* with written notice of the intent to do so;
- 10. To reimburse *us* from any money received from any *third party*, to the extent of benefits *we* paid for the *illness* or *injury*, whether obtained by settlement, judgment, or otherwise, and whether or not the *third party's* payment is expressly designated as a payment for medical expenses;
- 11. That *we* may reduce other benefits under the *contract* by the amounts a *member* has agreed to reimburse *us*.

We have a right to be reimbursed in full regardless of whether or not the *member* is fully compensated by any recovery received from any *third party* by settlement, judgment, or otherwise.

We will not pay attorney fees or costs associated with the member's claim or lawsuit. In the event you or your representative fail to cooperate with Celtic Insurance Company, you shall be responsible for all benefits paid by this plan in addition to costs and attorney's fees incurred by Celtic Insurance Company in obtaining repayment.

If a dispute arises as to the amount a *member* must reimburse *us*, the *member* (or the guardian, legal representatives, estate, or heirs of the *member*) agrees to place sufficient funds in an escrow or trust account to satisfy the maximum lien amount asserted by *us* until the dispute is resolved.

# **COORDINATION OF BENEFITS**

Ambetter from Sunshine Health coordinates benefits with other payers when a *member* is covered by two or more group health benefit plans. Coordination of Benefits (COB) is the industry standard practice used to share the cost of care between two or more carriers when a *member* is covered by more than one health benefit plan.

It is a contractual provision of a majority of health benefit contracts. Ambetter from Sunshine Health complies with Federal and state regulations for COB and follows COB guidelines published by National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

Under COB, the benefits of one plan are determined to be primary and are first applied to the cost of care. After considering what has been covered by the primary plan, the secondary plan may cover the cost of care up to the fully allowed expense according to the plan's payment guidelines. Ambetter from Sunshine Health Claims COB and Recovery Unit procedures are designed to avoid payment in excess of allowable expense while also making sure claims are processed both accurately and timely.

"Allowable expense" is the necessary, reasonable, and customary item of expense for health care, when the item is covered at least in part under any of the plans involved, except where a statute requires a different definition. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered as both an allowable expense and a benefit paid.

"Plan" is a form of coverage written on an expense-incurred basis with which coordination is allowed.

## The term "Plan" includes:

- 1. Group and non-group health insurance benefits and group blanket or group remittance health benefits coverage, whether uninsured arrangements of group coverage, insured, self-insured, or self-funded. This includes group and individual HMO insurance and other prepayment, group practice and individual practice plans, and blanket contracts, except as excluded below.
- 2. Medical benefits coverage, in group and individual automobile "no-fault" and traditional liability "fault" type contracts.
- 3. Hospital, medical, and surgical benefits coverage of Medicare or a governmental plan offered, required, or provided by law, except Medicaid.

# The plan does not include:

- 1. Blanket school accident coverage or coverages issued to a substantially similar group (e.g., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts) where the school or organization pays the premiums.
- 2. Coverage, which by law, provides benefits that are in excess of those of any private insurance plan or other nongovernment plan.

"Primary plan" is one whose benefits must be determined without taking the existence of any other plan into consideration. A plan is primary if either:

- 1. The Plan has no order of benefits rules or its rules differ from those required by regulation; or
- 2. all plans which cover the person use the order of benefits rules required by regulation and under those rules the plan determines its benefits first. More than one plan may be a primary plan (for example, two plans which have no order of benefit determination rules).

"Secondary plan" is one which is not a primary plan. If a person is covered by more than one secondary plan, the order of benefit determination rules decide the order in which their benefits are determined in relation to each other.

#### **Order of Benefit Determination Rules**

The first of the rules listed below in paragraphs 2-9 that applies will determine which plan will be primary:

- 1. The primary plan pays or provides its benefits as if the Secondary plan or plans did not exist. A Plan may consider benefits paid or provided by another Plan in determining its benefits only when it is secondary to that other Plan.
- 2. If the other plan does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with this provision then it is always primary. There are two exceptions:
  - a. Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits may provide that the supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder; and
  - b. Any noncontributory group or blanket insurance coverage which is in force on January 1, 1987 which provides excess major medical benefits intended to supplement any basic benefits on a *covered person* may continue to be excess to such basic benefits.
- 3. If the person receiving benefits is the *member* and is only covered as *an eligible dependent* under the other plan, this *contract* will be primary.
- 4. However, if the person is also a Medicare beneficiary, and if the rule established under the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended, makes Medicare secondary to the plan covering the person as a dependent of an active employee (a Medicare beneficiary also has another group plan), then the order of benefit determination is:
  - a. First, benefits of a plan covering a person as an employee, member, or subscriber.
  - b. Second, benefits of a plan of an active worker covering a person as a dependent;
  - c. Third, Medicare benefits.
- 5. If a child is covered under the plans of both parents and the parents are not separated or divorced, the plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the year (excluding year of birth) shall be primary.
  - a. If both parents have the same birthday, the plan which covered the parent longer will be primary.
  - b. To determine whose birthday falls earlier in the year, only the month and day are considered. However, if the other plan does not have this birthday rule, but instead has a rule based on the sex of the parent and as a result the plans do not agree on which is primary, then the rule in the other plan will determine which plan is primary.
- 6. If a child is covered by both parents' plans, the parents are separated or divorced, and there is no court decree between the parents that establishes financial responsibility for the child's health care expenses:
  - a. The plan of the parent who has custody will be primary;
  - b. If the parent with custody has remarried, and the child is also covered as a child under the step-parent's plan, the plan of the parent with custody will pay first, the step-parent's plan will pay second, and the plan of the parent without custody will pay third.
- 7. If a child's coverage is based on a court decree, and the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the parents is responsible for the health care expenses of the child and if the entity obliged to pay or provide the benefits of the policy or plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, the benefits of that policy or plan are determined first. The parent with responsibility that has no health care coverage for the dependent child's health care expenses, but that parent's spouse does, that parent's spouse's plan is the primary plan.

