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Individual Major Medical Expense Insurance *Contract*

**THIS CONTRACT REFLECTS THE KNOWN REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AS PASSED ON MARCH 23, 2010. AS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE IS FORTHCOMING FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE FLORIDA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, THOSE CHANGES WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY.**

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

**AGREEMENT AND CONSIDERATION**

This document along with your *Schedule of Benefits* and your application 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 the timely payment of premiums, we will provide benefits to you, the *member*, for *covered services* as outlined in this *contract*. Benefits are subject to *contract* definitions, provisions, limitations, and exclusions.

Please read the copy of the application attached to this *contract*. Carefully check the application and write to the company at the address listed at the top of this page within 10 calendar days, if any information shown on it is not correct and complete, or if any past medical history has been left out of the application. This application is a part of the *contract*, and the *contract* was issued on the basis that the answers to all questions and the information shown on the application are correct and complete.

**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 (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* owed to us and not the *provider* of services; (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.

Annually, we will change the rate table used for this *contract* form. Each premium will be based on the rate table in effect on that premium's due date. The *contract* plan, and age of *members*, type and level of benefits, and place of *residence* on the premium due date are some of the factors used in determining your premium rates. We have the right to change premiums, however, all premium rates charged will be guaranteed for a *calendar year*.

At least 60 calendar days' 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. 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 90 calendar days prior to the date that we discontinue coverage.

**This is an Ambetter Virtual Access contract. Ambetter Virtual Access is a product that offers a virtual primary care experience. This plan includes access to licensed, virtual primary care physicians (PCPs) in addition to a traditional (in-person) network of health care providers and hospitals in your area who contract with us.**

**This contract contains referral and prior authorization requirements. All virtual care is provided through the Ambetter-designated telehealth provider. Your designated *primary care physician* (PCP) will assist you in coordinating your health care services. You are required to obtain a referral from your PCP to obtain all services outside of a virtual visit, including, but not limited to, seeing specialist physicians, except for emergency services. If you do not obtain a referral from your PCP, then the services are not covered services and will not be paid for under this contract. In addition, any amounts you are required to pay for such services will not count towards your maximum out-of-pocket amount. If a *member* chooses a traditional (in-person) *network primary care physician*, that *primary care physician* will be responsible for coordinating all covered health services and making *referrals* for services to other *network providers*. *Copayments* or other *cost sharing* will be required if a *member* selects a traditional (in-person) provider as shown in your *Schedule of Benefits*. Please refer to the Access of Care and *Prior authorization* Sections within this Evidence of Coverage and your *Schedule of Benefits* for additional information.**

## **This contract contains a deductible provision.**

*Members* under the age of 18, will be assigned to a traditional (in-person) *network* PCP. That PCP will be responsible for coordinating all covered health services.

Sunshine State Health Plan



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CEO, Sunshine State Health Plan

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# INTRODUCTION

This is an Ambetter *Virtual Access policy*. Ambetter *Virtual Access* is a product that offers a virtual primary care experience. This plan includes access to licensed, virtual *primary care physicians (PCP)* in addition to a traditional (in-person) network of health care providers and *hospitals* in your area.

This *policy* contains referral and *prior authorization* requirements. All virtual care is provided through the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider*. Your designated *PCP* will assist you in coordinating your health care services. You are required to obtain a *referral* from your *PCP* to obtain all services outside of a *PCP* visit, including, but not limited to, seeing *specialist physicians*, except for *emergency services*. If you do not obtain a *referral* from your *PCP*, then the services are not *covered services* and will not be paid for under this *contract/policy*. In addition, any amounts you are required to pay for such services will not count towards your *maximum out-of-pocket amount*.

Upon enrollment in an *Ambetter Virtual Access* plan, a *member* aged 18 or above is automatically assigned to the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider* as their primary provider group and will need to select a specific *PCP*. You can scan the QR Code on your member identification card to access the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider's* website. A *member* does have the ability to choose a traditional (in-person) *network PCP* but must formally do so by selecting that *PCP* either in the Member Secure Portal or by calling Member Services. If a *member* chooses a traditional (in-person) *network PCP*, that *PCP* will be responsible for coordinating all covered health services and making *referrals* for services to other *network providers*. *Copayments* or other *cost sharing* will be required, as shown in your *Schedule of Benefits*, if you select a traditional (in-person) provider. Please refer to the Access to Care and Prior Authorization sections within this *contract/policy* and your *Schedule of Benefits* for additional information.

*Members* under the age of 18 will be assigned to a traditional (in-person) *network PCP*. That *PCP* will be responsible for coordinating all covered health services and making *referrals* for services to other *network providers*.

## How To Contact Us

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33345-9089

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

Member Services 1-877-687-1169  
Relay FL 1-800-955-8770  
Fax 1-866-796-0523  
Emergency **911**  
24/7 Nurse Advice Line 1-877-687-1169

## Interpreter Services

Ambetter from Sunshine Health has a free service to help *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 have medical interpreters to assist with languages other than English via telephone. An interpreter will not go to a *provider's* office with you. *Members* who are blind or visually impaired and

need help with interpretation can call *Member Services* for an oral interpretation, or to request materials in Braille or large font.

To arrange for interpreter services, please call *Member Services*.

# 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 physician, specialist, hospital* or other contracted *provider* please contact us so we can assist you with accessing or in locating a *provider* who is contracted with us. *Physicians* within our *network* may be affiliated with different *hospitals*. Our online directory can provide you with information for the *hospitals* that are contracted with us. The online directory also lists affiliations that your *provider* may have with non-*network hospitals*. Your 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 representative*. 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, hospitals*, other facilities, and your rights and responsibilities.
7. Make recommendations regarding our *member rights and responsibilities* policy.
8. 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 physician* about what might be wrong (to the level known), treatment and any known likely results. Your *primary care physician* 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 representative*. Your *provider* will ask for your approval for treatment unless there is an *emergency*, and your life and health are in serious danger.
9. Voice *complaints* or *grievances* about: our organization, any benefit or coverage decisions we (or our designated administrators) make, your coverage, or care provided.
10. See your medical records.
11. Be kept informed of *covered* and non-*covered services*, program changes, how to access services, *primary care physician* 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 calendar days before the *effective date* of the modifications. Such notices shall include the following:

- 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.
12. A current list of *network providers*. Select a health plan or switch health plans, within the guidelines, without any threats or harassment.
  13. Adequate access to qualified medical practitioners and treatment or services regardless of age, ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental disability, or expected health or genetic status.
  14. Access *medically necessary* urgent and *emergency services* 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
  15. Receive information in a different format in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act if you have a disability.
  16. Refuse treatment to the extent the law allows without jeopardizing future treatment and be informed by your *provider(s)* of the medical consequences. You are responsible for your actions if treatment is refused or if the *primary care physician's* instructions are not followed. You should discuss all concerns about treatment with your *primary care physician*. Your *primary care physician* can discuss different treatment plans with you, if there is more than one option that may help you. You will make the final decision.
  17. Select your *primary care physician* within the *network*. You also have the right to change your *primary care physician* or request information on *network providers* close to your home or work.
  18. Know the name and job title of people giving you care. You also have the right to know which *provider* is your *primary care physician*.
  19. An interpreter when you do not speak or understand the language of the area.
  20. A second opinion by a *network provider* if you want more information about your treatment or would like to explore additional treatment options.
  21. Make advance directives for healthcare decisions. This includes planning treatment before you need it.
  22. Determine what actions should be taken regarding your health if you are no longer able to make decisions for yourself because of *illness* or because you are incapacitated. You have the right to have your wishes known by completing Advance directives forms. Advance directive forms are forms you can complete to protect your rights for medical care. It can help your *primary care physician* 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; or
    - 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.
  23. A second opinion by a *network* physician, if you want more information about your treatment or would like to explore additional treatment options.

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 that we or your *medical practitioners* need in order to provide care. 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* identification 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 physician*. You should establish a relationship with your *provider*. You may change your *primary care physician* 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. Follow the treatment plans and instructions for care that you have agreed on with your health care professionals and *providers*.
10. 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 physician* 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.
11. Follow all health benefit plan guidelines, provisions, policies, and procedures.
12. Use any *emergency* room only when you think you have a medical *emergency*. For all other care, you should call your *primary care physician*.
13. 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 notify the entity with which you enrolled.
14. Pay your monthly premiums on time and pay all *deductible amounts*, *coinsurance amount*, or *cost-sharing percentages* at the time of service.
15. Notify us or the entity you enrolled with of any enrollment related changes that would affect your *contract*, such as: birth of a child, or adoption, marriage, divorce, adding/removing a dependent, *spouse/domestic partner* becomes eligible under a different insurer, enrollment changes, address change or incarceration where *member cost share* would need to transfer from one policy to another policy.
16. Inform the entity in which you enrolled for this *contract* if you have any changes to your name, address, or family members covered under this *contract* within 60 calendar days from the date of the event.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Provider Directory

A listing of *network providers* is available online at [Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](https://www.Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com). We have *plan providers, hospitals, and other medical practitioners* who have agreed to provide you healthcare services. You can find our *network providers* by visiting our website and using the “Find a Doctor” function. 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 name, address, phone number, office hours, specialty, and board certifications.

At any time, you can request a printed copy of the *provider directory* at no charge by calling *Member Services*. In order to obtain benefits, you must designate a *primary care physician* for each *member*. We can help you pick a *primary care physician (PCP)*. We can make your choice of *primary care physician* effective on the next business day.

You can request an appointment with your *Ambetter Virtual Access providers* through the website [Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](https://www.Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com), or through the mobile application. If you need help, call *Member Services*. We will help you make the appointment.

You may also contact us at *Member Services* to request information about whether a physician, hospital, or other medical practitioner is a *network provider*. We will respond to any such requests within one business day.

If you receive services from a *non-network provider* because of inaccurate information in the *Provider Directory* or in response to an inquiry about *network status*, please contact *Member Services*. If the services you received are otherwise *covered services*, you will only be responsible for paying the *cost sharing* that applies to *network providers* and will not be balance billed by the *non-network provider*.

## Member Identification Card

We will mail you a *member identification card* after we receive your completed enrollment materials and you have paid your initial premium payment. This card is proof that you are enrolled in an *Ambetter 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 identification card* will show your name, *member identification number*, and *copayment amounts* required at the time of service. Any applicable deductibles, and any applicable out-of-pocket maximum limitations will also be accessible through the *member identification card*. If you do not get your *member identification card* within a few weeks after you enroll, please call *Member Services* and we will send you another card.

## Website

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

1. Finding a *network provider* including *hospitals, and pharmacies*.
2. Our programs and services, including programs to help you get and stay healthy.
3. A secure portal for you to check the status of your claims, make payments and obtain a copy

- of your *Member* identification card.
4. *Member* Rights and Responsibilities.
  5. Notice of Privacy.
  6. Current events and news.
  7. Our *formulary* or *prescription drug* list.
  8. *Deductible* and *copayment* accumulators.
  9. Making your payment
  10. Selecting a *primary care physician*

## 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 examination, 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 the *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.

## Protection from Balance Billing

Under federal law, effective January 1, 2022, *non-network providers* or facilities are prohibited from *balance billing* health plan *members* for services that are subject to *balance billing* protections as described in the Definitions section of this contract. You will only be responsible for paying your member cost share for these services, which is calculated as if you had received the services from a *network provider* and based on the recognized amount as defined in applicable law.

# DEFINITIONS

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

Wherever used in this *contract*:

**Acute rehabilitation** is *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 *covered person* is confined as an *inpatient* in a *hospital, rehabilitation facility, or extended care facility*.

**Adult member** means a *member* who is 18 years of age or older.

**Advanced premium tax credit** means the tax credit provided by the Affordable Care Act to help you afford health coverage purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Advance premium tax credits can be used right away to lower your monthly premium costs. If you qualify, you may choose how much advance premium tax credit to apply to your premiums each month, up to a maximum amount. If the amount of advance premium tax credits you receive for the year is less than the total tax credit you are due, you will get the difference as a refundable credit when you file your federal income tax return. If your advance premium tax credits for the year are more than the total amount of your premium tax credit, you must repay the excess advance premium tax credit with your tax return.

**Adverse benefit determination** means a decision by us which results in:

1. A denial of a request for service.
2. A denial, reduction, or failure to provide or make payment in whole or in part for a *covered service*.
3. 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.
4. A determination that a service is *experimental, investigational, cosmetic treatment, not medically necessary* or inappropriate.
5. A denial of coverage based upon an eligibility determination.
6. A determination that *balance billing* protections do not apply to a service.
7. An incorrectly calculated amount of *cost sharing* a member owes when *balance billing* protections apply.
8. A *rescission* of coverage determination as described in the General Provisions section of this policy.
9. 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 service*.

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

**Allowed amount** (also see **Eligible expense**) is 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. This amount excludes agreed to amounts between the provider and us as a

result of Federal or State Arbitration. In the event a provider exercises their right to arbitration to come to an agreement on the amount to be paid, the *member cost share* will be calculated on the original *allowed amount*.

**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. However, you will not be responsible for *balance billing* for non-*network* care that is subject to *balance billing* protections and otherwise covered under your *contract*. See *Balance billing*, *Balance billing* protections, and *non-network provider* definitions for additional information. If you are balanced billed in these situations, please contact Member Services immediately at the number listed on the back of your member identification card.

**Ambetter-designated Telehealth Provider** means the vendor selected by Ambetter to contract with providers to render *telehealth services*, including *Virtual Primary Care* and *Virtual 24/7 Care* benefits, to *members*. All services provided through the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider* shall be deemed independent from Ambetter to ensure that a *member's* care and treatment plan are rendered via a practicing *physician*, or other medical professional with appropriate licensure.

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**Ambetter Virtual Access** means a product that offers *telehealth services* through *Virtual Primary Care* and *Virtual 24/7 Care*.

**Appeal** means a *grievance* requesting the insurer to reconsider, reverse, or otherwise modify an *adverse benefit determination, service, or claim*.

**Applied behavior analysis (ABA)** is 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.

**Acquired brain injury** means a neurological insult to the brain, which is not hereditary, congenital or degenerative. The *injury* to the brain has occurred after birth and results in a change in neuronal activity, which results in an impairment of physical functioning, sensory processing, cognition or psychosocial behavior.

**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*. *Authorizations* are not a guarantee of payment.

**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:

1. 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*.
2. A person *authorized* by law to provide substituted consent for a covered individual; or

3. A family *member* or a treating health care professional, but only when the *covered person* is unable to provide consent.

**Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)** means a neurological and developmental disorder that begins early in childhood and lasts throughout a person's life. It is a condition related to brain development that impacts how a person perceives and socializes with others, causing problems in social interaction and communication. It may include intellectual impairment but not always. The disorder may include problems with the ability to recognize or share interests or emotional experiences, problems expressing or understanding verbal or non-verbal communication, and/or developing or maintaining relationships. Repetitive patterns of behavior or an inability to tolerate change is often seen.

**Balance billing** means a *non-network provider* billing you for the difference between the *provider's* charge for a service and the *eligible expense*. *Network providers* may not balance bill you for *covered service expenses* beyond your applicable *cost sharing* amounts. If you are ever balance billed by a *network provider*, contact Member Services immediately at the number listed on the back of your *member* identification card.

**Balance billing protections** means the protections against *balance billing* under the federal No Surprises Act or Florida law. These protections apply to *covered services* that are:

1. Emergency services provided to a member, as well as services provided after the member is stabilized unless the member gave *notice and consent* to be balance billed for the post-stabilization services.
2. Non-emergency health care services provided to a member at a *network hospital* or at a *network* ambulatory surgical center unless if member gave *notice and consent* pursuant to the federal No Surprises Act to be balance billed by the *non-network provider*; or
3. Air ambulance services provided to a member by a *non-network provider*.

You will only be responsible for paying your member cost share for these services, which is calculated as if you had received the services from a *network provider* and is based on the recognized amount as defined in applicable law. If you are balance billed for any of the above services, contact Member Services immediately at the number listed on the back of your member identification card.

**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** is the amount a *provider* charges for a service.

**Calendar year** is the period beginning on the initial *effective date* of this *contract* and ending December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year. For each following year it is the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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 physician*.

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



1. Specializes in a specific type or types of *medically necessary* transplants or other medical services 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*.

**Chiropractic care** means the involvement of 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 amount** means the percentage of *covered service expenses* that you are required to pay when you receive a *covered service*, after your *deductible* has been met, if applicable. *Coinsurance* amounts are listed in your *Schedule of Benefits*. Not all *covered services* have *coinsurance*.

**Complaint** means any expression of dissatisfaction expressed to the insurer by the claimant, or a claimant's *authorized representative*, about an insurer or its *providers* with whom the insurer has a direct or indirect *contract*.

**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, *provider* 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*; or
2. An *emergency cesarean section* or a *non-elective cesarean section*.

**Continuing care patient** means an individual who, with respect to a provider or facility, is (i) undergoing a treatment for a *serious and complex condition* from that provider or facility; (ii) is undergoing a course of institutional or *inpatient* care from that provider or facility; (iii) is scheduled to undergo non-elective *surgery* from that provider, including postoperative care; (iv) is pregnant and undergoing a course of treatment for the *pregnancy*; or (v) is or was determined to be *terminally ill* and is receiving treatment for such *illness*.

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

**Copayment, Copay, or Copayment amount** means the specific dollar amount that you must pay when you receive *covered services*. *Copayment amounts* are shown in your *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 your *schedule of benefits*. When you receive *covered services* from a *non-network provider* in a *network facility*, or when you receive *covered emergency services* or *air ambulance services*, from *non-network providers*, *cost sharing* may be based on an amount different from the *allowed amount*.