- 8. If the person receiving services is covered under one plan as an active employee or *member* (i.e., not laid-off or retired), or as the spouse or child of such an active employee, and is also covered under another plan as a laid-off or retired employee or as the spouse or child of such a laid-off or retired employee, the plan that covers such person as an active employee or spouse or child of an active employee will be primary. If the other plan does not have this rule, and as a result the plans do not agree on which will be primary, this rule will be ignored.
- 9. If none of the above rules determine which plan is primary, the plan that covered the person receiving services longer will be primary.

## **Effects of Coordination**

When this plan is secondary, its benefits will be reduced so that the total benefits paid by the primary plan and this plan during a claim determination period will not exceed Ambetter's maximum allowable benefit for each covered service. Also, the amount Ambetter pays will not be more than the amount Ambetter would pay if Ambetter were primary. As each claim is submitted, Ambetter will determine its obligation to pay for allowable expenses based upon all claims that have been submitted up to that point in time during the claim determination period.

In the event of multiple forms of coverage, Ambetter reserves the right to reduce or refuse to pay benefits otherwise payable on the account of existing of similar benefits provided under insurances policies issued by the same or another insurer, in accordance with state and federal laws. As a condition of coordinating benefits, the insurers together pay 100 percent of the total reasonable expenses actually incurred of the type of expense within the benefits described in the policies and presented to the insurer for payment.

## **Effect of Medicare**

Medicare primary/secondary payer guidelines and regulations will determine primary/secondary payer status, and will be adjudicated by *us* as set forth in this section. When Medicare, Part A and Part B or Part C is primary, Medicare's allowable amount is the highest allowable expense.

## **Right to Receive and Release Needed Information**

Certain facts about heath care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under this Plan and other plans. *We* may get the facts *we* need from, or give them to, other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under this Plan and other plans covering the person claiming benefits. *We* need not tell or get the consent of any person to do this.

# **CLAIMS**

## **Notice of Claim**

When a *non-participating provider* renders services, notice of a claim for benefits must be given to *us*. The notice must be in writing, should include the name of the insured and *member* identification number, and any claim will be based on that written notice. The notice must be received by *us* within 20 days after the date of the injury or the first treatment date for the sickness on which the claim is based and may be given to *us* or *your* agent. If this required notice is not given in time, the claim may be reduced or invalidated. If it can be shown that it was not reasonably possible to submit the notice within the 20 day period and that notice was given as soon as possible, the claim will not be reduced or invalidated.

## **Proof of Loss**

We must receive written *proof of loss* within 90 days of the *loss* or as soon as is reasonably possible. *Proof of loss* furnished more than one year late will not be accepted, unless *you* had no legal capacity to submit such proof during that year.

## **How to Submit a Claim**

*Providers* will typically submit claims on *your* behalf, but sometimes *you* may need to submit claims yourself for *covered services*. This usually happens if:

- *Your provider* is not contracted with *us*
- *You* have an out-of-area emergency.

If *you* have paid for services *we* agreed to cover, *you* can request reimbursement for the amount *you* paid. *We* can adjust *your deductible, copayment* or *cost sharing* to reimburse *you*.

To request reimbursement for a *covered service*, *you* need a copy of the detailed claim from *your provider*. *You* also need to submit an explanation of why *you* paid for the *covered services* along with the *member* reimbursement claim form posted at *Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com* under "Member Resources". Send all the documentation to *us* at the following address:

Ambetter from Sunshine Health Attn: Claims Department P.O. Box 5010 Farmington, MO 63640-5010

# **Cooperation Provision**

Each *member*, or other person acting on his or her behalf, must cooperate fully to assist *us* in determining *our* rights and obligations under the *contract* and, as often as may be reasonably necessary:

- 1. Sign, date and deliver to *us* authorizations to obtain any medical or other information, records or documents *we* deem relevant from any person or entity.
- 2. Obtain and furnish to *us*, or *our* representatives, any medical or other information, records or documents *we* deem relevant.
- 3. Answer, under oath or otherwise, any questions *we* deem relevant, which *we* or *our* representatives may ask.
- 4. Furnish any other information, aid or assistance that *we* may require, including without limitation, assistance in communicating with any person or entity, including requesting any person or entity to promptly provide to *us*, or *our* representative, any information, records or documents requested by *us*.

If any *member*, or other person acting on his or her behalf, fails to provide any of the items or information requested or to take any action requested, the claim(s) will be closed and no further action will be taken by *us* unless and until the item or information requested is received or the requested action is taken, subject to the terms and conditions of the *contract*.

In addition, failure on the part of any *member*, or other person acting on his or her behalf, to provide any of the items or information requested or to take any action requested may result in the denial of the claim at issue to the *covered person*.

## **Time for Payment of Claims**

Benefits will be paid as soon as we receive proper proof of loss. We will reimburse all claims or any portion of any claim within 45 days after receipt of the claim. If a claim or a portion of a claim is contested, you or your assignees shall be notified, in writing, that the claim is contested or denied, within 45 days after we receive the claim from you. The notice that a claim is contested shall identify the contested portion of the claim and the reasons for contesting the claim. Upon receipt of the additional information requested you or your assignees, we shall pay or deny the contested claim or portion of the contested claim, within 60 days.

"Clean claims" means a claim submitted by you or a provider that has no defect, impropriety, or particular circumstance requiring special treatment preventing payment. If we have not received the information we need to process a claim, we will ask for the additional information necessary to complete the claim. You will receive a copy of that request for additional information. In those cases, we cannot complete the processing of the claim until the additional information requested has been received. We will make our request for additional information within 30 days of our initial receipt of the claim and will complete our processing of the claim within 15 days after our receipt of all requested information.

We shall pay or deny any claim no later than 120 days after receiving the claim. Payment shall be treated as being made on the date a draft or other valid instrument which is equivalent to payment was placed in the United States mail in a properly addressed, postpaid envelope or, if not so posted, on the date of delivery. All overdue payments shall bear simple interest at the rate of 10 percent per year.

Upon *your* written notification, *we* will investigate any claim of improper billing by a *physician*, *hospital*, or other health care provider. *We* will determine if *you* were properly billed for only those procedures and services that the *covered person* actually received. If *we* determine that *you* have been improperly billed, *we* shall notify *you* and the provider of *our* findings and shall reduce the amount of payment to the provider by the amount determined to be improperly billed. If a reduction is made due to such notification by *us*, *we* shall pay to *you* 20 percent of the amount of the reduction up to \$500.

## **Payment of Claims**

We may elect to pay, in our discretion, all or any part of the benefits provided by this contract for hospital, surgical, nursing, or medical services, directly to the hospital or other party providing such services to you. By reserving the right to pay, in our discretion, all or any part of the benefits provided for in this contract directly to a hospital or other person providing surgical, nursing, or medical services to you, we are not granting any hospital or other person rendering surgical, nursing or medical services any right to demand direct payment or any right to enforce any provision of this contract; nor are we waiving the Non-Assignment provision of this contract set forth below.

## **Foreign Claims Incurred for Emergency Care**

Claims incurred outside of the United States for *emergency* care and treatment of a *member* must be submitted in English or with an English translation within 180 calendar days from the date of service.

Foreign claims must also include the applicable medical records in English to show proper *proof of loss* and evidence of payment to the provider.

Upon *member* request, Ambetter from Sunshine Health can submit documents for English translation from which the cost of the translation will be deducted from the claim reimbursement. Foreign claims must be submitted with the Member Reimbursement Medical Claim Form, along with all requested documents as detailed on the claim form. All forms and *member* resources are available at *ambetter.sunshinehealth.com*.

The amount of reimbursement will be based on the following:

- Current Non-Par UCR (Usual, Customary & Reasonable) Rate as determined by the plan
- *Member's* Benefit Plan based on date of service
- *Member* Responsibility/Share of Cost based on date of service
- Currency Rate at the time of completed transaction

Until the health plan has processed the Foreign Claim, if possible, the *member* should refrain from paying the *provider* until a formal notification letter from the health plan is received. The letter will identify *member* responsibility according to the *member* benefit plan at the time of travel.

## **Appeal Procedures for Claims**

Refer to the Internal Grievance, Internal Appeals and External Appeals Procedures provisions of this *contract* for information on *your* right to *appeal* the adjudication of a claim.

# **Non-Assignment**

The coverage, rights, privileges and benefits provided for under this *contract* are not assignable by *you* or anyone acting on *your* behalf. Any assignment or purported assignment of coverage, rights, privileges and benefits provided for under this *contract* that *you* may provide or execute in favor of any *hospital*, *provider*, or any other person or entity shall be null and void and shall not impose any obligation on *us*.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, *you* may specifically authorize, in writing, the payment of benefits that *we* have determined to be due and payable directly to any *hospital*, *provider*, or other person who provided *you* with any covered service and *we* will honor this specific direction and make such payment directly to the designated provider of the covered service.

## **No Third Party Beneficiaries**

This *contract* is not intended to, nor does it, create or grant any rights in favor of any third party, including but not limited to any *hospital*, *provider* or *medical practitioner* providing services to *you*, and this *contract* shall not be construed to create any third party beneficiary rights.

#### **Medicaid Reimbursement**

The amount provided or payable under this *contract* will not be changed or limited for reason of a *member* being eligible for coverage under the Medicaid program of the state in which he or she lives. *We* will pay the benefits of this *contract* to the State if:

- 1. A *member* has coverage under his or her state's Medicaid program; and
- 2. We receive proper *proof of loss* and notice that payment has been made for *covered service expenses* under that program.

*Our* payment to the State will be limited to the amount payable under this *contract* for the *covered service expenses* for which reimbursement is due. Payment under this provision will be made in good faith. It will satisfy *our* responsibility to the extent of that payment.

#### **Custodial Parent**

This provision applies if the parents of a covered *eligible child* are divorced or legally separated and both the custodial parent and the non-custodial parent are subject to the same court or administrative order establishing custody. The custodial parent, who is not a *member*, will have the rights stated below if *we* receive a copy of the order establishing custody.