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

**Cost sharing reductions** help reduce the amount you have to pay in deductibles, *copayments*, and coinsurance. To qualify for *cost sharing reductions*, an eligible individual must enroll in a silver level plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. *Members* of a federally recognized American Indian tribe and/or an Alaska Native may qualify for additional *cost sharing reductions*.

**Covered service** 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** is 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, educational care or recreational care.

**Deductible amount** or **Deductible** 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 your *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 their *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 the primary subscriber's lawful spouse, domestic partner or an eligible child. Each *dependent member* must either be named in the enrollment application, or we must agree in writing to add them as a *dependent member*.

**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 stepchild
3. A legally adopted child.
4. A foster child placed in your custody.
5. A child placed with you for adoption; or
6. A child for whom legal guardianship has been awarded to you or your *spouse* or domestic partner.

It is your responsibility to notify the entity with which you enrolled (either the Health Insurance Marketplace or us) 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*.

**Eligible 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 expense* is the contracted fee with that provider.
2. For *non-network providers*, unless otherwise required by Federal or Florida law, the *eligible expense* is as follows:
  - a. When *balance billing protections* apply to covered *emergency services and care* that are received from a *non-network* hospital, the *eligible expense* is the lesser of: (1) the provider's 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 the health maintenance organization and the provider within 60 days of the submittal of the claim.
  - b. When a covered *post-stabilization service* is received from a *non-network provider*, the *eligible expense* is reimbursement as determined by us and as required by applicable law. Unless there is *notice and consent* to waive *balance billing protections*, you should not be balance billed for the difference between the amount we pay and the provider's charges, but you may be subject to *cost sharing* obligations. If you are balance billed in these situations, please contact *Member Services* immediately at the number listed on the back of your *member* identification card.
  - c. When a covered *emergency service* is received from a *non-network provider* outside of Florida or at a provider in Florida other than a hospital, the *eligible expense* is the negotiated fee, if any, that has been mutually agreed upon by us and the provider as payment in full. If the provider has not agreed to accept a negotiated fee with us as payment in full, the eligible service expense is reimbursement as determined by us and as required by applicable law. *Member* cost share will be calculated from the recognized

amount based upon federal law. You should not be balance billed for the difference between the amount we pay and the provider's charges, but you may be subject to *cost sharing* obligations. If you are balance billed in these situations, please contact *Member Services* immediately at the number listed on the back of your *member* identification card.

- d. When a *covered service* is received from a *non-network* professional provider who renders *non-emergency services* at a *network* facility, the *eligible expense* is the negotiated fee, if any, that has been mutually agreed upon by us and the provider as payment in full. If the provider has not agreed to accept a negotiated fee with us as payment in full, the eligible service expense is reimbursement as determined by us and as required by applicable law. Unless there is *notice and consent* to waive *balance billing protections*, you will not be balance billed for the difference between the amount we pay and the provider's charges, but you may be subject to *cost sharing* obligations. If you are balance billed in these situations, please contact *Member Services* immediately at the number listed on the back of your *member* identification card.
- e. For all other *covered services* received from a *non-network provider* for which any needed authorization is received by us, the *eligible 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 expense* is the greatest of the following: (1) the amount that would be paid under Medicare for the *covered service*; (2) the amount for the *covered service* calculated using the same method we generally use to determine payments for *non-network providers*; or (3) the contracted amount paid to *network providers* for the *covered service* (if there is more than one contracted amount with *network providers* for the *covered service*, the amount is the median of these amounts). In addition to applicable *cost sharing*, you may be balance billed for these services.

***Emergency condition*** means a medical condition, a behavioral health condition, or a *substance use disorder* 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 health of the member (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy.
2. Serious impairment to bodily functions.
3. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

***Emergency services*** means covered services needed to evaluate and stabilize an *emergency condition*. This includes a medical screening examination in a hospital emergency department or independent freestanding emergency department to evaluate the emergency condition, as well as services needed to stabilize the *emergency condition*. Services to stabilize an *emergency condition* can be provided in any department of a hospital.

Follow-up care is not considered emergency care. Benefits are provided for *emergency services* without *prior authorization*. Benefits for *emergency services* include facility costs and physician services and supplies and prescription drugs charged by that facility. If you are admitted to a hospital as a result of an emergency condition, you must notify us or verify that your physician has notified us of your admission 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 *contract*. If your provider does not contract with us, you may be financially responsible for any care we determine is not a covered service because it is not medically necessary. Care and treatment provided once you are stabilized is no longer considered emergency services under your *contract*. Continuation of care beyond what is needed to evaluate or stabilize your condition in an emergency will not be a covered service unless we authorize the continuation of care, and it is medically necessary.

**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*.

Benefits are provided for treatment of *emergency conditions* and *emergency* screening and *post-stabilization services* without *prior authorization*. Benefits for *emergency services* include facility costs and *physician* services and supplies and *prescription drugs* charged by that facility. If you are admitted to a *hospital* as a result of an *emergency condition*, 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 may be financially responsible for any care we determine is not a *covered service* because it is not *medically necessary*. Care and treatment provided once you are no longer receiving *post-stabilization services* is not considered *emergency services* under your *contract*. Continuation of care beyond *emergency services* and *post-stabilization services* will not be a *covered service* unless we *authorize* the continuation of care, and it is *medically necessary*.

**Enhanced Direct Enrollment (EDE)** means an Ambetter tool that allows you to apply for coverage, renew and report life changes entirely on our website without being redirected to the Health Insurance Marketplace (Healthcare.gov). If you have utilized [enroll.ambetterhealth.com](https://enroll.ambetterhealth.com) to apply or renew, a consumer dashboard has been created for you. You can log into your consumer dashboard at [Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](https://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com).

**Expedited grievance** 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 *provider* 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 *provider* with knowledge of the claimant's medical condition determines that the *grievance* shall be treated as an *expedited grievance*.

**Experimental or investigational** 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 any of the following.

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 an 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 peer-reviewed medical publications; or
    - iii. Not an *unproven service*; or
  - 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, 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 *provider* 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 *provider*; and
6. Provides each patient with active treatment of an *illness* or *injury*, in accordance with existing standards of medical practice for that condition.

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

**External Independent Review** means an external third-party binding review by an Independent Review Organization (IRO) after the plan's internal *grievance/appeal* process has been exhausted, as applicable, and defined by the state regulations for all medical necessity denials. The request may be concurrent in the case of expedited *appeals*.

**Formulary** means *our* list of covered drugs available on *our* website at [Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](http://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com) or by calling *Member Services*.

1. Generic drug is a drug that is the pharmaceutical equivalent to one or more brand name drugs. Such generic drugs have been approved by the FDA as meeting the same standards of safety, purity, strength, and effectiveness as the brand name drug. Generic drugs will be dispensed whenever available.



2. Brand drug is a *prescription drug* that has been patented and is only available through one manufacturer. Preferred Brand drugs will be dispensed if there is not a generic. Brand drugs are also often preferred because they are safer or more successful in producing a desired or intended result.
3. Non-Preferred drug is a *prescription drug* covered under a higher cost share. This tier of drug contains both *formulary* brand name and generic drugs. These drugs require higher *copay* because other alternatives may be available in the lower tiers or there may be other generic equivalents available.
4. Specialty drugs are typically high-cost drugs, including but not limited to the oral, topical, inhaled, inserted or implanted, and injected routes of administration. Included characteristics of Specialty drugs are drugs that are used to treat and diagnose rare or complex diseases, require close clinical monitoring and management, frequently require special handling, and may have limited access or distribution. Specialty drugs are often also drugs that require special handling, or special or enhanced patient administration and oversight.

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

If no credible scientific evidence is available, then standards that are based on *provider* 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 *provider* 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 any dissatisfaction with an insurer offering a health benefit plan or administration of a health benefit plan by the insurer that is expressed in writing in any form to the insurer by, or on behalf of, a claimant including any of the following:

1. Provision of services.
2. Determination to rescind a *contract*.
3. Determination of a diagnosis or level of service required for evidence-based treatment of *autism spectrum disorders*.
4. Claims practices.

**Habilitation** or **habilitation services/therapy** means health care services that help a patient keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. These services may be performed in an inpatient or outpatient setting and include physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

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

**Hearing instrument dispenser** means a person who is a *hearing care professional* that engages in the selling, practice of fitting, selecting, recommending, dispensing, or servicing of *hearing instruments* or the testing for means of *hearing instrument* selection or who advertises or displays a sign or represents himself or herself as a person who practices the testing, fitting, selecting, servicing, dispensing, or selling of *hearing instruments*.



**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 *provider*.

**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 *provider*, in accordance with existing 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 diagnosed with a terminal condition and are in a *hospice* inpatient program or in a home setting, as certified by a *network* physician.

**Hospice care program** means a coordinated, interdisciplinary program prescribed and supervised by a *physician* to meet the special physical, psychological, and social needs of a *terminally ill member* and those of his or her *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 *providers* 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 from the emergency room in a short-term observation status, a *member* will be deemed not to be confined in a *hospital* for purposes of this *contract*.

**Individual coverage health reimbursement arrangement (ICHRA)** means type of health reimbursement arrangement in which employers of any size can reimburse employees for some or all of the premiums that the employees pay for health insurance that they purchase on their own.

**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*, domestic partner, *eligible child*, or siblings of a *member*, 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 a medical condition or behavioral health 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 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, or other specified predetermined criteria.

**Manipulative therapy** means treatment applied to the spine or joint structures to correct vertebral or joint malposition and to eliminate or alleviate somatic dysfunction including, but not limited to, manipulation, myofascial release, or soft tissue mobilization. Treatment must demonstrate pain relief and continued improvement in range of motion and function and cannot be performed for maintenance care only. *Manipulative therapy* is not limited to treatment by manual means.

**Maximum out-of-pocket amount** means the maximum amount a member must pay towards covered services in the form of *cost sharing* in a given plan year. A *member's deductible amount*, *prescription drug deductible amount* (if applicable), *copayment amounts*, and coinsurance amounts all contribute towards the maximum out-of-pocket amount. The individual and family maximum out-of-pocket amounts are shown in your *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 a *provider*, nurse anesthetist, *provider's* assistant, nurse practitioner, physical therapist, or midwife. The following are examples of *providers* that are NOT *medical practitioners*, by definition of the *contract*: acupuncturist, speech therapist, occupational therapist, rolfar, registered nurse, hypnotist, respiratory therapist, X-ray technician, *emergency* medical technician, social worker, family counselor, marriage counselor, child counselor, naturopath, perfusionist, massage therapist or sociologist. With regard to medical services provided to a *member*, a *medical 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.

**Medically necessary** means our decision as to whether any medical service, item, supply or treatment *authorized* by a *provider* 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. Is not solely for the convenience of the *provider* or the *member*.
5. Is not *experimental or investigational*.
6. Is provided in the most cost-effective care facility or setting.

7. 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
8. 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.

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

**Member** means an individual covered by the health plan including an enrollee, *subscriber* or *contract holder*. A *member* must either be named in the enrollment application, or we must agree in writing to add them as a *dependent member*.

**Mental health disorder** means a condition that causes disturbance in behavior, emotion and cognition. These disorders can vary in impact, ranging from no impairment to mild, moderate or severe impairment. Depending on the severity, they may be accompanied by significant distress that affects an individual's work, school and social relationships. *Mental health disorder* benefits are defined as benefits for items or services for mental health conditions listed in ICD-10 Chapter 5 (F), except for subchapter 1 (F01-09) and subchapter 8 (F70-79).

**Minimum essential coverage** means any health insurance plan that meets the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirement(s) for health insurance coverage. Examples include, job-based plans, Health Insurance Marketplace ("Marketplace") plans, most individual plans sold outside of the Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP), TRICARE, COBRA and plans sold through the Small Business Health Insurance Program (SHOP) Marketplace.

**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 *providers* or facilities (including, but not limited to *hospitals*, *inpatient* mental healthcare facilities, medical clinics, behavioral health clinics, acupuncturists, chiropractors, massage therapists, nurse practitioners, addiction medicine practitioners, etc.) who have contracts with us, or our contractor or subcontractor, and have agreed to provide healthcare services to our *members* for an agreed upon fee. *Members* will receive most if not all of their healthcare services by accessing the *network*.

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

**Network provider(s)** means any licensed person or entity that has entered into a *contract* directly, or indirectly, with *Ambetter Virtual Access* to provide *covered services* to *members* enrolled under this *contract* including but not limited to, *hospitals*, *specialty hospitals*, *urgent care centers*, *physicians*, pharmacies, laboratories, and other health professionals within our *service area*.

**Non-network provider** means a *medical practitioner*, *provider facility* or other provider who is NOT a

*network provider*. Services received from a *non-network provider* are not covered, except for:

1. Emergency services, as described in the Major Medical Expense Benefits section of this contract.
2. Non-emergency health care services received at a *network* facility, as described in the Access to Care section of this contract.
3. Air ambulance services; and
4. Situations otherwise specifically described in this contract.

**Notice and consent** means the conditions that must be met in order for a *member* to waive *balance billing protections* as permitted by the federal No Surprises Act. *Notice and consent* occurs only when each of the following conditions is met:

1. The *non-network provider* provides the *member* a written notice in the format required by applicable law that states the provider is a *non-network provider*, includes a good-faith estimate of the *non-network provider's* charges for the services, identifies any *prior authorization* or other limitations that may be required in advance of receiving the services, and clearly states that consent is optional and the *member* may seek care from a *network provider*.
2. The *non-network provider* provides the notice described above to the *member* at least 72 hours before the services are furnished, except that for services scheduled within 72 hours, the notice must be provided at least three hours before the services are furnished.
3. The *member* provides written consent to be treated by the *non-network provider* that includes the following:
  - a. The *member's* acknowledgement that they have been provided written notice as described above and informed that payment of the *non-network provider's billed amount* may not accrue toward the *member's* deductible or maximum out-of-pocket amount.
  - b. The *member's* statement that by signing the consent, they agree to be treated by the *non-network provider* and understand they may be balance billed and subject to *cost sharing* that applies to *non-network providers*; and
  - c. The time and date on which the *member* received the written notice and signed the consent to receive services from the *non-network provider*.
4. The *member's* consent is provided voluntarily, obtained by the *non-network provider* in the format required by applicable law, and not revoked by the *member* before the services are provided.
5. The *non-network provider* provides the *member* the notice document and the consent document together, but physically separate from other documents.
6. The *non-network provider* provides the *member* a copy of the signed written *notice and consent* through email or mail.

*Notice and consent* will not waive *balance billing protections* for emergency services, air ambulance services, services furnished due to unforeseen and urgent medical needs, services provided by a *non-network provider* when there is no *network provider* available at the facility or ancillary services (which are services related to emergency medicine, anesthesiology, pathology, radiology and neonatology; diagnostic services such as radiology and laboratory services; and services provided by non-*physician* practitioners, assistant surgeons, hospitalists, and intensivists). *Notice and consent* will waive *balance billing protections* for *post-stabilization services* only if all the following additional conditions are met:

1. The attending emergency *physician* or treating provider determines the *member* is able to travel using nonmedical transportation or nonemergency medical transportation to an available *network provider* or facility located within a reasonable travel distance, taking into consideration the *member's* medical condition.



2. The *member* (or the *member's authorized representative*) is in a condition to provide *notice and consent* as determined by the attending *physician* or treating provider using appropriate medical judgment.

The *non-network provider* satisfies any additional requirements or prohibitions as may be imposed under applicable state law.

**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, 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** means both 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 *provider* or other professional.

**Outpatient surgical facility** means any facility with a medical staff of *providers* 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.

**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 healthcare 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 *illness* and is required to be covered by state law. A *physician* or *provider* 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-stabilization services** means services furnished after a *member's emergency condition* is stabilized and as part of outpatient observation or *inpatient* or *outpatient services* with respect to the visit in which other *emergency services* are furnished.

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

**Practice of fitting, dispensing, servicing, or sale of hearing** instruments means the



measurement of human hearing with an audiometer, calibrated to the current American National Standard Institute standards, for the purpose of making selections, recommendations, adoptions, services, or sales of hearing instruments including the making of ear molds as a part of the hearing instrument.

**Preferred laboratory provider** means a laboratory provider who is part of a subset of all contracted laboratory providers that provide laboratory services to *members*. Our *preferred laboratory providers* are national vendors who provide laboratory services. A list of our *preferred laboratory providers* can be found using the Ambetter Guide and are indicated by a preferred cost share label.

**Pre-service claim** means any claim for benefits for medical care or treatment that has not yet been provided and requires the *approval* by us in advance of the claimant 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 your *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 expenses*.

**Prescription order** means the request for each separate drug or medication by a *provider* or each *authorized* refill or such requests.

**Primary care physician (PCP)** means a *medical practitioner* 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 us. For *adult members*, your *Virtual Primary Care provider* will be your *PCP* and will be responsible for coordinating all covered health services and making *referrals* for services to other *network providers*. However, if a *member* chooses a traditional (in-person) *network PCP*, that *PCP* will be responsible for coordinating all covered services and making *referrals* for services to other *network providers*.

**Prior authorization** means a decision to approve specialty or other *medically necessary* care for a *member* by the *member's PCP* 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.

**Provider facility** means a *hospital, rehabilitation facility, skilled nursing facility, or other healthcare facility.*

**Qualified health plan** or **QHP** means a health plan that has in effect a certification that it meets the standards described in subpart C of part 156 issued or recognized by each Health Insurance Marketplace through which such plan is offered in accordance with the process described in subpart K of part 155.

**Qualified individual** means, with respect to a Health Insurance Marketplace, an individual who has been determined eligible to enroll through the Health Insurance Marketplace in a *qualified health plan* in the individual market.

**Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement** allows small employers who don't offer group health insurance benefits to reimburse employees – tax-free – for some or all of the premiums they pay for coverage purchased in the individual market, on or off-exchange. The QSEHRA can also be used to reimburse employees for out-of-pocket medical expenses.

**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.

**Referral** means a formal recommendation made by your PCP to see a *network* specialist or other provider for additional health care services deemed *medically necessary*. A *referral* is required prior to most non-emergent visits with a practitioner outside of your PCP. Consult your PCP or contact *Member Services* to see which services do not require a referral. Failure to obtain a *referral* will result in denial of benefit coverage.

**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, cardiac 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 *provider, 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 therapy to help a person regain abilities that have been lost or impaired as a result of disease, *injury* or treatment. It is provided to optimize functioning and reduce disability in individuals. Types of *rehabilitation therapy* include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, cardiac therapy and respiratory therapy. It may occur in either an outpatient or *inpatient* setting.

**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 amounts, copayment amounts, coinsurance amounts*, maximums and other limits that apply when you receive *covered services*.

**Self-injectable drugs** mean *prescription drugs* that are delivered into a muscle or under the skin with a syringe and needle. Although medical supervision or instruction may be needed in the beginning, the patient or caregiver can administer *self-injectable drugs* safely and effectively.

**Serious and complex condition** means, in the case of an acute *illness*, a condition that is serious enough to require specialized medical treatment to avoid the reasonable possibility of death or permanent harm; or, in the case of a chronic *illness* or condition, a condition that is life-threatening, degenerative, potentially disabling, or congenital; and requires specialized medical care over a prolonged period of time.

**Service area** means a geographical area, made up of counties, where we have been authorized by the State of Florida to sell and market our health plans. This is where most *network providers* are located where you will receive all of your health care services and supplies. You can receive precise *service area* boundaries from our website or *Member Services*.

**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 physician** 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.

**Stabilize** means, with respect to a *member* who has not experienced an emergency condition, that the *member* is no longer experiencing further deterioration as a result of a prior *illness* or *injury* 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*. Stabilize, with respect to a *member* who has experienced an emergency condition, means to provide medical treatment of the condition as necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability, that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer\* of the *member* to another facility or discharge of the *member* (\*See Ambulance Services Benefits provision under the Major Medical Expense Benefit section).

**Step-therapy protocol** means a written protocol that specifies the order in which certain *prescription drugs*, medical procedures, or courses of treatment must be used to treat a *member's* condition.

**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*.

**Subscriber** means the primary individual who applied for this insurance policy.

**Substance use or substance use disorder** means a disorder that affects a person's brain and behavior, leading to an inability to control his/her use of substances (e.g., alcohol, medications and legal or illegal drugs). Symptoms can range from moderate to severe, with addiction being the most severe form of a *substance use disorder*. *Substance use disorder* benefits are defined as benefits for items or services for *substance use disorder* conditions listed in ICD 10 Chapter 5 (F), except for subchapter 1 (F01-09) and subchapter 8 (F70-79).

**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 *provider* while the *member* is under general or local anesthesia.

**Surrogate 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*.

**Surrogate** means an individual carrier 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.

**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 *provider* 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 use *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)** is 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 that 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 care center** means a facility, not including a *hospital emergency* room or a *provider's* office, that provides treatment or services that are required:

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

**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.

**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, *prior authorization*, second opinion, certification, concurrent review, *Care management*, discharge planning, or retrospective review.

**Virtual 24/7 Care** means a *telehealth services* benefit for virtual urgent care and virtual behavioral health provided to members through the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider*. *Virtual 24/7 Care* services can be accessed through the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider's* website.

**Virtual Primary Care** means a *telehealth services* benefit for virtual primary care provided to members aged 18 and over through the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider*. *Virtual Primary Care* services can be accessed through the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider's* website.



# 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*.
2. The date of an eligible newborn's birth; or
3. The date that an adopted child is placed with the *member* for the purposes of adoption, or the *member* assumes total or partial financial support of the child.
4. The date of marriage to add a spouse.
5. The date a foster child is placed in your custody; or
6. The date a domestic partnership is established, pursuant to state law.

## Effective Date for Initial Dependent Members

Only *dependent members* included in the initial enrollment application for this *contract* will be covered on your *effective date*.

## Coverage for a Newborn Child

An *eligible child* born to you, or a covered family *member* 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 your *Schedule of Benefits*.

Additional premium will be required to continue coverage beyond the 31st day after the date of birth. The required premium will be calculated from the child's date of birth. If notice of the newborn is given to us by the Health Insurance Marketplace within the 31 days from birth, an additional premium for coverage of the newborn child will be charged for not less than 31 days after the birth of the child. If notice is not given within the 31 days from birth, we will charge an additional premium from the date of birth. If notice is given by the Health Insurance Marketplace within 60 days of the birth of the child, the *contract* may not deny coverage of the child due to failure to notify us of the birth of the child or to pre-enroll the child. Coverage of the child will terminate on the 31st day after its birth, unless we have received notice by the entity that you have enrolled (either the Health Insurance Marketplace or us).

## Coverage for an Adopted Child

An *eligible child* legally placed for adoption with you, or your *spouse* will be covered from the date of *placement* until the 31st day after *placement*, unless the *placement* is disrupted prior to legal adoption and the child is removed from your or your *spouse's* custody.

The child will be covered for *loss* due to *injury* and *illness*, including *medically necessary* care and treatment of conditions existing prior to the date of *placement*.

Additional premium will be required to continue coverage beyond the 31st day following *placement* of the child and we have received notification from the Health Insurance Marketplace. 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 from the Health Insurance Marketplace 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 are enrolled in an on-exchange policy and apply in writing or directly at marketplace to add a dependent and you pay the required premiums, we will send you written confirmation of the added dependent's *effective date* of coverage and *member* identification cards for the added *Dependent member*.

## **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 services* related to the *inpatient* coverage after your *effective date*. Ambetter coverage requires you notify Ambetter within two calendar days of your *effective date* so we can review and authorize *medically necessary* services. If services are at a non-contracted *hospital*, claims will be paid at the Ambetter allowable, and you may be billed for any balance of costs above the Ambetter allowable.

# 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*.
2. The date the *member* has performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud or made an intentional misrepresentation of a material.
3. The date of termination that the Health Insurance Marketplace provides us upon your request of cancellation to the Health Insurance Marketplace, or if you enrolled directly with us, the date we receive a request from you to terminate this contract, or any later date stated in your request.
4. The date we decline to renew this *contract*, as stated in the Discontinuance provision.
5. The date of a *covered person's* death; or
6. The date a *covered person's* eligibility for insurance under this *contract* ceases due to losing *network* access as the result of a permanent move.
7. The subscriber residing outside the *service area* or moving permanently outside the *service area* of this plan.

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 the Health Insurance Marketplace at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) or 1-800-318-2596. If you enrolled through Ambetter, please contact *Member Services*.

## Dependent Members

Whether you are enrolled through the Health Insurance Marketplace and you have material modifications (examples include a change in life event such as marriage, death, or other change in family status), you can access your consumer dashboard at [enroll.ambetterhealth.com](https://enroll.ambetterhealth.com) to process these changes.

## Open Enrollment

There will be an open enrollment period for coverage on the Health Insurance Marketplace. The open enrollment period begins November 1, 2023, and extends through January 15, 2024. *Qualified individuals* who enroll on or prior to December 15, 2023, will have an *effective date* of coverage on January 1, 2024.

The Health Insurance Marketplace may provide a coverage *effective date* for a *qualified individual* earlier than specified in the paragraphs above, provided that either:

1. The *qualified individual* has not been determined eligible for *advanced premium tax credits* or *cost-sharing reductions*; or
2. The *qualified individual* pays the entire premium for the first partial month of coverage as well as all *cost sharing*, thereby waiving the benefit of advance payments of the premium tax credit and *cost-sharing reduction* payments until the first of the next month. We will send written annual open enrollment notification to each *member* no earlier than September 1st, and no later than September 30th.

## Special Enrollment Periods

In general, a *qualified individual* has 60 calendar days to report certain life changes, known as “qualifying events,” to the Health Insurance Marketplace or by using Ambetter’s *Enhanced Direct Enrollment* tool. If a qualified individual loses Medicaid or CHIP coverage that is considered minimum essential coverage, they have up to 90 days after the loss of minimum essential coverage to enroll in a Marketplace plan. *Qualified Individuals* may be granted a Special Enrollment Period where they may enroll in or change to a different Marketplace plan during the current plan year if they have a qualifying event. Qualifying events include:

1. A *qualified individual* or *dependent* experiences a *loss of 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 calendar days during the 60 calendar days preceding the date of marriage.
3. A *qualified individual* or *dependent*, who was not previously a citizen, national, or lawfully present individual gains such status; or who is no longer incarcerated or whose incarceration is pending the disposition of charges.
4. A *qualified individual’s* enrollment or non-enrollment in a plan is unintentional, inadvertent, or erroneous and is the result of the error, misrepresentation, or inaction of an officer, employee, or its instrumentalities as evaluated and are determined by the Health Insurance Marketplace.
5. An enrollee or *dependent* adequately demonstrates to the Health Insurance Marketplace that the plan in which he or she is enrolled substantially violated a material provision of its *contract* in relation to the enrollee.
6. A *qualified individual*, enrollee, or *dependent*, adequately demonstrates to the Health Insurance Marketplace that a material error related to plan benefits, *service area*, or premium influenced the *qualified individual’s* or enrollee’s decision to purchase the *QHP*.
7. An enrollee or *dependent* enrolled in the same plan is determined newly eligible or newly ineligible for *advanced premium tax credits* or has a change in *eligibility* for *cost-sharing reductions*.
8. A *qualified individual* or *dependent* who is enrolled in an eligible employer-sponsored plan is determined newly eligible for *advanced premium tax credits* based in part on a finding that such individual is ineligible for qualifying coverage in an eligible-employer sponsored plan in accordance with 26 CFR §1.36B-2(c)(3).
9. A *qualified individual*, enrollee, or *dependent* gains access to new *QHPs* as a result of a permanent move, and had *minimum essential coverage* as described in 26 CFR 1.5000A–1(b) for one or more calendar days during the 60 calendar days preceding the date of the permanent move.
10. A *qualified individual* or *dependent* who gains or maintains status as an Indian, as defined by section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, may enroll in a plan or change from one plan to another one time per month.
11. A *qualified individual* or enrollee demonstrates to the Health Insurance Marketplace, in accordance with guidelines issued by Health and Human Services (HHS), that the individual meets other exceptional circumstances as the Health Insurance Marketplace may provide.
12. A *qualified individual*, enrollee, or *dependent* is a victim of domestic abuse or spousal abandonment as defined by 26 CFR 1.36B–2, and would like to enroll in coverage

separate from the perpetrator of the abuse or abandonment.

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 calendar days after the qualifying event; or applies for coverage at the State Medicaid or CHIP agency during the annual open enrollment period, and is determined ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP after open enrollment has ended;
14. A *qualified individual* newly gains access to an employer sponsored *Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement (ICHRA)* (as defined in 45 CFR 146.123(b)) or a *Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement (QSHRA)* (as defined in section 9831(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code).
15. At the option of the Health Insurance Marketplace, a *qualified individual* provides satisfactory documentary evidence to verify his or her eligibility for an insurance affordability program or enrollment in a plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace following termination of enrollment due to a failure to verify such status within the time period specified in 45 C.F.R. § 155.315 or is under 100 percent of the federal poverty level and did not enroll in coverage while waiting for Health and Human Services (HHS) to verify his or her citizenship, status as a national, or lawful presence; or
16. A *qualified individual* or *dependent* is enrolled in COBRA continuation coverage for which an employer is paying all or part of the premiums, or for which a government entity is providing subsidies, and the employer completely ceases its contributions or government subsidies completely cease.

To determine if you are eligible and apply for a Special Enrollment Period, *please visit Healthcare.gov and search for "special enrollment period."* The Health Insurance Marketplace is responsible for all healthcare eligibility and enrollment decisions for *members* who enrolled via the Marketplace.

If you are currently enrolled in Ambetter from Sunshine Health, please contact *Member Services* with any questions related to your health insurance coverage.

## Coverage Effective Dates for Special Enrollment Periods

**Regular effective dates.** Except as specified below, coverage will be effective on the first of the month following plan selection.

**Special effective dates.** In the case of birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care, coverage is effective for a *qualified individual* or enrollee on the date of birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placement in foster care. In the case of marriage, or in the case where a *qualified individual* experiences a *loss of minimum essential coverage*, coverage is effective on the first day of the following month.

In the case of erroneous enrollment, *contract* violation, or exceptional circumstances, coverage is effective on an appropriate date based on the circumstances of the special enrollment period, in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. Such date must be either (i) the date of the event that triggered the special enrollment period or (ii) in accordance with the regular *effective dates*.

If a *qualified individual*, enrollee, or *dependent* loses coverage, gains access to a new *QHP*, becomes newly eligible for enrollment in a *QHP*, becomes newly eligible for advance payments of the premium tax credit in conjunction with a permanent move, or is enrolled in COBRA



continuation coverage and employer contributions to or government subsidies completely cease, and if the plan selection is made on or before the day of the triggering event the Health Insurance Marketplace must ensure that the coverage *effective date* is the first day of the month following the date of the triggering event. If the plan selection is made after the date of the triggering event, coverage is effective on the first day of the following month.

If a *qualified individual*, enrollee, or *dependent* newly gains access to an ICHRA or is newly provided a QSEHRA, and if the plan selection is made before the day of the triggering event, coverage is effective on the first day of the month following the date of the triggering event or, if the triggering event is on the first day of a month, on the date of the triggering event. If the plan selection is made on or after the day of the triggering event, coverage is effective on the first day of the month following plan selection.

If a *qualified individual*, enrollee, or *dependent* did not receive timely notice of an event that triggers eligibility for a special enrollment period, and otherwise was reasonably unaware that a qualifying event occurred, the Health Insurance Marketplace must allow the *qualified individual*, enrollee, or *dependent* to select a new plan within 60 calendar days of the date that he or she knew, or reasonably should have known, of the occurrence of the triggering event. And at the option of a *qualified individual*, enrollee or *dependent*, the Health Insurance Marketplace must provide the earliest effective that would have been available, based on the applicable qualifying event.

## **Prior Coverage**

If an enrollee 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 enrollee until the enrollee is discharged from the *hospital* or benefits under the prior coverage are exhausted, whichever is earlier. "Discharge" means a formal release of an enrollee from an *inpatient hospital* stay when the need for continued care at an *inpatient hospital* has concluded. Transfers from one *inpatient hospital* to another shall not be considered a discharge.

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 calendar days of your *effective date* so we can review and *authorize medically necessary* services. If services are at a non-contracted *hospital*, claims will be paid at the Ambetter allowable and you may be billed for any balance of costs above the Ambetter allowable.



# PREMIUMS

## Premium Payment

Each premium is to be paid to us 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

When a *member* is receiving a premium subsidy:

After the first premium is paid, a grace period of three months from the premium due date is given for the payment of premium. Coverage will remain in force during the grace period. If full payment of premium is not received within the grace period, coverage will be terminated as of the last day of the first month during the grace period, if *advanced premium tax credits* are received.

We will continue to pay all appropriate claims for *covered services* rendered to the *member* during the first month of the grace period and may pend claims for *covered services* rendered to the *member* in the second and third month of the grace period. We will notify Health and Human Services (HHS) of the non-payment of premiums, the *member*, as well as providers, of the possibility of denied claims when the *member* is in the second and third month of the grace period. We will continue to collect *advanced premium tax credits* on behalf of the *member* from the Department of the Treasury and will return the *advanced premium tax credits* on behalf of the *member* for the second and third month of the grace period if the *member* exhausts their grace period as described above. A *member* is not eligible to re-enroll once terminated, unless a *member* has a special enrollment circumstance, such as a marriage or birth in the family or during annual open enrollment periods.

When a *member* is not receiving a premium subsidy:

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 30- 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; however, claims may pend for *covered services* rendered to the *member* during the grace period. We will notify Health and Human Services (HHS), as necessary, of the non-payment of premiums, 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 policyholder to pay his or her premiums and this is communicated on your monthly billing statements. Ambetter payment policies were developed based on guidance from 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; or
4. Family members.
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*.

6. An employer for an employee under an Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Account (ICHRA) or Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Account (QSEHRA) plan.

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 premium remain due.

### **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 the Health Insurance Marketplace or log into your Ambetter *member* portal to process your changes via Ambetter's *Enhanced Direct Enrollment* tool of your new *residence* within 60 calendar days of the change. As a result, your premium may change and you may be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period. See the provision on Special Enrollment Periods for more information.

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

The answer to the tobacco or nicotine question on the enrollment 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 re-rate the *contract* back to the original *effective date*.

# COST SHARING FEATURES

## Cost Sharing Features

We will pay benefits for *covered services* as described in your *Schedule of Benefits* and the *covered services* sections of this *contract*. All 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 *deductible*, *copayment* or *coinsurance* amount when you visit your *provider* 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 expenses*. Each claim received will be processed separately according to the cost share as outlined in the *contract* and in your *Schedule of Benefits*.

We may review your service selections and at our option we may offer rebate(s) when we determine higher quality and lower costs, evidence-based selection(s) were actively chosen by you.

## Coinsurance Amount

A *coinsurance* amount is your share of the cost of a service. *Members* may be required to pay a provider a *coinsurance* amount in addition to any applicable *deductible amounts* 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% covered by us.