Upon request by the custodial parent, we will:

- 1. Provide the custodial parent with information regarding the terms, conditions, benefits, exclusions and limitations of the *contract*;
- 2. Accept claim forms and requests for claim payment from the custodial parent; and
- 3. Make claim payments directly to the custodial parent for claims submitted by the custodial parent. Payment of claims to the custodial parent, which are made under this provision, will fully discharge *our* obligations.

A custodial parent may, with *our* approval, assign claim payments to the *hospital* or *medical practitioner* providing treatment to an *eligible child*.

## **Physical Examination**

We shall have the right and opportunity to examine a *member* while a claim is pending or while a dispute over the claim is pending. These examinations are made at *our* expense and as often as *we* may reasonably require.

# **Legal Actions**

No suit may be brought by *you* on a claim sooner than 60 days after the required *proof of loss* is given. No suit may be brought more than five years after the date *proof of loss* is required.

Prior to initiating any action at law, you are encouraged to first complete all the steps in the complaint/grievance/appeal procedures made available to resolve disputes in Florida under the contract. After completing that complaint/grievance/appeal procedures process, if you want to bring legal action against us on that dispute, you must do so within one year of the date we notified you of the final decision on your complaint/grievance/appeal.

# GRIEVANCE AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

*Your* satisfaction is very important to *us. We* want to know *your* issues and concerns so *we* can improve *our* services. Reporting these will not affect *your* healthcare services. The following processes are available to address *your* concerns:

## **Complaints**

*Complaints* are the lowest form of a problem. It gives *us* the opportunity to resolve *your* problem without it becoming a formal *grievance*. Examples of a *complaint* include but not limited to, when *you* are unhappy with:

- Care received from a provider
- Services received from a provider
- How long it takes to get an appointment
- How a *member* was treated
- Services that is not included as an Ambetter from Sunshine Health benefit
- How a bill was paid
- How you were treated by Ambetter from Sunshine Health staff

If you have a *complaint*, you may file your *complaint* in writing or by speaking with *our* Member Services department at 1-877-687-1169 or Relay FL 800-955-8770. *Complaints* are generally resolved within 72 hours following the receipt of the *complaint*. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the *complaint*, you can request that your *complaint* be moved to a formal *grievance*.

## **Grievances**

A *grievance*, as referred to in this section, is a written *complaint* about anything other than an *adverse determination*. *Grievances* may refer to any dissatisfaction about:

- a) *Us*, as the insurer; e.g., customer service *grievances* "the person to whom I spoke on the phone was rude to me";
- b) *Providers* with whom we have a direct or indirect contract;
  - i) Lack of availability and/or accessibility of *network providers* not tied to an unresolved benefit denial; and
  - ii) Quality of care/quality of service issues;
- c) Expressions of dissatisfaction regarding quality of care/quality of service;

## Filing a Grievance

You have 365 days from the date the issue occurred to file a *grievance* with *us. You* or *your* authorized representative may file a *grievance* by calling Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 or Relay FL 800-955-8770. At the time of *your* initial *grievance*, *you* will be informed that *you* have the right to file a written *grievance*. At *your* request, *we* will provide assistance to *you* in preparing the written *grievance*.

Written *grievances* may be sent to:

Ambetter from Sunshine Health Grievance and Appeal Coordinator 1301 International Parkway, Suite 400 Sunrise, FL 33323 Phone: 1-877-687-1169 or Relay FL 800-955-8770

Fax: 866-534-5972

Email: Sunshine Appeals@centene.com

In *your* written *grievance*, please include:

- Your first and last name
- Your member ID number
- Your address and telephone number
- Details surrounding your concern
- Any supporting documentation

You can file an *urgent grievance* for a situation that would seriously jeopardize *your* life or health or would jeopardize *your* ability to regain maximum function. Decisions regarding expedited *grievances* will be made as expeditiously as the *member's* health condition requires, but no later than 72 hours.

## **Process and Resolution Timeframes**

We will acknowledge your grievance by sending you a letter within five (5) business days of receipt of your grievance.

*Grievances* will be promptly investigated, and will be resolved within 60 calendar days of receipt. The time period may be extended for an additional 30 calendar days, making the maximum time for the entire *grievance* process 90 calendar days if *we* provide *you* or *your* authorized representative, if applicable, written notification of the following within the first 60 calendar days:

- a. That we have not resolved the grievance;
- b. When our resolution of the grievance may be expected; and
- c. The reason why the additional time is needed.

If we do not receive the required information before the end of the extension period, we will resolve the *grievance* using the information we have on file.

# **Appeal**

An appeal is a grievance involving a request to review, overturn, or otherwise modify an adverse determination. An adverse determination is coverage determination by us that an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or other health care service has been reviewed and, based upon the information provided, does not meet the requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness, and coverage for the requested service is therefore denied, reduced, or terminated. You can appeal these decisions. You can also designate a representative –such as a family member, friend, physician, or attorney- to appeal these decisions on your behalf.

## Filing an Appeal

When we make an adverse determination, we will send you a notification that includes information to file an appeal and how to authorize a representative. You have 180 calendar days to file an appeal from the date we issue the adverse determination.

You can file an appeal by filling out the form included with the denial notice or sending a letter to:

Ambetter from Sunshine Health Grievance and Appeal Coordinator 1301 International Parkway, Suite 400 Sunrise, FL 33323

Phone: 1-877-687-1169 or Relay FL 800-955-8770

Fax: 866-534-5972

Email: Sunshine Appeals@centene.com

*You* can also file an *appeal* via phone by contacting *us* at 1-877-687-1169 or Relay FL 800-955-8770. Verbal request must be followed up in writing within 10 calendar days.