## Deductible

The *deductible amount* means the amount of *covered service expenses* that must be paid to a provider 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.

## Copayments

A *copayment* is typically a fixed dollar 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* as shown in your *Schedule of Benefits*, are due at the time of service. 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*.

## Maximum Out-of-Pocket

You must pay a provider any required *copayments* or *coinsurance amounts* required until you reach the *maximum out-of-pocket amount* shown in your *Schedule of Benefits*. After the *maximum out-of-pocket amount* is met for an individual, we will pay 100 percent 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 expenses*.

When the annual out-of-pocket maximum has been met, additional *covered service* expenses will be provided or payable at 100% of the allowable expense.

The amount provided or payable will be subject to:

1. Any specific benefit limits stated in the contract.
2. A determination of eligible service expenses.
3. Any reduction for expenses incurred at a *non-network provider*.

The applicable *deductible amount(s)*, coinsurance, and *copayment amounts* are shown on your *Schedule of Benefits*.

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

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 expenses*; and
3. Any reduction for expenses incurred at a *non-network provider*. Please refer to the information on your *Schedule of Benefits*.

The applicable *deductible amount(s)*, coinsurance, and *copayment amounts* are shown on your *Schedule of Benefits*.

## **Non-Network Liability and Balance Billing**

If you receive services from a *non-network provider*, you may have to pay more for services you receive. *Non-network providers* may be permitted to bill you for the difference between what we agreed to pay and the full *billed amount* for a service. This is known as *balance billing*. This amount is likely more than *network* costs for the same service and might not count toward your annual *maximum out-of-pocket amount* limit. However, you will not be balance billed when *balance billing protections* apply to *covered services*.

# ACCESS TO CARE

## Ambetter Virtual Access Plan

*Ambetter Virtual Access* provides *adult members* (ages 18 and up) with primary care services for both medical and *behavioral health* benefits virtually. All virtual care, including virtual medical care and virtual behavioral health is provided through the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider*.

Upon enrollment, members must select a Virtual Primary Care PCP. Members may subsequently switch to another Virtual Primary Care PCP or a traditional (in-person) network PCP, if they wish. Traditional copayments or cost share will be required if a member selects a traditional (in-person) provider as shown in your Schedule of Benefits. Members can request a virtual appointment through the Ambetter-designated telehealth provider's website.

*Members* are required to obtain a *referral* from their *PCP* for all services outside of a *PCP* visit. This includes, but is not limited to, in-person office visits, *specialist physician* consultations, and diagnostic testing, as well as visits to a *network* facility. *Emergency services* do not require a *referral*. You do not need a *referral* from your designated *PCP* for network *behavioral health* services, or obstetrical or gynecological treatment and may seek care directly from a *network* obstetrician or gynecologist. For all other *network specialist physicians*, you may be required to obtain a *referral* from your *network PCP* for benefits to be payable under this *contract* or benefits payable under this *contract* may be reduced. Please refer to your *Schedule of Benefits*.

Referrals are required for all medically necessary health care services not provided by your *PCP*, excluding *emergency services*, urgent care, *mental health disorders*, *substance use disorders*, dermatology services, and obstetrical and gynecological services. If a *referral* is not obtained for non-emergent care, services will be denied. *Covered services* and/or specialties not requiring a *referral* may still require *prior authorization*.

Services performed by a *specialist physician* may have a higher out-of-pocket *member* cost than from services received from a *PCP*.

For any additional questions, please contact Member Services.

**Note:** *Cost share* may apply to care received from providers other than the *Ambetter-designated telehealth providers*. Please refer to your *Schedule of Benefits* to see the applicable *cost share* for all *covered services*.

Medically necessary telehealth services are subject to the same clinical and utilization review criteria, plan requirements, and limitations as those that apply when medically necessary care is provided in person. Please refer to your Schedule of Benefits for more information regarding cost share or any limitations provided by preferred laboratory providers.

All providers associated with the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider* are independent, licensed *physicians* in good standing. All care provided via the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider* shall be deemed independent from Ambetter to ensure that a *member's* care and treatment plan are rendered via a practicing *physician*, or other medical professional with appropriate licensure.

## Changing Your Primary Care Physician (PCP)

You may change your *network primary care physician* by submitting a written request or by contacting our office at the number shown on your *member* identification card. The change to your *network*



*primary care physician* of record will be effective no later than 30 calendar days from the date we receive your request.

## Contacting Your Primary Care Physician

To make an appointment with your designated *PCP*, request an appointment through the website. If you need help, call *Member Services* and we will help you make the appointment. If you need to cancel or change your appointment, call 24 hours in advance. At every appointment, make sure you bring your *member* identification card and a photo identification.

## Network Availability

The *network* is subject to change. The most current *network* may be found online at our website or by contacting us at the number shown on your *member* identification card. A *network* may not be available in all areas. If you move to an area where we are not offering access to a *network*, please contact *Member Services* prior to moving or as soon as possible.

You may have the opportunity to disenroll from coverage under this *contract* and enroll in a different health plan with a *network* in that area. Note: Services received from *non-network providers* are generally not *covered services* under this agreement, except when *balance billing protections* apply to a *covered service* provided by a *non-network provider*. If you receive *covered services* from *non-network providers* that are not subject to *balance billing protections*, benefits will be calculated in accordance with the terms of this *contract* for *non-network providers*.

## Coverage Under other 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*.

## Emergency Services Outside of Service Area

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

If you are temporarily out of the *service area* and experience an emergency condition, call 911 or go the nearest emergency room. Be sure to call us and report your emergency within one business day. You do not need *prior authorization* for emergency services.

## 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 [Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](https://www.ambetter.com). Not all states have Ambetter plans. If you intend to seek care from an Ambetter provider outside of the *service area*, you may be required to obtain a *referral* from your *primary care physician* and/or *prior authorization* from the originating Ambetter state for non-emergency services. Contact *Member Services* at the phone number on your enrollee identification card for further information.

## Continuity of Care

Under the federal No Surprises Act, if a *member* is a *continuing care patient* with respect to a *network provider* and the contractual relationship with the provider is terminated, such that the provider is no longer in the network; or benefits are terminated because of a change in the terms of the participation of the provider, as it pertains to the services the *member* is receiving as a *continuing care patient*, then we will:

1. Notify the *member* on a timely basis of the termination and their right to elect continued transitional care from the provider.
2. Provide the *member* with an opportunity to notify us of the *member's* need for transitional care; and
3. Permit the *member* to elect to continue to have their benefits for the course of treatment relating to their status as a *continuing care patient* during the period beginning on the date on which the notice described in (1) is provided and ending on the earlier of:
  - a. 90 days after the notice described in (1) is provided; or
  - b. the date on which such *member* is no longer a *continuing care patient* with respect to the provider.

## 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:

1. New technology
2. New medical procedures
3. New drugs
4. New devices
5. 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.

If the CPC does not review a request for coverage of new technology, our Medical Director will review the request and make a one-time determination. The CPC may then review the new technology request at a future meeting.

## Preferred Partnership

As innovative technologies and solutions are established in market under expedited research and development, we may elect to offer, at our discretion, new services or preferred partnerships designed to improve access to care and enhance *care management*. Ambetter will provide access to *third party* services at preferred or discounted rates. The preferred or discounted rates to these services may be communicated to all *members* by email, mail or phone promotions. The preferred partnerships are optional benefits to all *members*.

## Hospital Based Providers

When receiving care at a *network hospital* it is possible that some hospital-based providers may not be *network providers*. If you provide *notice and consent* to waive *balance billing* protections, you may be responsible for payment of all or part of the balance bill. Any amount you are obligated to pay to the *non-network provider* in excess of the *eligible expense* will not apply to your *deductible amount* or maximum out-of-pocket amount.

# MAJOR MEDICAL EXPENSE BENEFITS

Ambetter from Sunshine Health provides coverage for healthcare services for a *member* and/or dependents. Some services require preauthorization. *Copayment, deductibles, and coinsurance* 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.

**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 and/or annual dollar maximum.

## Acquired Brain Injury Services

Benefits for eligible service expenses incurred for *medically necessary* treatment of an *acquired brain injury* will be determined on the same basis as treatment for any other physical condition, if such services are necessary as a result of and related to an *acquired brain injury* and include.

1. Cognitive *rehabilitation therapy*,
2. cognitive communication therapy,
3. neurocognitive therapy and rehabilitation.
4. neurobehavioral, neuropsychological,
5. neurophysiological and psychophysiological testing and treatment.
6. neurofeedback therapy,
7. remediation required for and related to treatment of an *acquired brain injury*,
8. post-acute transition services and community reintegration services, including outpatient day treatment services, or any other post-acute treatment services are covered, if such services are necessary as a result of and related to an *acquired brain injury*.

Treatment for an *acquired brain injury* may be provided at a *hospital*, an acute or post-acute *rehabilitation hospital*, a skilled nursing facility or any other facility at which appropriate services or therapies may be provided. Service means the work of testing, treatment, and providing therapies to an individual with an *acquired brain injury*. Therapy means the scheduled remedial treatment provided through direct interaction with the individual to improve a pathological condition resulting from an *acquired brain injury*.

To ensure that appropriate post-acute care treatment is provided, this plan includes coverage for reasonable expenses related to periodic reevaluation of the care of an individual covered who:

1. Has incurred an *acquired brain injury*.
2. Has been unresponsive to treatment; and
3. Is medically stable, and
4. To ensure that appropriate post-acute care treatment is provided, this plan includes coverage for reasonable expenses related to periodic reevaluation of the care of an individual covered with the expectation that with the provision of these services and support, the person can return to a community-based setting, rather than reside in a facility setting.

Treatment goals for services may include the maintenance of functioning or the prevention of or slowing of further deterioration.

## Ambulance Services

### Air Ambulance Service Benefits

*Covered services* will include ambulance services for transportation by fixed wing and rotary wing air ambulance from home, scene of accident or emergency condition, subject to other coverage limitations discussed below.

1. In cases where the *member* is experiencing an emergency condition, to the nearest *hospital* that can provide services appropriate to treat the *member's* emergency condition.
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 a skilled nursing, *rehabilitation facility* and *member's* home when *authorized* by Ambetter from Sunshine Health Plan.
4. When ordered by an employer, school, fire or public safety official and the *member* is not in a position to refuse; or
5. When a *member* is required by us to move from a *non-network provider* to a *network provider*.

Non-emergency air ambulance services require prior authorization. *Prior authorization* is not required for air ambulance services when the *member* is experiencing an emergency condition. **NOTE:** You should not be balance billed for covered air ambulance services.

Limitations: Benefits for air ambulance services are limited to:

1. Services requested by police or medical authorities at the site of an emergency condition, or.
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. Air ambulance services covered and paid by a local governmental or municipal body, unless otherwise required by law.
2. Non-emergency air ambulance services unless *prior authorization* is obtained.
3. Air ambulance services:
  - 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.
4. Air ambulance services provided for a *member's* comfort or convenience.
5. Non-emergency air transportation, (for example, commercial flights).

### Ground and Water Ambulance Services Benefits

*Covered services* will include ambulance services for ground transportation and water transportation from home, scene of accident or emergency condition.

1. In cases where the *member* is experiencing an emergency condition, to the nearest *hospital* that can provide *emergency services* appropriate to treat the *member's* emergency condition.

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.

*Prior authorization* is not required for *emergency* ambulance transportation. **Note:** non-*emergency* ambulance transportation requires *prior authorization*. **NOTE:** Unless otherwise required by Federal or Florida law, if you receive services from *non-network* ambulance *providers*, you may be balanced billed.

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* ambulance transportation.
3. 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.
4. Ambulance services provided for a *member's* comfort or convenience.
5. Non-*emergency* transportation excluding ambulances (for example, transport van or taxi, ride sharing).
6. When a *member* is required by us to move from a *non-network provider* to a *network* provider.

## Autism Spectrum Disorder Benefits

Coverage is provided for *autism spectrum disorders* when prescribed by a *physician* or *behavioral health* practitioner and includes the following:

1. evaluation and assessment services.
2. *applied behavior analysis* therapy.
3. behavior training and behavior management.
4. speech therapy.
5. occupational therapy.
6. physical therapy.
7. psychiatric care such as counseling services provided by a licensed psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, professional counselor or clinical social worker; and
8. 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*.

## 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 from Sunshine Health will not pay benefits for any of the services, treatments, items or supplies that exceed benefit limits.

## Bone Marrow Transplant Services

Bone marrow transplant services are subject to the coverage terms related to transplant services above. In addition, we will not exclude coverage for bone marrow transplant procedures recommended by the referring *physician* and the treating *physician* under this *contract's* exclusion for *experimental or investigational treatment(s)* or *unproven services* if the procedure is identified in Section 59B-12.001 of the Florida Administrative Code.

Costs associated with the bone marrow donor are covered to the same extent and limitations as costs associated with the insured, except the reasonable costs of searching for the donor may be limited to *immediate family members* and the National Bone Marrow Donor Program.

## 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 United States 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:
  - a. The investigational item or service itself.
  - b. 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
  - c. 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:

1. 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
2. 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:

1. One of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
3. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.
4. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
5. An NIH Cooperative Group or Center.

6. The FDA in the form of an investigational new drug application.
7. The federal Departments of Veterans' Affairs, Defense, or Energy.
8. 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
9. 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, non-investigational treatment alternatives and the available clinical or preclinical data must provide a reasonable expectation that the treatment will be superior to the non-investigational 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.

Participation in clinical trials is subject to *prior authorization* requirements as outlined in this *contract*.

## **Colorectal Cancer Examinations and Laboratory Tests**

*Covered services* include colorectal cancer tests for any non-symptomatic covered person, in accordance with the current American Cancer Society guidelines. *Covered services* include tests for covered persons, starting at age 45 (**Note:** screening should start before age 45 for high-risk individuals).

## **Dental Anesthesia Coverage**

*Covered service expenses* when rendered in a *hospital* setting and for associated *hospital* charges when the mental or physical condition of the insured person requires dental treatment to be rendered in a *hospital* setting.

## **Dialysis Services**

*Medically necessary* acute and chronic dialysis services are *covered services* 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 a *network* dialysis facility or peritoneal dialysis in your home from a *network provider* when you qualify for home dialysis.

Covered expenses include:

1. Services provided in an outpatient dialysis facility or when services are provided in the home.
2. Processing and administration of blood or blood components.
3. Dialysis services provided in a *hospital*.
4. Dialysis treatment of an acute or chronic kidney ailment which may include the supportive use of 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.

## Diabetic Care Expense Benefits

Benefits are available for *medically necessary* services and supplies used in the treatment of persons with gestational, type 1 or type II diabetes.

*Covered service* expenses include, but are not limited to:

1. examinations, including podiatric examinations.
2. routine foot care such as trimming of nails and corns.
3. laboratory and radiological diagnostic testing.
4. self-management equipment, and supplies such as urine and/or ketone strips, blood glucose monitor supplies, glucose strips for the device, and syringes or needles.
5. orthotics and diabetic shoes; urinary protein/microalbumin and lipid profiles.
6. educational health and nutritional counseling for self-management, eye examinations, and prescription medication; and
7. one retinopathy examination screening per year.

Benefits are available for *medically necessary* items of diabetic supplies and blood glucose monitors (including non-invasive monitors and monitors for the blind) for which a *medical practitioner* has written an order.

We will allow one pair of diabetic footwear without *prior authorization* per benefit period, and any other subsequent pairs will require *prior authorization* for medical necessity.

## Durable Medical Equipment, Medical and Surgical Supplies, Orthotic Devices and Prosthetics

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 *allowed amount* for a standard item that is a *covered service*, serves the same purpose, and is *medically necessary*. Any expense that exceeds the maximum *allowed 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:

1. The equipment, supply or appliance is a *covered service*.
2. The continued use of the item is *medically necessary*; and
3. 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 our *durable medical equipment* 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:

1. Repair and replacement due to misuse, malicious breakage or gross neglect.

## 2. Replacement of lost or stolen items.

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

All types of *durable medical equipment* and supplies are subject to *prior authorization* as outlined by this *contract*. Please see your Schedule of Benefit for benefit levels or additional limits.

### **Disposable Medical Supplies**

Disposable medical supplies, which have a primary medical purpose, are covered and are subject to reasonable quantity limits as determined by us. Examples include, but are not limited to bandages & wraps, gloves, suction catheters, surgical sponges, hypodermic needles, syringes, and applicators. The supplies are subject to the *member's* medical deductible, copay, and coinsurance.

### **Durable Medical Equipment**

The rental (or, at our option, the purchase) of *durable medical equipment* prescribed by a *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. *Durable medical equipment* may require a *prior authorization*.

*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. Augmentative communication devices are covered when we approve based on the *member's* condition.
9. *Medically necessary* corrective footwear, *prior authorization* may be required.

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 Care Expense Benefits provision).
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:

1. 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 Assist 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 (not to exceed one per *calendar year*)
9. Cochlear implant and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids

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.

### **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.
10. Devices for correction of positional plagiocephaly
11. Orthopedic shoes
12. Standard elastic stockings

*Orthotic devices* may be replaced once per year per *member* when *medically necessary* in the *member's* situation. However, additional replacements will be allowed for *members* when *medically necessary*, or for any *member* when an *orthotic device* is damaged and cannot be repaired.

Exclusions:

Non-covered *services* include but are not limited to:

1. Foot support devices, such as arch supports and corrective shoes, unless they are an integral part of a leg brace.
2. Garter belts, and other supplies not specifically made and fitted (except as specified under the Medical Supplies provision).

## Duty to Cooperate

We do not cover services or supplies for *member's* who are a *surrogate* during the course of their *surrogate arrangement*. For more information on excluded services, please see the General Non-Covered Services and Exclusions section of this *contract*. *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 calendar days of enrollment or agreement to participate in a *surrogacy arrangement*, send us written notice of the *surrogacy arrangement* to us at Member Services, P.O. Box 459089 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33345-9089. In the event that a *member* fails to comply with this provision, we reserve our right to enforce this provision on the basis 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 *contract*, plus interest, attorneys' fees, costs and all other remedies available to us.

## Emergency Services

If you experience an emergency condition, you should call 911 or head straight to the nearest emergency room. We cover *emergency services* both in and out of our *service area*. We cover these services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please note, some *providers* that treat you within the emergency room may not be in your *network*. These services are subject to *balance billing protections* and the *non-network provider* may not *balance bill* you for the difference between our *allowed amount* and the provider's *billed amount*. Virtual services are not a substitute for emergency care, and you should go to an emergency room if you are experiencing an *emergency* medical condition.

## Family Planning and Contraception

Family planning/contraception benefits are covered under preventive care, without *cost sharing* when provided by a *network provider*, when the care is legal under applicable law. These benefits may include the following for adolescent and adult women, in accordance with the most recent guidelines supported by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA):

1. The full range of contraceptives currently identified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including:
  - a. sterilization *surgery* for women,
  - b. implantable rods,
  - c. copper intrauterine devices,
  - d. intrauterine devices with progestin (all durations and doses),
  - e. injectable contraceptives,
  - f. oral contraceptives (combined pill),
  - g. oral contraceptives (progestin only),
  - h. oral contraceptives (extended or continuous use),
  - i. the contraceptive patch,
  - j. vaginal contraceptive rings,
  - k. diaphragms,
  - l. contraceptive sponges,
  - m. cervical caps,
  - n. condoms,
  - o. spermicides,
  - p. emergency contraception (levonorgestrel) and

- q. emergency contraception (ulipristal acetate).
2. Coverage is also available for any additional contraceptives approved, granted, or cleared by the FDA (if the patient and the patient's attending provider have determined it to be *medically necessary*).
3. Contraceptive care, such as: screening, education, provision of contraception, counseling and follow-up care (e.g., management, evaluation and changes, including the removal, continuation and discontinuation of contraceptives).
4. Instruction in fertility awareness-based methods, including lactation amenorrhea.

**NOTE:** Services that are integral to the furnishing of the above-listed preventive care coverage (e.g., anesthesia provided during sterilization surgery for women), are also included under preventive care, regardless of whether the service is billed separately.

## **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 determined *medically necessary*.
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 that are prescribed by a *provider*, 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 medical practitioners*.
5. Outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

*Custodial care* services are not covered under this *contract*. See your *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 measurable progress toward documented goals.
4. Care is primarily *custodial care*.

## **Hearing Aids**

For the professional services associated with the practice of fitting, dispensing, servicing, or sale of hearing instruments or *hearing aids*. The benefits includes the cost of a *hearing aid* for each ear, as needed, as well as related services necessary to assess, select, and fit the *hearing aid*, as needed.

## Home Health Care Expense Benefits

Covered service expenses for home health care are limited to the following charges 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. Professional fees of a licensed respiratory, physical, occupational, or speech therapist required for home health care, skilled services of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse rendered on an outpatient basis.
3. Intravenous medication and pain medication. Intravenous medication and pain medication are covered service expenses to the extent they would have been covered service expenses during an inpatient hospital stay.
4. Hemodialysis, and for the processing and administration of blood or blood components.
5. Necessary medical supplies.
6. Rental or purchase of medically necessary durable medical equipment. 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.
7. Sleep studies are covered when determined to be medically necessary, prior authorization may be required. Note: A sleep study can be performed either at home or in a facility.
8. Intermittent skilled nursing services by an R.N. or L.P.N.
9. Medical / social services.
10. Diagnostic services.
11. Nutritional guidance.
12. Training of the patient and/or family/caregiver.
13. Prenatal and postpartum homemaker visits.

### Limitations:

See your *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. Each eight hour period of home health aide services will be counted as one visit.

### Schedule of Benefits Exclusion:

No benefits will be payable for charges related to respite care, custodial care, or educational care.

Home health care services and benefits are subject to prior authorization requirements as outlined in this contract.

## Hospice Care Service Expense Benefits

Hospice care benefits are allowable for a terminally ill member receiving medically necessary care under a hospice care program or an in-home setting. Covered services include:

1. Room and board in a hospice facility 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*.

#### Exclusions and Limitations:

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

1. Medical necessity of services or supplies, to the extent such services or supplies are provided as part of a *hospice care program*; or
2. Expenses for other persons, to the extent those expenses are described above, will not be applied to this provision.

Benefits for *hospice inpatient* or outpatient care are available to a *terminally ill covered person*.

Benefits for *hospice inpatient*, home and outpatient care is subject to *prior authorization* as outlined in this contract.

#### Respite Care Expense Benefits

*Respite care* is covered on an *inpatient* or home 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 *members cost share* obligations, are considered benefits provided and shall apply against any maximum benefit limit for these services.

### Hospital Benefits

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

1. Daily room and board and nursing services, not to exceed the *hospital's* most common semi-private room rate.
2. Daily room and board and nursing services while confined in an *intensive care unit*.
3. *Inpatient* use of an operating, treatment, or recovery room.
4. Outpatient use of an operating, treatment, or recovery room for *surgery*.
5. Services and supplies, including drugs and medicines, which are routinely provided by the *hospital* for use only while you are *inpatient*.
6. *Emergency* treatment of an *injury* or *illness*, even if confinement is not required. See your *Schedule of Benefits* for limitations.
7. A private *hospital* room when needed for isolation.

### Long Term Acute Care (LTACH)

*Long-term acute care hospitals* (LTACHs) furnish extended medical and rehabilitative care to individuals with clinically complex problems, such as multiple acute or chronic conditions, that need *hospital-level* care for relatively extended periods.

Common conditions/services that may be considered *medically necessary* for LTACH level of care included, but are not limited to:

1. Complex wound care:
  - a. Daily *physician* monitoring of wound
  - b. Wound requiring frequent complicated dressing changes, and possible repeated debridement of necrotic tissue.



- c. Large wound with possible delayed closure, draining, and/or tunneling or high output fistulas.
  - d. Lower extremity wound with severe ischemia.
  - e. Skin flaps and grafts requiring frequent monitoring.
2. Infectious disease:
    - a. Parenteral anti-infective agent(s) with adjustments in dose
    - b. Intensive sepsis management
    - c. Common conditions include osteomyelitis, cellulitis, bacteremia, endocarditis, peritonitis, meningitis/encephalitis, abscess and wound infections.
  3. Medical complexity:
    - a. Primary condition and at least two other actively treated co-morbid conditions that require monitoring and treatment
    - b. Common conditions include metabolic disorders, stroke, heart failure, renal insufficiency, necrotizing pancreatitis, emphysema (COPD), peripheral vascular disease, and malignant/end-stage disease.
  4. Rehabilitation:
    - a. Care needs cannot be met in a *rehabilitation* or *skilled nursing facility*.
    - b. Patient has a comorbidity requiring acute care.
    - c. Patient is able to participate in a goal-oriented *rehabilitation* plan of care.
    - d. Common conditions include CNS conditions with functional limitations, debilitation,
    - e. Amputation, cardiac disease, orthopedic surgery
  5. Mechanical ventilator support:
    - a. Failed weaning attempts at an acute care facility
    - b. Patient has received mechanical ventilation for 21 consecutive days for 6 hours or more per day.
    - c. Ventilator management required at least every 4 hours as well as appropriate diagnostic services and assessments.
    - d. Patient exhibits weaning potential, without untreatable and/or progressive lung and/or neurological conditions.
    - e. Patient is hemodynamically stable and not dependent on vasopressors.
    - f. Respiratory status is stable with maximum PEEP requirement 10 cm H<sub>2</sub>O, and FiO<sub>2</sub> 60% or less with O<sub>2</sub> saturation at least 90%
    - g. Common conditions include complications of acute lung injury, disorders of the central nervous and neuromuscular systems, and cardiovascular, respiratory, and pleural/chest wall disorder.
    - h. Patient continues to meet the criteria above and does not meet the criteria to be transitioned to alternate level of care.

LTACH benefits are subject to *prior authorization* requirements as outlined in this *contract*.

## **Lymphedema Benefit**

Treatment of lymphedema is covered when rendered or prescribed by a licensed *physician* or received in a *hospital* or other public or private facility authorized to provide lymphedema treatment. Coverage includes multilayer compression bandaging systems and custom or standard-fit gradient compression garments.

## 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 *provider* or other healthcare *provider* obtain *prior authorization* for the delivery.

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

1. Outpatient and *inpatient* pre- and post-partum care including examinations, prenatal diagnosis of genetic disorder, laboratory and radiology diagnostic testing, health education, nutritional counseling, risk assessment, and childbirth classes.
2. *Provider* home visits and office services.
3. Parent education, assistance, and training in breast or bottle feeding and the performance of any necessary and appropriate clinical tests.
4. *Complications of pregnancy*.
5. *Hospital* stays for other *medically necessary* reasons associated with maternity care.
6. For medical services or supplies for maternity deliveries at home, required for medical professional or *medically necessary* treatment.

**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.

## Post-Discharge Care

Post-discharge care shall consist of a minimum of two visits at least one of which shall be in the home, in accordance with accepted maternal and neonatal physical assessments, by a registered professional nurse with experience in maternal and child health nursing or a *physician*. The location and schedule of the post-discharge visits shall be determined by the attending *physician*. Services provided by the registered professional nurse or *physician* shall include, but not be limited to, physical assessment of the newborn and mother, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, education and services for complete childhood immunizations, the performance of any necessary and appropriate clinical tests and submission of a metabolic specimen satisfactory to the state laboratory. Such services shall be in accordance with the medical criteria outlined in the most current version of the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care" prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, or similar guidelines prepared by another nationally recognized medical organization. Any abnormality, in the condition of the mother or the child, observed by the nurse shall be reported to the attending *physician* as medically appropriate.

## Medical 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.

Coverage is also provided for:

1. For *medically necessary* oral surgery, including the following:
  - a. Treatment of medically diagnosed cleft lip, cleft palate, or ectodermal dysplasia.

- b. Orthognathic *surgery* for a physical abnormality that prevents normal function of the upper and/or lower jawbone and is *medically necessary* to attain functional capacity of the affected part.
  - c. Oral/surgical correction of accidental injuries.
  - d. Treatment for Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ), including removable appliances for TMJ repositioning and related surgery, medical care, and diagnostic services.
  - e. Treatment of non-dental lesions, such as removal of tumors and biopsies.
  - f. Incision and drainage of infection of soft tissue not including odontogenic cysts or abscesses.
  - g. *Surgical procedures* that are *medically necessary* to correct disorders caused by (or resulting in) a specific medical condition such as degenerative arthritis, jaw fractures or jaw dislocations.
  - h. *Reconstructive surgery* to correct significant deformities caused by congenital or developmental abnormalities, illness, *injury* or an earlier treatment in order to create a more normal appearance.
2. Dental anesthesia charges include coverage for the administration of general anesthesia and *hospital* or office charges for dental care, rendered by a dentist, regardless of whether the services are provided in a *network hospital*, surgical center or office, provided to the following *members*:
- a. A *member* under the age of 8;
  - b. a person who is severely disabled; or
  - c. a person who has a medical or behavioral condition which requires hospitalization or general anesthesia when dental care is provided.
  - d. For dental service expenses when a *member* suffers an injury, that results in damage to his or her natural teeth. *Injury* to the natural teeth will not include any *injury* as a result of chewing.
3. For surgery, excluding tooth extraction, to treat craniomandibular disorders, or malocclusions.

## Medical Foods

We cover medical foods and formulas for:

- 1. outpatient total parenteral nutritional therapy
- 2. nutritional counseling
- 3. outpatient elemental formulas for malabsorption
- 4. dietary formula (when *medically necessary* and prescribed by a *network medical practitioner/provider* and administered by enteral tube feedings or when *medically necessary* for the treatment of Phenylketonuria (PKU) and inborn errors of metabolism)

Coverage also includes other heritable diseases, regardless of the formula delivery method. Coverage for inherited diseases of amino acids and organic acids shall, in addition to the enteral formula, include food products modified to be low protein. Such coverage shall be provided when the prescribing *physician* has issued a written order stating that the enteral formula or food product is *medically necessary*.

In addition, *inpatient* and outpatient benefits will be provided for up to two months for *medically necessary* pasteurized donor human milk when prescribed by an infant's pediatrician or licensed pediatric provider stating that the infant is medically or physically unable to receive maternal human milk or participate in breastfeeding or the infant's mother is medically or physically unable to produce maternal human milk in sufficient quantities.

## Low-Protein Food Products for Treating Inherited Metabolic Diseases

Low-protein food products for treating certain inherited metabolic disease are covered. Inherited metabolic diseases are diseases caused by an inherited abnormality of body chemistry. Low-protein food products are foods that are especially formulated to have less than 1 gram of protein per serving and are intended to be used under the direction of a *physician* for the dietary treatment of an inherited metabolic disease. Low protein food products do not include natural foods that are naturally low in protein.

Benefits for low-protein food products are limited to treating the following diseases:

1. Phenylketonuria (PKU)
2. Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD)
3. Methylmalonic Acidemia (MMA)
4. Isovaleric Acidemia (IVA)
5. Propionic Acidemia
6. Glutaric Acidemia
7. Urea Cycle Defects
8. Tyrosinemia

Exclusions: any other dietary formulas, food thickeners, oral nutritional supplements, special diets, prepared foods/meals and formula for access problems.

## Medical and Surgical Expense Benefits

Covered services provided under this provision are subject to all other terms and conditions of the *contract*, including the deductible amount and cost sharing provision. Covered services include, but are not limited to, prior authorizations and charges:

1. For *surgery* in a *physician's* office, an *inpatient* facility, an outpatient facility or a surgical facility, including services and supplies.
2. For medical services in and office or facility that is provided by a licensed *medical practitioner*, or *specialist physician* including consultations and *surgery* related services.
3. For *durable medical equipment*, *prosthetic devices*, *orthotic devices* or other *necessary medical supplies* following medical or *surgical procedure* such as crutches, orthopedic splints, braces or casts. Please see the *Durable medical equipment* provision of this contract.
4. For pre-surgical and post-*surgical procedures* and testing, including but not limited to, diagnostic services using radiologic, ultra-sonographic, or laboratory services.
  - a. Laboratory tests or radiological examinations done on an outpatient basis in a *hospital* or other facility accepted by the *hospital* before *hospital* confinement or outpatient *surgery* or procedures. The tests must be for the same bodily *illness* or *injury* causing the *member* to be *hospitalized* or to have the outpatient *surgery* or procedure.
  - b. Bone density studies
  - c. Clinical laboratory tests
  - d. Gastrointestinal laboratory procedures
  - e. Pulmonary function tests
  - f. Genetic testing
  - g. For *medically necessary* genetic or molecular cancer testing, including but not limited to, tumor mutation testing, next generation sequencing, hereditary germline mutation testing, pharmacogenomics testing, whole exome, genome sequencing and biomarker testing
5. For chemotherapy (including oral chemotherapy), inhalation therapy, infusion therapy, and radiation therapy or treatment in a *hospital* or office setting.

6. For hemodialysis and the charges by a *hospital* or facility for processing and administration of genetic testing, blood or blood components, including cost of blood, blood plasma and blood plasma expanders, which is not replaced by or for you.
7. For the cost and administration of anesthesia, oxygen, drugs, medications and biologicals.
8. For *medically necessary* dental *surgery* due to:
  - a. An accidental *injury* which results in damage to natural teeth. *Injury* to the natural teeth will not include any *injury* as a result of chewing.
  - b. *Surgery* to correct a functional defect which results from a congenital and/or acquired disease or anomaly.
  - c. Cleft lip and cleft palate for an eligible *member*. *Covered services* include 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.
  - d. Dental anesthesia charges include coverage for the administration of general anesthesia and *hospital* charges for dental care, rendered by a dentist, provided to the following *members*:
    - i. A *member* whose treating *medical practitioner* in consultation with the dentist, determines the *member* has a significantly complex dental condition or a developmental disability in which patient management in the dental office has proved to be ineffective; or
    - ii. A *member* who has one or more medical conditions that would create significant or undue medical risk for the *member* during delivery of any dental treatment or *surgery* if not rendered in a *hospital* or ambulatory surgical center.
    - iii. 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*. Please call *Member Services* to confirm your benefits for the use of general anesthesia in a *hospital* or ambulatory surgical center.
9. For infertility counseling and planning services when provided by a *network* provider and testing to diagnose infertility.
10. For *surgery*, excluding tooth removal, to treat craniomandibular disorders, malocclusions, or disorders of the temporomandibular joint. See your *Schedule of Benefits* for benefit levels or additional limits.
11. For *medically necessary* reconstructive or cosmetic *surgery* including, but not limited to:
  - a. 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 lymphedema.
  - b. reconstructive *surgery* for craniofacial abnormalities.
12. For *medically necessary chiropractic care* or *manipulative therapy* treatment on an outpatient basis only.
13. For routine patient care for *members* enrolled in an eligible cancer clinical trial that is deemed an *experimental or investigational* treatment if the services provided are otherwise considered *covered services* under this *contract*. See the Clinical Trial Coverage provision of this *contract*.
14. For X-rays, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Computed Tomography (CT scan), Positron Emission Tomography/Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (PET/SPECT), and other diagnostic services. See Radiology, Imaging and Other Diagnostic Testing provision of this *contract*.