Call *us* at 1-877-687-1169 or Relay FL 800-955-8770 if *you* have any questions regarding the process or how to file an *appeal*. *We* will provide an interpreter or TTY/TDD services for *you* if *you* need them.

## **Processing Your Appeal**

After you file your appeal, we will notify you of all the information that is needed to process the appeal within 5 business days of receipt of the appeal. You will be informed that you can present any information that you wish for us to consider as part of the appeal. We will investigate the appeal to decide if more information is needed from you or your provider.

A reviewer of the same or similar specialty will review the request and make a determination. This reviewer will not be the *physician* involved in the original decision and who is not the subordinate of that *physician*.

We may extend our deadline by no more than 14 days if we need additional information to reach a decision. We will inform you of the request's status if such an extension is necessary. If we do not receive the required information within the extended timeframe, we will make a determination based on the information we have. If no extension is needed, we will make the decision within 30 calendar days of receipt of your appeal. We will notify you in writing within two (2) business days of the decision.

The notice will include an explanation of *our* decision, a reference to the criteria on which the decision was based, a list of the title and qualifications of each person participating in the review, and a description of *your* further *appeal* rights. *Your* further *appeal* rights include the right to an External Review.

## **Expedited Appeal**

An *expedited appeal* provides for evaluation by appropriate clinical peer or peers (who were not involved in the initial *adverse determination*) within 24 hours.

*You* can file an expedited *appeal* when a requested service involves a situation that would seriously jeopardize *your* life or health or would jeopardize *your* ability to regain maximum function. This type of *appeal* must be documented with clinical information.

*You* may request an expedited *appeal* at any time. *You* may start the *appeal* process by phone or in writing. *You* may call 1-877-687-1169 or Relay FL 800-955-8770 to initiate an expedited *appeal* request.

We will make a decision about the request within 72 hours. We will notify you, your provider, and your authorized representative, if applicable, of the result. We will notify you in writing within two (2) business days of the decision.

## **Grievance Panel**

As part of the internal grievance and appeal process, *you* have the right to request that *your* appeal is handled by a grievance panel that does not include the person who made the initial determination or a subordinate of the original reviewer. During the grievance process, the initial decision maker may be consulted. The majority of the panel will consist of *providers* with the appropriate expertise. The panel must be requested within 30 calendar days after *our* transmission of an *adverse determination*. The panel will also provide a notice to *you* and to *your provider*, if any, who filed on *your* behalf. In any case, where the review process does not resolve a difference of opinion between *us* and *you*, *you* (or *your provider*) may submit a written *grievance* through an external review process. *You* may voluntarily pursue binding arbitration (which *you* may incur some costs for this arbitration) after completing *our* internal grievance procedure and as an alternative to the external review process (refer to the External Review provision for more information). Arbitration shall not preclude review pursuant to Rule 690-191.081 and shall be conducted pursuant to Ch. 682, F.S.

When the *adverse determination* is based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, the grievance panel will consult with a licensed health care provider with expertise in the field relating to the grievance and who was not consulted in connection with the original *adverse determination*.

## **External Review**

*Our member*s are offered two levels of *appeal* for *adverse determinations* related to a service that requires medical review. An external review decision is binding on *us*. An external review decision is binding on the claimant except to the extent the claimant has other remedies available under applicable federal or state law. *We* will pay for the costs of the external review performed by an independent reviewer.

## **Applicability/Eligibility**

The external review procedures apply to any *hospital* or medical policy or certificate; excluding accident only or disability income only insurance.

External review is available for *appeals* that involve:

- 1. Medical judgment, including but not limited to those based upon requirements for *medical necessity*, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness of a covered benefit; or the determination that a treatment is *experimental* or *investigational*, as determined by an external reviewer.
- 2. Rescissions of coverage.

After exhausting *our* internal review process, *you* can make a written request to the *Appeals* & *Grievance* Department for an external review after the date of receipt of *our* internal response. *We* will send *your* request to an Independent Review Organization (IRO). *You* must contact the IRO or *us* within 120 calendar days (4 months) of the date of *your appeal* resolution letter. If *you* do not file *your appeal* for an external independent review within 120 calendar days, it cannot be reviewed. If *you* are not sure whether *your appeal* is eligible, or if *you* want more information, please contact *us*.

# To initiate an external appeal:

- 1. The internal *appeal* process must be exhausted before *you* may request an external review unless *you* file a request for an expedited external review at the same time as an internal *expedited appeal* or *we* either provide a waiver of this requirement or fail to follow the *appeal* process.
- 2. *We* must allow *you* to make a request for an expedited external review with *us* at the time *you* receive:
  - a. An *adverse benefit determination* if the determination involves a medical condition of the claimant for which the timeframe for completion of an internal *expedited appeal* would seriously jeopardize *your* life or health or would jeopardize *your* ability to regain maximum function and *you* have filed a request for an internal *expedited appeal*.
  - b. A final internal *adverse benefit determination*, if *you* have a medical condition where the timeframe for completion of a standard external review would seriously jeopardize *your* life or health or would jeopardize *your* ability to regain maximum function, or if the final internal *adverse benefit determination* concerns an admission, availability of care, continued stay, or health care item or service for which *you* received emergency services, but has not been discharged from a facility.
- 3. *You* may request an expedited external review at the same time the internal *expedited appeal* is requested and an IRO will determine if the internal *expedited appeal* needs to be completed before proceeding with the expedited external review.

#### **External Review Process**

- 1. We have five (5) business days (immediately for expedited external review) following receipt of the request to conduct a preliminary review of the request to determine whether:
  - a. The individual was a *covered person* at the time the item or service was requested;
  - b. The service is a *covered service* under *your* health plan but for the plan's *adverse benefit determination* with regard to *medical necessity experimental or investigational,* medical judgment, or *rescission*;
  - c. You have exhausted the internal process; and
  - d. *You* have provided all of the information required to process an external review.
- 2. Within one (1) business day (immediately for expedited external review) after completion of the preliminary review, we will notify you in writing as to whether the request is complete but not eligible for external review and the reasons for its ineligibility or if the request is not complete, the additional information needed to make the request complete. We will include notification of your right to submit written testimony to be included in the materials sent to the IRO.
- 3. *We* must allow *you* to perfect the request for external review within the four (4)-month filing period or within the 48-hour period following the receipt of notification.
- 4. We will assign an IRO on a rotating basis from our list of contracted IROs.
- 5. Within five (5) business days after the date of assignment of the IRO, we must provide the documents and any information considered in making the adverse benefit determination to the IRO. **Note:** For expedited external review, after assignment of the IRO, we must provide the documents and any information considered in making the adverse benefit determination to the IRO electronically or by telephone or facsimile or any other available expeditious method.
- 6. If we fail to timely provide the documents and information, the IRO may terminate the external review and make a decision to reverse the *adverse benefit determination*.
- 7. Within 10 business days, the assigned IRO will timely notify the claimant in writing of the request's eligibility and acceptance for external review. The notice will include a statement that *you* may submit in writing additional information to the IRO to consider.
- 8. Upon receipt of any information submitted by *you*, the IRO must forward the information to *us* within one (1) business day.

- 9. Upon receipt of the information, we may reconsider our determination. If we reverse our adverse benefit determination, we must provide written notice of the decision to you and the IRO within one (1) business day after making such decision. The external review would be considered terminated.
- 10. Within 45 days (72 hours for expedited external review) after the date of receipt of the request for an external review by the health plan, the IRO will review all of the information and provide written notice of its decision to uphold or reverse the *adverse benefit determination* to *you* and to *us*. If the notice for an expedited external review is not in writing, the IRO must provide written confirmation within 48 hours after the date of providing the notice.
- 11. Upon receipt of a notice of a decision by the IRO reversing the *adverse benefit determination*, we will approve the covered benefit that was the subject of the *adverse benefit determination*.

After *you* receive a decision from *us* concerning *your* benefits and feel further action is needed, *you* have the right to file a complaint with the Department of Financial Services, Division of Consumer Services.

You may request assistance of the Department of Financial Services, Division of Consumer Services by telephone at 1-877-MY-FL-CFO (1-877-693-5236), or if calling from outside of Florida (1-850-413-3089), by email at ConsumerServices@myfloridacfo.com, or online at: http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/Consumers/

*You*, or someone *you* authorized to do so, shall be provided, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to *your* claim for benefits. All comments, documents, records and other information submitted by *you* relating to the claim for benefits, regardless of whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial *adverse benefit determination*, will be considered in the internal *appeal*.

# Written Grievance/Appeal Response

*Grievance* and *appeal* response letters shall describe, in detail, the *grievance* and *appeal* procedure and the notification shall include the specific reason for the denial, determination or initiation of disenrollment.

The written decision must include:

- 1. The disposition of and the specific reason or reasons for the decision;
- 2. Any corrective action taken on the *grievance* or *appeal*;
- 3. The signature of one (1) voting member of the panel, if applicable;
- 4. A written description of position titles of panel members involved in making the decision.
- 5. If upheld or partially upheld, it is also necessary to include:
  - a. A clear explanation of the decision;
  - b. Reference to the specific plan provision on which the determination is based;
  - c. A statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to *your* claim for benefits;
  - d. If an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the *adverse determination*, either the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion; or a statement that such rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the *adverse determination* and that a copy of the rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion will be provided free of charge to *you* upon request;
  - e. If the adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, either an explanation of the scientific or clinical

- judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the plan to *your* medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request;
- f. Identification of medical experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of the health plan, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the *adverse benefit determination*:
- g. The date of service;
- h. The health care provider's name;
- i. The claim amount;
- j. The diagnosis and procedure codes with their corresponding meanings, or an explanation that the diagnosis or procedure codes are available upon request;
- k. The health plan's denial code with corresponding meaning;
- l. A description of any standard used, if any, in denying the claim;
- m. A description of the external review procedures, if applicable;
- n. The right to bring a civil action under state or federal law;
- o. A copy of the form that authorizes the health plan to disclose protected health information, if applicable;
- p. That assistance is available by contacting the specific state's consumer assistance department, if applicable; and
- q. A culturally linguistic statement based upon *your* county or state of residence that provides for oral translation of the *adverse benefit determination*, if applicable.