15. For *medically necessary* services for complications arising from medical and surgical conditions.
16. For *medically necessary* biofeedback services.
17. *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 PCP*.
18. For the following types of *medically necessary* implants and tissue grafts:
  - 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.
  - f. Skin grafts
19. For *covered services* for *medically necessary* diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis for high-risk *members*, 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, *medically necessary* bone mass measurement and for diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis, and *members* who have a family history of osteoporosis.
20. 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*.
21. Mammograms as follows:
  - a. A baseline mammogram for any *covered person* who is 35 to 40 years of age;
  - b. A mammogram every two 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. A mammogram based upon a *physician's* recommendation for any *covered person* who is at risk for breast cancer because of personal medical history, genetic history, or family history of breast cancer.
  - e. Mammogram surveillance for breast cancer patients.
  - f. Diagnostic mammogram after abnormal screening mammogram.
22. For *medically necessary* genetic blood tests.
23. For all *medically necessary* immunizations, monitoring, screenings, re-screenings and laboratory testing for a newborn in the early detection, diagnosis and intervention of a condition or disorder. This also includes, but not limited to, hearing or audiological services, follow-up examinations and pulse oximetry.
24. For *medically necessary* allergy testing and treatment including allergy injections and serum.
25. For medically necessary telehealth services. Telehealth services not provided through Virtual 24/7 Care or Virtual Primary Care would be subject to the same cost sharing as the same health care services when delivered to a member in person.
26. Well childcare examinations, including *Child Health Supervision Services*, based on American Academy of Pediatric Guidelines.
27. For respiratory, pulmonary, cardiac, physical, occupational, and speech therapy services. Please see the Habilitation, *Rehabilitation* and *Extended care facility* Expense Benefits provision of this *contract*.
28. For the treatment of breast cancer by dose-intensive chemotherapy bone marrow transplants or stem cell transplants when performed pursuant to nationally accepted peer review protocols utilized by breast cancer treatment centers experienced in dose-intensive chemotherapy/autologous bone marrow transplants or stem cell transplants.

29. For cancer screenings, as follows:
  - a. A pelvic examination and pap smear for any nonsymptomatic woman
  - b. A prostate examination and laboratory tests for cancer for any nonsymptomatic man
  - c. A colorectal cancer examination and laboratory tests for cancer for any nonsymptomatic member
30. For the provision of nonprescription enteral formulas and food products required for *members* with inherited diseases of amino acids and organic acids. Such coverage shall be provided when the prescribing health care professional has issued a written order stating that the enteral formula or food product is *medically necessary*. Coverage for inherited diseases of amino acids and organic acids shall, in addition to the enteral formula, include food products modified to be low protein
31. Newborn hearing screening, necessary rescreening, audiological assessment and follow-up, and initial amplification.
32. For children's early intervention therapy for expenses arising from the services of licensed and credentialed occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, and clinical social workers working with children from birth to 36 months of age with an identified developmental disability and/or delay;
33. For services associated with human leukocyte antigen testing, also referred to as histocompatibility locus antigen testing, for A, B, and DR antigens for utilization in bone marrow transplantation or transplant procedures.
34. For testing of pregnant women and other *members* for lead poisoning
35. For *medically necessary* footcare treatment that may require surgery; *prior authorization* may be required

If your provider has the capability, your coverage will include online visit services. *Covered services* include a medical consultation using the internet via a webcam, chat or voice. *Non-covered services* include, but are not limited to, communications used for:

1. Reporting normal laboratory or other test results
2. Office appointment requests
3. Billing, insurance coverage or payment questions
4. Requests for referrals to doctors outside the online care panel
5. Benefit precertification
6. *Physician to physician* consultation

See your *Schedule of Benefits* for benefit levels or additional limits.

## Medical Vision Services

*Covered services* include:

1. Vision screenings to diagnose and treat a suspected disease or *injury* of the eye.
2. Vision screenings to determine the presence of refractive error.
3. *Members* who have been diagnosed with diabetes may self-refer once each year to an eye care specialist within their network, for the purpose of receiving an eye examination for the detection of eye disease. Continued, or follow-up care from the eye care specialist may require a *referral* through your *primary care physician*.

Vision Services under the medical portion of your health plan do not include:

1. Referrals to a specialist for evaluation and diagnosis of refractive error, including presbyopia, for *members* over the age of 19 years.
2. Eye examinations required by an employer or as a condition of employment.
3. Radial keratotomy, LASIK and other refractive eye surgery.

4. Services or materials provided as a result of any workers' compensation law or required by any governmental agency.
5. Orthoptics, vision training or subnormal vision aids.

## **Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits**

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

Services will be provided on an *inpatient* and outpatient basis for the treatment of mental health and *substance use disorder* diagnoses. These conditions affect the *member'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 mental health *network* and do not need a *referral* from your PCP in order to initiate treatment. *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. Treatment is limited to services prescribed by your *physician* in accordance with a treatment plan.

*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* treatment of mental, emotional, or *substance use disorder* as defined in this *contract*.

When making coverage determinations, our mental health and *substance use disorder* Utilization Management staff utilizes 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. Our mental health and *substance use disorder* staff utilize Change Healthcare InterQual criteria for mental health determinations and American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for *substance use disorder* determinations.

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. *Inpatient Rehabilitation*;
4. Crisis Stabilization;
5. *Residential Treatment facility* for mental health and *substance use*; and
6. Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT).

### **Outpatient**

1. Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP);
2. Intense *Outpatient* Program (IOP);
3. Mental Health Day treatment;
4. Outpatient detoxification programs;
5. Evaluation and assessment for mental health and *substance use*;
6. Individual and group therapy for mental health and *substance use*;
7. Medication Assisted Treatment – combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat *substance use disorders*;
8. Medication management services;

9. Psychological and Neuropsychological testing and assessment;
10. *Applied behavior analysis* for treatment of *autism spectrum disorder*;
11. *Telehealth services*, provided on the same basis and to the same extent (including cost share amounts) for the provision of in-person health care services (includes individual/family therapy; medication monitoring; assessment and evaluation);
12. Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT);
13. Biofeedback;
14. *Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation* (TMS); and

Expenses for these services are covered if *medically necessary* and may be subject to prior authorization. Please see your *Schedule of Benefits* for more information regarding services that require prior authorization.

In addition, *Integrated Care management* is available for all of your health care needs, including behavioral health. Please call *Member Services* to be referred to a care manager for an assessment.

## **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 your *Schedule of Benefits*. Please refer to the *Dependent member Coverage* section of this document for details regarding Coverage for a Newborn Child/Coverage for an Adopted Child.

## **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).

## **Nutritional Counseling**

When deemed medically necessary by your provider, nutritional counseling is a covered benefit.

## **Outpatient Medical Supplies Expense Benefits**

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

1. For artificial eyes or larynx, breast prosthesis (as described in the Major Medical Expense Benefits provision), 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).
2. For one pair of foot orthotics per year per *covered person*.
3. For 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 one pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses per *covered person* following a covered cataract *surgery*.

6. Services related to diagnosis, treatment and appropriate management of osteoporosis when such services are provided by a person licensed to practice medicine and *surgery* in the state, if the *member* has a condition or medical history for which bone mass measurement is medically indicated.
7. Testing of pregnant women and other *members* for lead poisoning.

## Second Medical Opinion

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

1. Whenever a minor *surgical procedure* is recommended to confirm the need for the procedure.
2. Whenever a serious *injury* or *illness* exists; or
3. Whenever you find 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* may select a *network* provider listed in the 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 and/or diagnostic and therapeutic services are subject to additional *cost sharing*. If a second medical opinion is obtained by a *non-network provider*, *prior authorization* must be obtained before services are considered an *eligible expense*. If *prior authorization* is not obtained for a second medical opinion from a *non-network provider*, you will be responsible for the related expenses. If you see a *non-network provider*, you may be *balance billed* for services received.

## Sleep Studies

Sleep studies are covered when determined to be *medically necessary*; *prior authorization* may be required. Note: A sleep study can be performed either at home or in a facility.

## 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 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 our website. Enrollees may receive notifications about available benefits and services through emails from local health plans and/or 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](https://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com) or by contacting *Member Services*.

## Temporomandibular Joint Disorder and Craniomandibular Disorder Expense Benefits

*Covered service expenses* expanded to include the charges incurred for diagnostic services and *surgery* for temporomandibular joint disorder and craniomandibular disorder. These expenses shall



be the same as that for treatment to any other joint in the body. Coverage shall apply if the treatment is administered or prescribed by a *primary care physician* or dentist.

## Transplant Expense Benefits

*Covered services* for transplant service expenses:

Transplants are a *covered service* 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 *member* 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 lapse in coverage due to non-payment of premium, no services related to transplants will be paid as a *covered service*.

If we determine that a *member* and donor are appropriate candidates for a *medically necessary* transplant or live donation, *covered service expense* benefits will be provided for:

1. Pre-transplant evaluation.
2. Pre-transplant harvesting of the organ from the donor.
3. Left Ventricular Assist 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 *stabilize* a *member* 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 *network* 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 refer to the “*Member Transplant Travel Reimbursement Policy*” for outlined details on reimbursement limitations. ([Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](http://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.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 *medically necessary* transplant from any *provider*. However, if a *medically necessary* transplant is performed in a *Center of Excellence*:

1. We will pay for the following services when the *member* 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 reimburse *members* for the proof of the costs directly related for transportation, 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 [Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](http://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.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 (FDA) regulation, regardless of whether the trial is subject to FDA 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 *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 *contract* as *eligible expenses*.
  - s. Any fuel costs/charging station fees for electric cars.

#### Limitations on Transplant Service Expense Benefits:

In addition to the exclusions and limitations specified elsewhere in this section, if a designated *Center of Excellence* is not used, the acquisition cost for the organ or bone marrow is not covered.

## Urgent Care

Urgent care services include *medically necessary* services by *network providers* and services provided at an *urgent care center* including facility costs and supplies. Care that is needed after a *PCP'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 *PCP* for an appointment before seeking care from another provider. Virtual urgent care services are available through *Virtual 24/7 Care*. *Network urgent care centers* and walk in clinics can be used when an urgent appointment is not available through the *Ambetter-designated telehealth provider*. Additionally, you can call the 24/7 Nurse Advice Line, at 1-877-687-1169 (Relay FL 1-800-955-8770). The 24/7 Nurse Advice Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A registered nurse can help you decide the kind of care most appropriate for your specific need. Urgent care is not covered for services received by a *non-network provider* or at a *non-network* facility.

## 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. 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](https://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com) or by contacting *Member Services*. 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.

# PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

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

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

## Prior Authorization Required

Some medical and behavioral health *covered service expenses* require *prior authorization*, as more fully detailed in your *Schedule of Benefits*. In general, *network providers* must obtain *authorization* from us prior to providing a service or supply to a *covered person*. However, there are some *network eligible expenses* for which you must obtain the *prior authorization*.

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

1. Receive 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*

Pursuant to the federal No Surprises Act, *emergency services* received from a *non-network provider* are *covered services* without prior authorization.

*Prior authorization* must be obtained for the following services, except for *urgent care* or *emergency services*. This list is not exhaustive, to confirm if a specific service requires *Prior authorization*, please contact *Member Services*.

1. Non-Emergency Health Care Services provided by *non-network providers*.
2. Reconstructive procedures.
3. Diagnostic Tests such as specialized labs, procedures, and high technology imaging.
4. Injectable drugs and medications.
5. *Inpatient* health care services.
6. Specific *surgical procedures*.
7. Nutritional supplements.
8. Pain management services; and
9. *Transplant* services.

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

1. At least five calendar days prior to an elective admission as an *inpatient* in a *hospital*, extended care or *rehabilitation facility*, or *hospice* facility.
2. At least 30 calendar days prior to the initial evaluation for organ transplant services.
3. At least 30 calendar days prior to receiving clinical trial services.
4. Within one business day of any *inpatient* admission, including emergent *inpatient* admissions.
5. At least five 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 urgent concurrent reviews within one calendar days of receipt of the request.
2. For urgent pre-service reviews, within three calendar days from date of receipt of request.
3. For non-urgent pre-service reviews, within 15 calendar days of receipt of the request.
4. For post-service or retrospective reviews, with in 30 calendar days.

You do not need to obtain *prior authorization* from us or from any other person (including your PCP) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a *medical practitioner* in our *network* who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The *medical practitioner*, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining *prior authorization* for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating *medical practitioners* who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact *Member Services*.

## **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 1-877-687-1169 Relay FL 1-800-955-8770 before the service or supply is provided to the *member*.

## **Failure to Obtain Prior Authorization**

Benefits will not be reduced for failure to comply with *prior authorization* requirements prior to receiving emergency services. However, you must contact us as soon as reasonably possible after you receive the emergency services.

## **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*.

## **Prior Authorization Denials**

Refer to the *complaint* and *Appeals* Procedures section of this *contract* for information on your rights to *appeal* a denied *authorization*.

## **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 when *balance billing* protections apply to a *covered service* provided by a *non-network provider*, 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 *prior authorization* for you to obtain services 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 PCP must request *prior authorization* from us before you may 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 NON-NETWORK PROVIDERS ARE USED. You should be aware that when you elect to utilize the services of a *non-network* 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 *contract's* out-of-*network* reimbursement benefit. *Non-network* providers may bill insureds for any difference in the amount. YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY MORE THAN THE COINSURANCE OR COPAYMENT AMOUNT. *Network* 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."

# 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 the *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. Any services where other coverage is primary to Ambetter must be first paid by the primary payor prior to consideration for coverage under Ambetter.
6. For any non-*medically necessary* court ordered care for a medical/surgical or mental health/*substance use disorder* diagnosis, unless required by state law.

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 *provider*; 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*.
2. For any portion of the charges that are in excess of the *eligible expense*.
3. For weight modification, or for surgical treatment of obesity, including wiring of the teeth and all forms of intestinal bypass *surgery*, and bariatric surgery, except as specifically covered in the Major Medical Expense Benefits section of this *contract*.
4. For cosmetic breast reduction or augmentation, except for the *medically necessary* treatment of gender dysphoria.
5. For the reversal of sterilization and vasectomies.
6. For abortion (except in the case of rape, incest or when 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 career counseling, marriage, divorce, family, or child counseling for the treatment of premarital, marriage, family, or child relationship dysfunctions.
9. For telephone consultations between *providers*, except those meeting the definition of *telehealth services*, or for failure to keep a scheduled appointment.
10. For services provided outside of a virtual visit, when a *referral* is not obtained *through Virtual Care by Ambetter providers*, except in an emergency, or as specified elsewhere in this *contract*.
11. For stand-by availability of a *medical practitioner* when no treatment is rendered.
12. For *dental service expenses*, including braces for any medical or dental condition, *surgery* and treatment for oral *surgery*, except as expressly provided for under Medical and Surgical Expense Benefits.
13. For treatment of malocclusions disorders of the temporomandibular joint, or craniomandibular disorders, except as described in *covered service expenses* of the Medical and Surgical Expense Benefits provisions.

14. For cosmetic treatment, except for *reconstructive surgery* that is incidental to or follows *surgery* or an *injury* that was covered under the policy or is performed to correct a birth defect.
15. For diagnosis or treatment of learning disabilities.
16. For diagnosis or treatment of nicotine addiction.
17. For charges related to, or in preparation for, tissue or organ transplants, except as expressly provided for under the Transplant Service Expense Benefits.
18. For eye refractive *surgery*, when the primary purpose is to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, or astigmatism.
19. While confined primarily to receive *rehabilitation, custodial care*, educational care, or nursing services (unless expressly provided for in this *contract*).
20. For vocational or recreational therapy, vocational *rehabilitation*, outpatient speech therapy, or occupational therapy, except as expressly provided for in this *contract*.
21. For eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, eye refraction, visual therapy, or for any examination or fitting related to these devices, except as expressly provided in this contract.
22. 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.
23. For treatment received outside the United States, except for a medical *emergency* while traveling for up to a maximum of 90 consecutive days.
24. 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.
25. For fetal reduction *surgery*.
26. Except as specifically identified as a *covered service expense* under the *contract*, services or expenses for alternative treatments, including acupuncture, aromatherapy, hypnosis, massage therapy, rolfing, and other forms of alternative treatment as defined by the Office of Alternative Medicine of the National Institutes of Health.
27. 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 (if the *member* is paid to participate or to instruct); 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); rock or mountain climbing (if the *member* is paid to participate or to instruct); or skiing (if the *member* is paid to participate or to instruct).
28. 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.
29. As a result of any *injury* sustained while at a *residential treatment facility*.
30. 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.