# Appeals and Grievances filing and key communication timelines

	Timely Filing	Acknowledgment	Resolution	Allowable Extension
Standard <i>Grievance</i>	365 Calendar Days	5 Business Days	60 Calendar Days	30 Calendar Days
Urgent Grievance	365 Calendar Days	N/A	72 hours	N/A
Standard Pre-Service Appeal	180 Calendar Days	5 Business Days	30 Calendar Days	14 Calendar Days
Expedited Pre-Service  Appeal	180 Calendar Days	N/A	72 hours	N/A

Standard Post-Service  Appeal	180 Calendar Days	5 Business Days	60 Calendar Days	14 Calendar Days
External Review	120 Calendar Days	6 Calendar Days	45 Calendar Days	N/A
Expedited External Review	120 Calendar Days	Immediately	72 hours	N/A

You can also view your appeal and grievance information in your member secure portal.

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## **Entire Contract**

This *contract*, with the application and any rider-amendments is the entire *contract* between *you* and us. No party or agent of a party may:

- 1. Change or alter the terms of this *contract*;
- 2. Waive any provision of this *contract*;
- 3. Extend the time for payment of premiums;
- 4. Waive any of our rights or requirements under the contract; or
- 5. Waive any of *your* obligations under the *contract*.

## **Non-Waiver**

If we fail to enforce or to insist on strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions, limitations or exclusions of the *contract* that will not be considered a waiver of any rights under the *contract*. A past failure to strictly enforce the *contract* will not be a waiver of any rights in the future, even in the same situation or set of facts.

#### Rescissions

No misrepresentation of fact made regarding a *member* during the application process that relates to insurability will be used to void/rescind the coverage or deny a claim unless:

- 1. The misrepresented fact is contained in a written application, including amendments, signed by a *member*;
- 2. A copy of the application, and any amendments, has been furnished to the *member(s)*, or to their beneficiary; and
- 3. The misrepresentation of fact was intentionally made and material to *our* determination to issue coverage to any *member*. A *member's* coverage will be voided/rescinded and claims denied if that person performs an act or practice that constitutes fraud. "Rescind" has a retroactive effect and means the coverage was never in effect.

We will provide the member forty-five (45) days advance written notice before coverage is rescinded.

## **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

Relative to a misstatement in the application, after 2 years from the issue date, only fraudulent misstatements in the application may be used to void the *contract* or deny any claim for loss incurred or disability starting after the 2-year period.

# Repayment for Fraud, Misrepresentation or False Information

During the first two years a *member* is covered under the *contract*, if a *member* commits fraud, misrepresentation or knowingly provides false information relating to the eligibility of any *member* under this *contract* or in filing a claim for *contract* benefits, *we* have the right to demand that *member* pay back to *us* all benefits that *we* provided or paid during the time the *member* was covered under the *contract*. *We* will return any premium paid during the time period for which the member returned benefit payments.

## **Conformity with State Laws**

Any part of this *contract* in conflict with the laws of Florida on this *contract's effective date* or on any premium due date is changed to conform to the minimum requirements of Florida state law.

#### Construction

We have the full power, authority, and discretion to construe and interpret any and all provisions of this *contract* to the greatest extent allowed by applicable law.

## **Performance Outcomes and Financial Data**

You may obtain information regarding performance outcomes and financial data for Celtic Insurance Company published by the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration by accessing Ambetter from Sunshine Health's website: Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com. This website includes the link to FloridaHealthStat where this information is published.

# **Personal Health Information (PHI)**

*Your* health information is personal. *We* are committed to do everything *we* can to protect it. *Your* privacy is also important to *us*. *We* have policies and procedures in place to protect *your* health records.

We protect all oral, written and electronic PHI. We follow Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements and have a Notice of Privacy Practices. We are required to notify you about these practices every year. This notice describes how your medical information may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully. If you need more information or would like the complete notice, please visit https://ambettersunshinehealth.com/privacy-practices.html or call Member Services at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770).

We protect all of your PHI. We follow HIPAA to keep your healthcare information private.

## Language

If *you* do not speak or understand the language in *your* area, *you* have the right to an interpreter. For language assistance, please visit: https://ambetter.sunshinehealth.com/language-assistance.html.

# Statement of Non-Discrimination

Ambetter from Sunshine Health complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Ambetter from Sunshine Health does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

#### Ambetter from Sunshine Health:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Ambetter from Sunshine Health at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770).

If you believe that Ambetter from Sunshine Health has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a *grievance* with: Grievance/Appeals Unit Sunshine Health, PO Box 459089, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33345-9089, 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770), Fax, 1-866-534-5972. *You* can file a *grievance* by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a *grievance*, Ambetter from Sunshine Health is available to help *you*. *You* can also file a civil rights *complaint* with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <a href="https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf">https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</a>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD).

Complaint forms are available at <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html">http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html</a>.

# Declaración de no discriminación

Ambetter de Sunshine Health cumple con las leyes de derechos civiles federales aplicables y no discrimina basándose en la raza, color, origen nacional, edad, discapacidad, o sexo. Ambetter de Sunshine Health no excluye personas o las trata de manera diferente debido a su raza, color, origen nacional, edad, discapacidad, o sexo.

## Ambetter de Sunshine Health:

- Proporciona ayuda y servicios gratuitos a las personas con discapacidad para que se comuniquen eficazmente con nosotros, tales como:
  - Intérpretes calificados de lenguaje por señas
  - Información escrita en otros formatos (letra grande, audio, formatos electrónicos accesibles, otros formatos)
- Proporciona servicios de idiomas a las personas cuyo lenguaje primario no es el inglés, tales como:
  - Intérpretes calificados
  - Información escrita en otros idiomas

Si necesita estos servicios, comuníquese con Ambetter de Sunshine Health a 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770).

Si considera que Ambetter de Sunshine Health no le ha proporcionado estos servicios, o en cierto modo le ha discriminado debido a su raza, color, origen nacional, edad, discapacidad o sexo, puede presentar una queja ante: Grievance/Appeals Unit Sunshine Health, PO Box 459089, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33345-9089, 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770), Fax, 1-866-534-5972. Usted puede presentar una queja por correo, fax, o correo electrónico. Si necesita ayuda para presentar una queja, Ambetter de Sunshine Health está disponible para brindarle ayuda. También puede presentar una queja de violación a sus derechos civiles ante la Oficina de derechos civiles del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de Estados Unidos (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), en forma electrónica a través del portal de quejas de la Oficina de derechos civiles, disponible en <a href="https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf">https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</a>, o por correo o vía telefónica llamando al: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD).

Los formularios de queja están disponibles en <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html">http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html</a>.



Spanish:	Si usted, o alguien a quien está ayudando, tiene preguntas acerca de Ambetter de Sunshine Health, tiene derecho a obtener ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo alguno. Para hablar con un intérprete, llame al 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
French Creole:	Si oumenm, oubyen yon moun w ap ede, gen kesyon nou ta renmen poze sou Ambetter from Sunshine Health, ou gen tout dwa pou w jwenn èd ak enfòmasyon nan lang manman w san sa pa koute w anyen. Pou w pale avèk yon entèprèt, sonnen nimewo 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
Vietnamese:	Nếu quý vị, hay người mà quý vị đang giúp đỡ, có câu hỏi về Ambetter from Sunshine Health, quý vị sẽ có quyền được giúp và có thêm thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình miễn phí. Để nói chuyện với một thông dịch viên, xin gọi 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
Portuguese:	Se você, ou alguém a quem você está ajudando, tem perguntas sobre o Ambetter from Sunshine Health, você tem o direito de obter ajuda e informação em seu idioma e sem custos. Para falar com um intérprete, ligue para 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
Chinese:	如果您,或是您正在協助的對象,有關於 Ambetter from Sunshine Health 方面的問題,您有權利免費以您的母語得到幫助和訊息。如果要與 一位翻譯員講話,請撥電話 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770)。
French:	Si vous-même ou une personne que vous aidez avez des questions à propos d'Ambetter from Sunshine Health, vous avez le droit de bénéficier gratuitement d'aide et d'informations dans votre langue. Pour parler à un interprète, appelez le 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
Tagalog:	Kung ikaw, o ang iyong tinutulangan, ay may mga katanungan tungkol sa Ambetter from Sunshine Health, may karapatan ka na makakuha nang tulong at impormasyon sa iyong wika ng walang gastos. Upang makausap ang isang tagasalin, tumawag sa 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
Russian:	В случае возникновения у вас или у лица, которому вы помогаете, каких-либо вопросов о программе страхования Ambetter from Sunshine Health вы имеете право получить бесплатную помощь и информацию на своем родном языке. Чтобы поговорить с переводчиком, позвоните по телефону 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
Arabic:	إذا كان لديك أو لدى شخص تساعده أسئلة حول Ambetter from Sunshine Health ، لديك الحق في الحصول على المساعدة والمعلومات الضرورية بلغتك من دون أية تكلفة. التحدث مع مترجم اتصل بـ 1169-887-787 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
Italian:	Se lei, o una persona che lei sta aiutando, avesse domande su Ambetter from Sunshine Health, ha diritto a usufruire gratuitamente di assistenza e informazioni nella sua lingua. Per parlare con un interprete, chiami l'1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
German:	Falls Sie oder jemand, dem Sie helfen, Fragen zu Ambetter from Sunshine Health hat, haben Sie das Recht, kostenlose Hilfe und Informationen in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Um mit einem Dolmetscher zu sprechen, rufen Sie bitte die Nummer 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770) an.
Korean:	만약 귀하 또는 귀하가 돕고 있는 어떤 사람이 Ambetter from Sunshine Health 에 관해서 질문이 있다면 귀하는 그러한 도움과 정보를 귀하의 언어로 비용 부담없이 얻을 수 있는 권리가 있습니다. 그렇게 통역사와 얘기하기 위해서는 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770) 로 전화하십시오.
Polish:	Jeżeli ty lub osoba, której pomagasz, macie pytania na temat planów za pośrednictwem Ambetter from Sunshine Health, macie prawo poprosić o bezpłatną pomoc i informacje w języku ojczystym. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza, zadzwoń pod numer 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
Gujarati:	જે તમને અથવા તમે જેમની મદદ કરી રહ્યા હોય તેમને, Ambetter from Sunshine Health વિશે કોઈ પ્રશ્ન હોય તો તમને, કોઈ ખર્ચ વિના તમારી ભાષામાં મદદ અને માહિતી પ્રાપ્ત કરવાનો અધિકાર છે. દુભાષિયા સાથે વાત કરવા માટે 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770) ઉપર કૉલ કરો.
Thai:	หากทานหรือผู้ที่ท่านให้ความช่วยเหลืออยู่ในขณะนีมีค าถามเกี่ยวกับ Ambetter from Sunshine Health ท่านมีสิทธิ์ที่จะได้รับความช่วยเหลือและข้อมูลในภาษาของท่าน โดยไม่เสียค่าใช้ จ่ายใด ๆ ทั้งสิ้น หากต้องการใช้ บริการล่าม กรุณาโทรศัพท์ติดต่อที่หมายเลข 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770)

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