31. For the following miscellaneous items: Artificial Insemination, In Vitro Fertilization, Intra-Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI), Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer (GIFT), Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer (ZIFT) biofeedback; 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; health club memberships, unless otherwise covered; home test kits (except where required by federal or state law); care or services provided to a non-enrollee 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*; sclerotherapy for varicose veins; treatment of spider veins; transportation expenses, unless specifically described in this contract.
32. *Surgical procedure* relating to fertility or infertility.
33. Diagnostic testing, laboratory procedures, screenings or examinations performed for the purpose of obtaining, maintaining, or monitoring employment.
34. Mental Health Services are excluded:
  - a. For services for psychological testing associated with the evaluation and diagnosis of learning disabilities.
  - b. Pre-marital counseling.
  - c. Any non-*medically necessary* court-ordered care or testing, unless required by state law or required as a condition of parole or probation. Benefits will be allowed for services that are *medically necessary* and would otherwise be covered under this *contract*.
  - d. Testing of ability, aptitude, intelligence, or interest; and
  - e. Evaluation for the purpose of maintaining employment. Benefits will be allowed for services that would otherwise be covered under this *contract*.
35. Services which are custodial or residential in nature.
36. Habilitative services that are solely educational in nature or otherwise paid under state or federal law for purely educational services.
37. 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.
38. *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*
  - j. Any other health care services, supplies and medication relating to a *surrogacy arrangement*
  - k. 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 *contract* with us and/ or the



- child possesses an active *contract* with us at the time of birth; or
39. For any medicinal and recreational use of cannabis or marijuana
  40. For all health care services obtained at an *Urgent Care Facility* that is a *non-network provider*
  41. For expenses, services, and treatments from an Acupuncture specialist to stimulate the central nervous system.
  42. Immunizations that are not *medically necessary* or medically indicated. This includes those used for travel and occupational.
  43. For expenses, services, and treatments from a massage therapist to touch and manipulate the muscles and other soft tissues of the body.
  44. For expenses, services, and treatments from a Naprapathic specialists for conditions caused by contracted, injured, spasmed, bruised, and/or otherwise affected myofascial or connective tissue.
  45. For expenses, services, and treatments from a Naturopathic specialist for treatment of prevention, self-healing and use of natural therapies.
  46. For expenses, services, and treatments related to private duty nursing in an *inpatient*, outpatient or home location.
  47. For expenses for services related to dry needling.
  48. For weight loss programs, gym memberships, exercise equipment, or meal preparation programs.
  49. Vehicle installations or modifications which may include, but are not limited to adapted seat devices, door handle replacements, lifting devices, roof extensions and wheelchair securing devices.
  50. For the treatment of infertility. **NOTE:** Coverage is available for diagnosis and services required to correct underlying medical causes of infertility.

## 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 45 calendar 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 45 calendar 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 calendar 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 14 calendar days to either us or the Health Insurance Marketplace. Coverage will terminate on the date specified by the *member*, or 14 calendar days after termination is requested, whichever is later. If the *member* requests termination in fewer than 14 calendar 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 *qualified 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 180 calendar 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 calendar 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 45 calendar 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:

1. If the required monthly premium is not received by the end of the 90-calendar day Grace Period, we will terminate coverage effective at midnight on the last day of the first month of the three month grace period.

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

1. If the required monthly premium is not received by the end of the 30-calendar 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 45 calendar days after the date the premium was due.

## Termination of Coverage by the Health Insurance Marketplace or Us

The Health Insurance Marketplace may terminate coverage in a *qualified health plan* and will also permit us to terminate coverage for any of the following reasons.

1. Loss of eligibility to purchase a *qualified health plan* through the Health Insurance Marketplace.
2. Nonpayment of premiums provided that the grace period has elapsed.
3. Coverage is rescinded.
4. We terminate or are decertified by the Health Insurance Marketplace.
5. An enrollee switches to another *qualified health plan* during an Annual Open Enrollment Period or Special Enrollment Period.

## 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 45 calendar days advance written notice.

## Discontinuance

180-Day Notice: If we discontinue offering 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 calendar 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.

180-Day Notice: 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 calendar 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 calendar days of your legal divorce or your *dependent member's* marriage.

## Continuation

If a *member's* eligibility under this *Contract* would terminate due

1. to the *contract* holder's death,
2. divorce or
3. if other Family *Member(s)* would become ineligible due to age or
4. no longer qualify as dependents for coverage under this *Contract*.
5. if an Insured person's eligibility for coverage under this *Contract* terminates prior to that Insured being eligible.
6. for Medicare or Medicaid benefits.
7. except for the *contract* holder's failure to pay premium,

that *Member* has the right to continuation of his or her insurance. Coverage will be continued if the Family *Member* exercising the continuation right notifies Ambetter and pays the appropriate monthly Premium within 31 calendar days following the date this *Contract* would otherwise terminate. No evidence of insurability is required to continue coverage.



# TERMINATION

## Termination of Contract

All insurance will cease on termination of this *contract*. This *contract* will terminate on the earliest of:

1. Nonpayment of premiums when due, subject to the Grace Period provision in this *contract*.
2. The date we receive a request from you to terminate this *contract*, or any later date stated in your request, or if you are enrolled through the Health Insurance Marketplace, the date of termination that the Health Insurance Marketplace provides us upon your request of cancellation to the Health Insurance Marketplace.
3. The date we decline to renew this *contract*, as stated in the Discontinuance provision.
4. The date of your death if you are the only *member* on this *contract*.
5. For a covered *eligible child* reaching the limiting age of 26, coverage under this *contract* will terminate at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the year in which the *eligible child* reaches the limiting age of 26.
6. The date your eligibility for coverage under this *contract* ceases as determined by the Health Insurance Marketplace.

If there are other *members* covered under this *contract*, it may be continued after your death:

1. By your *spouse* if a *member*; otherwise
2. By the youngest child who is a *member*.

This *contract* will be changed, and your *spouse* or youngest child will replace you as the primary *member*. A proper adjustment will be made in the premium required for this *contract* to be continued. We will also refund any premium paid and not earned due to your death. The refund will be based on a pro-rata basis.

## For Dependents

A *dependent* will cease to be a *member* at the end of the premium period in which he or she ceases to be your *dependent member*. For *eligible children*, coverage will terminate the thirty-first of December the year that the dependent turns 26 years of age.

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 disability or physical disability that began before the age limit was reached; and
2. Mainly *dependent* on the primary *member* for support.

## Refund upon Cancellation

We will refund any premium paid and not earned due to *contract* termination. You may cancel the *contract* at any time by written notice, delivered or mailed to the Health Insurance Marketplace, or if an off-exchange *member* by written notice, delivered or mailed to us. Such cancellation shall become effective upon receipt, or on such later date specified in the notice. If you cancel, we shall promptly return any unearned portion of the premium paid, but in any event shall return the unearned portion of the premium within 30 calendar days. The earned premium shall be computed on a pro-rata basis. Cancellation shall be without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the *effective date* of the cancellation.

## Discontinuance

90-Day Notice: If we discontinue offering all *contracts* issued on this form, with the same type and level of benefits, for all residents of the state of Florida, we will provide a written notice to you at least 90 calendar 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 the state of Florida 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.

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

## Notification Requirements

It is the responsibility of you or your former *dependent member* to notify the Health Insurance Marketplace within 31 calendar days of your legal divorce or your *dependent member's* marriage. You must notify us of the address at which their continuation of coverage should be issued.

# REIMBURSEMENT

If a *member's illness* or *injury* is 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*.

However, if payment by or for the *third party* has not been made by the time, we receive acceptable *proof of loss*, we will pay regular *contract* benefits for the *member's loss*. We will have the right to be reimbursed to the extent of benefits we provided or paid for the *illness* or *injury* if the *member* subsequently receives any payment from any *third party*. The *member* (or the guardian, legal representatives, estate, or heirs of the *member*) shall promptly reimburse us from the settlement, judgment, or any payment received from any *third party*.

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. 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.
  - e. May assert that subrogation right independently of the *member*.
5. To take no action that prejudices our reimbursement and subrogation rights.
6. To sign, date, and deliver to us any documents we request that protect our reimbursement and subrogation rights.
7. To not settle any claim or lawsuit against a *third party* without providing us with written notice no less than 30 calendar days prior to the settlement.
8. 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.
9. That we may reduce other benefits under the *contract* by the amounts a *member* has agreed to reimburse us.

Furthermore, as a condition of our payment, we may require the *member* or the *member's* guardian (if the *member* is a minor or legally incompetent) to execute a written reimbursement agreement. However, the terms of this provision remain in effect regardless of whether or not an agreement is actually signed.

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 limited to the extent provided by law.

We will not pay attorney fees or costs associated with the *member's* claim or lawsuit unless we previously agreed in writing to do so.

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

We coordinate 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 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 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" as used in this section, 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. Plan does not include 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 our *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 stepparent's plan, the plan of the parent with custody will pay first, the stepparent'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 *contract* 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.

*Members* may no longer be eligible to receive a premium subsidy for the Health Insurance Marketplace plan once Medicare coverage becomes effective.

## Right to Receive and Release Needed Information

Certain facts about health 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 calendar 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.

## Claim Forms

Upon receipt of a notice of claim, we will furnish to the *claimant* such forms as are usually furnished by us for filing *proofs of loss*. If such forms are not furnished within 15 calendar days after the giving of such notice you shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this *contract* as to *proof of loss* upon submitting, within the time fixed in the *contract* for filing *proofs of loss*, written proof covering the occurrence, the character, and the extent of the *loss* for which claim is made.

## Proof of Loss

We must receive written *proof of loss* within 90 calendar 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 or your covered *dependent member* 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 may happen if your provider is not contracted with us.

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 will also need to submit a copy of the *member* reimbursement claim form posted at [Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](http://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com) under "Forms and Materials". 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 claims of all *members*.

## **Time for Payment of Claims**

Benefits will be paid as soon as we receive proper *proof of loss*. For services that do not fall under the federal No Surprises Act balance billing protections, we will process all claims or any portion of any claim within 45 calendar 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 calendar 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 calendar days. For services that fall under the federal No Surprises Act balance billing protections, we will process a clean claim within 30 calendar days of receipt.

"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 calendar days of our initial receipt of the claim and will complete our processing of the claim within 15 calendar days after our receipt of all requested information.

We shall pay or deny any claim no later than 120 calendar 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

Except as set forth in this provision, all benefits are payable to you. Any accrued benefits unpaid at your death, or your *dependent member's* death may, at our option, be paid either to the beneficiary or to the estate. If any benefit is payable to your or your *dependent member's* estate, or to a beneficiary who is a minor or is otherwise not competent to give valid release, we may pay up to \$1,000 to any relative who, in our opinion, is entitled to it.

We may pay all or any part of the benefits provided by this *contract* for *hospital*, surgical, nursing, or medical services, directly to the *hospital* or other person rendering such services.

Any payment made by us in good faith under this provision shall fully discharge our obligation to the extent of the payment. We reserve the right to deduct any overpayment made under this *contract* from any future benefits under this *contract*.

When a *covered service* is received from a *non-network provider* as a result of an *emergency*, *members* may be responsible for amounts above the *eligible expense*.

If the *member* provides the insurer with written direction that all or a portion of any indemnities or benefits provided by the *contract* be paid to a licensed health care *provider* rendering *hospital*, nursing, medical or surgical services, then the insurer shall pay directly the licensed health care *provider* rendering such services. That payment shall be considered payment in full to the *provider*, who may not bill or collect from the *member* any amount above that payment, other than the *deductible*, *coinsurance*, *copayment* or other charges for equipment or services requested by the insured that are *non-covered services*. Any dispute between a provider and the insured arising under these provisions regarding assignment of benefits and billing may be resolved by the Commissioner of Insurance.

## Foreign Claims Incurred for Emergency Care

Emergency services are covered services while traveling outside of the United States for up to a maximum of 90 consecutive days. If travel extends beyond 90 consecutive days, no benefit coverage is provided for the entire period of travel, including the first 90 days.

Claims incurred outside of the United States for *emergency services* must be submitted in English or with an English translation, at the *member's* expense, within 180 calendar days from the date of service. Foreign claims must also include the applicable medical records in English or with an English translation, at the *member's* expense to show proper *proof of loss* and evidence of any payment(s) to the provider.

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](http://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com).

The amount of reimbursement will be based on the following:



1. *Member's* benefit plan and *member* eligibility on date of service
2. *Member's* responsibility/share of cost based on date of service.
3. Currency rate at the time of completed transaction, foreign country currency to United States currency.

Once we have reviewed all the necessary documentation and the claim for *emergency services* has been processed, a *member* Explanation of Benefits (EOB) will be mailed. The EOB will identify *member* responsibility according to the *member's* policy at the time of travel. If services are deemed as true emergency services, including that they were provided to treat a *member's* emergency condition, the *member* will be issued reimbursement payment for any eligible incurred costs, minus *member* cost share obligation.

## Assignment

The coverage, rights, privileges and benefits provided for under this *contract* are not assignable by you or anyone acting on your behalf, except that you may assign your benefits under this *contract* to a licensed healthcare *provider* that provides healthcare services to you. We shall honor any such assignments by you to a licensed healthcare *provider* that provides healthcare services to you for a period of one (1) year starting from the initial date of an assignment. Otherwise, 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.

## 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* is eligible for 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 calendar days after the required *proof of loss* is given. No suit may be brought more than three 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.**

# COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

The coordination of benefits (COB) provision applies when you have health care coverage under more than one plan as stated herein.

The order of benefit determination rules govern the order which each plan will pay a claim for benefits.

The plan that pays first is called the primary plan. The primary plan must pay benefits according to its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. The plan that pays after the primary plan is the secondary plan. The secondary plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all plans do not exceed 100 percent of the total allowable expense.

## Definitions

For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

A **Plan** is any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment. If separate *contracts* are used to provide coordinated coverage for *members* of a group, the separate *contracts* are considered parts of the same plan and there is no COB among those separate *contracts*.

1. Plan includes: group and non-group insurance *contracts* and *subscriber contracts*; Health maintenance organization (HMO) *contracts*; uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage; coverage under group or non-group closed panel plans; group-type *contracts*; medical care components of long term care *contracts*, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile *contracts* (whether "fault" or "no fault"); other governmental benefits, except for Medicaid or a government plan that, by law, provides benefits that are in excess of those of any private insurance plan or other nongovernmental plan.
2. Plan does not include: limited occurrence policies which provide only for intensive care or coronary care at a *hospital*, first aid outpatient medical expenses resulting from accidents, or specified accidents such as travel accidents; accident only coverage; specified disease or specified accident coverage; limited health benefit coverage; benefits for non-medical components of long-term care policies; *hospital* indemnity coverage benefits or other fixed indemnity coverage; school accident-type coverages covering grammar, high school, and college students for accidents only, including athletic injuries, either on a twenty-four (24) hour or "to and from school" basis; and Medicare supplement policies.

Each *contract* for coverage under the above is a separate plan.

The order of benefit determination rules determine whether this plan is a "primary plan" or "secondary plan" when you have health care coverage under more than one plan. When this plan is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any *other plan* without considering any *other plan's* benefits. When this plan is secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another plan and must make payment in an amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the primary plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all plans for the claim equal 100 percent of the total allowable expense for that claim. This means that when this plan is secondary, it must pay the amount that which, when combined with what the primary plan paid, totals not less than the same allowable expense that this plan would have paid if it were the primary plan.

**Allowable Expense** is a health care expense, including *deductibles*, *coinsurance* and *copayments*, that is covered at least in part by any plan covering you. When a plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any plan covering you is not an allowable expense. The following are examples of expenses that are not allowable expenses:

1. The difference between the cost of a semi-private *hospital* room and a private *hospital* room is not an allowable expense, unless one of the plans provides coverage for private *hospital* room expenses.
2. If you are covered by two or more plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement method or other similar reimbursement method, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an allowable expense.
3. If you are covered by two or more plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an allowable expense.

**Closed Panel Plan** is a plan that provides health care benefits to you in the form of services through a panel of *providers* who are primarily employed by the plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other *providers*, except in cases of *emergency* or *referral* by a panel member.

**Custodial Parent** is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the *calendar year* excluding any temporary visitation.

## Order of Benefit Determination Rules

When you are covered by two or more plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are as follows. The primary plan pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits under any *other plan*. A plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with Florida Code then it is always primary unless the provisions of both plans state that the complying plan is primary, except coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage is excess to any other parts of the plan provided by the *contract* holder. Examples include major medical coverage that are superimposed over *hospital* and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverage that are written in connection with a closed panel plan to provide non-*network* benefits. A plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that *other plan*. Each plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:

## Non-Dependent or Dependent

The plan that covers you other than as a dependent, (for example as an employee, *member*, policyholder, *subscriber* or retiree) is the primary plan and the plan that covers you as a dependent is the secondary plan. However, if you are a Medicare beneficiary or Medicaid beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare or Medicaid is secondary to the plan covering you as a dependent, and primary to the plan covering you as other than a dependent, then the order of benefits between the two plans is reversed so that the plan covering you as an employee, *member*, policyholder, *subscriber* or retiree is the secondary plan and the *other plan* is the primary plan.

## Child Covered Under More Than One Plan

Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, when a child is covered by more than one plan the order of benefits is determined as follows:

1. For a child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - a. The plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the *calendar year* is the primary plan; or
  - b. If both parents have the same birthday, the plan that has covered the parent the longest is the primary plan.
2. For a child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - a. If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. If the parent with responsibility has no health care coverage for the dependent child's health care expenses, but that parent's *spouse* does, then that parent's *spouse's* plan is the primary plan. This rule applies to claim determination periods commencing after the plan is given notice of the court decree.
  - b. If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of the first bullet point above (for child(ren) whose parents are married or are living together) determine the order of benefits.
  - c. If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the child, the provisions of the first bullet point above (for child(ren) whose parents are married or are living together) determine the order of benefits; or
  - d. If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:
    - i. The plan covering the custodial parent, first.
    - ii. The plan covering the *spouse* of the custodial parent, second.
    - iii. The plan covering the noncustodial parent, third; and then.
    - iv. The plan covering the *spouse* of the noncustodial parent, last.
3. For a child covered under more than one plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the provisions of the first or second bullet points above (for child(ren) whose parents are married or are living together or for child(ren) whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together) determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.

## Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee

The plan that covers you as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the primary plan. The plan covering you as a retired or laid-off employee is the secondary plan. The same would hold true if you are a dependent of an active employee and you are a dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the *other plan* does not have this rule, and as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule under the non-dependent or dependent provision above can determine the order of benefits.

## COBRA or State Continuation Coverage

If your coverage is provided under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another plan, the plan covering you as an employee, *member*, *subscriber* or retiree or covering you as a dependent of an employee, *member*, *subscriber* or retiree is

the primary plan and the COBRA or state or other federal continuation coverage is the secondary plan. If the *other plan* does not have this rule, and as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule under the non-dependent or dependent provision above can determine the order of benefits.

### **Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage**

The plan that covered you the longer period of time is the primary plan and the plan that covered you the shorter period of time is the secondary plan. If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the allowable expenses must be shared equally between the plans meeting the definition of plan. In addition, this plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the primary plan.

### **Effect on the Benefits of This Plan**

When this plan is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all plans during a claim determination period are not more than the total allowable expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the secondary plan must make payment in an amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the primary plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all plans for the claim are not less than the same allowable expense as the secondary plan would have paid if it was the primary plan. Total allowable expense is the highest allowable expense under this plan. In addition, the secondary plan must credit to its plan *deductible* any amounts it would have credited to its *deductible* in the absence of other health care coverage.

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

Certain facts about health 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 you. We need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. You, to claim benefits under this plan, must give us any facts we need to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

### **Facility of Payment**

If payments that should have been by us are made by another plan, we have the right, at our discretion, to remit to the *other plan* the amount we determine appropriate to satisfy the intent of this provision. The amounts paid to the *other plan* are considered benefits paid by us. To the extent of such payments, we are fully discharged from liability under this plan.

### **Right of Recovery**

We have the right to recover excess payment whenever we have paid allowable expenses in excess of the maximum amount of payment necessary to satisfy the intent of this provision. We may recover excess payment from any person to whom or for whom payment was made or any other issuers or plans. If you are covered by more than one health benefit plan, and do not know which is your primary plan, you or your *network provider* should contact any one of the health plans to verify which plan is primary. The health plan you contact is responsible for working with the *other plan* to determine which is primary and will let you know within 30 calendar days.

### **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.

When a person is eligible for Medicare benefits and Medicare is deemed to be the primary payer under Medicare secondary payer guidelines and regulations, we will reduce our payment by the Medicare primary payment and pay as secondary up to the Medicare allowable amount. However, under no circumstances will this plan pay more than it would have paid if it had been the primary plan. CAUTION: All health plans have timely claim filing requirements. If you or your *provider* fail(s) to submit your claim to a secondary health plan within that plan's claim filing time limit, the plan can deny the claim. If you experience delays in the processing of your claim by the primary health plan, you or your *provider* will need to submit your claim to the secondary health plan within its claim filing time limit to prevent a denial of the claim. To avoid delays in claim processing, if you are covered by more than one plan you should promptly report to your *providers* and plans any changes in your coverage.

# 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:

1. Care received from a provider.
2. Services received from a provider.
3. How long it takes to get an appointment.
4. How a *member* was treated
5. Services that is not included as an Ambetter from Sunshine Health benefit.
6. How a bill was paid
7. 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. *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*. *Member Services* can assist you with instructions on how to file your *grievance* orally or in writing.

## 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:

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

## Filing a Grievance

You have 365 calendar 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 the time of your initial *complaint*, 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  
ATTN: *Appeal* Department  
P.O. Box 459089  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33345-9089

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

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**Member Services Department: 1-877-687-1169** Relay FL 1-800-955-8770.

[Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](http://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com)

Fax: 1-866-534-5972

Email: [Sunshine\\_Appeals@centene.com](mailto:Sunshine_Appeals@centene.com)

In your written *grievance*, please include:

1. Your first and last name
2. Your *member* identification number
3. Your address and telephone number
4. Details surrounding your concern.
5. Any supporting documentation

## Grievance Process and Resolution Timeframes

We will acknowledge your *grievance* by sending you a letter within five 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, if we provide you or your *authorized representative*, if applicable, written notification of the following within the first 30 calendar days:

1. That we have not resolved the grievance.
2. When our resolution of the *grievance* may be expected; and
3. 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 designate an authorized representative. You have 180 calendar days to file an *appeal* from the date we issue the *adverse determination*.

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

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

Ambetter from Sunshine Health  
ATTN: *Appeal* Department  
P.O. Box 459089

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33345-9089  
Phone: 1-877-687-1169 or Relay FL 1-800-955-8770  
Fax: 1-866-534-5972  
Email: [Sunshine\\_Appeals@centene.com](mailto:Sunshine_Appeals@centene.com)

You can also file an *appeal* via phone by contacting *Member Services*. Verbal request must be followed up in writing within 10 calendar days.

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

## Appeal Process and Resolution Timeframes

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 calendar 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 pre-service *appeal* or within 60 calendar days of receipt of your post-service *appeal*. We will notify you, your provider, and your *authorized representative*, if applicable, in writing within two business days once a decision has been made.

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 or your *authorized representative* may file an *expedited appeal* in writing or by calling *Member Services*

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 business days once a decision has been made.

## 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.

## External Review

Our *members* 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 grievances 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 service*; or the determination that a treatment is *experimental or investigational*, as determined by an external reviewer.
2. A determination of whether surprise billing protections apply and the *member cost sharing* that applies for services subject to surprise billing protections; or
3. 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 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 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 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 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 calendar 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](mailto: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*.

### 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
<i>Urgent Grievance</i>	365 Calendar Days	N/A	72 hours	N/A
Standard Pre-Service <i>Appeal</i>	180 Calendar Days	5 Business Days	30 Calendar Days	14 Calendar Days
Expedited Pre-Service <i>Appeal</i>	180 Calendar Days	N/A	72 hours	N/A
Standard Post-Service <i>Appeal</i>	180 Calendar Days	5 Business Days	60 Calendar Days	14 Calendar Days
External Review	4 Months	6 Business Days	45 Calendar Days	N/A
Expedited External Review	4 Months	Immediately	72 hours	N/A

# GENERAL PROVISIONS

## Entire Contract

This *contract*, with your *Schedule of Benefits* and the application is the entire *contract* between you and us. No agent may:

1. Change this *contract*.
2. Waive any of the provisions of this *contract*.
3. Extend the time for payment of premiums; or
4. Waive any of our rights or requirements.

## Non-Waiver

If we or you 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.

## 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*.

## 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.

## Time Limit on Certain Defenses

After 2 years from the date of issue of this *contract* no misstatements, except fraudulent misstatements, made by you in the application for such *contract* shall be used to void the *contract* or to deny a claim for *loss* incurred commencing after the expiration of such 2-year period. We will send a 30-day advance notice in the event such a defense is used.

## 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 [sunshinehealth.com/privacy-practices.html](https://sunshinehealth.com/privacy-practices.html) or call *Member Services*.

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

## Language

If you don't speak or understand the language in your area, you have the right to an interpreter. For language assistance, please visit: [sunshinehealth.com/language-assistance.html](https://sunshinehealth.com/language-assistance.html).

## Statement of Non-Discrimination

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## Declaración de No Discriminación

Ambetter from Sunshine Health está suscrito por Sunshine State Health Plan, Inc., que es un proveedor Calificado de Planes de Salud en el Mercado de Seguros de Salud de Florida. Sunshine State Health Plan, Inc. cumple con las leyes de derechos civiles Federales aplicables y no discrimina por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad de origen (incluidos un nivel de inglés limitado y la lengua materna), edad, discapacidad o sexo (incluidos el embarazo, la orientación sexual, la identidad de género o las características sexuales). Esta es una solicitud de seguro. © 2023 Sunshine State Health Plan, Inc. Todos los derechos reservados. [Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com](https://Ambetter.SunshineHealth.com)

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<b>Spanish:</b>	Si usted, o alguien a quien está ayudando, tiene preguntas acerca de Ambetter de Sunshine Health y no domina el inglés, tiene derecho a obtener ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo alguno y de manera oportuna. Si usted, o alguien a quien está ayudando, tiene un impedimento auditivo o visual que le dificulta la comunicación, tiene derecho a recibir ayuda y servicios auxiliares sin costo alguno y de manera oportuna. Para recibir servicios auxiliares o de traducción, comuníquese con Servicios para Miembros al 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>French Creole:</b>	Si ou menm, oswa yon moun w ap ede, gen kesyon sou Ambetter from Sunshine Health, epi nou pa mètrize Anglè, nou gen dwa pou jwenn èd ak enfòmasyon nan lang nou gratis epi nan moman ki apwopriye a. Si ou menm, oswa yon moun w ap ede, gen yon pwoblèm pou tande ak/oswa yon pwoblèm pou wè ki pètibe kominikasyon nou, nou gen dwa pou resevwa asistans ak sèvis oksilyè gratis epi nan moman ki apwopriye a. Pou resevwa sèvis tradiksyon oswa sèvis oksilyè yo, tanpri kontakte Sèvis Manm yo nan 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>Vietnamese:</b>	Nếu quý vị hoặc người mà quý vị đang giúp đỡ có câu hỏi về Ambetter from Sunshine Health và không thành thạo tiếng Anh, quý vị có quyền được trợ giúp và nhận thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình miễn phí và kịp thời. Nếu quý vị hoặc người mà quý vị đang giúp đỡ mắc bệnh về thính giác và/hoặc thị giác gây cản trở giao tiếp, quý vị có quyền được nhận các hỗ trợ và dịch vụ phụ trợ miễn phí và kịp thời. Để nhận dịch vụ thông dịch hoặc dịch vụ phụ trợ, vui lòng liên hệ bộ phận Dịch Vụ Thành Viên theo số 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>Portuguese:</b>	Se tiver dúvidas acerca da Ambetter from Sunshine Health, ou estiver a ajudar uma pessoa com dúvidas acerca desta, e não dominar o inglês, tem o direito de obter ajuda e informações no seu idioma sem qualquer custo e de forma atempada. Se tiver uma condição visual e/ou auditiva que dificulte a comunicação ou estiver a ajudar uma pessoa com uma condição deste tipo, tem o direito de receber equipamentos ou serviços de assistência sem qualquer custo e de forma atempada. Para receber traduções ou serviços de assistência, contacte serviços de membro através do número 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>Chinese:</b>	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，且不精通英語，您有權利免費並及時以您的母語獲幫助和訊息。如果您，或您正在協助的對象有聽力和/或視力上的問題，阻礙了溝通，您有權利免費並及時獲得輔助支援與服務。若要取得翻譯或輔助服務，請聯絡會員服務部，電話是 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770)。
<b>French:</b>	Si vous-même ou une personne que vous aidez avez des questions à propos d'Ambetter from Sunshine Health et que vous ne maîtrisez pas l'anglais, vous pouvez bénéficier gratuitement et en temps utile d'aide et d'informations dans votre langue. Si vous-même ou une personne que vous aidez souffrez d'un trouble auditif ou visuel qui entrave la communication, vous pouvez bénéficier gratuitement et en temps utile d'aides et de services auxiliaires. Pour profiter de services de traduction ou de services auxiliaires, veuillez contacter Services aux membres au 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>Tagalog:</b>	Kung ikaw, o ang iyong tinutulungan, ay may mga katanungan tungkol sa Ambetter from Sunshine Health, at hindi ka mahusay sa Ingles, may karapatan ka na makakuha ng tulong at impormasyon sa iyong wika nang walang gastos at sa maagap na paraan. Kung ikaw, o ang iyong tinutulungan, ay may kondisyon sa pandinig at/o paningin na nakakaapekto sa komunikasyon, may karapatan kang makatanggap ng mga karagdagang tulong at serbisyo nang walang gastos at sa maagap na paraan. Para makatanggap ng mga serbisyo sa pagsasalin o mga karagdagang serbisyo, mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa Mga Serbisyo para sa Miyembro sa 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>Russian:</b>	Если у вас или у лица, которому вы помогаете, возникли какие-либо вопросы о программе страхования Ambetter from Sunshine Health, при этом вы недостаточно хорошо владеете английским языком, вы имеете право на бесплатную и своевременную помощь и информацию на своем родном языке. Если у вас или у лица, которому вы помогаете, наблюдается какое-либо нарушение слуха и/или зрения, которое препятствует коммуникации, вы имеете право на бесплатные и своевременные вспомогательные услуги и помощь. Для получения услуг перевода или вспомогательных услуг обратитесь в отдел обслуживания участников программы страхования по номеру 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>Arabic:</b>	إذا كان لديك أو لدى شخص تساعد أسئلة حول Ambetter from Sunshine Health، ولم تكن بارعاً باللغة الإنكليزية، فلدك الحق في الحصول على المساعدة والمعلومات بلغتك من دون أي تكلفة وفي الوقت المناسب. إذا كنت أنت أو أي شخص تساعد تعاني من حالة سمعية و/أو بصرية تعيق التواصل، فلدك الحق في تلقي مساعدات وخدمات إضافية من دون أي تكلفة وفي الوقت المناسب. لتلقي خدمات الترجمة أو خدمات إضافية، يرجى الاتصال بخدمات الأعضاء على 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>Italian:</b>	Se Lei o una persona a cui sta fornendo assistenza ha domande su Ambetter from Sunshine Health e non ha una perfetta padronanza della lingua inglese, ha il diritto di ricevere aiuto e informazioni nella Sua lingua gratuitamente e tempestivamente. Se Lei o una persona a cui sta fornendo assistenza presenta una condizione uditiva e/o visiva che impedisce la comunicazione, ha il diritto di ricevere servizi ausiliari gratuitamente e tempestivamente. Per ricevere una traduzione o un servizio ausiliario, contatti i Servizi per i membri al numero 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).

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<b>German:</b>	Falls Sie oder jemand, dem Sie helfen, Fragen zu Ambetter from Sunshine Health hat und nicht Englisch spricht, haben Sie das Recht, kostenlos und zeitnah Hilfe und Informationen in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Falls Sie oder jemand, dem Sie helfen, eine Hör- und/oder Sehbeeinträchtigung hat, die die Kommunikation beeinflusst, haben Sie das Recht, kostenlos und zeitnah zusätzliche Hilfe und Dienstleistungen zu erhalten. Um eine Übersetzung oder zusätzliche Dienstleistungen zu erhalten, wenden Sie sich an den Kundendienst unter 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>Korean:</b>	귀하 또는 귀하의 도움을 받는 분이 Ambetter from Sunshine Health에 대한 질문이 있는 경우 영어에 능숙하지 않으시면 해당 언어로 시의적절하게 무료 지원과 정보를 받을 권리가 있습니다. 귀하 또는 귀하의 도움을 받는 분이 청각 및/또는 시각적으로 의사소통에 장애가 있는 경우 시의적절하게 무료 보조 도구 및 서비스를 받을 권리가 있습니다. 번역 또는 보조 서비스를 받으시려면 1-877-687-1169(Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770)번으로 가입자 서비스부에 연락해주시십시오.
<b>Polish:</b>	Jeśli Ty lub osoba, której pomagasz, macie pytania dotyczące Ambetter from Sunshine Health, ale nie posługujecie się biegle językiem angielskim, macie prawo do uzyskania pomocy i informacji w swoim języku bez dodatkowych kosztów i w odpowiednim czasie. Jeśli Ty lub osoba, której pomagasz, macie problemy ze słuchem i/lub wzrokiem, które utrudniają komunikację, macie prawo do otrzymania pomocy i usług pomocniczych bez dodatkowych kosztów i w odpowiednim czasie. Aby uzyskać tłumaczenie lub usługi pomocnicze, należy skontaktować się z Usługi członkowskie pod numerem 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770).
<b>Gujarati:</b>	જો તમને અથવા તમે જેમની મદદ કરી રહ્યા છો એવી કોઈ વ્યક્તિને Ambetter from Sunshine Health વિશે પ્રશ્નો હોય અને અંગ્રેજીમાં પ્રવીણ ન હોય, તો તમને કોઈ ખર્ચ કર્યા વિના અને સમયસર તમારી ભાષામાં મદદ તથા માર્હિતી મેળવવાનો અધિકાર છે. જો તમે અથવા તમે જેમની મદદ કરી રહ્યા છો એવી કોઈ વ્યક્તિ શ્રવણશક્તિ અને/અથવા દૃષ્ટિવિષયક અવસ્થાથી પીડિત હોય કે જે સંચારને અવરોધતી હોય, તો તમને કોઈ ખર્ચ કર્યા વિના અને સમયસર સહાયક સહાય તથા સેવાઓ પ્રાપ્ત કરવાનો અધિકાર છે. અનુવાદ અથવા સહાયક સેવાઓ પ્રાપ્ત કરવા માટે, કૃપા કરીને 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770) પર સભ્યની સેવાઓનો સંપર્ક કરો.
<b>Thai:</b>	หากคุณหรือคนที่ดูแลกำลังให้ความช่วยเหลือมีคำถามเกี่ยวกับ Ambetter from Sunshine Health และไม่ชำนาญในการใช้ภาษาอังกฤษ คุณมีสิทธิ์ที่จะขอรับความช่วยเหลือและข้อมูลในภาษาของคุณโดยไม่เสียค่าใช้จ่ายอย่างทันที หากคุณหรือคนที่ดูแลกำลังให้ความช่วยเหลือมีภาวะดานการฟังและ/หรือการมองเห็นที่เป็นอุปสรรคต่อการสื่อสาร คุณมีสิทธิ์ที่จะขอรับความช่วยเหลือและบริการเสริมโดยไม่เสียค่าใช้จ่ายอย่างทันที หากต้องการบริการดานการแปลหรือบริการเสริม โปรดติดต่อ บริการสำหรับสมาชิก ที่หมายเลข 1-877-687-1169 (Relay Florida 1-800-955-8770)

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